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HAUSER WINS 1A TITLE IN FIRST FINALS APPEARANCE

Hauser defeated Tri-Central, 64-36, in the Class A state championship game to record the school's first state title in any sport. Coached by Bob Nobbe, the Jets set Class A state finals records for the largest margin of victory (28) and the fewest points allowed. Both teams were making their first appearance at the state finals.

Hauser (25-2) had a dominating inside-game with 42 of their points coming in the paint while Tri-Central's struggles from the field proved costly.

Junior Gabe Miller finished with a game-high 24 points on 10-16 field goals and 4-6 free throws. Hauser's Bobby Jolliff dominated the lane for the Jets, finishing the game with a triple-double including 10 points, 15 rebounds and 11 blocked shots, a state finals record regardless of class. He had six blocked shots and grabbed nine rebounds by halftime. Senior Zach Fugate recorded a double-double finishing with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Tri-Central senior Grayson Flittner entered the game as the state's leading scorer at 29.3 ppg and scored eight points to help the Trojans to a 14-10 lead at the end of the first quarter. Flittner finished with 23 points and was the only Trojan to reach double-figures fouling out of the game with 2:11 remaining.

The Jets took over the lead at the 1:32 mark of the second quarter on a free throw by Fugate to make it 24-23 and they never relinquished it the rest of the game.

The Jets' defense did not allow a Tri-Central field goal in the third quarter and were held to a pair of Flittner free throws. The Trojans were held to just 13 points in the second half and finished the game shooting only 16.4 percent from the field.

Tri-Central, coached by Dave Driggs, finished 23-4.

HAUSER'S JORDAN PERKINS WINS TRESTER AWARD

Hauser senior forward Jordan Perkins is the 2005-06 Boys Basketball Class A recipient of the Arthur L. Trestler Mental Attitude Award as selected by members of the IHSAA Board of Directors.

Perkins is a two-year letterman in basketball, helping coach Bob Nobbe's Jets to a 25-2 record and their first-ever state championship in any sport. He is a three-sport performer, playing baseball and tennis all four years. He helped the Hauser baseball team to a Class A state runner-up finish in baseball last spring.

Perkins ranks third in his senior class with a 3.815 cumulative grade point average. The National Honor Society president is a Boys' State nominee, DAR award winner, and an eXcel award winner (formerly Project XL). He has served as a featured speaker at the Hauser Veteran's Day program. He volunteers at

the annual Hope Heritage Days celebration and he also helps distribute coloring books and other resources to local elementary schools.

“Jordan’s character is the underlying element that has and will continue to distinguish him from his peers,” said Hauser principal Tim Stephens. “He is one of those students who always has a smile, brings humor to any situation, and does the right thing.”

The recipient, nominated by their principals and coaches, must excel in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership, and athletic ability in boys basketball.

The award is named in honor of Trester, the IHSAA’s first commissioner who served from 1929-44.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, IHSAA corporate partner, presented a \$1,000 check to Hauser High School in the name of Jordan Perkins.

Perkins, the son of Joel and Rita Perkins, will be attending Eastern Kentucky University this fall.

VSN MEANS ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY

Visit our friends at Visual Sports Network, the IHSAA’s official photographer for all state championship events and one of the leading action photographers in the Midwest. VSN, which was on site on Saturday, has captured hundreds of images from this year’s State Finals and will have them ready for viewing and purchase beginning Monday.

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Couldn’t be there for the state finals? You can still purchase a copy of the official souvenir program while supplies last! Programs are \$3.00 if you purchase in person at the IHSAA Office (9150 N. Meridian Street in Indianapolis) or \$5.00 by mail (postage included). To order, have your Visa or MasterCard ready and call us at 317-846-6601 during business hours (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. EST).

POST-GAME QUOTES

Bob Nobbe, Hauser Coach

“We started out slow in the first half and had the jitters a little bit. After the first quarter, we settled down and did a much better job offensively and defensively. In the second quarter, our press and blocking out worked much better and we were able to rebound the basketball.”

“At halftime, we just wanted to continue what we had done in the second quarter, push the tempo, and execute our press to get them to turn the ball over. Once we got the lead, we did a much better job in our play.”

“We continued to do things better in the third quarter and we gained control of the game and were able to continue to bump up the lead. We do a much better job when we’re rebounding well and that was the difference in the game.”

“We just needed to keep track of Grayson (Flittner) better in the second half. He kind of got away from us in the first quarter and hurt us. I think we wore him down defensively some as the game went on.”

“We have a lot of good basketball players and great kids who’ve played basketball for a lot of years in our town. Their dream was to get here and play for a state championship. It feels great for me, the players, and the community that we were able to achieve that.”

“When you’re a kid growing up in Indiana, you dream about the State Finals. When you’re a player, you think about playing in it. When you get past that point, you think about it as a coach. I just feel fortunate to be around a bunch of kids who dedicated themselves to getting here.”

(On Jordan Perkins)

“Jordan is a fantastic young man. One great thing about him is his attitude. He is our sixth man and he willingly accepted that role.”

Dave Driggs, Tri-Central Coach

“There are good days and bad days. There is no doubt that this was not the way we wanted to play today. In the game of basketball you are only as good as you shoot. If you can’t put the ball in the basket, you can always count on having problems.”

“Hauser did a great job of playing their game, getting up and down the floor on us, mostly because of our turnovers in the first half. If we wouldn’t have made so many turnovers (12) they wouldn’t have had some of those opportunities.”

“In the third quarter, we came out and ran our sets well. In the first two times down the floor we got the ball inside, got fouled, and the two leading free throw shooters in the state are shooting and they both missed one. That’s when I knew this wasn’t our day—it just wasn’t meant to be.”

“When you are not shooting, the problem just compounds itself. Our kids battled with them on the boards. We were not able to score, but we did compete today.”

“I feel like (Gabe) Miller had an excellent game today. We talked a lot about containing him. Jack Ritchey did everything he could to just stay with him in transition. (Gabe) Miller did an excellent job of controlling the ball and penetrating against our defense. He gets my vote for most valuable player in the game.”

“When we got the ball inside, we just could not get very many clean looks. In addition, when you are not able to knock down our outside shots like we have in previous games, you are going to struggle a bit.”

Grayson Flittner, Tri-Central senior

“I felt like I got the shots I wanted. I got quite a few open looks but they just weren’t falling. Even in the first and third quarter, I had good looks and it just wasn’t going in today.”

“Our goal all season was to come here and win—we came up just one short.”