

# Indiana High School Athletic Association

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## UNDEFEATED CHAMPIONS CAPTURE SINGLES AND DOUBLES CROWNS

♦ ♦ ♦ Clarksville junior Tiffany Welcher and the Center Grove doubles team of sophomore Becca Porter and senior Melanie Sullivan completed perfect seasons with state championships at the Singles and Doubles State Finals at the Indianapolis Racquet Club.

♦ ♦ ♦ Welcher finished 21-0 after a dominating 6-1, 6-1 triumph over previously-undefeated Delta junior Hayley Hall (26-1) in the finals of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Singles State Finals. ♦ Welcher had earned runner-up honors in 2005, falling to Park Tudor's Megan Martzolf in the final. ♦ Welcher knocked off Merrillville senior Nina Bezvina (22-2) in the semi-finals earlier in the day, 6-1, 6-1. ♦ In the quarterfinals, Welcher beat previously-undefeated Avon freshman Christina Riley (23-1), 6-1, 6-2.

♦ ♦ ♦ Five of the six singles state finalists entered Friday's quarter-final play undefeated.

♦ ♦ ♦ Center Grove's Sullivan became the second player ever to reach the doubles final three straight years, joining Sandra Gyorgyi of South Bend Adams (1978, 79, 80) in that exclusive category. ♦ Sullivan had finished second in both 2004 and 2005 with graduated partner Megan Farley. ♦ This time, Sullivan combined with Porter to win Center Grove's first-ever girls state doubles championship in the 16<sup>th</sup> annual doubles finals. ♦ The duo of Porter and Sullivan compiled a 26-0 record, culminating with a 6-3, 7-5 victory over Carmel junior Jenny Auda and senior Stacey Evans (16-3) in the final. ♦ Carmel led 5-3 in the second set before the Center Grove pair rallied for four straight games to claim the championship.

♦ ♦ ♦ Porter and Sullivan prevailed in three sets in the semi-finals against Terre Haute North's Katie Clagg and Molly Williams by scores of 6-3, 4-6, 6-2. ♦ The Trojan tandem beat previously-undefeated Katie Bryan and Kristin Crider of Delta in Friday's quarter-final, 6-0, 6-0.

## 2005-06 IHSAA Individual Singles and Doubles State Finals

### STATE FINALS

**When:** Friday, June 9 at 2 p.m.; Saturday, June 10 semi-finals at 12:30 p.m., singles finals at 3:30 p.m., doubles finals at 4:30 p.m.

**Admission:** Free

**Friday:** North Central High School, 1801 E. 86<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46240 | [School Website](#) | [Driving Directions](#)

**Saturday:** Indianapolis Racquet Club, 8249 Dean Road, Indianapolis

**Note:** Won-loss records indicate regular-season record followed by post-season tournament record.

### 25TH ANNUAL SINGLES TOURNAMENT

#### Finals

Tiffany Welcher (11), **Clarksville** (13-0, 8-0) d. Hayley Hall (11), **Delta** (19-0, 7-1), 6-1, 6-1.

#### Consolation

Nina Bezvina (12), **Merrillville** (16-1, 6-1) d. Romina Clemente (10), **Culver Academies** (13-0, 8-2), 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

#### Semifinals

Hayley Hall (11), **Delta** (19-0, 7-0) d. Romina Clemente (10), **Culver Academies** (13-0, 8-1), 6-3, 6-2.

Tiffany Welcher (11), **Clarksville** (13-0, 7-0) d. Nina Bezvina (12), **Merrillville** (16-1, 5-1), 6-1, 6-1.

#### Quarterfinals

Hayley Hall (11), **Delta** (19-0, 6-0), bye.

Romina Clemente (10), **Culver Academies** (13-0, 8-0) d. Sandy Honegger (11), **Southwood** (18-0, 6-1), 6-3, 7-5.

Tiffany Welcher (11), **Clarksville** (13-0, 6-0) d. Christina Riley (9), **Avon** (16-0, 7-1), 6-1, 6-2.  
Nina Bezvina (12), **Merrillville** (16-1, 5-0), bye.

## 16TH ANNUAL DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

### Finals

Becca Porter (10)-Melanie Sullivan (12), **Center Grove** (17-0, 9-0) d. Jenny Auda (11)-Stacey Evans (12), **Carmel** (8-2, 8-1), 6-3, 7-5.

### Consolation

Katie Clagg (12)-Molly Williams (12), **Terre Haute North** (15-2, 11-1) d. Erin Dunning (12)-Heidi Keiser (11), **Plymouth** (17-1, 8-2), 6-4, 6-0.

### Semifinals

Becca Porter (10)-Melanie Sullivan (12), **Center Grove** (17-0, 8-0) d. Katie Clagg (12)-Molly Williams (12), **Terre Haute North** (15-2, 10-1), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Jenny Auda (11)-Stacey Evans (12), **Carmel** (8-2, 8-0) d. Erin Dunning (12)-Heidi Keiser (11), **Plymouth** (17-1, 8-1), 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

### Quarterfinals

Katie Clagg (12)-Molly Williams (12), **Terre Haute North** (15-2, 10-0) d. Jennie LaBonte (11)-Ceciley Starkey (11), **Brownsburg** (18-0, 7-1), 6-3, 6-2.

Becca Porter (10)-Melanie Sullivan (12), **Center Grove** (17-0, 7-0) d. Katie Bryan (12)-Kristin Crider (11), **Delta** (17-0, 6-1), 6-0, 6-0.

Jenny Auda (11)-Stacey Evans (12), **Carmel** (8-2, 7-0) d. Melissa Hensley (11)-Lauren Prow (11), **Valparaiso** (11-0, 7-1), 6-1, 6-2.

Erin Dunning (12)-Heidi Keiser (11), **Plymouth** (17-1, 8-0) d. Shauna Botlo (12)-Jessica Chesher (12), **Jeffersonville** (15-3, 7-1), 6-1, 6-2.

### Round of 16

Jennie LaBonte (11)-Ceciley Starkey (11), **Brownsburg** (18-0, 7-0) d. Katelyn Desper (11)-Jessica Mertz (12), **East Noble** (18-2, 7-1), 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.