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MICHIGAN CITY MARQUETTE REPEATS AS CLASS A CHAMPION

History repeated itself in the IHSAA Class A volleyball championship on Saturday afternoon at Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis as top-ranked Michigan City Marquette (34-3) earned its fifth state title in the past seven years with a 25-14, 25-18, 25-19 sweep of Loogootee (29-8).

Coach Troy Campbell ♦s Blazers broke open the first game after it was tied at 12, going on a 13-2 spurt to prevail. ♦ Game two was nip and tuck throughout. ♦ Marquette led 19-17 before going on a 6-1 run to take a two-game advantage.

Game three was tied at 10 when the Blazers reeled off five straight points to take the lead for good.

Marquette senior hitter Michelle Fletcher recorded a double-double in the match with 10 kills and 13 digs. ♦ She recorded a .400 hitting percentage with 10 kills and two errors on 20 attempts. ♦ Senior hitter Colleen Trainor paced the Blazers with 11 kills, finishing with a .310 attack percentage. ♦ Senior setter Kalan Sebert handed out 33 assists, adding three service aces and two block assists. ♦ Junior libero Rachel Konrady led the Marquette defense with 14 digs, while senior Sarah Denny had 13 along with a match-high six service aces.

Loogootee junior middle hitter Taylor Wittmer recorded a match-high 17 kills to pace coach Shelly Lengacher ♦s Lions. ♦ Senior outside hitter Whitney Wagoner posted a match-high 15 digs, while senior setter Tracie LaMar joined her in double digits with 11 digs.

Marquette had advanced to its seventh consecutive championship match with a hard-fought, four-game triumph over second-ranked Cowan (32-6) in the first semifinal. ♦ Loogootee reached its first-ever final with a five-game marathon win against Northeast Dubois (30-7).

MARQUETTE ♦S MICHELLE FLETCHER HONORED WITH MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD

Michigan City Marquette senior hitter Michelle Fletcher is the 2005 recipient of the IHSAA Class A Volleyball Mental Attitude Award presented following Saturday afternoon ♦s championship match by members of the IHSAA Executive Committee. ♦ Fletcher became the Blazers ♦ fourth Mental Attitude Award winner during their current streak of seven consecutive trips to the state finals.

Fletcher helped Marquette to a 34-3 record and a second straight state championship in 2005. ♦ She is a three-time all-state selection.

Fletcher maintains a 4.05 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale, with no grades below ♦A-♦ in her academic career. ♦ She is a three-year member of the National Honor Society, serving as chapter president this year.

♦ Sincere, intelligent, and dedicated are words that come to mind when referring to Michelle, ♦ said Marquette assistant principal Linda Milzarek. ♦ ♦ She exhibits the same intensity using her intellectual abilities as she convincingly demonstrates her athleticism. ♦ She is one of the most genuine people that I have had the opportunity to know. ♦

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, the IHSAA ♦s corporate partner, presented a scholarship check for \$1,000.00 to Michigan City Marquette High School in the name of Michelle Fletcher.

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STATE FINALS PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Couldn't be in 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).