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BURRIS WINS NINTH CONSECUTIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

Perennial power Muncie Burris extended its unprecedented run with its ninth straight IHSAA Class 2A championship in action at Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. ♦ Coach Steve Shondell ♦s 36-4 Owls knocked off Brownstown Central (28-9) in a rematch of the 2003 final, this time by a 25-18, 25-14, 25-16 score. ♦ Burris has won the 2A crown each year since classes were implemented in 1997, giving them a total of 17 state championships in the 34-year history of the tournament.

Burris junior outside attacker Caitlyn Vann registered a match-high 20 kills, along with a .378 hitting percentage and 11 digs. ♦ Senior middle attacker Lauren Kaminsky joined Vann in double digits with 10 kills, recording a match-high .381 attack percentage. ♦ Junior setter Karin Caudill had a match-high 38 assists, adding six digs. ♦ Sophomore outside attacker Christie Waters tied for match-high honors with 12 digs.

Senior middle hitter Cassidy Lambring paced Brownstown Central with seven kills. ♦ Freshman outside hitter Whitney Tormoehlen contributed six kills, while junior defensive specialist Whitney Bobb tied for match-high honors with 12 digs.

Burris trailed 3-1 in game one before going on a 7-1 run to take an early 8-4 lead on its way to a 25-18 win. ♦ In game two, Burris used an 8-0 run to take a 9-3 lead. ♦ After the Braves narrowed the gap to 13-8, Burris countered with another 8-0 spurt to make it 21-8. ♦ In the final game, Burris took the lead for good at 9-8 and never looked back.

Burris reached the final with a three-game sweep of 2004 runner-up Clinton Central (33-5). ♦ Brownstown Central reached the final for the fifth time with a 3-0 win over Adams Central (25-9) in the semifinals.

BURRIS ♦ KAMINSKY HONORED WITH MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD

Muncie Burris senior middle attacker Lauren Kaminsky is the 2005 recipient of the IHSAA Class 2A Mental Attitude Award for volleyball. ♦ Kaminsky becomes the ninth Burris player to win the award in the 34-year history of the tournament.

Kaminsky helped coach Steve Shondell ♦s Owls to their record ninth straight IHSAA championship and a 36-4 season record. ♦ Kaminsky started the past four years for four state championship squads, earning all-state recognition last year. ♦ The versatile Kaminsky is also a two-time regional qualifier and team MVP in track.

In the classroom, Kaminsky is tied for first among her senior class with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. ♦ She has earned ♦ Student of the Year ♦ recognition in biology and chemistry.

♦ Lauren is an outstanding athlete and competitor who conducts herself in a respectful manner on and off the court, ♦ said Burris principal Jay McGee. ♦ ♦ She provides quiet leadership to her team through her controlled, yet aggressive play and desire to do her best in every game. ♦

Kaminsky, the daughter of Len and Mary Kaminsky, will attend Xavier on a full volleyball scholarship, majoring in business or communications.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, the IHSAA ♦s corporate partner, presented a scholarship check for \$1,000.00 to Muncie Burris High School in the name of Lauren Kaminsky.

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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 IHSA 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).