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PENN RUNS AWAY WITH TEAM TITLE, GAUCK REPEATS AS MEDALIST

The Penn Kingsmen had a record day in repeating as team champions and North Decatur s Angela Gauck won her second consecutive individual crown in the 33rd Annual IHSAA Girls Golf State Finals at The Legends of Indiana Golf Course in Franklin on Saturday.

Penn took a 13-stroke lead into Saturday s final round and pulled away with a 301 for a two-day total of 614 to easily outdistance runner-up Noblesville with 646. Both Penn s 18-hole and 36-hole marks were state finals records. Martinsville finished third (655), Valparaiso was fourth (665) and DeKalb was fifth (670).

The Kingsmen won their third state title in four years under coach Jim Garrett and had three players finish among the top nine individuals with all firing scores of 154 or better. Senior Julia Potter led the way finishing fifth overall at 148. Last year s state runner-up, Potter started the day tied for 24th after a first round 80. She turned in a state finals record-tying 68 today, including a 31 on the front nine. Her record round tied Martinsville s Leigh Anne Hardin who carded a 68 in the second round at Prestwick in 1999. Freshman Anne Ormson also tore up the front nine with a 32 and finished sixth overall at 79-72-151. Senior Laura Ormson was one of four players tied for ninth place following a 75-79-154. Senior Erin Buttrey tied for 20th (79-82-161) and senior Michelle Fleischman finished 42nd to round out the scoring for the champs (87-89-176).

Until Saturday s performance, Penn's first round 313 tied the fourth-best mark in the girls golf state finals and was the best round since the state meet moved to this course in 2000.

Gauck started the final round in fourth place but emerged from a pack of 11 golfers who entered the day within six strokes of the lead to win her second consecutive state title with a 73-70-143 to finish at one under. She became the first repeat medalist since Hardin won three straight championships from 1997-99. Gauck birdied four holes in a seven-hole stretch between the ninth and 15th holes and shot par on the other three. She also shot two-under on the course s four par-5 holes.

Muncie Central senior Michelle Morgan and Evansville Memorial junior Ellen Mueller tied for second with identical scores of 71-73-144. Mishawaka Marian senior Britt Knutson was fourth at 72-73-145.

Junior Emily Johnson of Warsaw, who won state medalist honors in 2003, finished tied for ninth (77-77-154).

Both days of the tournament were contested under ideal golfing conditions on the par-72, 5,697 yards with sunny skies and temperatures in the mid-70s.

Team Standings

1. Penn	313-301- 614
2. Noblesville	327-319- 646
3. Martinsville	326-329- 655
4. Valparaiso	327-338- 665
5. DeKalb	341-329- 670
6. Brownsburg	348-329- 677
7. Richmond	337-343- 680
8. Hamilton Southeastern	336-349- 685
9. Greensburg	347-346- 693

Individual Standings

1. Angela Gauck, 12, North Decatur	73-70- 143
T2. Michelle Morgan, 12, Muncie Central	71-73- 144
T2. Ellen Mueller, 11, Evansville Memorial	71 - 73- 144

 4. Britt Knutson, 12, Mishawaka Marian 5. Julia Potter, 12, Penn 6. Anne Ormson, 9, Penn T7. Alex Bell, 10, Richmond T7. Abby Cotter, 10, Noblesville T9. Emily Johnson, 11, Warsaw T9. Jennifer Nagel, 12, DeKalb 	72-73-145 80-68-148 79-72-151 75-78-153 80-73-153 77-77-154 78-76-154

MUNCIE CENTRAL S MICHELLE MORGAN NAMED MENTAL ATTITUDE WINNER

Michelle Morgan of Muncie Central High School was named winner of the 2005 Mental Attitude Award for Girls Golf following the meet.

Members of the IHSAA Executive Committee present the award to the outstanding senior participant during the state finals each year. The recipient of the award, who was nominated by her principal and coach, must excel in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability in girls golf.

Morgan, who was making her third consecutive appearance at the state finals, finished second today following a fourth place finish last year. She has been named Team MVP each of her four years, is a two-time North Central Conference champion and also won regional honors last week. Morgan has also participated in soccer, basketball and softball for the Bearcats and his projected to receive a school record 16th varsity letter at the end of the school year.

Academically, she maintains a 3.97 GPA and ranks 11th in her class of 278 seniors. She is undecided on her college plans at this point.

Michelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan of Muncie.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, the IHSAA s corporate partner, presented a scholarship check for \$1,000.00 to Muncie Central High School in the name of Michelle Morgan.

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STATE FINALS PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

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