# **Indiana High School Athletic Association**

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# WARREN CENTRAL CAPTURES RECORD FOURTH CONSECUTIVE STATE TITLE

The Warren Central Warriors (15-0) defeated the Carmel Greyhounds (12-3), 35-14, to capture the Class 5A state championship Saturday night at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

The victory marks an unprecedented fourth consecutive state championship for the Warriors. Head coach Steve Tutsie guided the Warren to its sixth state title in school history in his first season at the helm.

The Warrior s rushing attack proved to be the dominant factor in tonights contest with a total of 315 yards on 46 attempts to Carmels 121 yards on 32 attempts. The Greyhounds out-passed the Warriors with 146 yards on 22 attempts to 45 yards on five attempts, respectively.

Senior running back Darren Evans pounded out most of Warren stotal offensive production on the ground by rushing for 201 yards on 30 attempts and three touchdowns. Senior running back Brad Ellington chipped in 72 yards on four attempts and one touchdown. Senior quarterback Matt Upshaw tallied 32 yards on seven attempts and one touchdown. Upshaw also completed three of four passes for 45 yards.

Carmel s rushing attack was led by junior running back Aaron King with 75 yards on 13 attempts. Senior quarterback Andrew Durbin completed 10 of 21 passes for 146 yards, two touchdowns, and one interception. Senior tight end Ryan Murray and senior wide receiver each tallied two receptions and one touchdown.

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## CARMEL S RYAN MURRAY HONORED WITH ESKEW MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD

Ryan Murray of Carmel High School was selected as the recipient of the Phil N. Eskew Mental Attitude Award for Class 5A Football by the IHSAA Executive Committee.

The award is presented to a senior nominated by his principal and coach who excels in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability. The award is named in honor of Mr. Eskew, who served as the IHSAA sthird commissioner from 1962-76. Under Eskews leadership, the IHSAA football state tournament was initiated in 1973.

Murray is a two-year starter on the Carmel football team having played tight end this season and as left tackle during his junior campaign. He was named to the Bloomington Herald so Top 33 All State Team and was a first team all-conference selection this year.

Academically, Murray is in the top 10 percent of his class. He is considering several Ivy League schools with the intent of continuing his football career while studying Business or Engineering. He will graduate with an Academic Honors diploma from his school.

He currently serves on the Student Athletic Board and participates as an Ambassador for the NCAA Stay in Bounds program in Carmel s elementary schools. Stay in Bounds is a cross-age mentoring program which promotes respect, integrity and sportsmanship to young people.

Ryan is a major reason that we are playing for the state championship, but his contributions to young people and his peers are what make him a special person in our school says Carmel Principal John Williams. We are very proud of the way he represents our school and community.

He is the son of Kevin and Rhonda Murray of Carmel.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, the IHSAA so corporate partner, presented a scholarship check for \$1,000 to Carmel High School in the name of Murray.

#### **VSN MEANS ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY**

Visit our friends at <u>Visual Sports Network</u>, the IHSAA so official photographer for all state championship events and one of the leading action photographers in the Midwest. VSN, which was on site on Friday, has captured hundreds of images from this year state Finals and will have them ready for viewing and purchase beginning Sunday.

#### STATE FINALS PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Couldn to 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).

# **Class 5A Championship Game Records**

Tied

Most Interceptions, 5A: 2 by Semiaj Wright, Warren Central vs. Carmel, 2006

#### **Quotes on the Class 5A Game**

#### Warren Central�s head coach Steve Tutsie

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- ♦All I♦ve ever wanted to do is be the head football coach at Warren Central and win a state championship.♦ I guess next week I♦II have to reset my goals.♦
- We made history tonight winning four in a row, but to win a championship you have to rush the football and stop the rush. We did that tonight.
- ♦Both defenses played well.♦ But our offensive line was the difference.♦ We rushed the football well and dominated the line of scrimmage.♦
- ♦Winning is not about Steve Tutsie. ♦ I♦m just a simple plant manager and I kept the train on the tracks. ♦ We have the hardest working coaches and players and that ♦s what makes Warren Central stat champs. ♦
- ♦ Fourty-three seniors stuck to a goal. ♦ To win two in a row is unbelievable, three is outstanding, and four I don ♦ thave a word for it and I ♦ m a journalism major. ♦ This will be so much more special 10 to 12 years from now. ♦
- ♦There is not much difference between us and everybody else.♦ But we work very hard and our kids meet the challenge.♦

#### Carmel s head coach Mo Moriarity

•Iom proud of our kids. Warren Central scored a touchdown right before the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> half, if we could have kept them outoyou never know.

- ♦Our kids played hard, they made it a game. Obviously, we didn♦t come here to make it a game-we came here to win. But l♦m proud of my kids.♦
- Nobody has moved the ball against them much this year. We didnot the first game but we did tonight and we did the best we could.

(On his physical problems earlier in the tournament), �I had a great bunch of coaches. Our players have been great all year.�

(On being back coaching at the high school level), I had a lot of fun this year. High school is a great place to be. There are a lot of great high school coaches in the state of Indiana that I have a lot of respect for.

### Carmel s senior Ryan Murray-Phil N. Eskew Mental Attitude Award winner

It feels good to win this award even though we lost the game. It an an an an an award. I would have loved to see our team win state.