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TURNER LEADS WARREN CENTRAL TO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

A year after finishing as the runner-up, Warren Central senior DeSean Turner returned to win the overall individual title and helped his team repeat as state champion in the 61st Annual IHSAA Boys Cross Country State Finals on Saturday in Terre Haute.

Turner covered the 5,000 meter LaVern Gibson Championship Course in a time of 15:54.3, a full five seconds ahead of Brown County's Curtis Carr who took runner-up honors. Strong winds slowed this year's times considerably as Turner clocked a 15:25.5 on this same course last year.

Teammate and classmate Ondraius Richardson placed fifth overall (third among team competitors) in 16:13.3. Other scoring runners for the Warriors were sophomore Caleb Pack (17:05.3) in 49th place overall; junior Micah Aldrich (17:11.8) in 55th and senior Cody Smith (17:13.7) in 58th. Warren Central tallied 100 points as a team to out-duel runner-up Franklin Central which finished at 123.

It was the second cross country state title for the Indianapolis school which also won the boys track and field championship last June. Joe Brooks is the Warriors coach.

In the team standings, Carmel placed third at 132; Bloomington North was fourth at 139 and; McCutcheon, with 166, finished fifth.

In addition to Turner, Carr, and Richardson, Pendleton Heights senior Cole Hardacre finished third overall at 16:08.6 and Franklin Central senior Adam Green was fourth in 16:09.5.

BROWN COUNTY'S CURTIS CARR NAMED MENTAL ATTITUDE WINNER

Following the race, Curtis Carr of Brown County High School was named winner of the 2006 Charles F. Maas Mental Attitude Award for Boys Cross Country by members of the IHSAA Executive Committee.

Carr finished second overall in 15:59.3, five seconds behind the winner as the lone runner from his school. Besides, cross country, Carr also plans to run track next spring for the fourth year.

He's been active in the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, taken part in the Peers Education Project and has been an English Academic Team member as a junior and senior. He is also nearing completion in becoming an Eagle Scout.

Academically, Carr ranks in the top 10 of his senior class at Brown County and plans to attend Brigham Young University after high school.

Carr is the son of Shelia Cox of Nashville.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, the IHSAA's corporate partner, presented a scholarship check for \$1,000.00 to Brown County High School in the name of Carr. Since 1989, more than \$551,000 in college scholarships has been presented by Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance to deserving high school students in Indiana.

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images from this year's State Finals and will have them ready for viewing within a couple days of the state finals.

STATE FINALS PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

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