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LUTHERAN WINS CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN NINE INNINGS

Indianapolis Lutheran wins the Class A IHSAA state softball finals at Ben Davis High School. The game featured little action during regulation. But in the 9th inning Lutheran found the offense both teams were looking for all game. The Lutheran Saints won with a score of 1-0.

In the top of the 9th inning Alexis Davis of Lutheran hit a ground ball past pitcher Audra Sanders into centerfield scoring Amanda Korb from second base. Korb reached with a single and was then advanced to second base on a sacrifice bunt.

Lutheran coached by third-year skipper Don Pietz finishes the season with a 25-6 record. This is Lutheran•s second IHSAA softball state title. They won the class A title in 2004.

First-year head coach Gordon Wood led the Tecumseh Braves to the state title game for the first time since 2003 when they finished as runner-up. The Braves finish the 2007 season with 28-4 record.

Lutheran•s ace pitcher Morgan Lewis pitched a nine inning three hit shutout. Tecumseh pitcher Audra Sanders had a fantastic 22-4 season, that included a no-hitter in Friday night•s semi-final game against South Central, but had no offensive support in the title game. Ultimately, the Tecumseh bats were shut down by the effort of Lutheran•s Lewis.•

In the top of the 7th inning Tecumseh right fielder Ali Nord threw out Colleen Pendergast of Lutheran at first base after Pendergast hit a hard ground ball through the right side. Nord picked up the ball cleanly and fired in time to get Pendergast.

Tecumseh third baseman Katy Kruse tied a class A record with one stolen base.

The future looks good for Lutheran. Lewis, the Saints pitcher is only a freshman, and Lutheran will lose only two seniors to graduation.

Heather Korb of Indianapolis Lutheran named Mental Attitude Award winner
Heather Korb of Indianapolis Lutheran High School was recognized by members of the IHSAA Executive Committee as this year•s recipient of the Mental Attitude Award in Class A softball.

Heather Korb finished as the co-valedictorian of her senior class and is involved in numerous clubs and causes through school and the community. As well as being vice president and four-year member of Student Council, Heather has been a member of the school•s chamber choir and the Student Leadership Retreat Committee. Her volunteer work includes Special Olympics and teaching Sunday school classes. Heather is also a member of the National Honor Society, a Hoosier Scholar and a National Merit Scholarship winner.

Athletically, she has been a four-year letter winner of the Indianapolis Lutheran softball team. She is the single-season and career steals leader and was a four-year member of the volleyball team which won four sectionals.

She is the daughter of Dennis and Margo Korb.

In the fall, she will attend Martin Luther College located in New Ulm, Minnesota to study Elementary Education.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, the corporate partner of the IHSAA, presented a $1,000 scholarship to Indianapolis Lutheran High School in the name of Heather Korb.