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OREGON-DAVIS WINS FIRST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Using a second quarter scoring run, the Oregon-Davis Bobcats held off the Trojans of Oakland City Wood Memorial, 54-46, to win the Class A state championship, its first state championship in any sport.

Junior Shadoe Besing hit a long three-pointer to give Oakland City Wood a 12-11 lead as the horn sounded to end the first quarter. Oregon-Davis then outscored the Trojans 25-4 in the second quarter to take a 36-16 lead into halftime. Freshman guard Gabrielle Minix scored 10 straight points for the Bobcats in the quarter. Wood Memorial cut the lead to eight by the end of the 3rd quarter by holding Oregon-Davis to 2 of 13 shooting from the field. Free throws also helped keep Wood in the game as they hit 14 of 19 in the second half. The Trojans' defense held the Bobcats scoreless for over seven minutes in the second half which allowed them to pull within four at 43-39 with 4:10 remaining. Oregon-Davis scored on three consecutive breakaway lay ups to extend the lead back to 10 points.

Oregon-Davis, coached by Terry Minix in his 14th year, finished the season 25-3, winning their final 19 games. They were led by Minix with 19 points. Senior Amber Boyle added 9 points, junior Sarah Conkey and Gabrielle's sophomore sister, Aubrey chipped in with 8 points each.

Johnnie Bartley in his ninth year, was the coach of the Trojans, who finished the season 19-9. Oakland City Wood had two scorers in double figures. Senior Kaiti Cochran had 17 and Besing added 13. ♦ The Trojans also had a pair of players with double figures in rebounds. Junior Keely Wilhite collected 14 in the contest and Cochran finished with 13.

Trojan senior Kaiti Cochran set a Class A state record for blocks with 10. She finished the game with a triple-double adding 17 points and 13 rebounds.

ANGELA BOYLE NAMED MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD WINNER

Following the game, members of the IHSAA Executive Committee named Angela Boyle of Oregon-Davis High School as the winner of the Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude Award.

The award is presented annually to a senior participant in each classification who was nominated by her principal and coach and has demonstrated excellence in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability.

Boyle ranks among the top 10 students in her class with a 3.96 GPA. She has been a member of the National Honor Society each of her four years and also has been a youth club volunteer at her church. She has also given her time with the Plymouth Youth Girls Basketball camps, St. Joseph Medical Center and been an after-school tutor.

She also has earned the Tri-Kappa Award for scholarship for four years and a junior volunteer award at St. Joseph Medical Center.

She plans to study physical therapy at either Franklin College or the University of Indianapolis.

She is the daughter of Mark and Teresa Boyle of Walkerton.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, the IHSAA's corporate partner, will present a \$1,000 scholarship to Oregon-Davis High School in the name of Boyle.

The award is named in honor of the former IHSAA assistant commissioner Patricia L. Roy, who oversaw the girls basketball state tournament from its inception in 1976 until her retirement in 1999.

VSN MEANS ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY

Visit our friends at [Visual Sports Network](http://VisualSportsNetwork.com), the IHSAA's official photographer for all state championship events and one of the leading action photographers in the Midwest. VSN, which was on site Saturday, has captured hundreds of images from this year's State Finals and will have them ready for viewing and purchase beginning Monday.

CHAMPIONSHIP MERCHANDISE STILL AVAILABLE

For t-shirts and other merchandise commemorating this year's tournament or for any of our events, visit our friends at [Morris, Inc.](#)

STATE FINALS PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Couldn't be 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).

POST-GAME QUOTES

Terry Minix, Oregon-Davis Head Coach

"In the first half we did the things that we wanted to do...push the ball and get up and down the floor. ♦ I have always talked about basketball being a game of runs. ♦ When Oakland City closed the gap, we just told our girls they were making their run. ♦ It lasted a little bit longer than we wanted it to but you have to take your hat off to Oakland City Wood, they did exactly what they wanted to do in the second half."

"Having Gabrielle (Minix) on the floor gives us a floor leader. ♦ I've said it before but she kind of reminds me a little bit of Scott Skiles, the way she handles the basketball and directs the other players."

"The (Keely) Wilhite and (Kaiti) Cochren girls did a terrific job inside and we just couldn't contain them. ♦ Towards the end, we were able to get a couple of rebounds and get a couple of baskets on the break. ♦ That proved to be the difference in the game."

"We doubled in the front and back of (Kaiti) Cochren. ♦ Our defense forced Oakland City Wood to go to a different high-low combination in the second half. ♦ We didn't adjust very well to their adjustment...we had a 5'3" girl trying to jump with a 6'2" girl. ♦ Thankfully, we were able to sustain their run."

"This team is much like a family atmosphere. ♦ We have a junior varsity team that went undefeated this year and we really feel like we can get back here."

On Angela Boyle being named the Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude Winner

"She is a great kid. ♦ The thing with Angela is that she has accepted her role on this team. ♦ She gets to play fairly good minutes, but she would probably start on most teams. ♦ She's a very good role player, she can stroke the three and can play almost anywhere on the court. ♦ She is a leader and very deserving of this award."

Johnnie Bartley, Wood Memorial Head Coach

"The first quarter went the way we hoped. We were not too far ahead or behind. When Wilhite (Keely) got her third foul and sitting her on the bench and sitting her in the second quarter was huge blow for us because she does so many things. I'll wonder the rest of my life if I should have put her back in."

"We could have rolled over and packed it in to start the second half, but our kids showed a lot of heart. We got them on the ropes, but just came up a few plays short after our run."

"In the second half we did a better job taking the ball inside. We didn't think they could shoot like they did in the first half the whole game. Fortunately they didn't and that allowed us to come back."

"Our defense made some plays to get us close, unfortunately we dug ourselves a hole in the second quarter. They got hot and did what they can do in scoring points in a hurry. They went on a 14-0 run and you cannot let a good team like Oregon-Davis do that."

"I felt if we could have got back even or lead it might have been different. People will remember Wood Memorial at the state finals and the effort we made."

"Katie Cochren will be missed. To come up with a triple-double in the state finals shows what kind of player she has been for us."