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## HERITAGE CHRISTIAN WINS BACK-TO-BACK 2A TITLES

Heritage Christian claimed its second 2A championship in as many years with a 62-44 win over the Jimtown Jimmies. The Eagles were led by center Courtney Turner's 18 point scoring effort. Heritage Christian caps off their 26-3 season with the state title at Conseco Fieldhouse.

The Eagles jumped out to a 12-0 lead and never looked back. They held Jimtown to only five points in the first quarter and held a 28-16 advantage at halftime. The lead ballooned to as much as 23 points at 47-24 with 7:30 to go.

The Eagles balanced scoring attack was too much for the Jimtown defense. Kelly Faris and Bre Jones joined Turner in double figures with 16 and 12 points, respectively. Faris also pulled down 10 rebounds.

Jimtown was led in scoring by freshman guard Sarah Deshone's 20 point effort. Deshone shot 6-for-7 from behind the 3-point arc shattering not just the 2A record for most three-pointers made by an individual but the overall state finals record as well. Robin Houchins of Washington had made five in 1995.

Heritage Christian set a 2A state finals record with 17 team assists and the 18 point difference also was a class record for margin of victory. Heritage Christian also is the second 2A school to repeat as state champions. Fort Wayne Bishop Luers won three titles in a row from 1999 to 2001.

The senior class for Heritage Christian has played in the state finals three of the last four years. Led by second year Head Coach Rick Risinger, the Eagles are 51-6 with two championships in his two years at the helm.

Jimtown was making its first appearance in the state finals under 25<sup>th</sup> year coach Gene Johnson. The Jimmies finished 24-3.

## KRISTINE HOSINSKI NAMED MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD WINNER

Following the game, members of the IHSAA Executive Committee named Kristine Hosinski of Jimtown 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.

Besides basketball, Hosinski also play volleyball and tennis, is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the National Honor Society. She is also a member of the school's yearbook staff, works as a cadet teacher for second graders and is an active member of her church youth group.

Academically, she is on track to complete an Indiana Academic Honors Diploma with a 3.58 GPA. Hosinski plans to attend Bethel College to study Elementary Education.

She is the daughter of Mike and Karen Hosinski of Osceola.

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

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](#), 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

### Gene Johnson, Jimtown Head Coach

"Heritage Christian shot the ball extremely well and is a very physical, athletic team. We knew it would be a tough match up for us. We didn't shoot the ball particularly well but I thought our kids played hard until the end. Once we got behind, we couldn't run our half-court possession-type offense."

"We got down 12-0 early and they shot the ball unbelievably early in the game. We actually played them even the rest of the first half. We came out and shot the ball to start the second half well. I thought if we could cut it to six or eight that we had a chance, but it never got to that shot."

"We gave up more points than we normally do. But that was against one of the finest teams in the state. We also needed to shoot the ball better and we didn't get to the free throw line like we usually do."

"Outstanding players got us here. You dream about this your whole life as a coach and a player about coming to the state finals."

(On Mental Attitude Award winner Kristine Hosinski)

"She is a coach's kid. Kristine is a three-sport athlete and does a lot of things for our school and our community. She is very deserving and we are proud to have her one of us."

### Rick Risinger, Heritage Christian Head Coach

"This is a very special championship. ♦ It's nice to have some different players but finish the season with the same outcome. ♦ I'm blessed to have very talented basketball players and very good kids. ♦ We were disciplined throughout the season and I thought we got stronger as the year moved along."

"I thought the biggest thing with this group was that they played unselfishly throughout the season. ♦ A lot of teams talk about the importance of playing as a team but this group not only talked about it but performed in that manner."

(on the Heritage Christian seniors) ♦

"Bre Jones and Courtney Turner are very special individuals. ♦ It's quite an amazing feat to reach the state finals three times in a high school career."

(on sophomore Kelly Faris)

"Kelly is a tremendous player and she will only get better over the next two seasons. ♦ The biggest thing with this team is that everyone knew their role. ♦ We could have gotten Kelly more points, but we wanted to spread the ball around and get everybody involved. ♦ Kelly got a lot of attention this season, but make no mistake about it, we had a lot of really good players on the floor with her."

(on playing a difficult regular season schedule)

"We played in the prestigious Hall of Fame Classic and faced a lot of really tough opponents throughout the season. ♦ I think it's important to build a really tough regular season schedule. ♦ Teams that are able to do that typically have more success in the state tournament."

Heritage Christian sophomore Kelly Faris

“I’m not the type of person who is concerned with getting a lot of attention.◆ I’m worried about my team, not my stats.◆ I’m really proud to be associated with such a great group.◆ We played really hard today, moved the ball and showed everybody how unselfish we are as a team.”