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# NEWS RELEASE

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# **Boys Golf State Finals Preview**

The defending state champion returns for another shot at glory and a new individual medalist is a certainty as the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual IHSAA Boys Golf State Finals begin Tuesday at The Legends Golf Club in Franklin.

All competitors will play 36 holes over the two-day event. A total of 15 teams have advanced five golfers each and 25 individuals have moved on without their squads for a total of 100 participants representing 38 different schools. Groups will be teeing off the Middle 9 course and the Road 9 course at 8 am ET / 7 am CT on Tuesday. The first round tee times and pairings are available here.

Westfield won its first boys golf state championship a year ago and the third-ranked Shamrocks captured their first regional title shooting a 299 at Battle Ground on Thursday.

Defending individual champion Adam Wood of Zionsville will not return so the door is open for a new champion to emerge which could be any of those fresh off regional titles.

Among them are Graham McAree of Hamilton Southeastern, Dylan Holsclaw of Plainfield, Christian Fairbanks of Columbus North, Matt Meneghetti of Lake Central and Tyler Prentkowski of Glenn. The former three have advanced along with their teams while Meneghetti and Prentkowski will compete as individuals.

Westfield's Timmy Hildebrand, Mishawaka Marian's Michael Makris and Columbus North's Michael VanDeventer each finished in last year's top 10 and return as does Dylan Meyer of Evansville Central, the state runner-up two years ago.

Besides Westfield, six others return from last year's field of 15 squads including runner-up Columbus North, the regional winner at Champions Point last Thursday. The No. 2 Bull Dogs will be making their fifth consecutive appearance in the state finals and should be in the hunt for their first state championship since 1934.



Top-ranked Hamilton Southeastern, which finished second to Yorktown on Friday at The Players Club will be aiming for its first state title.

Unranked NorthWood won the school's first regional championship during competition at Stonehenge and will be making the trip to state for the first time as a team.

Eleventh-ranked Plainfield ended a 78-year drought of qualifying for state when it bested the field at Country Oaks on Thursday. The Quakers last put a team in the finals field in 1936.

Fans and media are invited to view the progress of the state finals by visiting GolfStat.com. The IHSAA will post the hole-by-hole scores for every player throughout the two days.

### **State Finals**

The Legends Golf Club, 2555 N. Hurricane Road, Franklin, IN, 46131.

Round 1: Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 8 am ET / 7 am CT. Round 2: Wednesday, June 18, 2014, 8 am ET / 7 am CT.

Admission: \$12.00 per day.

**Advancement:** All teams and individuals will play 36 holes.

Feeder Regionals: Lafayette Jefferson, Muncie Central, Providence, Warsaw, Washington.

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### **Media Information**

Media Hosts: Sports Information Director Jason Wille and staff assistant Mike Wilson will be on hand to assist in your coverage.

Media Credentials: The 2013-14 IHSAA State Finals Media Credential will allow for admission. To apply, please e-mail your request (with name of individual) as soon as possible to IHSAA Sports Information Director Jason Wille at jwille@ihsaa.org. E-mail requests MUST originate from a recognized business account; e-mails from personal accounts (ie: yahoo.com, aol.com, etc.) will not be accepted. Deadline is Monday, June 16, at 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT. Approved requests will be left for pickup at the team check-in table located between the clubhouse and the cart barn. A limited amount of riding carts will be available at cost on a first-come, first-served basis. Please check in at the clubhouse for details.

**Services:** Working space with electrical power and wireless access will be available in the cart barn. Copies of the official program including scorecards also will be available along with results from both days of the event. Tee-times and pairings for Wednesday's second round will be posted to the IHSAA website as soon as possible on Tuesday following completion of the first round.

### **Notables**

**Defending State Champion:** Westfield.

# **Teams Qualified (15)** \*indicates regional champion.

Bloomington South, Boone Grove, Carmel, Center Grove, Columbus North\*, Evansville Memorial, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Hamilton Southeastern, Homestead, NorthWood\*, Pendleton Heights, Plainfield\*, Sullivan, Westfield\*, Yorktown\*.

### Teams Returning from 2013 State Finals (7 of 21)

Carmel, Columbus North, Evansville Memorial, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Hamilton Southeastern, Pendleton Heights, Westfield.

### IHSGCA Poll of June 5, 2014 (State finalist teams in bold)

- 1. Hamilton Southeastern (10)
- 2. Columbus North (6)
- 3. Westfield
- 4. Zionsville
- 5. Carmel
- 6. Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger
- 7. Center Grove (1)
- 8. Corydon Central
- 9. Bloomington South
- 10. Pendleton Heights
- 11. Plainfield
- 12. Noblesville
- 13. Lebanon
- 14. North Central (Indianapolis)
- 15. Floyd Central
- 16. Perry Meridian
- 17. Madison
- 18. Franklin
- 19. Lake Central
- 20. Mooresville

Honorable mention: NorthWood, Jasper.

# Individuals Qualified without a Team (25) \*indicates regional champion.

Nick Bienz, Heritage.

Keegan Bronenburg, Muncie Central.

Michael Brothers, Fort Wayne Canterbury.

Drew Cahill, Terre Haute South.

Alec Davis, Greencastle.

Mitchell Frederick, Corydon Central.

Mike Lee, Crown Point.

Michael Makris, Mishawaka Marian.

Matt Meneghetti, Lake Central\*.

Dylan Meyer, Evansville Central.

Jack Musgrave, Andrean.

Tyler Prentkowski, Glenn\*.

Tony Rogers, Lawrence Central.

Isiah Rose, Ben Davis.

Brady Sappenfield, Mooresville.

Drew Saunders, New Castle.

Tanner Skiles, Harrison (West Lafayette).

Cameron Smith, Peru.

Corey Teaford, Heritage Hills.

Clark Tiller, Zionsville.

Trey Turner, Bedford North Lawrence.

Preston VanWinkle, Heritage Hills.

Cody White, Oak Hill.

Timothy Wiseman, Corydon Central.

Jackson Wright, Noblesville.

# Individuals Returning from 2013 Top 10 (3)

- T3. Timmy Hildebrand, Westfield.
- T7. Michael Makris, Mishawaka Marian.
- T7. Michael VanDeventer, Columbus North.

# Teams Returning from 2013 Top 10 (6)

- 1. Westfield.
- 2. Columbus North.
- T7. Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger
- T7. Hamilton Southeastern.
- T7. Evansville Memorial.
- 10. Pendleton Heights.

# **Most Consecutive State Finals Appearances**

21: Indianapolis Shortridge (1932-1957; State Tournament was discontinued from 1942-46 due to WWII).

# Active Streaks of Consecutive State Finals Appearances (3 or more years)

5: Columbus North.

3: Carmel, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Westfield.

# **First-Time Team State Finals Appearances**

NorthWood.

### State Finals Appearance Droughts Broken (10 years or more)

78: Plainfield (1936).

17: Sullivan (1997).

# Former State Champions in the Field

None.

# Former State Runners-Up in the Field

Dylan Meyer, Evansville Central (2012 state runner-up).

# First-Time Regional Champions in the Field

NorthWood, Plainfield, Westfield.

### Regional Championship Droughts Broken (10 years or more)

13: Yorktown (2001).

### **Best Scores in 2013 State Tournament (Among State Finalists)**

283: Evansville Memorial (sectional).

288: Carmel (sectional).

288: Columbus North (sectional).

288: Sullivan (sectional).

290: Plainfield (sectional).

291: Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger (sectional).

293: Center Grove (sectional).

298: Columbus North (regional).

298: Hamilton Southeastern (sectional).

298: Noblesville (sectional).

299: Homestead (sectional).

299: Westfield (regional).

# **Best Scores in 2013 State Tournament (Among State Finalists)**

64: Preston French, Evansville Memorial (sectional).

64: Nathan Pirtle, Sullivan (sectional).

68: Matthew Ladd, Evansville Memorial (sectional).

68: Tyler Prentkowski, Glenn (sectional).

69: Christian Fairbanks, Columbus North (regional).

69: Mike Lee, Crown Point (sectional).

69: Johnny Gulley, Plainfield (sectional).

69: Matt Meneghetti, Lake Central (regional).

69: Michael Sharp, East Noble (sectional).

69: Michael VanDeventer, Columbus North (sectional).

69: Jackson Wright, Noblesville (sectional).

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