

# Indiana High School Athletic Association

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## BEN DAVIS RUNS AWAY WITH SCHOOLS FIRST STATE TRACK TITLE

A crowd of 5,551 saw Ben Davis run away with the school's first-ever IHSAA boys state title at the Robert C. Haugh Track and Field Complex in Bloomington. After finishing runner-up three times (2000, 2002, and 2007), the Giants scored 67 points followed by second place finisher Lawrence North who tallied 45 points. Warren Central finished third with a team total of 36 points. ♦ Ben Davis was led by head coach Mike Davidson. ♦

The Giants 400 relay team cruised to victory with a time of 41.33. ♦ Junior Matthew Terrell claimed his second straight title in the 200, while senior teammate Rahpeal Williams came in third to contribute valuable points for the Giants. ♦

Defending champion junior Corey Shank of Fort Wayne Northrop battled with Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger senior Kevin Schipper in the pole vault. ♦ Shank cleared 16'6" on his second attempt, while Schipper made the clearance on his third try. ♦ Shank's vault today was six inches lower than his state record setting performance from 2007.

Another repeat performance came from Gary Wallace senior Robert Gardner who won the 400 with a time of 47.72.

♦ In the 100 meter dash, senior Shaun Smith of Terre Haute North won in a time of 10.47. Soaring to a height of 6-11, junior Derrick Spight of Warren Central won the state crown in the high jump.

For the third year in a row, a Decatur Central Hawk walked away with the state title in discus. ♦ Senior Robert Belden took first place this year with a heave of 185-8, following in the footsteps of former teammate and state champion Josh Greenwald who won in 2006 and 2007.

Andy Bayer of Leo and Tito Medrano of Lafayette Jefferson, both seniors, fought their way to a gutsy, close finish, in the 3200. ♦ Bayer crossed the line at 9:02.82, just beating Medrano who came in at 9:02.94.

In the final race of the night, the all-senior 1600 relay team from Gary Wallace ran their way to the state championship, with anchor leg Robert Gardner finishing the race with a blistering 46.38 split. ♦

## Warren Central's ♦ Juan Richardson Awarded The Robert S. Hinshaw Mental Attitude Award

Members of the IHSAA Executive Committee announced ♦ Juan Richardson of Warren Central High School as the winner of this year's Robert S. Hinshaw Mental Attitude Award in Boys Track and Field.

Richardson finished first in the 110 meter hurdles in this year's state finals. He was second in the 300 meter hurdles, was a member of the 1600 meter relay team, and was an alternate for the 400 relay team. ♦ Richardson also ran cross country for the Warriors.

Academically, he is ranked 28<sup>th</sup> in his class of 760 and scored an impressive 1690 on the SAT. ♦ ♦ Juan is a member of the Student Council, National Honor Society, and is a Warren Central student ambassador. ♦ He was named an Indianapolis Professionals Association scholar and Circle City Classic honor student.

Richardson will attend the University of Iowa and plans to major in biology. ♦ ♦ Juan is the son of Dorothy Castile of Indianapolis.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, the proud corporate partner of all IHSAA tournaments, presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Warren Central in Richardson's name.

### State Champions

**Pole Vault** ♦ Corey Shank, 11, Fort Wayne Northrop, 16-6.

**Long Jump** ♦ Scottie Alora, 12, Bloomington South, 23-3.

**Discus** ♦ Robert Belden, 12, Decatur Central, 185-8.

**High Jump** ♦ Derrick Spight, 11, Warren Central, 6-11.  
**Shot Put** ♦ Brandon Pounds, 12, Lawrence North, 63-9.  
**3200 Relay** ♦ Noblesville (Josh Snyder 11, Colin Dunlap 12, Jake Waterman 11, Blake Dircksen 11), 7:52.69.  
**110 Hurdles** ♦ D♦ Juan Richardson, 12, Warren Central, 13.96.  
**100 Meters** ♦ Shaun Smith, 12, Terre Haute North, 10.47.  
**1600 Meters** ♦ Drew Shields, 11, Fishers, 4:18.14.  
**400 Relay** ♦ Ben Davis (Colin Hester 11, Rahpeal Williams 12, Lavarus Williams 12, Matthew Terrell 11), 41.33.  
**400 Meters** ♦ Robert Gardner, 12, Gary Wallace, 47.72.  
**300 Hurdles** ♦ D♦ Juan Richardson, 12, Warren Central, 37.18.  
**800 Meters** ♦ Drew Shields, 11, Fishers, 1:55.14.  
**200 Meters** ♦ Matthew Terrell, 11, Ben Davis, 21.23.  
**3200 Meters** ♦ Andy Bayer, 12, Leo, 9:02.82.  
**1600 Relay** ♦ Gary Wallace (Deshannon Fryerson 12, Emmanuel Dixon 12, Jerel Flourney 12, Robert Gardner 12), 3:16.37.

**Top 10 Teams**

1.	Ben Davis	67
2.	Lawrence North	45
3.	Warren Central	36
4.	Fishers	32
T5.	Gary Wallace	27
T5.	Pike	27
T7.	Lawrence Central	25
T7.	Noblesville	25
T9.	Bloomington South	19
T9.	Fort Wayne Nothrop	19