

Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc.

9150 North Meridian Street, Box 40650, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240-0650

Phone: 317-846-6601 Fax: 317-575-4244 Website: www.ihsaa.org

Blake Ress, Commissioner

October 27, 2007

LAPORTE'S FOUT, FISHERS BOYS TAKE CROSS COUNTRY CROWNS

LaPorte's Mike Fout took control around the first 1,000 meter mark and was never challenged and Fishers edged LaPorte by less than a second to win the team title during the 2007 IHSAA boys cross country state championships in Terre Haute.

Fout, competing in his first cross country state finals, finished in 15:31.9 seconds dominating the rest of the field and winning by a 24.7 second margin over second place James Martin, a freshman from Carroll (Fort Wayne) (15:56.6). It was the second-widest margin of victory since the state finals moved to the 5,000 meter distance in 1980.

He becomes the first LaPorte student to win the individual state championship since Dale Lubs won in 1954 when the race was run at a two mile distance at South Grove Golf Course in Indianapolis. Fout also won the 3200 meter race at last June's state track meet.

Finishing third among individuals was Shakamak senior Anthony Witt (15:58.6); Hamilton Southeastern senior Zach Gates was fourth (16:02.7) and Fishers senior Drew Shields was fifth (16:04.9).

Fishers' fifth runner, Tyler Stegman, finished less than a second sooner than LaPorte's fifth, Corey Dillon, and that proved the difference in the race allowing the Tigers to claim the school's first state title in any sport. Stegman clocked a time of 16:59.5 (46th among team competitors and 72nd overall) to Dillon's time of 17:00.1 (49th among team competitors and 75th overall). That margin gave Fishers 102 points to LaPorte's 112, the smallest difference for the championship since Ben Davis edged Portage by four points in 1995.

Carmel finished third in the team competition with 142 points and was followed by Northridge with 151 points and fifth place Franklin with 207.

Besides Shields and Stegman, Fishers' other scoring runners included senior Cale Allen in 17th place overall (16:20.1); senior Nate Piggush in 31st (16:34.7) and; junior Alex Shields in 42nd (16:40.3). And in addition to Fout and Dillon, other LaPorte scorers were junior Matthew Miller in 29th overall (16:32.8); senior Tyler Toll (16:33.7) in 30th and; senior Kiel Lovekin in 43rd (16:40.8).

[Final Results](#)

FRANKLIN'S SEAN WILSON NAMED MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD WINNER

Franklin's Sean Wilson was named the winner of the Charles F. Maas Mental Attitude Award following the race by members of the IHSAA Executive Committee.

The award is presented annually to a senior participant in the state finals who was nominated by his principal and coach and has demonstrated excellence in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability. It is named after the late IHSAA assistant commissioner.

Academically, he ranks first in his senior class of 317 students. Wilson has been accepted to Princeton University where he'll study Physics. He was honored as one of Franklin's S.A.G.E. students (Setting a Good Example), which is given to a select few seniors each year based on outstanding leadership, positive mental attitude and a drive to help others in school and in the community. It is considered the highest non-academic award a student at the school can receive.

Wilson finished 11th overall (16:16.8) at the state meet to help Franklin finish in fifth place as a team.

He is the son of David and Anne Wilson of Franklin.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, the IHSAA's corporate partner, presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Franklin Community High School in the name of Sean Wilson.

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).