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## McCUTCHEON EDGES FRANKLIN CENTRAL FOR 4A TITLE

McCutcheon (31-5) scored twice in the bottom of the fourth inning and made its one run lead hold up the rest of the way to beat Franklin Central, 2-1, for the Class 4A state title at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis.

It was the first softball championship in school history in its third trip to the state finals. The Mavericks had finished as runner-up in 2005. McCutcheon owns two baseball titles – 1999 and 2003 (both 4A).

No. 6 Franklin Central (28-5) scored first in the top half of the fourth on Mallory Massingille's double to left center with two outs scoring Denise Coram from second base. Coram was pinch running for Chanda Bell who had singled up the middle to start the inning.

McCutcheon answered in the bottom half of the inning with all three of its hits in the game.

Kelsey Rummel led off with a single to right field. She advanced to second on a wild pitch by Franklin Central's Chanda Bell who then gave up a single over the shortstop by Maggie Tull advancing Rummel to third. Tull stole second base before Tori Collins grounded out. Tristan Wilcox then singled to second base scoring Rummel and the throw to first was off target and allowed Tull to score.

From there, Collins, the McCutcheon pitcher, struck out five batters ending the game with 11. Bell matched her with 11 K's as well.

The game also featured a pair of long-time coaches -- McCutcheon's Jim Bates is in his 23<sup>rd</sup> year while Franklin Central's Kathy Stricker is in her 29<sup>th</sup> season. Stricker led the Flashes to their first appearance in the softball state finals.

In semifinal action, Franklin Central ended East Central's (30-4) season, 6-0, in a game that started on Friday but couldn't finish until Monday afternoon due to heavy storms. McCutcheon earned its way into the championship game with a 4-1 victory over LaPorte.

## EAST CENTRAL'S KALLEN HOVLAND NAMED MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD WINNER

Kallen Hovland of East Central High School was recognized by members of the IHSAA Executive Committee as this year's recipient of the Mental Attitude Award in Class 4A softball.

Hovland ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in a class of 318 with a cumulative grade point average of 4.19 on a 4.0 scale and is highly involved in numerous clubs and activities in both her school and community. ♦ Kallen has demonstrated leadership by participating as an officer for two years in the French Club, member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes leadership team, and was the National Honor Society vice president.

She has received a Purdue University Trustee Scholarship, East Central Citizenship Award and was named a Hoosier Scholar. ♦ In addition, Kallen participated in the IHSAA's Role Model Poster Program and was a Wendy's High School Heisman Award winner.

Her volunteer work in her community includes her participation as a DHUMC Nursery Volunteer as well as a mission trip to assist the victims of hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

Athletically, Kallen has excelled in both softball and basketball at East Central.

She is the daughter of John and Betty Hovland.

In the fall, she will attend Purdue University and will major in food science.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, the corporate partner of the IHSAA, presented a \$1,000 scholarship to East Central High School in the name of Kallen Hovland.



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