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INDIANAPOLIS CATHEDRAL SWEEPS BOYS GOLF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Corey Ziedonis of Indianapolis Cathedral won the first playoff hole to win medalist honors and the Fighting Irish ran away with the team title in the 72nd annual IHSAA Boys Golf State Finals at The Legends of Indiana Golf Course in Franklin.

Ziedonis birdied the 513 yard, par 5, 11th hole in a sudden death playoff with Delta senior Chase Wright. The pair finished tied at 137 at the end of 36 holes. Ziedonis began the final day in first place after a 65 on Tuesday but shot +2 on Wednesday. Wright, the 2006 state runner-up, began the day in sixth place after shooting 69 on Tuesday before shooting one better on Wednesday.

It was the ninth playoff in the state meet's history and the first since 2001. Ziedonis became the second Cathedral player to win the state title joining James Somrack, the 1962 state champ.

Crown Point freshman Nick Grubnich (67-72-139) and Perry Meridian senior Aaron Monson (70-69-139) tied for third. A four-way tie for fifth place occurred between defending state champion Tyler Duncan, a senior from Columbus North (70-70-140), Evansville Reitz sophomore Drew Hrvatin (71-69-140), Indianapolis Cathedral senior Jason Seward (68-72-140) and Avon freshman Patrick Rogers (70-70-140).

Cathedral finished the two-day event with a 274-288-562, 22 shots better than runner-up Avon (289-295-584) in the team competition. The 22-shot margin tied for the second-largest margin of victory. Noblesville's 27 shot margin in 1998 is the top mark.

Besides Ziedonis and Seward, other Cathedral players included junior Henry Plager (70-72-142) in a tie for 10th; junior Brad Gehl (71-72-143) in a tie for 12th and senior Kevin Bowen (80-82-162) in 50th.

Lafayette Jefferson (299-292-591) placed third, Northridge (300-301-601) was fourth and Hamilton Southeastern (304-299-603), which started the day ninth, ended in fifth place.

Due to the heavy rains that hit the area earlier in the week, the course was re-arranged slightly and played as a par 70 and 6,530 yards instead of its normal 6,736 yards. Because of the modifications, course and state finals records were not eligible to be broken.

COLUMBUS NORTH'S TYLER DUNCAN NAMED MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD

Columbus North's Tyler Duncan was named the Fred A. Keesling Mental Attitude Award winner for boys golf as selected by members of the IHSAA Executive Committee.

Duncan was the 2007 state champion and tied for fifth (70-70-140) in this year's event. A year ago, Duncan shot a state finals and course record for 18 holes on the second day torching the 6,736-yard course with nine birdies for a 63 and a two-round total of 136 which was one stroke off the state finals record.

He is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Key Club, has volunteered to work at the polls during election time and just graduated in the top 10 percent of his senior class.

He will play collegiately at Purdue University next fall and study Business Management.

Duncan was nominated by his principal and coach and was determined to have best excelled in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership, and athletic ability in boys golf.

He is the son of Brian and Angie Duncan of Columbus.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, IHSAA corporate partner, presented a \$1,000 check to Columbus North High School in the name of Duncan.

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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).