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FORT WAYNE SNIDER WINS TITLE IN FIRST APPEARANCE

The Fort Wayne Snider Panthers made a late run to pull ahead of the Indianapolis Cathedral Fighting Irish 4-2 and claim the Class 4A state championship in eight innings.• Snider prevented Cathedral, led by coach Rich Andriole, from becoming the first school to claim a baseball state title in two different classes.•

Fort Wayne Snider (26-6) was the first team to score after junior Josh Johnson hit a single to center field, allowing sophomore Austin Grate to cross the plate in the second inning.

Cathedral (31-3) had their first runs of the game in the fifth inning after a two-out single from senior shortstop Jim Roesinger brought in two runs.

Fort Wayne Snider, led by coach Andy Owen, answered in the seventh inning.•• With a runner on third, Johnson flied out to center field bringing in Ryan Davis for the tying run.• The Panther defense held for the remainder of regulation, forcing the game into extra innings.

Cathedral pitcher Cy Fraker (11-1) came in for starter Anthony Agnew in the eighth inning.• Agnew could not hold back the Panther surge, however, giving up two runs off a double from senior Jeff Batesole.•

Senior Tony Sedlmeyer then forced three batters to strike out swinging for the Irish.

Snider pitcher Chris LaGrow (8-0) earned the win for the Panthers, striking out 10 in 6 1/3 innings.•

CATHEDRAL SHORTSTOP JIM ROESINGER WINS L.V. PHILLIPS MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD

Cathedral senior shortstop Jim Roesinger is the 2006 IHSAA Class 4A recipient of the L.V. Phillips Mental Attitude Award as selected by members of the IHSAA Executive Committee.

Roesinger delivered a key two-run single in the bottom of the fifth to give Cathedral a 2-1 lead in the championship game.• Roesinger is a three-year letterman in baseball who earned all-city recognition twice and served as team captain this season.• He also lettered three seasons in football for the Fighting Irish, earning the school•s •Male Athlete of the Year• recognition in 2005-06 and Academic All-State honors in 2005.

Roesinger graduated with a 3.93 cumulative grade point average.• The National Honor Society student was active as a peer mentor, in math league, and as a Habitat for Humanity volunteer all four years.• He also served as a CYO coach in football, basketball, and baseball.

•In the past 27 years, I have never observed a student-athlete who would meet the criteria for an IHSAA mental attitude award more than Jim Roesinger,• said Cathedral principal David J. Worland.• •He is a leader by example who goes out of his way to help our needy students who are not the star athletes nor high achievers.•

The award is presented annually to an outstanding senior participant in each classification who has demonstrated excellence in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability in baseball.• The award is named in honor of the late L.V. Phillips, who served as the second commissioner of the IHSAA from 1945-62.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, the corporate partner of the IHSAA, presented a $1,000 scholarship to Cathedral High School in the name of Jim Roesinger.

Roesinger, the son of James and Mary Roesinger, plans to attend DePauw University and play both football and baseball.

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