

IHSAA Girls Basketball

1996-97 State Finals in Review

MARTINSVILLE CLAIMS FIRST GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE TITLE

Martinsville became the 16th different school to claim the state championship in the 22nd Annual Indiana High School Athletic Association Girls Basketball State Finals March 1, 1997 at Market Square Arena in Indianapolis.

Coached by Jan Conner, Martinsville defeated Crown Point 66-59 for its 24th consecutive victory and a 26-1 finish to its championship season. Crown Point, a two-time state champion making its first state finals appearance since 1985, finished 22-5 under the direction of coach Tom May.

With only one senior on its roster and none in the starting lineup, Martinsville's aggressive defense was outstanding. The Artesians forced 24 Crown Point turnovers resulting in 15 Martinsville points.

Junior forward April Traylor led Martinsville offensively with 17 points, while guards Natalie Rhoden and Kristen Bodine contributed 14 points each.

Junior Sarah Little came off the bench to lead Crown Point scoring with 14 points.

Martinsville, a first-time state finalist whose only loss was to 1996 state champion Center Grove in the third game of the season, entered tournament play ranked second in the state coaches association poll. Crown Point was ranked 19th.

Crown Point had advanced to the championship game with a 58-42 semifinals triumph over first-time state finalist NorthWood (25-1). Jennifer Peak led Crown Point with 12 points, while LoriDawn Klotz and Amy Zercher paced NorthWood with 11 points each.

Martinsville took a 31-17 halftime lead over Columbus East in the first semifinals game, but had to withstand the determined Olympians in the fourth quarter before posting a 55-51 victory. The game was tied 47-47 with 3:46 to play before Martinsville rallied to advance. Junior Bryn Gallagher contributed 14 points and 14 rebounds for Columbus East, while Leslie Deaton led Martinsville offensively with 14 points.

April Traylor was named the tournament's most valuable player by the Associated Press. Other members of the all-tourney team were Kristen Bodine and Natalie Rhoden of Martinsville, and Jennifer Peak and Sarah Little of Crown Point.

The IHSAA Executive Committee selected Amberly (A.J.) Whitehead of NorthWood as the 1997 recipient of the IHSAA Mental Attitude Award in Girls Basketball. Farm Bureau Insurance, corporate sponsor of all IHSAA tournaments, presented a \$1,000 scholarship in Whitehead's name to NorthWood High School.

A total of 380 schools and 4,457 athletes began competition at the sectional level.

PERRY MERIDIAN'S AMY FREY WINS SECOND 3-POINT SHOOTOUT CROWN

Amy Frey of Perry Meridian won the Third Annual IHSAA-Farm Bureau Insurance 3-Point Shootout by hitting 16 of 25 shots in the final round of competition. It was the second title for Frey, who was the inaugural champion in 1995.

The 1997 runners-up were sophomore Jennifer Turner of Terre Haute North and senior Sheila Whitaker of Warsaw who hit 15 shots each. Senior Angie Watt of Princeton finished fourth with nine.

Frey was representing the Beech Grove Sectional and the Southport Semi-State area. She hit 14 shots in the semifinals to qualify for the championship round. Turner was the top shooter in the semifinals with 17 hits, followed by Watt with 14 and Whitaker with 12.

At every level of the competition, shooters had the opportunity to shoot five balls each at five different stations around the three-point arc within a 60-second period.

GAME ONE BOX SCORE

Martinsville (55)

Player	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	R	A	PF	S	TO	TP
April Traylor	16	6-9	0-0	1-3	3	2	4	3	1	13
Cortney Cooper	28	2-3	1-1	2-2	2	2	1	1	3	7
Leslie Deaton	31	6-11	2-5	0-0	3	0	3	1	3	14
Natalie Rhoden	25	1-6	1-4	0-0	0	2	2	0	2	3
Kristen Bodine	21	4-7	0-0	4-7	3	5	2	0	4	12
Leigh Anne Hardin	22	2-3	1-1	1-1	3	5	2	0	4	12
Ashley Pierce	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Natalee Lewis	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	0	2	0
Noelle Clark	<u>7</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	160	21-40	5-11	8-13	20	12	15	8	17	55

Team Rebounds: 4

Columbus East (51)

Player	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	R	A	PF	ST	TO	TP
Candice Tarte	24	1-2	0-0	1-3	4	0	2	0	1	3
Jennifer Wagner	29	5-12	0-0	4-5	9	1	5	2	1	14
Bryn Gallagher	32	6-14	0-0	2-2	14	1	2	1	1	14
Karen Force	31	4-11	1-4	0-1	6	3	2	3	5	9
Erica Lear	32	4-12	1-4	2-5	5	3	3	1	4	11
Emily Vincent	11	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	2	1	0
Sara Eversole	<u>1</u>	<u>0-1</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	160	20-55	2-8	9-16	38	9	16	9	13	51

Team Rebounds: 4

Score by Quarters:

Martinsville	10	21	7	17	-	55
Columbus East	7	14	16	14	-	51

Officials: Bryce Heller, Jay C. Smith, Kent Smith

Attendance: 12,759 (Two-game session)

GAME TWO BOX SCORE**NorthWood (42)**

Player	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	R	A	PF	S	TO	TP
LoriDawn Klotz	31	1-7	0-0	9-10	6	0	4	2	1	11
Natalie Will	28	1-7	0-1	0-0	3	2	5	2	7	2
Amberly J. Whitehead	24	3-8	0-0	2-2	2	1	4	1	2	8
Amy Sloat	31	2-8	1-5	1-2	4	1	5	3	5	6
Amy Zercher	31	5-10	0-1	1-2	2	1	1	5	4	11
Jodi Walters	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Jamie Gill	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Joanna Bove	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Angela Callander	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jessica Gunn	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Heidi Collins	1	2-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Erin Newcomer	<u>1</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	160	14-43	1-7	13-16	19	6	21	13	19	42

Team Rebounds: 5

Crown Point (58)										
Player	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	R	A	PF	ST	TO	TP
Melissa Gourley	14	0-2	0-0	0-2	2	0	2	0	1	0
Jennifer Urbanski	20	3-7	0-1	0-1	4	2	0	1	3	6
Jennifer Peak	21	4-5	0-0	4-5	6	0	1	2	1	12
Katey Marsh	22	2-7	1-3	5-8	3	3	4	4	3	10
Jennifer Sanders	17	3-5	0-0	3-4	1	1	4	2	4	9
Kelly O'Brien	10	0-2	0-0	2-2	1	0	0	0	1	2
Beth Tulley	16	1-4	0-0	3-4	6	2	0	1	3	5
Angie Babjak	10	4-5	2-2	0-0	3	0	1	0	2	10
Sarah Little	17	1-3	0-0	2-4	2	0	2	1	2	4
Gail Weilbaker	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Amy Steinberg	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Danielle Tovson	<u>2</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	160	18-40	3-6	19-30	29	8	15	12	20	58

Team Rebounds: 12

Score by Quarters:

NorthWood	10	11	7	14	-	42
Crown Point	13	14	13	18	-	58

Officials: Norman Delph, Roger Holder, Kent Smith

Attendance: 12,759 (Two-game session)

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME BOX SCORE

Crown Point (59)										
Player	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	R	A	PF	S	TO	TP
Melissa Gourley	15	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	1	0	3	0
Jennifer Urbanski	21	0-4	0-0	0-0	3	0	3	0	3	0
Jennifer Peak	18	5-7	0-0	2-2	5	1	2	0	1	12
Katey Marsh	20	4-6	1-2	2-3	1	1	5	1	4	11
Jennifer Sanders	14	3-6	0-0	1-2	6	0	4	0	2	7
Kelly O'Brien	11	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Beth Tulley	18	1-5	0-2	0-0	3	2	3	3	3	2
Angie Babjak	10	1-4	0-1	0-0	3	1	2	1	3	2
Sarah Little	17	5-6	0-1	4-4	5	2	4	0	3	14

Gail Weilbaker	14	2-3	0-0	5-6	2	1	1	0	1	9
Amy Steinberg	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Danielle Tovson	<u>1</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	160	22-43	1-6	14-17	30	11	25	5	24	59

Team Rebounds: 4

Martinsville (66)										
Player	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	R	A	PF	ST	TO	TP
April Traylor	25	6-14	0-1	5-11	8	2	3	3	5	17
Cortney Cooper	22	3-6	1-2	2-2	2	0	4	1	1	9
Leslie Deaton	21	1-4	0-2	0-0	9	1	3	1	0	2
Natalie Rhoden	25	4-9	4-9	2-2	0	2	2	1	0	14
Kristen Bodine	27	3-11	2-6	6-10	2	6	2	6	7	14
Michelle Dransfield	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leigh Anne Hardin	20	2-4	0-2	4-6	2	2	0	4	0	8
Raendra Tow	1	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashley Pierce	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Natalee Lewis	12	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Andrea Hawkins	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noelle Clark	<u>1</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>0-0</u>	<u>2-2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
Totals	160	19-51	7-23	21-33	25	13	16	17	13	66

Team Rebounds: 9

Score by Quarters:

Crown Point	13	19	15	12	-	59
Martinsville	16	14	19	17	-	66

Officials: Marvin Davis, Ed Seahill, Kent Smith

Attendance: 12,743