

1998 STATE FINALS NOTES

CLASS A

BLOOMFIELD

Was not ranked in final Associated Press Class A poll . . . Fourth Greene County school to reach the state finals, joining Marco (1914), Lyons (1923) and Dugger (1930) from the tournament's early years (1911-35) when up 16 to schools advanced to the state finals venue . . . Won school's 27th sectional title this year. . . Cardinals reached the Sweet 16 four times in the single-class format, most recently in 1994 when they fell to New Albany in the Terre Haute Semi-State finals . . . Seeking to become the first school to claim IHSAA boys basketball and girls basketball titles in the same year . . . Cardinals won the 1998 IHSAA Class A girls title March 14 with 90-58 victory over Morgan Township . . . The only other school to play in IHSAA basketball championship games in the same season was Bedford North Lawrence in 1990 when the girls finished as the state runner-up and the boys claimed the title . . . Played four Class 4A schools and six Class 3A schools this season, winning three of the 10 games . . . Has widest tournament victory margin (17.0) of any 1998 state finalist and defeated three Class A top 10 teams along the way . . . Senior forward Josh Thompson suffered a knee injury at the semi-state and his status is uncertain.

LAFAYETTE CENTRAL CATHOLIC

Ranked fifth in final Associated Press Class A poll . . . With 252 students in four grades, it's the smallest school to reach the IHSAA Boys Basketball State Finals since Argos in 1979 with 271 students . . . Coach Chad Dunwoody, in his third year as coach, aims to become the youngest man to win an IHSAA boys basketball state title since 25-year-old Ike Tallman at Muncie Central in 1963 . . . Dunwoody served as an assistant coach at the school while still an undergraduate at Purdue and was named head coach immediately after graduation . . . Balanced attack has four players averaging double figures, topped by 6-foot-6 sophomore center Eric Washington at 14.6 along with 9.2 rebounds . . . Tall Knights outrebounding opponents by more than 15 a game . . .

First Catholic school to play in an IHSAA boys basketball state championship game . . . Catholic schools were admitted to the IHSAA in 1942-43, but none has won an IHSAA boys basketball title . . . Lafayette Central Catholic joined the IHSAA in 1957-58, its first year of existence . . . Catholic schools to reach the state finals previously were Evansville Rex Mundi (1964), Andean (1980), Indianapolis Cathedral (1982), Hammond Noll (1988), South Bend St. Joseph's (1989, 1993) and Brebeuf (1991) . . . Defeated fellow state finalist Indianapolis Cathedral 48-41 on Dec. 19 at home . . . Only losses were to Class 4A neighborhood rivals Harrison (West Lafayette) and McCutcheon, and to Class 3A sectional winner Benton Central . . . This year's sectional title was third in school history, joining the teams of 1973 and 1987. Those clubs reached the Lafayette Semi-State finals before falling.

CLASS 2A

ALEXANDRIA

Ranked eighth in the final Associated Press Class 2A poll . . . Sixth Madison County school to reach the state finals, joining Anderson (19 times, most recently 1990), Anderson Madison Heights (1972), Lapel (1940), Pendleton (1917) and Summitville (1926). The state finals field from 1911-1935 included up to 16 teams . . . Alexandria joins Anderson as the only one Madison County school to play for a state title . . . Garth Cone in his 21st year as Tiger coach after previously serving as an assistant . . . His teams have averaged 15 victories a season . . . Tigers are 48-2 at home during the past five seasons . . . Hosted a sectional and a regional in 1998 for the first time in its history . . . Won sectional titles at Anderson in three of the last nine years prior to the adoption of multiple-class tournament play . . . Senior forward Dave Porter (20.0) has the top scoring average among the 96 players in the state finals field . . . Senior guard Jeffery (J.D.) Closser is a top baseball prospect and played on the U.S. Junior National team last summer . . . Arthur L. Trester, who served the IHSAA as its permanent secretary (1913-29) and then as its first commissioner (1929 until his death in 1944), came to those posts after serving as principal at Alexandria.

SOUTHWESTERN (Hanover)

Unranked in final Associated Press Class 2A poll . . . School formed in 1960-61 as consolidation of Hanover and Saluda . . . Had won five sectional titles previously in 1973, 1974, 1977, 1987 and 1997 . . . The 1998 regional crown was a first . . . First year at Southwestern for coach Jerry Bomholt, who sat out last season while recuperating from health problems . . . Bomholt previously had coached six seasons at Princeton . . . Elwood native began 18-year varsity coaching career at Anderson Highland during the 1979-80 season when he was elevated at mid-season after head coach Bob Fuller was fatally stricken during a game at Lapel. The Scots finished the regular season 20-0 and ranked No. 1 . . . Rebels opened with three losses and stood 2-5 before winning 15 of their next 19 games and into the state finals . . . They join Madison (1949, 1950) as the only Jefferson County schools to reach the state championship game . . . Senior guard Trevor Crafton, who leads the Rebels with a 16.6 average, has signed a basketball letter of intent with The Citadel . . . Crafton and senior forward Andy Firth both reached the 1,000-point mark for their careers this season.

CLASS 3A

INDIANAPOLIS CATHEDRAL

Ranked seventh in final Associated Press Class 3A poll . . . Escaped Plainfield Sectional opener with a 57-56 triumph over archrival Indianapolis Chatard after trailing by two points with 18 seconds left . . . Scored 34 first-quarter points in 73-49 Evansville Semi-State championship victory over Madison . . . Only losses were at Lafayette Central Catholic, to Indianapolis Manual in the Indianapolis City Tourney, at Carmel and at Pike . . . Senior forward Rylan Hainje leads the team in scoring (16.8) and rebounding (8.9) . . . Hainje, who played his freshman year at Lafayette Central Catholic, has signed a basketball letter of intent with Butler . . . He's shot 77 percent from the field in the last five tournament games. . . Running mate A.T. Simpson (7.2 points, 5.4 rebounds) was a 1997 *Parade Magazine* All-America choice in football as a wide receiver and signed a football

letter of intent with Purdue . . . Several other basketball Irish also played football, including Hainje, starting guard Zach Fox and sixth man Phil Brown . . . Irish won IHSAA Class 3A football state title in 1996 . . . Status of starting guard Eddie Freije is uncertain after the junior suffered an ankle injury against Madison . . . Joins South Bend St. Joseph's (1989, 1993) as the only Catholic schools to twice reach the IHSAA boys basketball state finals.

YORKTOWN

Ranked eighth in final Associated Press Class 3A poll, but has defeated No. 1 Delta (sectional semifinals), No. 5 Lebanon (regional), No. 2 Andean (semi-state opener) and No. 4 Plymouth (semi-state finals) to reach the state finals for the first time . . . Defensive-minded Tigers join Muncie Central (13 times, most recently 1988), Muncie Burriss (1942 state runner-up) and Delta (1997 state runner-up) as Delaware County schools to play in a state championship game . . . Defeated Class 2A state finalist Alexandria 69-59 Feb. 10 on the road in a battle of neighboring school districts . . . Only losses this season were to Muncie Central and Delta (twice) . . . Gained revenge on Delta in a 48-47 thriller in the Muncie Southside Sectional semifinals . . . Sectional title was the school's fourth, joining the 1972, 1973 and 1986 teams . . . Eight different players have started a game this season . . . Joe Bradburn, in his third season at the school and fourth overall as a head coach, calls Delta's Paul Keller a mentor and draws parallels between the neighboring schools who have made back-to-back runs to the state finals . . . Balanced scoring attack has three double-digit scorers, paced by senior forward Lucas Boehm at 12.5 along with a team-high 91 assists.

CLASS 4A

MARION

Ranked No. 4 in final Associated Press Class 4A poll . . . Making its 17th appearance in the state finals, but the first since 1987 when its famed Purple Reign team joined Franklin as the only school to win three consecutive IHSAA boys basketball state titles . . . Marion is 6-0 in state championship games, winning the state crown in 1926, 1975, 1976, 1985, 1986 and 1987 . . . Only fellow North Central Conference member Muncie Central, with eight titles, has won more IHSAA boys basketball crowns . . . Shared 1997-98 NCC title with Anderson . . . Only losses this season were at Anderson and at North Central (Indianapolis) . . . Only state finalist to survive an overtime game in the 1998 state tournament, outlasting host Kokomo in the regional and Elkhart Central in the Lafayette Semi-State finals . . . Sophomore Zach Randolph, a 6-foot-8 center, leads Giants in scoring (17.0) and rebounding (12.3) . . . Guards Kyle (senior) and Todd (sophomore) Chin are the sons of former Marion standout John Chin, who played on the school's 1968 and 1969 state finalist teams . . . Marion High School was a charter member of the IHSAA . . . Its principal at the time, J.T. Giles, served on the first IHSAA Board of Control in 1903-04 and later as its first permanent secretary.

PIKE

Ranked No. 2 in final Associated Press Class 4A poll . . . Strong tournament run includes 66-64 sectional opener nailbiter over No. 7-ranked host Noblesville and 69-66 rubber match victory over tenth-ranked North Central (Indianapolis) for the Noblesville Sectional crown . . . Stopped top-ranked host Anderson 68-65 to win the

regional title . . . Is the 14th Marion County school to reach the state finals in the event's 88-year history . . . One of the others was New Augusta (1914), a Pike predecessor . . . When the Pike Township school system was reorganized in 1945-46, the school was renamed Pike . . . One of six Marion County schools to reach the state finals in the past 10 years, joining Lawrence North (1989), Southport (1990), Brebeuf (1991), Ben Davis (1993-94-95-96) and Indianapolis Cathedral (1998) . . . Lone defeat this season came 55-51 on Jan. 24 at North Central, 12 days after scoring an 85-65 victory over Panthers in first round of the Marion County Tourney at Warren Central . . . School had not won a sectional title since 1990 . . . Finished regular season with three key victories over Indianapolis Cathedral (73-68) at Bloomington North (56-51) and at home against Bloomington South (46-43) . . . Latter two victories clinched the first Conference Indiana title . . . Regional crown was its third, joining the 1972 and 1987 teams . . . Red Devils finished 4-16 two seasons ago on the varsity level in coach Alan Darner's first season, while the junior varsity was going 8-10 . . . Trying to join fellow Conference Indiana member Martinsville as an IHSAA basketball champion in 1998 . . . Senior guard Isaac Kincaid leads in scoring (19.0) and has hit 69 three-pointers . . . Senior forward Rodney Smith (13.6 points, 6.1 rebounds) has signed a basketball letter of intent with Purdue . . . Freshman guard Chris Thomas (13.6 is first backcourt sub and has hit 58 of 129 (45 percent) three-point attempts . . . Thomas is the son of 1976 Indiana All-Star Frank Thomas (Fort Wayne North Side) who played collegiately at Rice and Butler.