BLOOMFIELD CAPTURES

FIRST IHSAA STATE TITLE

A big third quarter propelled Bloomfield to 90-58 victory in the Class A state championship game in the 23rd Annual IHSAA Girls Basketball State Finals in Market Square Arena in Indianapolis on Saturday.

The Cardinals, coached by Paula Fettig, outscored Morgan Township, 30-6, in the third quarter to claim the first state championship in any sport for the school of 349 students. Bloomfield was making its third appearance in the state finals, including a runner-up finish in the inaugural girls basketball state finals in 1976. They returned in 1977, but fell in the semifinal round. Last November, the Cardinals finished as the state runner-up in Class A volleyball.

Four players scored in double figures for Bloomfield which finished 26-1. Melissa Cochrane and Sara McIntosh scored 22 points a piece to lead four Cardinals players in double figures. Patsy Hardesty scored 19 points and Lindsay Secrest added 18 points of her own. Karin Morrisroe put up 19 points to lead Morgan Township.

The Cherokees, coached by Jeff Edwards, closed at 24-4 after capturing the school's first basketball sectional title three weeks ago.

The IHSAA Executive Committee selected Melissa Cochrane of Bloomfield as the recipient of the 1998 Mental Attitude Award in Class A girls basketball. Farm Bureau Insurance, the corporate partner of all IHSAA tournaments, presented a \$1,000 scholarship in Cochrane's name to Bloomfield High School.

1998 IHSAA CLASS A CHAMPIONSHIP

GAME BOX SCORE

Bloomfield (26-1)

Name	Min.	FG	3FG	FT	R	A	F	S	то	TP
Patsy Hardesty	29	9-16	1-1	0-0	5	8	3	5	2	19
Lindsay Secrest	29	7-10	4-5	0-0	10	7	1	3	2	18
Melissa Cochrane	27	10- 13	0-0	2-2	12	0	2	0	0	22
Sara McIntosh	28	10- 15	0-2	2-6	10	4	1	2	7	22
Laura Batterton	32	2-7	0-0	0-0	5	7	3	0	5	4
Audrey Anderson	1	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Stephanie Coffin	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Lesly Ausman	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Leslie Gillespie	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kirstin Workman	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0
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Brandi Combs	3	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Lori Beth Small	2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team Total	160	40- 67	5-8	5-10	45	27	13	11	18	90
Percentages	_	59.7	62.5	50.0	_	_		_		

Team Rebounds: 5

Morgan Township (24-4)

Name	Min.	FG	3FG	FT	R	A	F	S	то	ТР
Jody Lackey	31	9-13	0-0	0-2	4	2	2	3	1	18
Jordan Mills	28	5-12	0-0	1-5	10	0	1	3	4	11
Megan Hefner	29	4-13	0-0	0-0	10	0	3	1	0	8
Kim McGinley	24	1-9	0-1	0-0	6	5	1	1	2	2
Karin Morrisroe	31	6-25	3-10	4-5	4	5	3	2	8	19
Kelly Nicholson	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rachel Good	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelly Morrisroe	8	0-4	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	0	2	0
April Riley	6	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Autumn Martin	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team Totals	160	25- 80	3-11	5-12	38	13	11	10	17	58
Percentages		31.3	27.3	41.7			_			-

Team Rebounds: 6

Score by Quarters:

Bloomfield	22	20	30	18	 90
Morgan Township	13	21	6	18	 58

Officials:Ron McGriff, Mike Waisnora, Keith Fields (alternate).