

1999 IHSAA WRESTLING STATE FINALS

February 19-20, 1999

Market Square Arena, Indianapolis

ATTENDANCE RECORD, TWO REPEAT CHAMPS IN 1999 FINALS

Jeffersonville teammates Adam Doherty and Robert Rosbottom repeated as state champions before a record crowd in the 61st IHSAA Wrestling State Finals Saturday night (Feb. 20) at Market Square Arena in Indianapolis.

The final session of 14 championship matches drew a single-session record of 11,027, bringing the total two-day attendance to a record 40,112. The previous records were 10,665 (final session) and 37,020 (four session), both in 1997.

Doherty, the 112 pound champion, completed his high school career with his second straight unbeaten season, going 48-0 this year and 97-0 over the last two seasons. He was the 103-pound champion in 1998. Rosbottom finished 48-1 after taking the title at 145 pounds. He was the 135-pound champion in 1998.

Kevin Carr (41-0) of Wawasee, the state runner-up at 145 pounds in 1998, knocked off former state champion Brad Harper of Mishawaka in a tight 2-1 overtime match at 160 pounds to win his first title. Harper finished the season 27-2, with both losses to Carr. Harper was the 152-pound champion in 1998 and overcame a badly shattered arm suffered in Mishawaka's final football game of the 1998 season.

Other unbeaten state champions were:

- Junior Alexander Ramos (43-0) of Hobart at 119 pounds, who defeated Portage's Andrew Bradbury for the sixth straight time this season with a pin 4:27.
- Senior Randy Pursley (36-0) of Bluffton at 130 pounds, who earned a 9-3 decision over William Campbell of Warren Central. Campbell also finished as the state runner-up in 1998, at 125 pounds.
- Junior Marcus Schontube (49-0) of Lowell at 171 pounds, who took a 2-0 over Nick Hardwick of Lawrence North.

Bluffton's Pursley and senior Aaron Ramey of Prairie Heights at 215 pounds became the first wrestling state champions from their schools.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH RESULTS

103 -- Nick Iannarelli (46-1), senior, Elkhart Memorial dec. Jason Cook (44-7), freshman, Valparaiso, 4-2.

112 -- Adam Doherty (48-0), senior, Jeffersonville dec. Scott Maddox (39-1), senior, Taylor, 8-4.

119 -- Alexander Ramos (43-0), junior, Hobart pinned Andrew Bradbury (46-6), senior, Portage, 4:27.

125 -- Mitchell Robb (45-3), senior, New Albany dec. Ben Sprunger (35-1), junior, Bluffton, 11-7.

130 -- Randy Pursley (36-0), senior, Bluffton dec. William Campbell (40-3) junior, Warren Central, 9-3

135 -- Thurman Stone (46-1), senior, Calumet dec. Vinscent Minor (39-3), senior, South Bend Washington, 4-2.

140 -- Josh Holden (43-1), Lawrence Central dec. Timothy Maldonado (49-2), senior, East Chicago Central, 8-1.

145 -- Robert Rosbottom (48-1), senior, Jeffersonville dec. Steve Minton (35-8), senior, New Albany, 10-3.

152 -- Fred Joseph (46-5), junior, Portage dec. Josh Arnold (31-2), senior, Penn, 3-1.

160 -- Kevin Carr (41-0), senior, Wawasee, dec. Brad Harper (27-2), senior, Mishawaka, 2-1 (OT).

171 -- Marcus Schontube (49-0), junior, Lowell dec. Nick Hardwick (42-3), senior, Lawrence North, 2-0.

189 -- Brad Stephens (34-2), junior, Lawrence North dec. Dale Griffin (38-2), senior, Terre Haute North, 3-1 OT.

215 -- Aaron Ramey (35-2), senior, Prairie Heights dec. Kevin Kemper (46-4), senior, Lawrence North, 5-2.

275 -- Tim LaMar (37-3), senior, Wabash dec. James Parke (37-1), senior, Fort Wayne Elmhurst, 5-3 (OT).

FAUOTE NAMED BROWN MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD RECIPIENT

Ben Faurote of Belmont High School was named the 1999 recipient of the Ward E. Brown Award for Mental Attitude in wrestling.

Faurote was the third-place finisher at 135 pounds, reaching the semifinals before falling to Vinscent Minor of South Bend Washington in a 7-5 overtime decision.

He won three IHSAA sectional titles, two regional crowns and a semi-state championship during his career at Belmont.

Faurete ranks third academically in a senior class of 230 students at Belmont High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as treasurer of the school's student council. Faurete also is an active volunteer in the community, working with senior citizens and as a wrestling coach for elementary students.

He intends to enroll at the University of Notre Dame and major in engineering.

Farm Bureau Insurance, corporate partner of the IHSAA, awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Belmont High School in Faurete's name.