

IHSAA Class 2A Softball Championship

June 19, 1999

Cherry Tree Softball Complex, Carmel

Kurtz hurls perfect game to lead Roncalli over Andrean

Senior Ariane Kurtz tossed a perfect game to lead Roncalli to its first softball state championship, a 1-0 triumph over Andrean. Kurtz, who threw a no-hitter with 18 strikeouts in Roncalli's 3-0 semifinals victory over Blackford, came back with 12 strikeouts against Andrean.

Roncalli scored its only run in the first inning. Mary Buergler opened the game by reaching base with an error. She later scored on a single from Kari Dearing.

It was the second no-hitter in state championship game history, and the first perfect game. The other no-hitter was by Gaynelle Vogel by Twin Lakes in 4-0 triumph over Belmont in 1989. In that game, two Twin Lakes players reached base.

Kurtz named Mental Attitude Award Recipient

Ariane Kurtz, a senior at Roncalli High School, was chosen by the IHSAA Executive Committee as the 1999 recipient of the Mental Attitude Award in Class 2A softball.

A four-year letterman, Kurtz served as the team captain the past two seasons. Academically, she ranked in the top 30 percent of her senior class, is a member of the National Honor Society and is an active community volunteer. She will attend Tri-State University on a scholarship.

Farm Bureau Insurance, corporate partner of the IHSAA, presented a \$1,000 check to Roncalli High School in the name of Kurtz.

Championship Game

Roncalli (1)	AB	R	H	RBI
Marcy Buergler, 2b	3	1	0	0
Michelle Madden, 1f	4	0	2	0

Kari Dearing, 1b	4	0	2	1
Lisa Kocher, cf	0	0	0	0
Katie Stephon, dh	3	0	0	0
Megan Crist, rf	2	0	0	0
Amy Zapp, ss	2	0	0	0
Ariane Kurtz, p	2	0	1	0
Ashlee Oncale, pr	0	0	0	0
Neysa Renick, 3b	2	0	0	0
Susie Chamberlain, c	3	0	2	0
Robin Black, pr	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	1	7	1

Andreas (0)	AB	R	H	RBI
Kara Austgen, lf	3	0	0	0
Sara Butterworth, cf	3	0	0	0
Tracy Simon, 1b	3	0	0	0
Gretchen Messenger, 3b	2	0	0	0
Jodie Mojzik, c	2	0	0	0
Maria Alvarado, rf	2	0	0	0
Annie Puntillo, p	0	0	0	0
Courtney Kinkade, dh	2	0	0	0
Jamie Gutowski, 2b	1	0	0	0
Kelly Banik, ph	1	0	0	0
Kristen Stephan, ss	1	0	0	0
Nikki Rosenow, ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	21	0	0	0

Roncalli	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	1	7	0
Andrean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	0	3

E ♦ Stephan, Messenger, Puntillo. **LOB** ♦ Roncalli 9, Andrean 0. **DP** -- Andrean 2. **SAC** -- Renick, Zapp. **PB** - - Mojzik. **SB** -- Crist, Madden, Kurtz. **Umpires** -- John Davis (plate), Woodie Smith (First Base), Kathy Staton (Third Base). ♦ **Time of Game** -- 1:29. **Attendance:** 2,528 (Three-game championship session).

Pitching Summary	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO
Ariane Kurtz (W, 15-8)	7	0	0	0	0	12
Annie Puntillo (L, 8-5)	7	1	0	7	1	8

IHSAA Class 2A Softball State Semifinals

June 18, 1999, North Central High School, Indianapolis

Roncall senior pitcher Ariane Kurtz fired the third no-hitter in IHSAA Softball State Finals history as Rebels breezed past the Blackford Bruins 3-0 Friday night.

The victory earned Roncalli (18-13) a title game shot at 4 p.m. Saturday at Cherry Tree Complex in Carmel against defending Class 2A state champion Andrean, which rallied past Evansville Mater Dei 4-3 in 9 innings.

Kurtz struck out 18 Bruins and issued just one free pass, as only two Blackford hitters reached base (one walk, one Roncalli error). Kurtz♦s dominance included seven straight strikeouts and virtually an untouchable fastball.

Coach Jim Padgett♦s Rebels, winners of six straight games, are in the state championship game for the first time in school history.

Roncalli scored all three of its runs in the bottom of the second inning. After Megan Crist scored an unearned run, junior Susie Chamberlin doubled down the left field line to score Amy Zapp. The third run came compliments of Ariane Kurtz, who scored the second of two unearned runs yielded by the Bruins.

Andrean (26-8-1) moved on as junior Sara Butterworth knocked in the winning run with two outs in the top of the ninth. The inning started with Kristen Stephan, who walked and advanced to second on a groundout. Butterworth then plated Stephan with a seeing-eyes single through the right side of the infield.

Annie Puntillo picked up her eighth victory this season in relief of Andrean♦s Maria Pangere. Puntillo scattered four hits and struck out four in 5 2/3 innings of scoreless work.

Evansville Mater Dei finished a fine season 24-6. Prior to the loss to Andrean, the Wildcats had outscored their opponents 33-0 in state tournament play.

Game 1

Blackford (0)		AB	R	H	RBI						
Angie Davis, c		3	0	0	0						
Abby Hurst, p/rf		3	0	0	0						
Amber King, 3b		2	0	0	0						
Amber Huffman, cf		3	0	0	0						
Maria Montgomery, ss		3	0	0	0						
Tanna Smith, lf		2	0	0	0						
Laura VanGordon, rf/p		2	0	0	0						
Sarah Jones, 1b		2	0	0	0						
Sara Atkinson, 2b		2	0	0	0						
Totals		22	0	0	0						
Roncalli (3)		AB	R	H	RBI						
Marcy Buerger, 2b		3	0	0	0						
Michelle Madden, lf		3	0	0	0						
Kari Dearing, 1b		2	0	1	0						
Katie Stephon, dh		3	0	0	0						
Megan Crist, rf		3	1	1	0						
Amy Zapp, ss		1	1	0	0						
Ariane Kurtz, p		3	1	0	0						
Neysa Renick, 3b		3	0	1	0						
Susie Chamberlin, c		3	0	1	1						
Lisa Kocher, cf		0	0	0	0						
Totals		24	3	4	1						
Blackford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	0	3
Roncalli	0	3	0	0	0	0	x	--	3	4	1

E- Hurst 2 (2); Montgomery (1); Kurtz (1). **2B-** Chamberlin (1). **HBP-** Zapp. **CS-** Smith (1); Stephon (1) **LOB-** Blackford 2; Roncalli 6. **Umpires** ♦ William Pebworth (Home Plate), Danny Halladay (1B), Dean Russell (3B). **Time of Game:** 1:35. **Attendance:** 828 (two-game session).

Pitching Summary	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO
Ariane Kurtz, W (14-8)	7.0	0	0	0	1	18
Abby Hurst, L (10-5)	3.0	3	1	3	1	1
Laura VanGordon	3.0	0	0	1	1	4

Game 2

Andrean (3)	AB	R	H	RBI
Kara Austgen, lf	4	1	1	1
Sara Butterworth, cf	4	0	1	1
Kacey Rak, pr	0	0	0	0
Tracy Simon, 1b	4	0	1	1
Gretchen Messenger, 3b	2	1	0	0
Jodie Mojzik, c	3	0	0	0
Maria Alvarado, rf	3	0	1	0
Courtney Kinkade, dh	2	0	0	0
Jamie Gutkowski, 2b	1	0	0	0
Kelly Banik, ph	1	1	1	0
Kristen Stephan, ss	2	1	1	0
Totals	26	4	6	3
Evansville Mater Dei (3)	AB	R	H	RBI
Sarah Kothe, ss	4	1	2	1
Renee Rietman, c	5	0	0	0
Lindsey Buchanan, 3b	2	0	1	0
Jessica Adler, lf	5	0	2	2

Brianne Lemberg, 1b	3	0	0	0
Laura Knapp, cf	4	0	1	0
Kendra Schmitt, 2b	4	1	1	0
Theresa Adler, dh	3	0	0	0
Laura Elsner, rf	4	1	1	0
April Alstadt, p	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	3	8	3

Andrean	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	--	4	6	3
Evansville Mater Dei	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	--	3	8	3

E ♦ Simon, Messenger, Pangere, Kothe, Schmitt, Alstadt. **2B** ♦ Austgen, Buchanan. **3B** ♦ Simon. **SB** ♦ Messenger, Alvarado 2, Kothe, Elsner. **CS** ♦ Buchanan. **HBP** ♦ Kothe. **SH** -- Gutowski, Buchanan, Lemberg, Adler. **LOB** ♦ Andrean 8, Evansville Mater Dei 12. **Umpires** ♦ Danny Halladay (Home Plate), Dean Russell (1B), William Pebworth (3B). **Time of Game** ♦ 2:34. **Attendance** ♦ 828 (two-game session).

Pitching Summary	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO
Annie Puntillo, (W, 8-4)	3.1	3	3	5	0	3
April Alstadt, (L, 24-4)	9	4	3	3	4	4