

1998 IHSAA SOCCER STATE FINALS

Kuntz Memorial Stadium, Indianapolis

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FORT WAYNE CANTERBURY REPEATS AS BOYS SOCCER STATE CHAMPION

Fort Wayne Canterbury successfully defended its state title tonight with a 1-0 victory over Washington in the Fifth Annual IHSAA Boys Soccer State Finals at Kuntz Memorial Stadium in Indianapolis.

The winning goal was scored at 39:15 of the first half by senior midfielder Phil Presser. It was his 14th goal of the season. The top-ranked Cavaliers, coached by Greg Mauch, finished the season 21-1-3.

Washington, which reached the state finals for the fourth straight year, was playing in its first championship match after knocking off No. 2-ranked Valparaiso 2-1 in the semifinals.

Fort Wayne Canterbury topped first-time state finalist Pike 1-0 in the semifinals on the strength of Presser's unassisted goal with 3:50 remaining.

Washington used goals from John Havill and Nate Davis to advance. Davis scored at 37:08 of the first half to give the Hatchets a 1-0 halftime lead. Havill made it 2-0 at 33:49 of the second half. Valparaiso's Paul Leland scored with 25:16 to bring the Vikings within 2-1. They had several good scoring opportunities in the closing minutes, but No. 5-ranked Washington registered several key saves to preserve the victory. Valparaiso outshot Washington 12-7 as it bowed out at 21-2.

MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD TO CYLE GRABER OF WASHINGTON

Cyle Graber, a senior at Washington High School, tonight was named the 1998 recipient of C. Eugene Cato Award for Mental Attitude in Boys Soccer by the IHSAA Executive Committee. Graber is a four-year starter for the Hatchets and a member of four state finalist teams. He has participated in basketball, baseball and track while in high school. Academically, he ranks 16th in a class of 197 students. Graber also has been active in a number of other extracurricular activities, including the school's Academic Bowl team. He plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana and pursue a career in medicine.

Farm Bureau Insurance, the IHSAA corporate partner, presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Washington High School in Graber's name. He is the fourth Washington High School student to receive the award in its five-year history.

