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NEWS RELEASE

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Track and Field Hardware on the Line this Weekend

The state's best in high school track and field converge in Bloomington this weekend as the IHSAA conducts the 43rd Girls State Finals on Friday and the 113th Boys State Finals on Saturday. Both meets will be contested at the Robert C. Haugh Track and Field Complex on the campus of Indiana University with field events beginning at 3 pm ET and running events at 4:15 pm ET.

The boys meet, the oldest event in any sport sponsored by the IHSAA, features six defending state champions in various events while the girls meet has two individuals that won four events between them.

Lynna Irby continues her charge through the record books. The Pike junior swept the 100, 200 and 400 races for the second straight season last year and would join North Central's Maicel Malone as the only sprinters to sweep all three for a third straight year if she pulls it off again Friday night. Irby broke Malone's 100 meters state record time last year in 11.50 and is the top seed in the 100 and 400 this year and third in the 200. She is also expected to anchor the Red Devils' second-seeded 1600 meter relay team. Only one other individual - LaShanda Harper of Harding - has won four events in the same year. And Harper did it twice winning the 100, 200, Long Jump and 400 relay in 1995 and 1996, the first two years an athlete could enter four events.

Victoria Farley of Portage is the other defending champ having won the shot put a year ago. Her throw of 45-6.5 at last Tuesday's regional has her seeded second this weekend.

Last fall's girls cross country champion, Sarah Leinheiser, is the third seeded runner (10:47.25) in the 3200 meter race and is part of a stacked Carmel front that features three of the top four seeded runners led by classmate Christina Geisler (10:43.90).

On the boys side, the Greyhounds have two top-seeded individuals who are also defending champs.

Ben Veatch won the 3200 race a year ago and is nearly 10 seconds faster (9:05.40) than the next competitor in this year's field. Veatch also won the cross country state title the last two seasons.

Junior teammate Jalen Walker is the defending champ in the 300 Hurdles and enters Saturday with the third-fastest time of 38.51.

Bluffton's D'Wayne Eskridge is the defending winner in the 200 meters where he is seeded fourth (22.05) this time around. The senior is also seeded fourth (10.85) in the 100 meters and second (23-7.75) in the long jump. After some research, only one individual in the 112 previous state finals has won those three events in the same year - Noblesville's Paul Walton in 1913 won the 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash and the long jump when the meet was held at Earlham College in Richmond.

Other individuals back to defend their titles include: Brownsburg senior Hari Sathyamurthy seeded second (1:52.65) in the 800 meters, Center Grove senior Cameron Tidd who is sixth (172-9) in the discus, and Ben Davis senior Christian Powell who is fourth



(22-11) in the long jump.

Results will be posted at IHSAA.org as the meets progress each day and on Twitter at @IHSAA1.

State Finals

Dates: Friday, June 3, 2016 (Girls); Saturday, June 4, 2016 (Boys).

Site: Robert C. Haugh Track and Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington.

Admission: \$10.00 each day.

Results: [Girls Meet](#) | [Boys Meet](#)

Webcast: Not affiliated with the IHSAA, JConnect.net will be streaming this weekend's state meets. [Girls Meet](#) | [Boys Meet](#)

Heat Sheets: [Girls](#) | [Boys](#)

[Girls State Championship Record Book](#) | [Boys State Championship Record Book](#)

Girls Notables

Defending Team Champion: Pike.

Defending State Champions in Field (Individual Events)

100 Meters: Lynna Irby, 11, Pike.

200 Meters: Lynna Irby, 11, Pike.

400 Meters: Lynna Irby, 11, Pike.

Shot Put: Victoria Farley, 11, Portage.

Career State Championships by an Individual (Individual and Relay Events)

11: Maicel Malone, North Central (Indianapolis), 1984-87.

11: Lashanda Harper, Harding, 1994-96.

8: Candyce McGrone, Warren Central, 2006-08.

7: Skyler Carpenter, Westview, 2010-12

7: Kierstin Doyle, Benton Central, 1992-94.

7: Shauntel Elcock, Fort Wayne Northrop, 2002-04.

7: LeShundra "DeDee" Nathan, Fort Wayne South Side, 1984-86.

State Championships Won by This Year's Participants (Individual and Relay Events)

6: Lynna Irby, 11, Pike.

2: Kristen Johnson, 12, West Lafayette.

2: Lauren Johnson, 12, West Lafayette.

2: Breanna Phillips, 11, Fort Wayne Northrop.

2: Ra'Von Woodson, 12, Ben Davis.

1: Ashley Baker, 11, Warren Central.

1: Sheniya Brown 10, Ben Davis.

1: Bryeana Byrdsong, 12, Warren Central.

1: Dajia Collier, 12, Ben Davis.

1: Victoria Farley, 11, Portage.

1: Ashleigh Macleod, 11, Penn.

1: Kyara Muhammad, 11, Fort Wayne Northrop.

1: Taylor Nicholson, 11, Avon.

1: Kyara Simmons 11, Ben Davis.

1: Jessica Sprinkles, 12, Tipton.

1: Itoro Udo-Imeh 10, West Lafayette.

1: Cierra Weemes, 12, Fort Wayne Northrop.

Top Seeds

3200 Meter Relay: Westfield, 9:21.03.

100 Meters: Lynna Irby, 11, Pike, 11.78.

100 Meter Hurdles: Kayland Jackson, 11, Warren Central, 14.32.

200 Meters: Bryeana Byrdsong, 12, Warren Central, 24.53.

1600 Meters: Grace Walther, 12, Homestead, 4:53.09.

400 Meter Relay: Warren Central, 46.97.

400 Meters: Lynna Irby, 11, Pike, 54.53.
 300 Meter Hurdles: Addison Coy, 11, Culver Academies, 43.93.
 800 Meters: Madison Kiser, 11, Pioneer, 2:13.89.
 3200 Meters: Christina Geisler, 11, Carmel, 10:43.90.
 1600 Meter Relay: Fort Wayne Northrop, 3:55.32.
 High Jump: Katie Isenbarger, 10, Zionsville, 5-8.
 Long Jump: Paige Saylor, 11, Roncalli, 18-10.
 Discus: Kloee Fitch, 11, Lakeland, 150-1.
 Shot Put: Abbey Kapitan, 12, Munster, 45-10.
 Pole Vault: Sandra Brown, 12, Pike, 13-2.

Girls State Coaches Poll

Not available.

Boys Notables

Defending Team Champion: Carmel.

Defending State Champions in Field (Individual Events)

200 Meters: D'Wayne Eskridge, 12, Bluffton.
 300 Hurdles: Jalen Walker, 11, Carmel.
 800 Meters: Hari Sathyamurthy, 12, Brownsburg.
 3200 Meters: Ben Veatch, 12, Carmel.
 Discus: Cameron Tidd, 12, Center Grove.
 Long Jump: Christian Powell, 12, Ben Davis.

Career State Championships by an Individual (Individual and Relay Events)

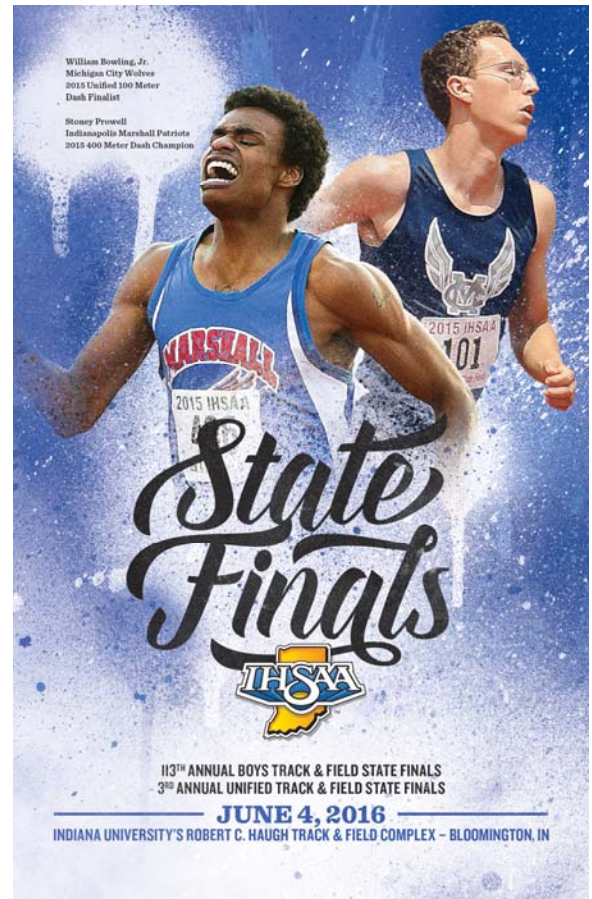
10: Amos Abrams, Gary Froebel, 1930-33.
 7: Matthew Terrell, Ben Davis, 2007-09.
 6: Terrence Duckett, Gary West Side, 1978-80.
 6: Ivan Fuqua, Brazil, 1928-30.
 6: Joseph Gonzales, Gary Froebel, 1947-49.
 6: Willie Hart, Gary Froebel, 1930-32.

State Championships Won by This Year's Participants (Individual and Relay Events)

2: Hari Sathyamurthy, 12, Brownsburg.
 2: Christian Powell, 12, Ben Davis.
 1: D'Wayne Eskridge, 12, Bluffton.
 1: Chris Evans, 12, Ben Davis.
 1: Clayton Goldman, 12, Lake Central.
 1: Evan Johnson, 12, West Lafayette.
 1: Tyler Kirtz, 12, Brownsburg.
 1: Cameron Tidd, 12, Center Grove.
 1: Ben Veatch, 12, Carmel.
 1: Jalen Walker, 11, Carmel.
 1: Cooper Williams 12, West Lafayette.
 1: Dylan Williams, 12, West Lafayette.

Boys Top Seeds

3200 Meter Relay: West Lafayette, 7:46.63.
 100 Meters: Matthew Lockridge, 12, Michigan City, 10.69.
 110 Meter Hurdles: Makiyah Smallwood, 11, Michigan City, 14.20.
 200 Meters: Jeremiah Ratliff, 12, Portage, 21.89.
 1600 Meters: Ben Veatch, 12, Carmel, 4:08.96.
 400 Meter Relay: Portage, 41.61.



400 Meters: Tyler Kirtz, 12, Brownsburg, 48.74.
300 Meter Hurdles: Makiyah Smallwood, 11, Michigan City, 38.36.
800 Meters: Cooper Williams, 12, West Lafayette, 1:51.61.
3200 Meters: Ben Veatch, 12, Carmel, 9:05.40.
1600 Meter Relay: Carmel, 3:18.20.
Discus: Nick Ray, 11, Hobart, 179-5.
Shot Put: Jalil Brewer, 12, Ben Davis, 61-8.0.
Long Jump: Jacob Wasz, 12, Wheeler, 23-8.0
High Jump: Kevin Porter, 12, Evansville Bosse, 6-10.50.
Pole Vault: Ethan Bray, 12, Hamilton Southeastern, 16-6.

Boys State Coaches Poll (May 18)

1. Ben Davis
2. Carmel
3. Pike
4. Lawrence North
5. Avon
6. Center Grove
7. Franklin Central
8. West Lafayette
9. Hamilton Southeastern
10. Carroll (Fort Wayne)
11. Valparaiso
12. South Bend Washington
13. Michigan City
14. Fort Wayne Northrop
15. Portage
16. Lake Central
17. Fishers
18. Westfield
19. Zionsville
20. Brownsburg

Media Information

Media Host: IHSAA Communications Assistant Rob Kimes and Mitch Huppert will be on hand to assist in your coverage of the state meet.

Media Credentials: Deadline is Thursday, June 2, 2016, 4 pm ET. Please note that the 2015-16 IHSAA State Finals Media Credential will NOT allow admission to this event as a specific credential is required – no exceptions. Legitimate working news media should apply for credentials by e-mailing (with name of individual applying) IHSAA Sports Information Director Jason Wille at jwille@ihssa.org. E-mail requests MUST originate from a recognized business account; e-mails from personal accounts (ie: gmail.com, yahoo.com, aol.com, etc.) will not be accepted.

Media Will-Call: Approved requests will be left to claim by the individual at the ticket windows behind the track stadium. Identification is necessary to pick up credentials.

Parking: The parking lots to the west of Fee Lane next to the IU Tennis Center are the best option and a shuttle will be available to transport spectators to the main entrance. All parking in the area is free of charge during the state finals except in areas designated by Indiana University.

Media Work Area: News media will be able to work from a covered (though not enclosed) seating area next to the press box along the front straightaway. Ample seating and free wireless internet access will be available through Indiana University. Please see Rob Kimes in the press box for login information.

Programs & Results: Complimentary copies of the state finals program which include heat sheets for each boys and girls event will be available to members of the media upon claiming your media credential. Results will be posted to the IHSAA.org website and tweeted at @IHSAA1 shortly after each event both days.

Third Unified Track & Field State Championships on Saturday

For the third year, the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) will host the Unified Track & Field State Finals as part of its 'Champions Together' partnership with Special Olympics Indiana (SOIN) on Saturday in Bloomington.

The Unified State Finals begin at 1 pm ET and will consist of five events including 100 meters, 400 meters, 400 meter relay, shot put and long jump. Admission is \$10 and also gains entry into the IHSAA Boys Track & Field State Finals which begins at 3 pm.

Last year's state champion Lafayette Jefferson did not qualify for this year's field of 12 teams so a new state champion is assured. Teamwork is an emphasis in unified sports thus an overall team state championship is awarded rather than individual awards.

Unified Sports enables persons with and without intellectual disabilities to participate on the same team for sports training and competition. All participants in Saturday's festivities have qualified as part of their team rather than as individuals.

Crown Point, Edgewood, Elkhart Central, Fishers, Franklin County, Jeffersonville, Michigan City, Noblesville, Perry Meridian, Terre Haute North, Vincennes Lincoln and Warsaw are the 12 schools that make up the field, two more than a year ago. The top two teams from last weekend's six sectional sites advance to compete at the state meet.

For the third year, schools individually scheduled regular season competitions that culminated with the IHSAA state tournament. While the IHSAA provided the framework for the competition, including rules and officials, Special Olympics Indiana provided technical support to schools participating in Unified Track and Field, as well as financial grants to a number of schools to assist with costs.

Third Annual IHSAA Unified Track & Field State Finals

Date: Saturday, June 4, 2016. 1 pm ET.

Site: Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington.

Admission: \$10 per person.

Order of Events

1 pm: Long Jump and Shot Put

1:30 pm: 100 M Dash

1:45 pm: 400 M Dash

2:15 pm: 400 M Relay

[Heat Sheets](#)

2015 State Champion: Lafayette Jefferson.

Schools Competing (12): Crown Point, Edgewood, Elkhart Central, Fishers, Franklin County, Jeffersonville, Michigan City, Noblesville, Perry Meridian, Terre Haute North, Vincennes Lincoln, Warsaw.

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About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)

The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its member high schools - public, institutional, parochial and private – pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 21 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and one co-ed (unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.

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