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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Softball Finalists Ready for State Championship Games

Four new state champions are a certainty when the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual IHSAA Softball State Finals are played at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis on Saturday.

No defending state champions will return and four of the eight teams have never reached this far before.

The opener in Class A at 10:30 am ET pits No. 1 **North Miami** (28-4) against **North Daviess** (18-11) followed by **Southmont** (23-8) taking on No. 10 **South Spencer** (26-5) for the 2A title at 1:30 pm ET. In 3A beginning at 4:30 pm ET, No. 7 **Leo** (26-6) and No. 4 **Gibson Southern** (29-3) will tangle and the 4A finale at 7:30 pm ET calls for **Hamilton Southeastern** (23-10) and **Bloomington South** (20-8).

All four games will air live on [Fox Sports Indiana](http://FoxSportsIndiana.com) and be streamed live at [IHSAAtv.org](http://IHSAAtv.org).

Class A's top-ranked North Miami will make its first appearance in the softball finals this weekend after defeating two top 10 teams during its tournament run capped by a 1-0 nine-inning victory over Carroll (Flora) to win the semi-state last Saturday.

North Daviess sputtered to a 1-7 start to the season but the Cougars have caught fire in the back half of the season winning 17 of their last 21. The school will be playing for their first state championship in any sport again after falling short in this game in 2005.

In 2A, Southmont will be making its first championship game appearance and chasing the school's first title in any sport. The unranked Mounties have knocked off three top 10 teams in their last four contests and are coached by first-year mentor Britney Carpenter, the daughter of Crawfordsville baseball coach John Froedge who won state titles in 2008 and 2011. They could become the first father-daughter duo to win championships as coaches on the diamond.

South Spencer brings a strong 17-game winning streak into this year's finals, its first trip to the championship game since finishing as Class A runner-up in 1999 in the previous three-class format. The Rebels hope to add to the school's diamond hardware with the baseball team winning three state crowns in the last eight years.

Leo, the northern semi-state winner in Class 3A, is playing in uncharted territory as well. The No. 7 Lions enjoyed a 16-game winning streak at one point this season and claimed their first regional and semi-state crowns to reach the final game. They shut out a pair of ranked squads in convincing fashion last Saturday in their two semi-state games.

Their opponent will be No. 4 Gibson Southern, winner of 17 straight games, which returns to the state finals for the first time since 2009. The Titans will look to add a third softball title to go along those won in 2003 and 2005. A pair of big wins during the tournament - a 9-6 win in nine innings at Heritage Hills followed by a 4-1 upset of top-ranked South Dearborn - have helped propel them to this point.



The 4A finale will pit two teams playing for the second time this season with everything now at stake. Hamilton Southeastern defeated Bloomington South 4-3 on a neutral field on April 26. Another win by the Royals this time would add a third state championship trophy to their collection of those won in 2007 and 2010. HSE limped to a 3-8 record to end the regular season but toughed out the sectional title, and then beat No. 2 Harrison in the regional and No. 3 Penn in the early semi-state game along the way.

Bloomington South will make its first trip to the state finals after winning the program's initial regional and semi-state titles in recent days. The Panthers defense has come to play this tournament having only given up two runs in its six games.

### **State Finals**

**Site:** Ben Davis High School, 1200 N. Girls School Road, Indianapolis.

**Date:** Saturday, June 14, 2014.

**Admission:** \$10.

**Home Team:** The winner of the southern semi-state (second team below) is the designated home team in each game.

**Official Softball:** The Wilson A9011 optic yellow softball, the official ball of the IHSAA state tournament, will be used. The core and compression must be listed on the ball.

**Television:** All four state championship games will air live on Fox Sports Indiana. [Channel Listings](#)

**Webstream:** For viewers outside of the Fox Sports Indiana coverage area, a live stream will be available at [IHSAAtv.org](http://IHSAAtv.org). For those within the FSI coverage area, the stream will be available only on delayed basis following the conclusion of the telecast.

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**Class A** | #1 North Miami (28-4) vs. North Daviess (18-11) | **10:30 am ET.**

**Class 2A** | Southmont (23-8) vs. #10 South Spencer (26-5) | **1:30 pm ET.**

**Class 3A** | #7 Leo (26-6) vs. #4 Gibson Southern (29-3) | **4:30 pm ET.**

**Class 4A** | Hamilton Southeastern (23-10) vs. Bloomington South (20-8) | **7:30 pm ET.**

### **Media Information**

**Media Host:** Communications Assistant Toni Polizzi and Dan Lauck will be on site to assist in your coverage throughout the day.

**Media Credentials:** The 2013-14 IHSAA State Finals Media Credential issued previously this year will allow for admission. To apply, please e-mail your request (with name of individual) as soon as possible to IHSAA Sports Information Director Jason Wille at [jwille@ihsaa.org](mailto:jwille@ihsaa.org). E-mail requests MUST originate from a recognized business account; e-mails from personal accounts (ie: yahoo.com, aol.com, etc.) will not be accepted. The application deadline is Thursday, June 12, at 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT. Approved requests will be available for pickup at the main gate nearest the right field corner on Saturday.

**Services:** Starting lineups and game programs will be circulated to members of the media in attendance on Saturday. Final box scores will be available following each state championship game, posted to the IHSAA website and available via @IHSAA1 on Twitter. Complimentary wireless access also will be available in the press box for filing purposes.

**Photography:** Photographers may take up positions in the photography stands in the outfield side of each dugout for field level shots. At no time during the game should photographers be shooting from the playing field itself.

**Interviews:** Interviews with coaches and players may be conducted on the field following the conclusion of the awards ceremonies. In order to allow the grounds crew to do its work, we ask your cooperation in conducting interviews outside the foul lines.

### **Notables**

#### **Defending State Champions in the Field**

None.

#### **Returning to State Finals from 2013**

None.

### Former State Champions in the Field (2)

4A: Hamilton Southeastern 2007 (4A), 2010 (4A).

3A: Gibson Southern 2003 (2A), 2005 (3A).

### First-Time Participants in the State Finals (4)

4A: Bloomington South.

3A: Leo.

2A: Southmont.

1A: North Miami.

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## Logansport's Harold Howell to Receive Softball Officiating Award

Harold Howell of Logansport is the recipient of the 2014 Interscholastic Athletic Official Association Award for excellence in the sport of Softball. Harold will be honored in a special ceremony during Saturday's state finals.



Each year, the Indiana High School Athletic Association, in cooperation with the National Federation of Interscholastic Officials Association, recognizes and honors an outstanding official in each of 11 sports during the school year.

Harold has been a licensed softball official for 25 years, during which he has officiated 22 sectionals, 15 regionals, five semi-states, and four state championships, in 1998, 2002, 2006, and 2010. He is a member of the North Central Officials Association, and is licensed to officiate basketball in addition to softball.

Harold attended high school at Washington Township near Valparaiso, and graduated in 1958. He is retired, and spends his time volunteering for organizations such as Special Olympics and the choir at Grace Fellowship Church in Logansport. He and his wife, Judy, have been married for 52 years, and have two sons, Barry (46) and Tom (43).

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## Singles, Doubles Championships Up for Grabs This Weekend

Seven singles players and six doubles teams will converge on Park Tudor School in Indianapolis this weekend to settle the 33<sup>rd</sup> singles and 24<sup>th</sup> doubles state championships in girls tennis.

Three singles and two doubles matches will be played in the quarterfinal round on Friday beginning at 2 pm ET/ 1 pm CT. Saturday morning's semifinal round begins at 10 am ET followed by the state championship and consolation matches at 2 pm. A detailed schedule is listed below.

A new champion is assured in both disciplines but three singles players return from previous years.

Bailey Padgett of Carmel (20-2), last year's state runner-up, is the top seed and earned a bye into Saturday's semifinals after leading



her school to the team title last Saturday. She also was named the mental attitude award winner last week and awaits the winner between Denise Azcui of Bloomington South (19-0) and Emily Mast of Fairfield (28-0). Both Azcui and Mast lost state quarterfinal matches a year ago.

Greenwood's Jade Kawamoto (24-0), the twin sister of last year's singles state champion Jackie Kawamoto, will compete in this year's tournament. Jackie opted to allow her sister to play No. 1 for her team this season and thus compete in the state tournament as this [May 20 article from the Indianapolis Star describes](#).

Along with Padgett, the Carmel doubles team of Molly Fletchall and Emma Love (21-0) also earned the top seed in their tournament and await the winner between Brebeuf Jesuit's MacKenzie Lord and Shivali Rao (18-7) and Evansville Mater Dei's Bailey Klipsch and Megan Steinkamp (22-3).

Only three schools have won the girls tennis "triple crown" – winning the state tournaments in the team competition, singles tournament and doubles tournament – North Central (Indianapolis) in 1977, Evansville Memorial in 1995 and Park Tudor in 1998.

Results will be available at [IHSAA.org](http://IHSAA.org) well as on Twitter [@IHSAA1](https://twitter.com/IHSAA1) following each session.

### **State Finals**

Site: Park Tudor School, 7200 N. College Avenue, Indianapolis.

Dates: June 13-14, 2014.

Admission: \$5 per person per day.

Note: For each player(s) listed below, the first record indicates regular season, the second indicates state tournament. Add both for overall season record.

### **Singles**

#### **Quarterfinals | Friday, 2 pm ET**

Match 1: Denise Azcui (11) Bloomington South (12-0, 7-0) vs. Emily Mast (10) Fairfield (22-0, 6-0).

Match 2: Qing Wen (11) Crown Point (15-1, 6-0) vs. Jessica Lorenz (11) Fishers (14-5, 4-0).

Match 3: Jade Kawamoto (12) Greenwood (18-0, 6-0) vs. Lauren Hambrock (10) Terre Haute South (11-4, 4-0).

#### **Semifinals | Saturday, 10 am ET**

Match 4: Bailey Padgett (12) Carmel (12-2, 8-0) vs. Winner of Match 1.

Match 5: Winner of Match 2 vs. Winner of Match 3.

#### **State Championship | Saturday, 2 pm ET**

Match 6: Winner of Match 4 vs. Winner of Match 5.

### **Doubles**

#### **Quarterfinals | Friday, 2 pm ET**

Match 1: MacKenzie Lord (11) | Shivali Rao (11) Brebeuf Jesuit (12-7, 6-0) vs. Bailey Klipsch (12) | Megan Steinkamp (12) Evansville Mater Dei (16-3, 6-0).

Match 2: Makenzie Schoeff (12) | Taylor Stanchin (11) Carroll (Fort Wayne) (20-2, 7-0) vs. Tori Schwartz (11) | Kennedy Walter (12) NorthWood (15-3, 4-0).

#### **Semifinals | Saturday, 10 am ET**

Match 3: Molly Fletchall (11) | Emma Love (10) Carmel (13-0, 8-0) vs. Winner of Match 1.

Match 4: Winner of Match 2 vs. Elisabeth Ahlbrand (11) | Brooke Lueken (12) Jasper (13-2, 5-0).

#### **State Championship | Saturday, 2 pm ET**

Match 5: Winner of Match 3 vs. Winner of Match 4.

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*Founded in 1903, the purpose of the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA) is to encourage, regulate and give direction to wholesome amateur interschool athletic competition between its 412 member schools. The Association provides state championship tournament series in 20 sports, 10 for girls and 10 for boys. Approximately 160,000 student athletes participate in IHSAA sports on an annual basis.*

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