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NEWS RELEASE

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Four New Baseball Champions to be Crowned this Weekend

A whole new crop of teams make up the field of eight in this weekend's 48th Annual IHSAA Baseball State Finals at Victory Field in Indianapolis.

For the first time, the Class 4A state championship game will lead off the weekend on Friday night at 7:30 pm ET with the Class A, 2A and 3A games contested at 1 pm ET, 4 pm ET and 7 pm ET, respectively, on Saturday. All four games will be played at the home of the Indianapolis Indians, the Triple-A affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

All four games will be televised live on Fox Sports Indiana and streamed at IHSAAtv.org.

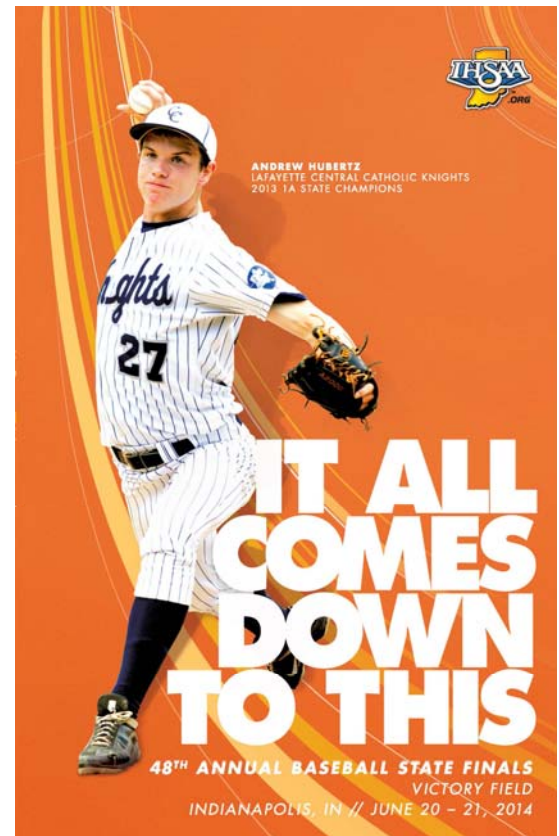
The prime time game on Friday night pits No. 8 Noblesville (27-8) and Terre Haute North (25-7). Noblesville won its first semi-state last Saturday to earn its first appearance in the state finals. The Millers' last state title came in boys golf in 1999. Terre Haute North ended its 31-year drought last weekend as well. The Patriots may have pulled off the upset of the tournament when it took out top-ranked Indianapolis Cathedral for the regional title two weeks ago.

The Class A final calls for No. 5 Rockville (28-3) and No. 3 Shakamak (26-6). Rockville joins Noblesville as a first-timer at the baseball finals. The Rox enter with 16 straight victories and have only allowed two runs in their five tournament games to this point. One of those came in a 3-1 win over top-ranked Frontier in the regional. Shakamak has reeled off 10 straight wins and 19 of their last 21 including a 1-0 win over No. 4 Vincennes Rivet last Saturday. Shakamak will look to win its second baseball trophy to go along with its 2008 title.

In Class 2A, No. 1 Wapahani (29-4) meets No. 7 Evansville Mater Dei (24-9). Wapahani also puts a 16-game winning streak on the line with its most recent victory a 2-1 win over No. 3 Lafayette Central Catholic. The game was decided on a passed ball which scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning and ended the Knights' state record 38-game tournament win streak. Evansville Mater Dei returns to the finals for the second time in three years after eliminating two ranked teams – No. 2 South Spencer and No. 5 Austin - along its tournament path. The Wildcats hope to add a second baseball championship to go with their 1999 title.

Saturday's night's finale in Class 3A features No. 1 Andean (30-4) and No. 9 Gibson Southern (24-7). High-scoring Andean has put up double figures in 18 of their 34 games this season including five of their six tourney games. In the tournament, they've outscored their opponents 75-11 including four shortened by the 10-run rule. Niners coach Dave Pishkur, now in his 35th season in charge, ranks third in state history with 864 wins. Gibson Southern will play in the state finals for just the second time with its last appearance 20 years ago in the old single class format. The Titans defeated No. 4 Silver Creek in six innings for their first regional title since 1994 two weeks ago and join the school's softball team in playing for a state championship on the diamond. That team finished as the 3A runner-up last Saturday.

Check IHSAA.org and [@IHSAA1](https://twitter.com/IHSAA1) on Twitter throughout the weekend for updates.



Meet the Teams

For roster, stats and schedules on all eight teams in this year's state finals, click [here](#).

State Finals

Victory Field, 501 W. Maryland Street, Indianapolis | [Website](#)

Dates: Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21, 2014.

Admission: \$9 each day.

Home Team: The winner of the southern semi-state is the designated home team.

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](#). 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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Friday, June 20

Class 4A | **Noblesville (27-8) vs. Terre Haute North (25-7)** | 7:30 pm ET

Saturday, June 21

Class A | **Rockville (28-3) vs. Shakamak (26-6)** | 1 pm ET

Class 2A | **Wapahani (29-4) vs. Evansville Mater Dei (23-9)** | 4 pm ET

Class 3A | **Andrean (30-4) vs. Gibson Southern (24-7)** | 7 pm ET

Notables

Defending State Champions in the Field

None.

Returning to State Finals from 2013

None.

Former State Champions in the Field

4A: Terre Haute North 1974.

3A: Andrean 2005, 2009, 2010.

2A: Evansville Mater Dei 1999.

A: Shakamak 2008.

First-Time Participants in the State Finals

4A: Noblesville

1A: Rockville.

Media Information

Media Hosts – Sports Information Director Jason Wille will be on site to assist in your coverage.

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. 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 19, at 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT.

Media Will-Call: Approved requests will be available for pickup at media will-call located inside the administrative entrance to the right of the ticket windows on the stadium's west side. Please have identification available to claim your credentials. Will-call will open on Friday at 5:30 pm ET and on Saturday at 11 am ET.

Media Parking: There is no designated parking for media but the \$5 Victory Field lot to the west of the stadium is the nearest option. If full, there are several lots available within short walking distance of Victory Field. The State Garage, opposite the

centerfield entrance on the northeast corner of Maryland and West streets is nearby as is the underground garage northwest of the stadium for the NCAA, Indiana State Museum, Eiteljorg Museum and White River State Park.

Services: Starting lineups and game programs will be circulated to members of the media in the press box. Official box scores will be available following each of the four state championship games and also posted to the IHSAA website. The Indianapolis Indians provide complimentary wireless internet access within the press box. A password which is posted in the press area is needed for access.

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

Post-Game Interviews: IHSAA television network personnel and photographers receive priority but 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.

Dubois' Michael Zehr to be presented Baseball Officiating Award

Michael Zehr of Dubois is the recipient of the 2014 Interscholastic Athletic Official Association Award for excellence in the sport of Baseball. Michael will be honored in a special ceremony at this weekend'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.



Michael was selected for this honor by a committee representing the Indiana officials associations. He has officiated 19 sectionals, 17 regionals, five semi-states, and 3 state finals during his 20 years as a licensed baseball official. He last officiated the baseball state finals in 2011. Michael is also licensed to officiate Volleyball and Basketball. Combining the three sports, he has worked a total of 10 state championship events. He is a member of the Southwest Indiana Officials Association.

In addition to officiating and serving as a rules interpreter, Michael has been active with the SWIOA Hospitality Awards/Scholarship program. The program works to provide scholarships of \$500 to students who exemplify sportsmanship.

Michael is a 1972 graduate of Northeast Dubois High School, and is retired from his career with Indiana Farm Bureau. He and his wife Marian have been married for 37 years and have two children, Alex (32) and Audra (30).

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

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.