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NEWS RELEASE

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Wrestling State Finals Preview: Hanover Central's Micic Leads Six Returning Champions

Six returning state champions including two competing in the same weight class, lead the parade of wrestlers into the 76th Annual IHSAA Wrestling State Finals this weekend at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Two hundred twenty-four wrestlers in all, 16 in each of the 14 weight classes, will begin first round competition on Friday at 6 pm ET / 5 pm CT. First-round winners will return to wrestle on Saturday with quarterfinal action beginning at 9:30 am ET / 8:30 am CT and semifinal matches to follow after all weight classes have concluded. Consolation bouts begin at 5 pm ET and championship matches under the spotlight are scheduled for 7:30 pm ET.



Stevan Micic of Hanover Central (pictured in blue) is the lone multiple-year state champion having earned the 106 and 113 pound championships the last two seasons. The senior brings an unbeaten 38-0 mark into the 126 pound class where he hopes to become the 34th individual to join the list of Indiana high school wrestlers with three or more state championships.

The 145 pound weight class could be settled between a pair of last year's champions – Mishawaka senior Tommy Forte (23-1) and Perry Meridian's Cody LeCount (40-0). Forte won last year's 138 class while LeCount won at 132. LeCount is responsible for Forte's lone blemish this season in a tight decision last month. It's Forte's only loss the last two years.

Lake Central's Gelen Robinson (48-0), last year's 220 state champ, is one of three unbeaten in that bracket this year. A rematch of last year's final match with Fletcher Miller (53-1) of Kokomo could be in the offing on Saturday night.

New Palestine sophomore Chad Red (40-0) at 120 pounds and Warren Central senior Deondre Wilson (35-0) at 132 are also challenging for their second titles this weekend.

The overall team state champion will be decided on points scored at this tournament where Perry Meridian enters as the three-time defending state champion. Team scoring will begin with Saturday morning's quarterfinal round.

Two (2) points will be awarded per match for a championship bracket victory while one (1) point is earned for advancement in the consolation bracket.

Finally, points will be awarded to the top eight place-winners: 1st place: 16 points; 2nd place: 12 points; 3rd place: 9 points; 4th place: 7 points; 5th place: 5 points; 6th place: 3 points; 7th place: 2 points; 8th place: 1 point.

Fans are welcome to follow the progress of the meet as action on each mat will be streamed via IHSAAtv.org throughout both days. Saturday night's championship rounds will be hosted Mark Jaynes, Matt Taylor and former Evansville Mater Dei wrestling coach Mike Goebel.

One hundred nineteen (119) schools will be represented at this weekend's state finals with Penn's nine qualifiers and eight each from Evansville Mater Dei and Perry Meridian leading the way. Franklin Community, Indianapolis Cathedral and Yorktown led the state with four semi-state champions last weekend.

The 76th Annual IHSAA Individual Wrestling State Finals

Site: Bankers Life Fieldhouse, 125 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis | [Website](#)

Admission: \$8 per session or \$20 both days.

Webstream: Follow all the action through both days at [IHSAAtv.org](#).

Brackets: [TrackWrestling.com](#) (Select "Results", then "Brackets" from dropdown list).

Friday, Feb. 21, 2014

First Round | 6 pm ET.

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014

Quarterfinals | 9:30 am ET with semifinals to follow.

Consolations | 5 pm ET.

Finals | 7:30 pm ET.

State Champions in the Field (6)

120: Chad Red, 10, **New Palestine** (40-0) | 2013 champ at 106.

126: Stevan Micic, 12, **Hanover Central** (38-0) | 2013 champ at 113; 2012 champ at 106.

132: Deondre Wilson, 12, **Warren Central** (35-0) | 2013 champ at 120.

145: Tommy Forte, 11, **Mishawaka** (23-1) | 2013 champ at 138.

145: Cody LeCount, 12, **Perry Meridian** (40-0) | 2013 champ at 132; 2012 runner-up at 126.

220: Gelen Robinson, 12, **Lake Central** (48-0) | 2013 champ at 220.

State Runners-Up in the Field (5)

113: Garrett Peple, 11, **East Noble** (38-1) | 2013 runner-up at 106.

126: Zachary Davis, 12, **Penn** (38-3) | 2013 runner-up at 113.

138: Drew Hughes, 10, **Lowell** (34-1) | 2013 runner-up at 120.

160: Vinny Corsaro, 12, **Indianapolis Cathedral** (45-0) | 2013 runner-up at 152; 2012 runner-up at 145.

220: Fletcher Miller, 12, **Kokomo** (53-1) | 2013 runner-up at 220.

Undefeated Wrestlers in the Field: 17 (Three each at 126 & 220).

Media Information

Media Credentials: Deadline is Thursday, Feb. 20, at 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT. Please note that the 2013-14 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@ihsaa.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. Approved requests will be left to claim by the individual at media will-call at Bankers Life Fieldhouse beginning at 3 pm ET on Friday. Identification is necessary to pick up credentials.

Media Entrance: The media entrance is in the southeast corner of Bankers Life Fieldhouse adjacent to Delaware Street. The door is marked for Employees and Media and is located at the opposite end of the building from the public entrance. Please allow a few extra minutes to pass through security. Media credentials left at will-call are to be claimed at this entrance.

Media Work Room: As in previous years, the media workroom at Bankers Life Fieldhouse will be open both days and be available to working media members throughout Friday evening and all day on Saturday. The work area contains complimentary wireless internet access. Hospitality will be available.

Mat Access: Bankers Life Fieldhouse will have the hockey boards set up around the perimeter of the wrestling mat area. During the championship round only on Saturday night will credentialed photographers be allowed inside the hockey boards to shoot action mat-side. Other than that, only participants, coaches and fieldhouse workers will have access to the mat area.

Programs: Copies of the official program containing brackets for each weight class and tournament history will be available in the Media Work Room.

Results: Will be updated continuously throughout both days of the tournament via [TrackWrestling.com](#). Copies of the updated brackets will also be available in the media work room throughout the two days.

Greenwood’s Tim Welch to be honored with Officiating Award

Tim Welch of Greenwood is the recipient of the 2014 Interscholastic Athletic Official Award for excellence in the sport of wrestling.

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.

Tim has been a licensed wrestling official for 30 years, and has officiated 29 sectional, 26 regional, 17 semi-state, and eight state final tournaments.

He was selected for this honor by a committee representing the official’s associations. In Indiana there are 26 associations made up of men and women who give up much of their personal time to assist in providing wholesome, worthwhile, and healthy activities for the student athletes in our state. Statewide, there are more than 8,000 officials licensed by the IHSAA in 11 sports.

Tim is a 1978 graduate of Boonville High School. He obtained his master’s degree from Indiana University after graduating from the University of Evansville. He and wife, Kay, have two daughters, Tracey and Melissa.

Boys Basketball Tournament Pairings Show This Sunday

Sectional matchups in the 104th Annual IHSAA Boys Basketball State Tournament will be announced Sunday, Feb. 23, on Fox Sports Indiana beginning at 3:30 pm ET / 2:30 pm CT.

The 90-minute show will originate live from Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis with legendary announcer Jerry Baker serving as host. He’ll be accompanied by Kyle Neddenriep of the *Indianapolis Star* in the analyst role along with Fox Sports Indiana’s Jeremiah Johnson who will interview guest coaches. Expected to appear are Barr-Reeve coach Bryan Hughes, Park Tudor’s Kyle Cox, Batesville’s Aaron Garrett, and Brownsburg’s Steve Lynch.

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 later that evening.

Hall of Fame broadcaster Bob Lovell will simultaneously announce the pairings on the [IHSAA Champions Radio Network](#) to state-wide affiliates. Indiana All-Star Game Director Charlie Hall, will serve as the analyst.

Complete pairings will be available on the IHSAA.org website at the conclusion of the broadcast.

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Boys Swimming & Diving Sectionals Begin Thursday

The 77th Annual IHSAA Boys Swimming & Diving Tournament Series gets underway Thursday, Feb. 20, with sectional preliminary heats at 20 sites around the state. Diving prelims and semifinals start Saturday morning, Feb. 22, at each site with consolations and finals in each event scheduled for later in the day. All first place swimming event winners in each sectional will advance to the state meet along with any participant who equals or betters the state time standard in that event's consolation or championship heat. The next fastest times in each event also will qualify in order to bring the field to 32 entrants.

The top four divers at each sectional will advance to one of four diving regionals slated for Tuesday, Feb. 25, with the top eight advancing to the state meet.

Heat sheets for the state finals and results from each sectional site will be posted to the IHSAA website on Sunday, Feb. 23, as they become available. Diving regional results will be posted on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

This year's state tournament begins with 230 teams and 2,913 participants.

Sectionals

Dates

Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014 (Swimming Preliminaries).

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014 (Diving, Consolations & Finals in Swimming events).

Admission: \$6 per session; \$9 both sessions.

State Finals Ticket Information: Unreserved tickets are \$8 per session or \$12 both days. A limited number of \$15 reserved season tickets may be purchased online exclusively via the IHSAA e-commerce site at ihsaa.org beginning Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014 at 8 am ET / 7 am CT. Reserved seating for a single session will not be available. Tickets will not be sold over the phone or in person at the IHSAA Office.

Advancement

Swimming

1. First place sectional winners in each event qualify for the state meet plus
2. Any contestant who equals or betters the state time standard in their respective event in the consolation finals or championship finals of the sectional qualifies for the state. The state standard may not be achieved by a swimmer who is competing as the first leg of a relay.
3. The next fastest number of contestants in the state that would bring the total number of state meet entrants to thirty-two (32) in each event. In the event that a tie exists for the 32nd position, the state qualifier shall be determined by the fastest preliminary time of both swimmers. If preliminary times are identical, both swimmers shall advance.

Diving

1. First through fourth place sectional winners will qualify for the diving regional.
2. First through eighth place regional winners will qualify for the state finals.

Notables

Defending Sectional Champions

Avon, Bedford North Lawrence, Bloomington North, Carmel, Chesterton, Delta, Evansville Memorial, Franklin Central, Franklin Community, Greenfield-Central, Hamilton Southeastern, Homestead, Jeffersonville, Munster, North Central (Indianapolis), Northridge, Penn, Twin Lakes, Warsaw, Zionsville.

Active Sectional Championship Streaks (Three or more years)

28: Munster.

21: Hamilton Southeastern.

19: Homestead.

15: Chesterton.

11: Northridge.

9: North Central (Indianapolis).

6: Bedford North Lawrence, Carmel, Warsaw.

4: Penn.

3: Greenfield-Central, Jeffersonville, Zionsville.

Most All-Time Consecutive Sectional Championships

28: Munster (1986-2013).

Top 10 All-Time Sectional Championships

43: Munster.

34: Columbus North (Columbus).

27: Center Grove, South Bend Riley.

26: Carmel.

25: Kokomo.

23: Valparaiso.

21: Hamilton Southeastern, North Central (Indianapolis).

20: Anderson, Castle.

Girls Basketball Regionals This Saturday

Regional games will be played this Saturday, Feb. 22, at 16 sites in the four classes with two semifinal games early in the day followed by a championship game that evening. The champions will move on to the semi-state round for a single game on Saturday, March 1, with the winners of those games earning a spot in the March 8 state finals at the Hulman Center in Terre Haute.

Please note that the location of each semi-state game will be announced this Sunday afternoon at IHSAA.org.

Girls Basketball Regionals

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2014.

Admission: \$7 per session; \$10 both sessions.

Home Team: The second team listed in each game is the designated home team.

[Class 4A Bracket](#) | [Class 3A Bracket](#) | [Class 2A Bracket](#) | [Class A Bracket](#)

Notables

Looking for First Regional Title (18 of 64)

4A: Fishers, Lawrence North, Logansport, Northridge, Pike.

3A: Kankakee Valley, Muncie Central.
2A: Eastern (Pekin), Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, Monrovia, Southmont, Wabash.
A: Borden, Frontier, Hamilton, Tindley, Trinity Lutheran, West Central.

Looking to Break Regional Championship Drought (Five or More Years)

37: Norwell (1977).
34: Knightstown (1980).
27: Western Boone (1987).
26: Franklin Central (1988).
24: Hammond Bishop Noll (1990).
17: Homestead (1997).
16: Carroll (Fort Wayne), Morgan Township, Southridge, Tri (1998).
15: Tri-West Hendricks (1999).
13: Morristown, Tipton, White River Valley (2001).
11: North Posey (2003).
9: Gary West Side, NorthWood, Shenandoah (2005).
8: Castle, North Knox, Westview (2006).
7: Anderson, Oregon-Davis, South Bend St. Joseph, Wood Memorial (2007).
6: Indianapolis Bishop Chatard (2008).
5: Garrett, Mooresville, Owen Valley, Southern Wells (2009).

Defending Regional Champions Still Alive (7 of 16)

4A: Bedford North Lawrence.
3A: Evansville Mater Dei, Rushville.
2A: Fort Wayne Canterbury, Heritage Christian.
A: Lafayette Central Catholic, Vincennes Rivet.

Active Regional Championship Streaks (Three or more years)

6: Fort Wayne Canterbury.

Most Consecutive Regional Championships

6 by Pike Central (1990-95); 6 by NorthWood (1994-99); 6 by Fort Wayne Canterbury (2008-13).

Top 10 All-Time Regional Championship Leaders

13: Ben Davis.
12: Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, Kokomo.
11: Rushville, Valparaiso.
10: Bedford North Lawrence, Benton Central, NorthWood, Scottsburg.
9: Anderson, Mooresville.

First-Time Sectional Champions

4A: Fishers, Northridge.
3A: None.
2A: None.
A: Frontier, Hamilton.

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.