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## **Indiana's Top High School Bowlers Compete in State Finals**

**Indianapolis, Indiana** – The Indiana High School Bowling Program State Finals were held Saturday at Cooper's Sport Bowl in Anderson. The top eight boys' and girls' teams and the top eighteen individual boys and girls, as determined by the February 16 semi-state competitions, competed in the finals.

The eight teams bowled two regular games, followed by five Baker games in the qualifying round. Individuals bowled three regular games. Stepladder competitions were held for both team and individuals to determine the overall champions.

Competing teams and their scores for Saturday are as follows:

	<b>BOYS TEAMS</b>	<b>CONFERENCE</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>1</b>	Hammond Clark * ***	Westlake	3240
<b>2</b>	Huntington North * **	Hoosier	3198
<b>3</b>	Evansville Harrison *	Tri-County	3167
<b>4</b>	Anderson Highland	White River Valley I	3098
<b>5</b>	McCutcheon *	Wabash Valley South	3052
<b>6</b>	Lake Central	Westlake	3051
<b>7</b>	Elmhurst	Fort Wayne	2976
<b>8</b>	Jasper ** ***	Blue Chip South	2811
	<b>STEP LADDER</b>		
<b>4</b>	Anderson Highland		223+216 439
<b>3</b>	Evansville Harrison *		193+236 429
<b>W</b>	Anderson Highland		185+205 390
<b>2</b>	Huntington North * **		201+237 438
<b>W</b>	Huntington North * **		216+186 402
<b>1</b>	<b>Hammond Clark * ***</b>	<b>CHAMPS</b>	<b>226+199 425</b>

	<b>GIRLS TEAMS</b>	<b>CONFERENCE</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>1</b>	Elkhart Memorial ***	Michiana Central	3054

2	Snider	Fort Wayne	2877	
3	Concord *	Michiana Central	2763	
4	McCutcheon *	Wabash Valley South	2752	
5	Jimtown	Michiana Central	2657	
6	Richmond	Mid-Indiana	2609	
7	Lawrence North * **	Indianapolis North	2606	
8	Jasper ***	Blue Chip South	2597	
	<b>STEP LADDER</b>			
4	McCutcheon *	196+228	424	
3	Concord *	151+190	341	
W	McCutcheon *	170+199	369	
2	Snider	194+214	408	
W	<b>Snider</b>	<b>CHAMPS</b>	<b>188+183</b>	<b>371</b>
1	Elkhart Memorial ***	161+184	345	

**Sectional Champs\***  
**Regional Champs\*\***  
**Semi-State Champs\*\*\***

Competing individuals and their respective scores are as follows:

	<b>BOYS SINGLES</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	
1	Kevin Kelley *	Jimtown	(300)828	
2	Thomas McCowan	Jay County	694	
3	Justin McCarty *	Rochester	691	
4	Elliott Myers* **	Anderson Highland	687	
5	Alex Hill *	Shelbyville	683	
6	John Lubarski	Highland	673	
7	Ryan McCoy * ***	Griffith	665	
8	EJ Tackett *	Huntington North	662	
9	Luke Ringham ***	Evansville Harrison	654	
10	Josh Hill	Union City	649	
11	Kenny Skidmore	Fishers	648	
12	Owen Brummett	New Castle	642	
13	Jacob Chambers	North Montgomery	637	
14	Matt Woods	Franklin Central	613	
15	Zach Hall	Portage	595	
16	Josh Toth	Highland	594	
17	Kendall Crabtree	Evansville Bosse	588	
18	Matt Cox *	South Bend Adams	449	
	<b>STEP LADDER</b>			
4	Elliott Myers* **	Anderson Highland	279	
3	Justin McCarty *	Rochester	236	
W	Elliott Myers* **	Anderson Highland	267	
2	Thomas McCowan	Jay County	257	
W	Elliott Myers* **	Anderson Highland	236	
1	<b>Kevin Kelley *</b>	<b>Jimtown</b>	<b>Champ</b>	<b>259</b>
	<b>GIRLS SINGLES</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	
1	Christina Oschman * ***	Castle	(300)707	

2	Kaity Galka	Lake Central	698	
3	Diana Morrison **	Rushville	696	
4	Carly Grover * ***	Kankakee Valley	690	
5	Kelly Galka **	Lake Central	669	
6	Kelly Slusher **	Snider	664	
7	Kayla Rector	Anderson	662	
8	Chelsea Farrell	Elkhart Memorial	655	
9	Darcey Dearing	Center Grove	654	
10	Callie Selner	Elkhart Memorial	648	
11	Morgan Dreshar *	Ben Davis	644	
12	Sara Gowins * **	McCutcheon	610	
13	Heather Hajduk	Munster	588	
14	Heidi Garriott	Goshen	568	
15	Kassi Farmer *	Richmond	564	
16	Lauren Gunderson	Lawrence North	546	
17	Trinity Wright *	Portage	533	
18	Jordan Hebbe	Shelbyville	520	
	<b>STEP LADDER</b>			
4	Carly Grover * ***	Kankakee Valley	259	
3	Diana Morrison **	Rushville	215	
W	Carly Grover * ***	Kankakee Valley	196	
2	Kaity Galka	Lake Central	194	
W	Carly Grover * ***	Kankakee Valley	184	
1	<b>Christina Oschman * ***</b>	<b>Castle</b>	<b>Champ</b>	<b>207</b>

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The day began at 9 a.m. with team competition. Teams bowled two regular games and were then seeded for five Baker games. After the Baker games, the top 4 teams bowled a two Baker game match to move up the stepladder to determine the State Champion team.

The girls' stepladder put fourth seed McCutcheon against third seed Concord. With a score of 424 to 341, McCutcheon went on to bowl second seed Ft. Wayne Snider. Defeating McCutcheon 408 to 369, Fort Wayne Snider went on to compete in the final competition against Elkhart Memorial. The Fort Wayne Snider High School girls' team took home the title with a two Baker game series score of 371 to 345.

For the boys, fourth seed Anderson Highland played two Baker games against third seed Evansville Harrison. Defeating Evansville Harrison 439 to 429, Anderson Highland went on to bowl against second seed Huntington North. Huntington North bowled a 438 to Anderson Highland's 390, placing them against Hammond Clark High School in the final round. The Hammond Clark boys

defeated Huntington North with a two Baker game series score of 425 to Brownsburg's 402, making them the 2008 State Champions.

Team competition was followed by individual competition. The 18 competing boys and the 18 girls bowled three regular games before being seeded for the stepladder. The top four individual girls and boys, based on pin totals, bowled one game stepladders for State Championship. The qualifying round gave the crowd quite a display of talent. The girls averaged 209 and the boys averaged 216. Christina Oschman and Kevin Kelley each rolled a 300 game on the way to their #1 seeding and eventual State Championship. Christina rolled 213, 300, 194 = 707 and Kevin fired an all-time state record 249, 279, 300 = 828.

During the girls' stepladder, fourth seed Carly Grover of Kankakee Valley defeated third seed Diana Morrison of Rushville 259 to 215. In the second round, Grover went on to bowl against second seed Kaity Galka of Lake Central. Grover defeated Galka 196 to 194. In the final round, Oschman from Castle High School bowled a 207 to Grover's 184, making Oschman this year's State Champion.

For the boys' title, third seed Justin McCarty of Rochester bowled against fourth seed Elliott Myers of Anderson Highland. Myers won by a 279-236 count and went on to bowl second seed Thomas McCowan of Jay County in the second round. Myers rolled a 267 to McCowan's 257, placing him in the final round against Kevin Kelley of Jimtown. Kelley won the final match bowling a 259 to Myers' 236 to become this year's State Champion.

The Indiana High School Bowling program is sponsored by the Indiana Bowling Centers Association, Inc. and bowling centers throughout Indiana. During the 2007-2008 season, 101 bowling centers throughout 22 conferences sponsored 184 schools for a total of 336 boys and girls teams.

For more information about the state finals results or the Indiana High School Bowling program, contact Steve Kunkel at 260-403-0822 or visit the IHSB website, [www.ihsb.org](http://www.ihsb.org), for current rankings and information.

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