

2018 INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING STATE FINALS – PRESS RELEASE:

Indiana High School Bowling has crowned new state champions. The finals were held Saturday at Championship Lanes in Anderson.

The singles competition took place in the morning. The format was all contestants bowled 3 games across 6 lanes and the top 4 boys and 4 girls advanced to one game match stepladder finals.

In the girls' division, Katie Frasier/Elkhart Central was the top seed with a 673 total. She was followed by Keagan Trexler/Hamilton Heights, Makayla Himden/Portage and Madison Murello/Franklin Central. In the first playoff match, Himden defeated Murello 183-182. She advanced to bowl Trexler and was defeated 161-185. In the championship match, Trexler became champion with an 169-153 victory.

On the boys' side, the top 4 were Scotty Kramer III/Muncie Central 715, LaVon Hampton/Warren Central 709, Lance Williams/Homestead 692 and Nathan Smith/Noblesville 664. In the first match, Smith advanced with a 209-155 victory. He then ousted Hampton 246-203. In the championship match, Smith was again the winner by a score of 206-192.

The team event started in the afternoon with all teams rolling 12 baker games in qualifying. The top 3 girls' teams and top 4 boys' teams advanced to the stepladder finals. The stepladder matches were two baker games with total pins determining the winners.

On the girls' side, the top 3 teams were Michigan City with 2246, Franklin Central with 2208 and Portage with 2056. In the first playoff match, Portage defeated Franklin Central 386-306. The championship match was a close battle all the way to the end, but Portage came out on top with a 359-346 win.

On the boys' side, there was a tie for the 3rd & 4th spots as both Ben Davis and Warsaw ended their 12 games with 2242. The number two seed was Huntington North with 2303 and Merrillville finished the qualifying on top with 2325. In the first championship match, Ben Davis broke the tie with Warsaw and moved on with a 349-292 victory. They were just warming up as they then defeated Huntington North by a score of 412-368. In the championship match, Ben Davis won the first game 196-129. Merrillville didn't quit. They roared back with a 276 and 405 total but Ben Davis responded with their own 235 for a 431 total and the state crown.