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American Legion Baseball

1926-2014

A.D. Phillips Award

The American Legion Department of Indiana gives the A.D. Phillips Sportsmanship Award each year to a participant in the Department State Baseball Tournament.

The award, which was created in 1964, honors longtime Legionnaire and member of the State Baseball Committee, A.D. Phillips. Phillips was a member of John C Peterson Post 49 in Warsaw.

The criteria for the award are as follows:

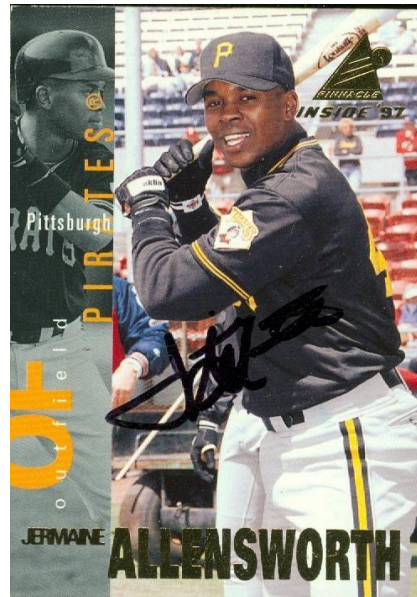
- 1. Must be nominated by team manager*
- 2. Must be in last year of legion eligibility*
- 3. Must have displayed good sportsmanship consistent with the ideals of Legion Baseball*
- 4. Must excel in playing the game*

1991	NA
1992	NA
1993	NA
1994	Eric Tryon, Terre Haute 346
1995	Bart Liter, Madison 9
1996	Tommy Johns, Anderson 127
1997	NA
1998	Jonathon Carey, Anderson 127
1999	Nick McIntyre, Lafayette 11
2000	Joel Novack, Anderson 127
2001	NA
2002	Kyle Smith, Evansville 265
2003	Chris Macke, Terre Haute 346
2004	Matt Haug, Plymouth 27
2005	NA
2006	Will Pappano, Rockport 254
2007	Christopher Wanty, Madison 9
2008	Michael Mosby, Rockport 254
2009	Brett Keeler, Hammond 168
2010	Jacob Hayes, Terre Haute 346
2011	Brock Sprinkles, St. Leon 464
2012	Dan Snyder, Porter County 94/170
2013	Caleb Stayton, Bristol 143
2014	Tyler Goudy, Kokomo 6

**NA means the name of that year's winner is not available*

Year Recipient

1964	Jack Walkey, Lafayette 11
1965	Glen Speedy, Princeton 25
1966	Steve Kirkpatrick, Lafayette 11
1967	Gene Avery, LaPorte 83
1968	Kevin Powers, South Bend 284
1969	Terry McGee, Terre Haute 346
1970	Rich Foli, Terre Haute 346
1971	John Fee, Monticello 81
1972	Alan Kowalewski, South Bend 357
1973	Charles Fowler, Remington 280
1974	Greg Tooley, Rockport 254
1975	Joe Carson, Indianapolis 355
1976	Greg Baker, Kokomo 6
1977	Dave Thomas, Lafayette 11
1978	Joe Beason, Kokomo 6
1979	Chuck Antony, Kokomo 6
1980	Jack Titus, Marion 10
1981	NA
1982	Joe Maciejewski, South Bend 357
1983	Scott Calvert, Evansville 265
1984	Sean Welsh, Richmond 65
1985	NA
1986	Scott McTaggertt, Lafayette 11
1987	NA
1988	Todd O'Neal, Madison 9
1989	Chris Sage, South Bend 50
1990	Jermaine Allensworth, Anderson 127



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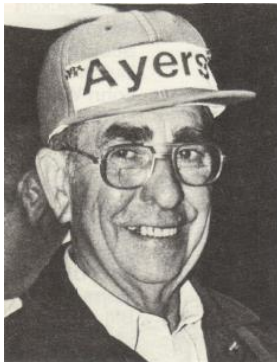
This book is dedicated to all the former players and teams that have contributed to the rich tradition of Indiana American Legion baseball.

There is one individual that I have to make special mention of as he planted the seed that led to this publication.

The incident that sparked this whole project came at the 1985 Indiana American Legion baseball state finals at Evansville's Bosse Field when I asked then Indiana baseball chairman Roy "Taxi" Ayers if there was any history of the tournament, something that might tell what teams or players had played in past state finals.

Roy replied with something to the effect that there wasn't and that there was probably no way to ever put that information together.

Taxi, this one's for you.



Roy "Taxi" Ayers

On behalf of Rockport's Jenkins Post 254 and Indiana baseball chairman, Owen Wells, I hope those who get an opportunity to look through these pages come away with a better understanding of the impact, athletically and socially, that American Legion Baseball has had on those who have been fortunate enough to participate in a program now in its 89th season.

Darrell Stephens

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Indiana State Champions

<u>Year</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Record</u>
1926	Indianapolis (NA)				W. C. Hildebrand	2-1
1928	Blanford 140	Gary 17	14-12	Indianapolis	James Perona	15-2
1929	Lafayette 11	South Bend 50	10-5	Muncie	Charles Dienhart	9-1
1930	Clinton 140	Indianapolis 55	3-2	Indianapolis	Paul Kelly	12-1
1931	Princeton 25	South Bend 272	7-6	Indianapolis	Eldon Sisson	14-3
1932	East Chicago 266	Richmond 65	12-3	Frankfort	Marshall Fish	8-2
1933	Jasper 147	East Chicago 266	8-2	Princeton	Rex Critchlow	11-3
1934	Lafayette 11	Fort Wayne 47	9-2	Indianapolis	Horace Booth	10-2
1935	East Chicago 266	Kokomo 6	7-6	Seymour	Cecil Austin	8-1
1936	Anderson 127	Princeton 25	9-5	Richmond	Archie Chadd	6-2
1937	South Bend 357	Jasper 147	3-2	Anderson	Bernie Witucki	14-1
1938	East Chicago 266	Bloomington 18	4-3	Bloomington	John McShane	8-1
1939	Richmond 65	Robertsdale 80	3-2	Richmond	Lawrence Mapleson	17-1
1940	East Chicago 266	Terre Haute 40	6-5	East Chicago	Pete Rucinski	12-1
1941	Rockville 48	East Chicago 266	3-2 (8)	Marion	John Baratto	13-3
1942	East Chicago 266	South Bend 357	7-1	East Chicago	Joe Pack	8-2
1943	East Chicago 266	Jasper 147	4-1	East Chicago	Pete Rucinski	12-3
1944	East Chicago 266	Huntingburg 221	5-1	Huntingburg	Nelson Irwin	13-2
1945	East Chicago 266	Richmond 65	1-0 (9)	East Chicago	Pete Rucinski	17-2
1946	East Chicago 266	Richmond 65	6-3	Richmond	John Baratto	13-2
1947	Richmond 65	Anderson 127	6-4	Anderson	Kenny Holtcamp	16-3
1948	Fort Wayne 47	East Chicago 78&266	5-4	Indianapolis	Wayne Scott	12-2
1949	East Chicago 78&266	Madison 9	2-1	Marion	Joe Macak	16-2
1950	Hammond 168	Anderson 127	1-0	Richmond	Vic Mettler	15-2
1951	Terre Haute 346	Princeton 25	8-4	French Lick	Bill Welch	9-2
1952	Evansville 8	East Chicago 78&266	3-0 (9)	Princeton	Pete Strong	14-2
1953	Lafayette 11	Jonesboro 95	2-0	Marion	Vernon Craig	NA
1954	Lafayette 11	Marion 10	9-1	Bloomington	Vernon Craig	28-4
1955	Michigan City 37	Hammond 16	4-3	Logansport	Don Schwermer	23-2
1956	Terre Haute 346	Vincennes 73	8-6	Michigan City	Bill Welch	NA
1957	Terre Haute 346	Jeffersonville 35	11-6	Terre Haute	Bill Welch	NA
1958	Richmond 65	Evansville 8	7-6, 7-6	Logansport	Dale Banning	26-7
1959	Rockport 254	Lawrenceburg 239	8-5	Lafayette	Bill Evans	29-14
1960	Princeton 25	South Bend 284	12-6,9-8	Rockport	Jim Pegram	35-17
1961	Rockport 254	South Bend 50	5-9, 7-6 (11)	South Bend	Bill Evans	42-14
1962	East Chicago 369	South Bend 50	10-2	Kokomo	Ed Dudek	34-4-1
1963	Evansville 8	South Bend 50	6-5	Indianapolis	Doyce Martin	41-11
1964	Princeton 25	Lafayette 11	4-0, 5-4	Indianapolis	Jim Pegram	30-28
1965	Whiting 80	Princeton 25	6-4, 6-3	Michigan City	Fred Kraly	36-8
1966	Evansville 8	Lafayette 11	7-2, 5-4	Lafayette	Jack Colvin	39-10
1967	Evansville 8	LaPorte 83	18-2	Lafayette	Jack Colvin	35-12
1968	South Bend 284	Terre Haute 346	5-0	Anderson	Bob Cole	34-10
1969	Terre Haute 346	Indianapolis 348	3-0	Kokomo	George Murphy	38-6
1970	Terre Haute 346	Frankfort 12	15-3	Richmond	George Murphy	36-11
1971	Indianapolis 495	Monticello 81	11-1	East Chicago	Tom Stevason	40-14
1972	Kokomo 6	South Bend 357	1-4, 6-0	Lafayette	Bob Ronk	41-10
1973	South Bend 357	Rockport 254	3-0	Kokomo	Joe Derda	40-6
1974	Rockport 254	Kokomo 6	3-5, 12-6	Anderson	Jim Haaff	32-13
1975	South Bend 357	Southport 355	3-2	Rockport	Joe Derda	30-9
1976	Kokomo 6	Aurora 231	12-8	South Bend	Bob Ronk	33-11
1977	South Bend 50	Lafayette 11	7-5	Richmond	Mel Machuca	41-6
1978	Beech Grove 276	Kokomo 6	8-1	Kokomo	Dick Templin	32-16
1979	Rockport 254	Kokomo 6	3-7, 3-2	Rockport	Jim Haaff	34-12

Indiana State Champions

<u>Year</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Record</u>
1980	Gary 367	Marion 10	2-3 (10), 7-0	Lafayette	Casimar Kaczmarecki	28-6
1981	Southport 355	Kokomo 6	3-2	Princeton	David Lee	36-11-1
1982	Kokomo 6	South Bend 357	17-5, 16-8	Kokomo	Bob Ronk	46-11
1983	Rockport 254	South Bend 357	17-8	Rockport	Jim Haaff	34-16
1984	Southport 355	Richmond 65	1-5, 7-5 (11)	Richmond	David Lee	27-13
1985	Aurora 231	South Haven 502	2-7, 9-5	Evansville	Larry Hornbach	26-21-1
1986	Lafayette 11	Muncie 19	12-1	South Bend	Barry Haskins	35-10
1987	Newburgh 44	Evansville 8	5-15, 18-2	Newburgh	Jim Burch	29-11
1988	Evansville 8	Terre Haute 346	12-1	Evansville	Mac LaRue	30-10
1989	Boonville 200	South Bend 50	7-17, 10-6	Rockport	Brian Kuester	27-11
1990	Muncie 19	Southport 355	3-0, 7-4	Anderson	Bob Graves	28-13
1991	Highland 180	Evansville 8	3-5, 10-2	Evansville	Mal Kubiak	30-7-1
1992	Newburgh 44	Lafayette 11	14-11	Kokomo	Joe Lis	33-12
1993	Lafayette 11	Newburgh 44	4-3	Terre Haute	Jim Watson	41-12
1994	Terre Haute 346	Batesville 271	9-2, 13-0	Anderson	John Hayes	46-13
1995	Evansville 265	Madison 9	6-1	Evansville	Brian Kuester	41-9
1996	South Bend 357	Anderson 127	2-10, 10-4	Kokomo	Ed Majiejewski	32-8-1
1997	Terre Haute 346	Newburgh 44	12-8	Newburgh	John Hayes	37-11
1998	Anderson 127	Madison 9	9-8	Anderson	John Miles	47-7
1999	Terre Haute 346	South Bend 357	9-1	Madison	John Hayes	35-10
2000	Madison 9	Anderson 127	7-5	Crown Point	Delbert Liter	32-8
2001	Evansville 265	Madison 9	14-4	Evansville	Ben Garland	40-7
2002	Evansville 265	Madison 9	9-3	Madison	Ben Garland	42-9
2003	Terre Haute 346	Plymouth 27	12-6	Madison	John Hayes	39-12
2004	Plymouth 27	Lafayette 11	10-9, 18-8	Plymouth	Tony Plothow	32-11
2005	Rockport 254	Terre Haute 346	2-6, 6-0	Evansville	Jim Haaff	36-3
2006	Terre Haute 346	Rockport 254	13-2, 13-0	Plymouth	John Hayes	38-7
2007	Rockport 254	Lafayette 11	8-4	Madison	Jim Haaff	30-10
2008	Muncie 19	Rockport 254	15-14, 16-2	Plymouth	Bob Graves	31-7
2009	Hammond 168	Lafayette 11	11-1	Terre Haute	Mark DeRolf	27-7
2010	Terre Haute 346	Evansville 265	9-6	Plymouth	John Hayes	43-7
2011	Newburgh 44	St. Leon 464	7-8 (10), 12-5	Rockport	Jim Lynch	22-17
2012	Terre Haute 346	Porter County 94/170	5-11, 14-8	Plymouth	John Hayes	38-13
2013	Princeton 25	Terre Haute 346	6-5	St. Leon	Jesse Simmons	26-14
2014	Newburgh 44	Kokomo 6	5-4	Plymouth	Harold "Buddy" Swift	29-8



(L to R): Bill Welch (3), John Hayes (7) and George Murphy (2), have guided Terre Haute Wayne Newton Post 346 to 12 state championships

1928 State Champion: Blanford Cubs



Front (L to R): Mike Puralis, Tony Sungalio, Mike Mazura, John Mancinko, Henry Tappano, Steve Semancik
 Second row (L to R): Jim Perona, Paul Foltz, Joe Donna, Paul Sakala, Robert Bushee (state official
 for the American Legion), John Nelson, Steve Senko and Tony Gisolo. Margaret Gisolo is in the very front.

1928 State Champion (15-2)

Season Results

June 10 Westville 1-13
 June 17 at Westville 12-8

Vermillion County Championship

June 16 at Clinton 140 Baptists 6-5 (12)
 June 22 Clinton 140 Baptists 13-6
 June 30 Clinton 140 Baptists 5-2

July 4 Terre Haute 40 Red Rovers 7-5

5th District Championship

July 6 at Terre Haute 40 Blue Devils .. 6-5

 July 12 Universal 12-2
 July 15 Universal 2-1
 July 17 Clinton 140 Baptists 7-0

Regional 4 at Terre Haute

July 23 Jasonville 172 7-3
 July 24 Evansville 8 27-7

State Tournament at Indianapolis

July 26 Indianapolis 3 St. Phillips 17-3
 July 27 Gary 17 14-12

August 3 at Terre Haute All-Stars 18-2
 August 4 Shirkieville All-Stars 4-3

National Regional 7 at Chicago (Comiskey Park)

August 8 Chicago IL 273 5-12



Margaret Gisolo

Tournament History: 1926-1939

1926

There was no state tournament held in Indiana in 1926.

Although there was a state finals scheduled to be played at the American Legion state convention in Marion in late August it was cancelled when department athletic officer **Robert Bushee** received only a handful of entries.

The Indianapolis Juniors, winners of the seventh district championship, were selected to represent Indiana in the national tournament at Louisville KY.

The Juniors lost to Louisville's Jefferson Post 15, 7-4. In order to field a team at the regional the Indiana entry was forced to "borrow" a player from Louisville when four Indianapolis team members missed the train to Louisville.

1927

No tournament was staged

1928

INDIANAPOLIS-With 15-year-old **Margaret Gisolo** starring at second base, batting .429 and fielding flawlessly during the tournament, Blanford emerged as Indiana's state champion in the first tournament conducted on a statewide basis.

In a game for the Vermillion county championship **Gisolo's** single in the bottom of the 12th chased home the winning run in a 6-5 win over the Clinton Baptists. In the district championship game **Gisolo** scored the winning run in a 6-5 win over the Terre Haute Post 40 Blue Devils.

Following the Clinton game the Clinton team filed a protest questioning **Gisolo's** eligibility. A ruling by **Judge Kennesaw Mountain Landis**, the commissioner of major league baseball, cleared **Gisolo** to play.

Blanford, with a population of 750 and no legion post, blasted Evansville Funkhouser Post 8, 27-7 in the regional title game. **Gisolo** pitched the final inning in the win.

In the state finals Blanford, sponsored by Clinton Post 140 in Vermillion County, beat Indianapolis St. Phillips 17-3 in its opening game. **Paul Foltz** picked up the win as **Tony Sungalio** homered twice and **Steve Semancik** once for Blanford.

In the title game Blanford scored six times in the top of the first but Gary Post 17 tallied eight in the bottom of the inning before **Foltz** came on to slow the Gary offense. **Foltz** allowed two runs in the second and two in the third and then pitched shutout baseball over the last four innings as Blanford rallied for the 14-12 win.

Foltz picked up his second win of the day as **Sungalio** homered again. **Steve Senko** was 3-3 and **Gisolo** 2-3 with three runs scored in the game.

Blanford's **Henry Tappano** had five hits and five walks in ten trips to the plate in the two games.

Gary Memorial Post 17 had entered the state finals with a 10-0 record and a .395 team batting average. Post 17 advanced to the final game with a 2-1 win over Jeffersonville Post 35.

Blanford's dream season came to an end in Chicago's Comiskey Park when the Chicago Marine Post 273, the Illinois champion, won a 12-5 semifinal duel in the national regional.

Blanford finished the year with a record of 15-2.

1929

MUNCIE-Lafayette Post 11 got a break and a reprieve and made the most of it to win the 1929 state title...thanks to an extraordinary pitching performance.

Lafayette received a first-round bye and then lost to Jeffersonville Post 35, 6-4 in the quarterfinals of the state tournament.

After Jeffersonville's 10-2 win over Indianapolis St. Phillips in the tournament semifinals it was determined that Post 35 was using an ineligible player. American Legion officials disqualified Jeffersonville from the tournament and with South Bend Post 50 waiting to see whom it would play in the championship game of the state finals, staged a play-off between the teams Jeff had beaten during the tournament.

Lafayette got three complete game victories in less than 24 hours from pitcher **Lorentz Schmidt** and completed an improbable comeback with a 10-5 win over South Bend to capture the 1929 American Legion State Championship. In the championship game Post 11 scored eight times in the first two innings on three hits and six free passes.

Schmidt allowed just one run in fourteen innings as Lafayette beat Shelbyville Post 70, 8-0, and Indianapolis St. Phillips, 2-1, to earn the shot at South Bend.

In the win over Post 50 **Schmidt** again went the distance and did not allow a South Bend run until the fifth inning by which time Lafayette had already built a 10-0 lead.

1930

INDIANAPOLIS-Clinton Post 140 copped a pair of comeback wins in the state finals to take the state championship. Clinton beat Huntington Post 7, 6-5, and Indianapolis Hayward Barcus Post 55, 4-2.

In a semifinal game Clinton rallied from a 5-0 deficit to post a 6-5 win over Huntington. **Barney Gianotti** went 3-4 with a double in the win.

In the championship game Indianapolis led 2-0 when Clinton scored four times in the fourth inning on two hits, a walk and two Indianapolis errors.

In national tournament play, in Regional 7 at Battle Creek MI, "Kelly's Kids" opened with another comeback decision, beating Detroit MI, 7-6 in 15 innings. Clinton, trailing 5-1, scored four times in the ninth to tie the game and force extra innings. In the fourteenth **Harold Hope's** double tied it again after Detroit had taken a 6-5 lead. **Hubert Brooks** pitched the entire 15 innings to pick up the win.

Cincinnati OH Budde Post 50 ended Clinton's national title hopes, 9-3 in the regional championship game.

1931

INDIANAPOLIS-Princeton Post 25, under the tutelage of **Eldon Sisson**, became the first Indiana team to advance in national tournament play. Post 25 dropped Louisville Post 15, sponsored by the Eppings Bottling Company, 8-5 and Pittenger Post 119 of Detroit MI, 11-4, to win Regional 7 played at Richmond IN.

In the first game Princeton scored three in the first and four in the seventh to pull away from Louisville. **Bob Whittaker** went the distance for the win. **Billy White** had a perfect day at the plate with three hits and two walks and two runs scored to fuel the Princeton offense.

In the title game win the Michigan team scored two first inning runs but Princeton came up with five in the top of the second, after the first two men in the inning were retired, and were never headed. **Jim Kell** went the distance to pick up the win. **Kell** added three hits to Post 25's total of 16.

Princeton's season came to a conclusion in Manchester NH with a 2-1, ten-inning loss to Jackson MS Post 1 in the Eastern Sectional.

Princeton won the Indiana title with a 7-6 decision over South Bend Post 272. Post 25's **Whittaker**, the winner in Princeton's 4-1 semifinal win over Indianapolis Hayward Barcus Post 55, was called on in relief to quell a South Bend uprising in the second inning and picked up his second win in two days as Princeton rallied from a 4-0 deficit by scoring four in the third and three in the sixth.

South Bend had advanced to the championship game behind the no-hit pitching of **Edward Ciszewski** during his teams 7-0 win over defending champion Clinton. **Ciszewski** struck out 11 and walked one in registering the first no-hitter in state finals competition.

Princeton became the first team to win the state title after having been in the finals the previous year.

1932

FRANKFORT-East Chicago Twin Cities Post 266, represented by Washington High School, won the first of its nine state titles by downing Richmond's Harry Ray Post 65, 12-3 in the state championship game. A six run second inning broke the game open for East Chicago. Lefthander **Johnny Baker** allowed Richmond five hits in picking up the win.

Making its first appearance in state finals play coach **Marshall Fish's** Twin Cities Post used a six-run rally in the fourth inning to erase defending champion Princeton's 2-1 advantage and take an 8-4 semifinal win behind **Rudell Rollins** four-hit pitching. **Rollins** struck out seven and walked six.

1933

PRINCETON-East Chicago became the first team to return to the championship game of the state tournament with a chance to defend its title.

Jasper Post 147 spotted Post 266, again represented by Washington High, a 2-0 first inning lead and then spoiled the return for the Twin Cities Post with an 8-2 verdict in winning the only American Legion state title in Jasper history. Jasper shortstop **Ed Rottet**, in his fifth year of legion baseball, had two hits, scored two and drove in three in the win. Post 147's "**Spike**" **Meyer** picked up his second complete game win in two days to nail down the title.

Jasper beat Berne, sponsored by Decatur Post 43, in the semifinals as **Meyer** struck out eight and allowed just four singles. **Rottet** had two hits, including a three run double in the fifth, and scored a pair. East Chicago won its semifinal over Richmond, 6-5.

Jaspers **Cyril Birge** walked seven times in eight plate appearances in the two games. In 1954 **Birge** would be one of the officials to work the IHSAA basketball classic between Milan and Muncie Central.

Tournament History: 1926-1939

East Chicago's loss marked the third year in a row that the defending state champion returned to the state finals but was unable to repeat as state champion.

1934

INDIANAPOLIS-Lafayette Post 11 became the first two-time winner of the state title.

The 1929 champion knocked off Fort Wayne Post 47, 9-2, to capture the 1934 championship. **Willard Shaw** allowed two first inning runs and then held Ft. Wayne to two singles over the last six innings to earn the win for Lafayette. **Tom Dickinson** led the winners at the plate with two triples and a double.

Shaw allowed only one hit and struck out seven as Lafayette downed Carbon 6-0 in a semifinal game shortened to four innings because of rain.

Ft. Wayne beat Southport's Hugh Copsey Post, 3-2, in the other semifinal.

1935

SEYMOUR-East Chicago Post 266, with Washington High School again supplying the talent, beat Kokomo 7-6 to earn its second state crown in four years. Post 266 joined Lafayette as the only teams with two championships.

Kokomo Post 6 got a three-run home run from **Henry Phillabaum** in the top of the seventh to give Post 6 a short-lived 7-6 lead. **Phillabaum** was called out on appeal for failing to touch first base, reverting the score to 6-6. East Chicago then scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

Steve Ralkay went the distance to earn the win for Post 266. **Don Yohe** and **Clifford Smith** homered in the win.

George Rivich twirled a one-hitter in the semifinals as East Chicago downed Mt. Vernon Post 5, 3-0. Kokomo's **Charlie Tinder** hit a two-run home run in the top of the ninth as Post 6 broke a 4-4 tie and took a 6-4 extra-inning semifinal win over Richmond.

With over 4,000 in attendance Kokomo had advanced to the state finals with a 3-1 regional championship game win over Terre Haute Post 40, which was coached by **Vic Aldridge**. **Aldridge** posted a 97-80 record in nine seasons with Chicago, Pittsburgh and New York in the National League. **Aldridge** pitched in the 1925 and 1927 World Series for the Pittsburgh Pirates. He was elected to the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame in 2007.

In the national regional at Akron OH, East Chicago earned a berth in the title game when Kentucky's state champion, Post 266's first-round opponent, was unable to play in the tournament due to an infantile paralysis epidemic in the state.

In the championship game Royal Oaks MI Post 253 got a single and a run-scoring double in the bottom of the tenth to eliminate East Chicago, 4-3.

1936

RICHMOND-Making its first trip to the state finals Anderson Post 127 knocked off veteran tournament teams Richmond, 3-1, and Princeton, 9-5, to capture the 1936 state championship.

Over 5,000 fans witnessed Anderson's semifinal win over defending champion Richmond and Princeton's 3-0 decision over Lafayette. All four teams entered finals play undefeated.

Anderson's **Bill Donica** hit a solo home run in the first to give Post 127 an early lead in the win over Richmond. **Fred Hauck** was the winning pitcher with relief help from **Ora Davis**.

In the championship game Anderson rapped 12 hits and scored four times in both the second and third innings to overcome an early 3-0 deficit. **Ivan Manis** led Anderson with three hits in three at bats. **Davis** picked up the win, allowing one run in four innings of relief work.

Anderson skipper **Archie Chadd** had guided the Anderson Indians to the 1935 IHSAA state basketball championship and would do so again in 1937. **Chadd** would later become a member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

1937

ANDERSON-South Bend Pulaski Post 357 knocked off four former state champions to capture the 1937 state title. Post 357 beat Lafayette and East Chicago in the regional at Elkhart and then disposed of defending state champion Anderson in the state semifinals before taking the championship with a 3-2 win over Jasper.

Jasper's **Roman Pfeffer** allowed only four hits but South Bend made them count in scoring three unearned runs in posting the win.

Ed Hanyzewski, who would pitch for the Chicago Cubs from 1942-1946, fanned nine and allowed only two hits in South Bend's 6-1 semifinal win over defending champion Anderson. Jasper used an eight run third inning to post a 9-4 win over Princeton in the other semifinal.

In the opening game of the tournament South Bend beat Logansport Post 60, 14-6. Logansport was in the state finals field because their district

tournament ended the day before regional competition was slated and Post 60 officials protested on the grounds of having to play on less than one days rest.

South Bend became the second Indiana team to advance in national play when it won the Regional 6 title over Detroit Roose Vanker Post 286, 1-0. **Hal Newhouser** (207-150 in 17 seasons with Detroit and Cleveland in the American League) suffered the loss for Detroit when he walked in the winning run in the bottom of the tenth.

Hanyzewski was the winning pitcher in South Bend's 4-0 semifinal win over Lebanon PA Post 158.

South Bend was eliminated from national play by Berwyn IL Post 422 in the Section B Finals at Lynn MA.

1938

BLOOMINGTON-East Chicago Post 266, with Washington High School again serving as its representative, won its third state title beating Bloomington Post 18, playing in its hometown, in the final game of the state tournament, 4-3.

East Chicago's **Fred Stockhaus** struck out six and allowed five hits in a 4-1 semifinal win over Jasper. Bloomington beat Greenfield Post 19, 13-3 in the other semifinal.

In the championship game Bloomington took a 2-0 lead with two runs in the bottom of the third but East Chicago tied the game with two in the sixth. Two runs in the top of the seventh earned Post 266 the win. Bloomington scored once in the bottom of the seventh but **Stockhaus**, who went the distance in both games, closed the door for the win. East Chicago managed only three hits for the game but took advantage of six Bloomington errors in scoring its four runs.

In national regional play at East Chicago, Cheviot OH Post 425 handed East Chicago its first loss of the season and eliminated Post 266, 3-2.

1939

RICHMOND-Playing in a new format where no regionals were played and all the district champions were brought together in Indianapolis to play a qualifying round for the state tournament, Richmond Post 65 won its first Indiana American Legion state championship.

Over 2,500 were in attendance to see Richmond beat Robertsdale (sponsored by Whiting Post 80), 3-2, in the finals to become the first team to claim the state crown on its home field.

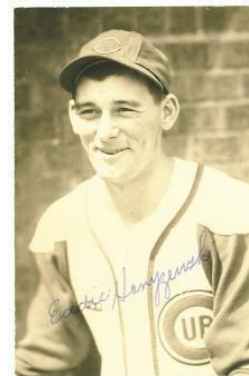
Richmond scored all three of its runs in the third. **Billy Kaeuper** made the lead last as he allowed just one hit through the first five innings. Robertsdale scored a single run in the sixth and a double scored another with two outs in the seventh but the game ended as the Richmond defense executed a perfect relay to cut down the tying run at third.

In the semifinals Robertsdale survived one of the most classic performances in state finals history to advance to the championship game.

Pitching in the finals for the third year in a row Jasper's **Roman Pfeffer** worked fourteen innings before walking the leadoff man in the top of the 15th inning. He was removed from the mound, totally exhausted, and replaced by **Tommy Tucker** who had fouled a pitch directly into his right eye during a tenth inning at bat. **Tucker**, still suffering the effects of the injury and a lack of warm-ups, was touched for five runs and Robertsdale advanced with an 8-3 win.

Pfeffer struck out 21 and had four of Jasper's ten hits in the game. He would come back for his fifth year of legion baseball in 1940 and lead Jasper to another district title but another trip to the state finals was not to be.

In 1942 **Pfeffer**, pitching in the Yankees organization, was called up to the majors but before he could make his debut he was called into military service during World War II. He was elected to the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame with the inaugural class in 1979.



Ed Hanyzewski

Tournament Results: 1926-1939

1926

Regional at Louisville KY

Louisville KY 15 beat Indianapolis (NA), 7-4

1927

(no tournament)

1928

Regional 1 at Gary

Gary 17 beat LaPorte 83, 9-1

Gary beat Ft. Wayne 47, 6-2

Regional 2 at Logansport

Huntington 7 beat Muncie 19, 3-2

Indianapolis 3 beat Sharpsville 6*, 6-3

Indianapolis beat Huntington, 4-3 (12)

* sponsored by Kokomo Post 6

Regional 3 at Jeffersonville

Jeffersonville 35 beat Franklin 205, 15-0

Jeffersonville beat Greenfield 119, 24-6

Regional 4 at Terre Haute

Blanford 140* beat Jasonville 172, 7-3

Blanford beat Evansville 8, 26-7

* sponsored by Clinton Post 140

State Finals at Indianapolis

Blanford beat Indianapolis, 17-3

Gary beat Jeffersonville, 2-1

Blanford beat Gary, 14-12

Regional 7 at Chicago

Chicago IL 273 beat Blanford, 12-5

1929

State Finals at Muncie

Jeffersonville 35 beat Shelbyville 70, 16-2

Huntington 7 beat Jasonville 172, 5-4

Ft. Wayne 47 beat Princeton 25, 7-6

South Bend 50 beat Clinton 140, 13-6

Franklin 205 beat Kokomo 6, 6-5

Indianapolis 3 beat Union City 158, 12-1

Jeffersonville beat Lafayette 11, 6-4

Ft. Wayne beat Huntington, 15-12

South Bend beat Franklin, 10-4

Jeffersonville beat Indianapolis, 10-2

South Bend beat Ft. Wayne, 6-3

*Lafayette beat Shelbyville, 8-0

*Indianapolis beat Huntington 221, 11-8

*Lafayette beat Indianapolis, 2-1

Lafayette beat South Bend 10-5

Regional 7 at Fort Wayne IN

Louisville KY 15 beat Lafayette, 26-4

* Tournament was down to the final two teams when it was discovered that Jeffersonville had used an ineligible player.

Officials decided that all the teams that Jeff had defeated in the tournament would play with the survivor meeting South Bend for the state title.

1930

Regional 1 at Clinton

Clinton 140 beat Gary 214, 6-4

Clinton beat Tipton 46, 14-1

Regional 2 at Huntington

Huntington 7 beat LaPorte 83, 8-1

Regional 3 at Greenfield

Madison 9 beat New Castle 137, 5-2

Indianapolis 55 beat Anderson 127, 7-3

Indianapolis beat Madison, 7-6

Regional 4 at Jasper

Bloomington 18 beat Huntingburg 221, 5-2

Princeton 25 beat Bloomington, 3-0

State Finals at Indianapolis

Clinton beat Huntington, 6-5

Indianapolis beat Princeton, 9-4

Clinton beat Indianapolis, 3-2

Regional 7 at Battle Creek, MI

Clinton beat Detroit MI 119, 7-6 (15)

Cincinnati OH 50 beat Clinton, 9-3, 2nd

1931

Regional 1 at Frankfort

Clinton 140 beat Whiting 80, 7-1

Clinton beat Kokomo 6, 4-2

Regional 2 at Huntington

Ft. Wayne 47 beat North Manchester 286, 8-3

South Bend 272 beat Ft. Wayne, 14-4

Regional 3 at Greensburg

Indianapolis 55 beat New Castle 137, 9-8 (9)

Lawrenceburg 239 beat Portland 211, 8-3

Indianapolis beat Lawrenceburg, 8-5

Regional 4 at Princeton

Princeton 25 beat Huntingburg 221, 6-1

Princeton beat Bloomington 18, 9-3

State Finals at Indianapolis

South Bend beat Clinton, 7-0

Princeton beat Indianapolis, 4-1

Princeton beat South Bend, 7-6

Regional 7 at Richmond IN

Princeton beat Louisville, KY 15, 8-5

Princeton beat Detroit MI 119, 11-4

Eastern Sectional at Manchester NH

Jackson MS 1 beat Princeton, 2-1 (10)

1932

Regional 1 at LaPorte

East Chicago 266 beat Michigan City 37, 4-2

East Chicago beat Ft. Wayne 47, 9-5

Regional 2 at Frankfort

Lafayette 11 beat Clinton 140, 5-1

Kokomo 6 beat Lafayette, 2-1

Regional 3 at Richmond

Richmond 65 beat Indianapolis 133, 30-4

Richmond beat Alexandria 87, 7-5

Regional 4 at Princeton

Princeton 25 beat Evansville 8, 14-2

Princeton beat Seymour 89, 6-0

State Finals at Frankfort

Richmond beat Kokomo, 6-5

East Chicago beat Princeton, 8-4

East Chicago beat Richmond, 12-3

Regional 7 at Springfield OH

Louisville KY 15 beat East Chicago, 9-6

1933

Regional 1 at Valparaiso

East Chicago 266 beat Burket 49*, 4-2 (13)

East Chicago beat Michigan City 37, 6-1

* sponsored by Warsaw Post 49

Regional 2 at Frankfort

Berne 43* beat Peru 14, 4-2

Berne beat Roachdale 58+, 16-1

* sponsored by Decatur Post 43

+ sponsored by Greencastle Post 58

Regional 3 at Richmond

Richmond 65 beat Alexandria 87, 9-7

Richmond beat Indianapolis 133, 15-4

Regional 4 at Jasper

Brazil 2 beat Jeffersonville 35, 4-3 (10)

Jasper 147 beat Brazil, 8-1

State Finals at Princeton

Jasper beat Berne, 7-1

East Chicago beat Richmond, 6-5

Jasper beat East Chicago, 8-2

Regional 7 at Richmond IN

Springfield OH 6 beat Jasper, 22-1

Springfield OH beat Jasper, 7-6

Tournament Results: 1926-1939

1934

Regional 1 at LaPorte

East Chicago 266 beat LaPorte 83, 19-8
Lafayette 11 beat East Chicago, 7-3

Regional 2 at Frankfort

Kokomo 6 beat Terre Haute 40, 9-2
Fort Wayne 47 beat Kokomo, 1-0

Regional 3 at Richmond

Anderson 127 beat Richmond 65, 2-0
Southport 361 beat Anderson, 4-1

Regional 4 at Jasper

Mt. Vernon 5 beat Jeffersonville 35, 5-1
Carbon 2 beat Mt. Vernon, 10-9 (8)

State Finals at Indianapolis

Lafayette beat Carbon, 4-0
Fort Wayne beat Indianapolis, 3-2
Lafayette beat Fort Wayne, 9-2

Regional 7 at Indianapolis

Detroit MI 119 beat Lafayette, 11-1

1935

Regional 1 at East Chicago

Lafayette 11 beat Michigan City 37, 10-1
East Chicago 266 beat Winamac 71, 13-3
East Chicago beat Lafayette, 13-4

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Terre Haute 40 beat Fort Wayne 47, 6-1
Kokomo 6 beat Alexandria 87, 11-3
Kokomo beat Terre Haute, 3-1

Regional 3 at Brookville

Richmond 65 beat Brookville 77, 10-1
Indianapolis 133 beat Nashville 13, 22-1
Richmond beat Indianapolis, 1-0

Regional 4 at Tell City

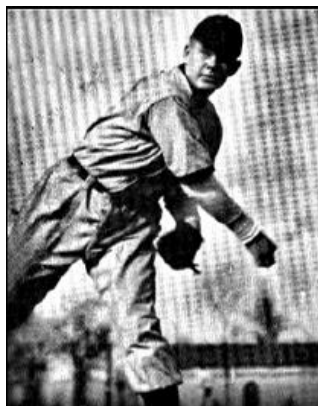
Mt. Vernon 5 beat Paoli 63, 3-2
Princeton 25 beat Tell City 213, 8-2
Mt. Vernon beat Princeton, 6-1

State Finals at Seymour

Kokomo beat Richmond, 6-4 (9)
East Chicago beat Mt. Vernon, 3-0
East Chicago beat Kokomo, 7-6

Regional 7 at Akron OH

Royal Oak MI 253 beat East Chicago, 4-3 (10), 2nd



Fred Stockhaus

Stockhaus pitched two complete game wins for East Chicago Washington Post 266 in the 1938 state finals.

1936

Regional 1 at Whiting

Lafayette 11 beat Elkhart 74-1, 8-2
Whiting 80 beat Rochester 36, 8-0
Lafayette beat Whiting, 1-0 (9)

Regional 2 at Anderson

Anderson 127 beat Plainfield 329, 16-2
Portland 211 beat Ft. Wayne 47, 5-4
Anderson beat Portland, 8-7

Regional 3 at Richmond

Richmond 65 beat Brookville 77, 5-1
Indianapolis 116 beat Bloomington 18, 8-5
Richmond beat Indianapolis, 11-2

Regional 4 at Princeton

Jasper 147 beat Paoli 63, 5-2
Princeton 25 beat Poseyville 278, 7-1
Princeton beat Jasper, 15-6

State Finals at Richmond

Princeton beat Lafayette, 3-0
Anderson beat Richmond, 3-1
Richmond beat Lafayette, 5-4 (3rd)
Anderson beat Princeton, 9-5

Regional 6 at Wyandotte MI

Ecorse MI 272 beat Anderson, 17-8
Ecorse MI beat Anderson, 6-4

1937

Regional 1 at Elkhart

South Bend 357 beat Lafayette 11, 7-4
East Chicago Roosevelt 266 beat Logansport 60, Forfeit
South Bend beat East Chicago, 3-2

Regional 2 at Marion

Anderson 127 beat Auburn 97, 3-2
Richmond 65 beat Hartford City 159, 7-2
Anderson beat Richmond, 5-1

Regional 3 at Vincennes

Bloomington 18 beat Indianapolis 116, 5-4 (8)
Princeton 25 tied Terre Haute 40, 0-0 (8)
Princeton beat Terre Haute, 8-5
Princeton beat Bloomington, 12-4

Regional 4 at Jasper

Jasper 147 beat Evansville 8, 11-5
Seymour 89 beat Hope 229, 6-3
Jasper beat Seymour 89, 15-5

State Finals at Anderson

South Bend beat Logansport, 14-6
Jasper beat Princeton, 9-4
South Bend beat Anderson, 6-1
South Bend beat Jasper, 3-2

Regional 6 at Flint MI

South Bend beat Lebanon PA 158, 4-0
South Bend beat Detroit MI 286, 1-0 (10)

Northeast Sectional B at Lynn MA

Berwyn IL 422 beat South Bend, 17-3

1938

Regional 1 at Warsaw

E. C. Washington 266 beat Wolcottville 110, 14-2
Warsaw 49 beat South Bend 303, 4-1
East Chicago beat Warsaw, 14-4

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Rockville 48 beat Lafayette 11, 6-4
Greenfield 119 beat Portland 211, 12-5
Greenfield beat Rockville, 7-6

Regional 3 at Indianapolis

Bloomington 18 beat Knightstown 152, 14-4
Indianapolis 116 beat Madison 9, 4-3
Bloomington beat Indianapolis, 7-0

Regional 4 at Princeton

Jasper 147 beat Princeton 25, 1-0
Evansville 8 beat Seymour 89, 6-0
Jasper beat Evansville, 4-3

State Finals at Bloomington

East Chicago beat Jasper, 4-1
Bloomington beat Greenfield, 13-3
East Chicago beat Bloomington, 4-3

Regional 6 at East Chicago IN

Cheviot OH 425 beat East Chicago, 3-2

1939

Regional Playoffs at Indianapolis

Indianapolis 38 beat Warsaw 49, 7-1
Evansville 8 beat Decatur 43, 11-9
Jasper 147 beat South Bend 357, 4-1
Anderson 127 beat Princeton 25, 5-3
Rockville 48 beat Seymour 89, 6-4
*Robertsdale 80 beat Brookville 77, 18-0
Bloomington 18 beat Hartford City 159, 7-4
Jasper beat Indianapolis, 4-1
Robertsdale beat Evansville, 6-0
Richmond 65 beat Bloomington, 8-3
Rockville beat Anderson, 7-4

State Finals at Richmond

Robertsdale beat Jasper, 8-3 (15)
Richmond beat Rockville, 2-1
Richmond beat Robertsdale, 3-2

Regional 6 at Princeton IN

St. Louis MO 186 beat Richmond, 14-1

Robertsdale sponsored by Whiting Post 80

** Beginning in 1939 there were no regionals played. District winners were brought to one site and the final four remaining teams then played in a separate state final.*

Tournament History: 1940-1949

1940

EAST CHICAGO-East Chicago, this time represented by Roosevelt High School's Rough Riders, drew a first-round bye and then beat Bedford Post 33 in the quarterfinals, 11-5, behind **George Seiffert's** 16-strikeout performance to advance to the state finals at East Chicago. The preliminary round of the tournament was played under the same format as 1939.

The Twin Cities Post became the second team in two years to win the championship at home as they beat Anderson, 20-4, and Terre Haute, 6-5, for the title.

Terre Haute's **Bob Rausch** twirled the second no-hitter in state finals play as **Vic Aldridge's** crew downed Princeton, 1-0, in the other semifinal game.

East Chicago centerfielder **Teddy Zych** went 8-9, including eight straight hits, in the two games and scored the winning run against Terre Haute. **Zych** had two home runs, two doubles and a triple among his eight hits. **Zych's** double in the fifth, the first hit of the day off **Rausch**, who came on in relief in the third inning, set up East Chicago's winning run. Terre Haute had tied the game at 5-all in the top of the fifth.

Post 266 head coach **Pete Rucinski**, inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame in 1973, would win six mythical state championships in that sport at Roosevelt.

East Chicago led St. Louis Aubuchon Dennison Post 186, 7-0, in the championship game of the national regional before falling 9-7. St. Louis would finish the season as national runner-up in the American Legion World Series.

1941

MARION-In the last year for the no regional format Rockville Post 48 won its only state title.

Rockville downed East Chicago Post 266, 3-2 in eight innings in the championship game. The Twin Cities Post, represented once again by Washington High's Senators, was attempting to defend the 1940 title won for Post 266 by Roosevelt High. Rockville scored the winning run on a walk, a sacrifice and two East Chicago errors.

No one knew it at the time but a community that would become synonymous with American Legion baseball in later years made its initial appearance on the radar during the 1941 tournament. Rockport Post 254 won a first round game from Bedford, 19-3, and lost in the quarterfinals to Dunkirk Post 227, 8-3. The 1941 appearance marked Rockport's initial district title.

A trio of individuals that would go on to become well-known names in Indiana sports circles were also involved in the 1941 tournament.

John Baratto, who would later be named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, coached Rockville. **Baratto** guided East Chicago Washington to the 1960 IHSAA state basketball championship.

Princeton, eliminated 11-4 in the quarterfinals by East Chicago, had a shortstop named Gil Hodge who went 2-3 and scored a run in the loss. After adding an "s" to the end of Hodge he became better known as **Gil Hodges** of the Brooklyn Dodgers and the manager of the 1969 World Champion New York Miracle Mets.

The third individual was **Arlie Skelton**, coach of Tell City Post 213, a first-round loser to Dunkirk. Skelton would become a prominent figure in Indiana American Legion baseball and in 1973 the **Arlie Skelton Award**, given annually to an individual who has made a major contribution to legion baseball in Indiana, was established.

1942

EAST CHICAGO-The war years began with East Chicago becoming the only team to win the state title twice in the same year.

With the tournament cancelled due to World War II it was decided that the winner of the first district league race would be declared the state champion. East Chicago Post 266, represented by Washington High, won that title and despite having the state championship in hand offered to host a state tournament for any team that could enter the field and make the trip to East Chicago.

Anderson Post 127 and South Bend Post 357 were the only other teams able to make the necessary arrangements to compete in the tournament.

South Bend downed Anderson 10-6 and played East Chicago in the championship game. The Twin Cities Post took a 7-1 decision to win the title for the second time in the same year. **George Elish** allowed just two hits, struck out seven and walked two for the win. Anderson's **Carl Erskine** suffered the loss in the semifinals as Post 127 suffered numerous defensive miscues.

East Chicago won its first game in the national tournament, downing Cedar Rapids IA, 2-1 in ten innings, as **Elish** fanned 16. Post 266 ran into a major problem in the championship game though as a guy by the name of **Yogi Berra** blasted a home run and drove in 10 runs as his St. Louis Stockham Post 245 team blasted East Chicago, 25-0. Eventual national champion, Los Angeles Post 357, would later eliminate St. Louis from the tournament.

1943

EAST CHICAGO-A state tournament was scheduled for 1943 but it was under a new format and, due to WWII, with far fewer teams participating. The tournament format was again changed due to the war. Rather than a four-team state final there was a northern and southern state semifinal and a best two-out-of-three state finals was played. This format would exist through the 1947 season.

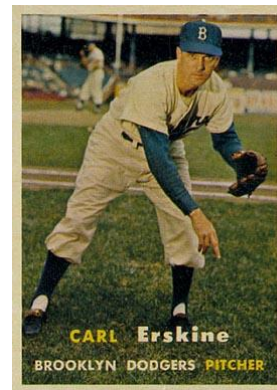
Pete Rucinski and his Roosevelt squad won the championship of the northern half of the state and advanced to play Jasper Post 147, winners of the southern half, in the finals at East Chicago. A best two-out-of-three format was to be used. East Chicago, playing at home in Block Stadium, took just two games to claim the title, winning by scores of 6-1 and 4-1. East Chicago's **Joe Rivich** was 4-6 and drove in five runs in the two games.

The Rough Riders had beaten Anderson 1-0 to advance to the finals. Anderson's **Carl Erskine** had pitched a masterpiece, striking out 14 and allowing only three hits. An unearned run in the first, on two Anderson errors, scored the only run in the game. East Chicago pitcher **Ed Biestek** had matched **Erskine** pitch for pitch, striking out 10 and allowing only two Anderson hits.

The game ended with **Erskine** being picked off second base after collecting one of those hits. "**Jumpin' Johnny Wilson**", a future Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame inductee, had the other hit for Anderson. **Wilson** would lead Anderson's Indians to the 1946 IHSAA state basketball championship and score a finals game record 30 points in Anderson's 76-53 win over Fort Wayne Central.

Erskine would be elected to the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame in its inaugural class of 1979.

The 1943 season marked the first year for the double-elimination format to appear as the national tournament was conducted on this basis.



Carl Erskine

1944

HUNTINGBURG-For the third year in a row East Chicago Post 266 won the state title.

This time it was **Nelson "Doc" Irwin's** Washington Senators doing the honors as they traveled to Huntingburg and came away with 6-4 and 5-1 decisions over Post 221.

John Molodet picked up the win in game one and **Johnny Vince** allowed only two hits in picking up the game two win. **Ed Prieboy** had a solo home run for EC in game two. Huntingburg had 10 errors on the day, split evenly between the two games.

In the national regional at Springfield, Illinois, East Chicago knocked off defending national champion Richfield, MN Post 435, 7-2, as **Molodet** went nine innings and scattered seven hits and Detroit, MI Beaudry Post 126, 5-3, as **Vince** allowed only five hits. This left the Twin Cities Post needing only one win to advance but Richfield came back to drop Post 266, 16-10 and 7-4 for the regional championship.

Richfield scored the 16 runs on only eight hits as EC uncharacteristically committed six errors. In the title game Post 266 led 4-1 after six but Richfield tallied four times in the seventh on two walks, an error and two singles. East Chicago again had a tough day defensively as it erred five times.

East Chicago had lost the services of ace pitcher **Molodet** when he was called home from the tournament due to the sudden death of his mother. **Molodet** would have pitched one of the two final games against Richfield.

John Molodet would be a long-time assistant to **John Baratto** at East Chicago Washington and would guide the Senators to the 1971 IHSAA state basketball championship with a perfect 29-0 record after succeeding **Baratto** as the head coach of the Senators. **Molodet** was elected to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1995.

Tournament History: 1940-1949

1945

EAST CHICAGO-East Chicago Post 266 won again and again it was Roosevelt succeeding Washington in gaining the crown. This was **Pete Rucinski's** third and last American Legion state championship as coach.

Roosevelt won the title by defeating Richmond, 4-1 and 1-0 in nine innings. The games were played in Block Stadium in East Chicago with over 3,500 in attendance.

Rough Rider's **Mike Radovich** and **Joe Rogowski** starred in the final game. **Rogowski** pitched nine shutout innings, striking out five and scattering five hits. **Radovich**, playing leftfield, hauled in a 325 fly ball with the bases loaded in the first to end the inning but saved the best for the top of the ninth.

With two outs in the ninth **Ronald Clark** singled and **Radovich** promptly sent him home with a line drive double to give **Rogowski** the only run he needed.

East Chicago became the third Indiana team to advance in national tournament play as Post 266 beat Detroit Post 390, 9-8; Louisville, KY, 4-1, and Detroit again, 5-2 in 14 innings, to capture Regional No. 7 at Flint, MI.

In the first game **Radovich** allowed just six hits but 13 walks kept Detroit in the game. EC's **Virgil Dan** homered in the first inning.

In game two **Rogowski** fanned twelve and didn't give up a hit until there were two out in the seventh. The game was scoreless until the last of the sixth when **Dan's** line drive single over the second baseman's head scored **Bob Lambski**. EC iced the game with three runs in the home half of the seventh. The win left Post 266 as the only undefeated team in the regional.

East Chicago scored in the top of the ninth to forge a 1-1 tie with Detroit in the championship game and then saw a 2-1 lead evaporate in the bottom of the twelfth before ringing up a trio in the top of the 14th to claim the title. EC's first run in the deciding inning scored on a bases loaded wild pitch. **Benny Zaranka**, whose error had allowed Detroit to tie the game in the twelfth, delivered a two-run single to up the lead to 5-2. **Radovich** pitched all 14 innings for the win, striking out 12 and allowing only two singles. Detroit didn't get its first hit until there were two out in the ninth.

East Chicago beat Meridian, MS Post 21, 6-3, in the Southeastern Sectional at Charleston, SC before falling 5-1 and 7-1 to Shelby, NC Post 82. **Rogowski** struck out 12 and allowed five hits in the win over Meridian.

Playing in its home state, at Charlotte, Shelby would go on to win the 1945 national championship with a 34-3 record. **Harry McKee**, the winning pitcher of game one with East Chicago, would finish the year 18-1 including two wins in the World Series. **Boots Kent**, the game two winner with EC, would pitch nine innings of no-hit ball against Oak Park IL in the World Series. He allowed a hit in the tenth and won the game 2-1.

1946

RICHMOND-Washington continued the alternating pattern between the two East Chicago schools as it extended East Chicago Post 266's streak to five consecutive state championships.

For the second year in a row Richmond was the victim, falling 5-1 and 6-3, as **Johnnie Baratto** became the first coach to win state titles at two different posts. **Baratto's** Rockville team won the title in 1941. Ironically, the team Rockville beat for the title was East Chicago.

East Chicago's **Andy Prieboy** struck out 15 and pitched a 2-0 shutout over Rochester Post 36 in a regional semifinal; came back with a 13 strikeout and two hit performance over Kokomo Post 6 in a 12-0 state semifinal win, and then picked up a 5-1 verdict, his eleventh against no losses, in a state finals win over Richmond.

Prieboy would add a 12th win with a 2-1 eleven-inning decision over Oak Park IL Post 15 in the opening round of national regional play at Flint MI. The win would run Post 266's record to 13-0, but it would be their last of the 1946 season.

A Cincinnati Bentley Post 50 team that would advance to the American Legion World Series in 1946, and win the national championship in 1947, ended the winning streak with an 18-0 pasting in the winner's bracket final. Winning pitcher for Bentley Post was **Jim Brosnan** who would pitch for the Cubs, Reds, Cardinals and White Sox in a career that lasted from 1954 until 1963.

Also on that Bentley Post team were **Don Zimmer** (no identification needed to baseball fans), **Jim Frey** who would manage the Kansas City Royals and Chicago Cubs and **George Moeller** who would win the 1947 Louisville Slugger Award, given to the player who compiles the highest batting average in national competition, with a .500 batting average on 20 hits in 40 at bats. Legendary **Joe Hawk** managed the Bentley team.

East Chicago finished the season 13-2, losing to Oak Park in its next game.

1947

ANDERSON-In the finals for the third consecutive year Richmond's Harry Ray Post 65 broke East Chicago's five year run with 4-3 and 6-4 decisions over Anderson Post 127 to capture the 1947 state title.

Trailing 3-1 in the sixth inning of the first game Richmond got a run producing triple from **Jim Byrket** to pull within one and when **Byrket** crossed the plate Post 65 had tied it. **Byrket's** solo home run in the seventh was the game-winner. In the second game **Byrket** scattered nine hits in a route going performance and Richmond plated a pair in the sixth to take the lead and go on to the win.

Veteran coach **Kenny Holtcamp's** team finished the season 16-3. **Holtcamp** coached six seasons at Richmond (1935-1937 and 1945-1947) and all six of his teams reached the state finals.

1948

INDIANAPOLIS-East Chicago returned to the state tournament but this time it was under the sponsorship of Post 78 & 266 and the trip ended in a runner-up finish as Fort Wayne Post 47's **Norm Ellenberger** twirled a four-hitter as his team took a 5-4 decision.

East Chicago dropped defending champion Richmond, 6-2, in the semi-finals. Ft. Wayne beat first time state finalist Madison Post 9, 11-7.

Ellenberger would go on to make his mark in basketball, playing for legendary coach Tony Hinkle at Butler University. He would later become the head coach at New Mexico State and would also serve as an assistant to **Bob Knight** at Indiana University and in the NBA with the Chicago Bulls.

1949

MARION-With an all-time record total of 172 teams entered in the tournament East Chicago Post 78 & 266, state runner-up in 1948, returned to the final game in 1949 but this time came away with the title as it posted a 2-1 win over another 1948 finalist, Madison Post 9. East Chicago's **Al Govorchin** struck out nine and allowed only one Madison base runner after the third inning in gaining the win.

In a semifinal rematch of the 1948 championship game, East Chicago beat Ft. Wayne Post 47, 3-2 and avenged the previous years loss by beating **Norm Ellenberger**, the winning pitcher in the 1948 title game.

East Chicago gained the championship game win when Madison's **Spence Schnaitter** allowed a walk, a double and two more walks in the bottom of the sixth to break a 1-1 tie.

It's a wonder that **Schnaitter** was able to pitch at all.

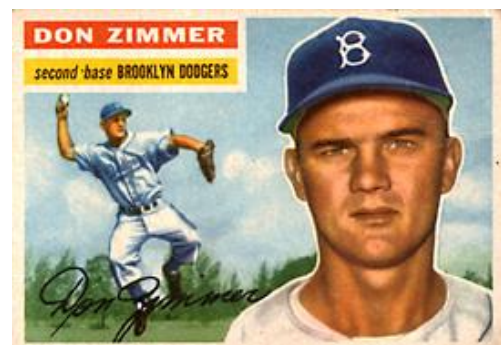
In regional play he had pitched both of Madison's wins and on the first day of the state tournament he had a complete game victory with 12 strikeouts as Madison beat Vincennes Post 73, 9-2 in the morning and then in the afternoon his no-hitter, the third in finals history, was instrumental in getting Madison into the title game as it beat Indianapolis Robinson-Ragsdale Post 133, 9-3. Indianapolis had held a 3-1 lead, despite not having a hit, when Madison erupted for eight runs in the bottom of the sixth to pull out the win.

Indianapolis had taken a 1-0 lead in the first inning of that game but Madison tied things up when **Schnaitter's** teammate, **Ted Server**, stole home in the bottom of the first. **Server** had a grand-slam home run in the win over Vincennes.

Schnaitter and **Server** were also teammates on Madison High School's 1949 IHSAA state runner-up basketball team and would be teammates on the 1950 Madison Cubs state championship basketball team.

Schnaitter, who went on to be a three-year starter on the basketball team at Yale, was elected to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1995 where he again joined his old teammate **Server**, who was elected to the Hall in 1984.

East Chicago would lose 6-5 in the championship game of the national regional to eventual national runner-up, Cincinnati Budde Post 507.



Don Zimmer

State Tournament Results: 1940-1949

1940

State Qualifier at Indianapolis

Princeton 25 beat Michigan City 37, 6-3
Fort Wayne 47 beat Evansville 8, 15-14
Muncie 19 beat Indianapolis 312, 25-2
Anderson 127 beat Jasper 147, 6-5
Terre Haute 40 beat Kokomo 6, 11-2
Logansport 60 beat Mooresville 103, 7-0 (Forfeit)
Princeton beat Fort Wayne, 8-4
Terre Haute beat Muncie, 9-8
Anderson beat Logansport, 6-3
East Chicago Roosevelt 266 beat Bedford 33, 11-5

State Finals at East Chicago

Terre Haute beat Princeton, 1-0
East Chicago beat Anderson, 20-4
East Chicago beat Terre Haute, 6-5

Regional 6 at Johnson City, TN

East Chicago beat Louisville KY 15, 12-4
St. Louis MO 186 beat East Chicago, 9-7 (2nd)

1941

State Qualifier at Indianapolis

Dunkirk 227 beat Tell City 213, 8-6
Rockport 254 beat Bedford 33, 19-3
Rockville 48 beat Decatur 43, 23-3
Flora 222 beat Indianapolis 116, 12-9
Middletown 216 beat Anderson 127, 10-9
East Chicago Washington 266 beat Princeton 25, 11-4
Dunkirk beat Rockport, 8-3
Rockville beat Middletown, 13-3
South Bend 303 beat Flora, 12-4

State Finals at Marion

Rockville beat South Bend, 7-6
East Chicago beat Dunkirk, 14-7
Rockville beat East Chicago, 3-2 (8)

Regional 6 at East Chicago IN

Chattanooga TN 14 beat Rockville, 7-4
Rockville beat Louisville KY 15, 6-2
Rockville beat Chattanooga TN, 8-4
St. Louis MO 245 beat Rockville, 7-5 (2nd)

1942

State Finals at East Chicago

South Bend 357 beat Anderson 127, 10-6
East Chicago Washington 266 beat South Bend, 7-1

Regional 6 at St. Joe MO

East Chicago beat Cedar Rapids IA 5, 2-1 (10)
St. Louis MO 245 beat East Chicago, 25-0 (2nd)

1943

Regional 1 at South Bend

East Chicago Roosevelt 266 beat South Bend 357, 6-3

Regional 2 at Anderson

Anderson

Regional 3 at Bloomington

Jasper 147 beat Bloomington 18, 12-3
Jasper beat Bedford 33, 6-1

North Semifinal at East Chicago

East Chicago beat Anderson, 1-0

State Finals at East Chicago

East Chicago beat Jasper, 6-1
East Chicago beat Jasper, 4-1

Regional 5 at East Chicago IN

Berwyn IL 422 beat East Chicago, 5-1
East Chicago beat Milwaukee WI 331, 8-5
Berwyn IL beat East Chicago, 5-4 (10)

1944

Regional 1 at East Chicago

South Bend 284 beat Michigan City 37, 6-2
East Chicago Washington 266 beat South Bend, 4-3

Regional 2 at Anderson

Anderson 127 beat New Castle 137, 20-2
Anderson beat Frankfort 12, 11-0

Regional 3 at Huntingburg

Huntingburg 221 beat Boonville 200, 5-0

North Semifinal at Anderson

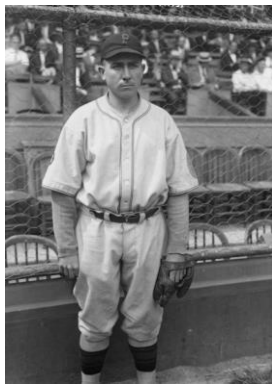
East Chicago beat Anderson, 8-5

State Finals at Huntingburg

East Chicago beat Huntingburg, 6-4
East Chicago beat Huntingburg, 5-1

Regional 5 at Springfield IL

East Chicago beat Richfield MN 435, 7-2
East Chicago beat Detroit MI 126, 5-3
Richfield MN beat East Chicago, 16-10
Richfield MN beat East Chicago, 7-4 (2nd)



Vic Aldridge

Aldridge pitched in the major leagues for 9 years between 1917-1928 with the Cubs, Pirates and NY Giants. He won two games in the 1925 World Series as Pittsburgh beat the Washington Senators. He lost a game to the New York Yankees in the 1927 World Series.

Aldridge guided Terre Haute Post 40 to a state runner-up finish in 1940

1945

Regional 1 at South Bend

E. Chicago Roosevelt 266 beat South Bend 284, 4-2 (8)

Regional 2 at Crawfordsville

Anderson 127 beat Crawfordsville 72, 9-3

Regional 3 at Bloomington

Richmond 65 beat Bloomington 18, 13-1
Scottsburg 234 beat Indianapolis 312, 5-2
Richmond beat Scottsburg, 15-0

Regional 4 at Princeton

Princeton 25 beat Evansville 265, 10-3
New Albany 28 beat Jeffersonville 35, NA
New Albany beat Princeton, 8-7 (9)

North Semifinal at East Chicago

East Chicago beat Anderson, 5-0

South Semifinal at New Albany

Richmond beat New Albany, 5-1

State Finals at East Chicago

East Chicago beat Richmond, 4-1
East Chicago beat Richmond, 1-0 (9)

Regional 7 at Flint MI

East Chicago beat Detroit Rosedale MI 390, 9-8
East Chicago beat Louisville KY 15, 4-1
East Chicago beat Detroit MI, 5-2 (14)

Southeast Sectional D at Charlotte NC

East Chicago beat Meridian MS 21, 6-3
Shelby NC 82 beat East Chicago, 5-1
Shelby NC beat East Chicago, 7-1 (2nd)

1946

Regional 1 at East Chicago

South Bend 284 beat Decatur 43, 8-2
East Chicago Washington 266 beat Rochester 36, 2-0
East Chicago beat South Bend, 6-0

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Crawfordsville 72 beat Lafayette 11, 13-10
Kokomo 6 beat Lapel 212, 5-2
Kokomo beat Crawfordsville, 12-3

Regional 3 at Richmond

Richmond 65 beat Madison 9, 3-2
Indianapolis 133 beat Franklin 205, 5-0
Richmond beat Indianapolis, 12-1

Regional 4 at Evansville

Princeton 25 beat Evansville 8, 8-5
Bedford 33 beat Huntingburg 221, 2-1
Princeton beat Bedford, 11-3

North Semifinal at East Chicago

East Chicago beat Kokomo, 12-0

South Semifinal at New Albany

Richmond beat Princeton, 3-2

State Finals at Richmond

East Chicago beat Richmond, 5-1
East Chicago beat Richmond, 6-3

Regional 7 at Flint MI

East Chicago beat Oak Park IL 15, 2-1 (11)
Cincinnati OH 50 beat East Chicago, 18-0
Oak Park IL beat East Chicago, 16-1

State Tournament Results: 1940-1949

1947

Regional 1 at South Bend

Fort Wayne 47 beat Warsaw 49, 6-3
 *Hammond 16 beat Elkhart Concord 74-2, 3-1
 Elkhart beat Fort Wayne, 11-2

Regional 2 at Anderson

Anderson 127 beat Kokomo 6, 4-0
 Anderson beat Crawfordsville 72, 12-10

Regional 3 at Indianapolis

Richmond 65 beat Bloomington 18, 24-3
 Indianapolis 133 beat Aurora 231, 13-5
 Richmond beat Indianapolis, 6-1

Regional 4 at Jasper

Evansville 8 beat Princeton 25, 6-3
 Jasper 147 beat Jeffersonville 35, 7-2
 Evansville beat Jasper, 9-8

North Semifinal at Elkhart

Anderson beat Elkhart, 3-2

South Semifinal at New Albany

Richmond beat Evansville, 13-6

State Finals at Anderson

Richmond beat Anderson, 4-3
 Richmond beat Anderson, 6-4

Regional 7 at Quincy IL

Belleville IL 58 beat Richmond, 17-6
 Detroit MI 495 beat Richmond, 4-0

1948

Regional 1 at East Chicago

Elkhart 74-1 beat Lafayette 11, 3-2
 East Chicago 78&266 beat Elkhart, 3-1

Regional 2 at Marion

Fort Wayne 47 beat Kokomo 6, 5-4 (8)
 Fort Wayne beat Kokomo, 7-0

Regional 3 at Richmond

Indianapolis 4 beat Clinton 140, 6-5
 Richmond 65 beat Indianapolis, 3-0

Regional 4 at Crane

Brazil 2 beat Jeffersonville 35, 5-4
 Madison 9 beat Brazil, 8-7

State Finals at Indianapolis

East Chicago beat Richmond, 6-2
 Fort Wayne beat Madison, 11-7
 Fort Wayne beat East Chicago, 6-5

Regional 7 at Flint MI

Belleville IL 58 beat Fort Wayne, 5-4
 Fort Wayne beat Kalamazoo MI 36, 8-6
 Cincinnati OH 437 beat Fort Wayne, 10-1

1949

Regional 1 at Rochester

East Chicago 78&266 beat Rochester 36, 10-4
 East Chicago beat South Bend 50, 3-2

Regional 2 at Marion

Fort Wayne 47 beat Marion 10, 3-2 (10)
 Fort Wayne beat Marion, 16-4 (9)

Regional 3 at Indianapolis

Richmond 65 beat Clinton 140, 7-1
 Indianapolis 133 beat Richmond, 4-2

Regional 4 at Crane

Madison 9 beat Vincennes 73, 2-1
 Madison beat Evansville 187, 8-1
 Vincennes beat Evansville, 15-2

State Finals at Marion

Madison beat Vincennes, 9-2
 East Chicago beat Fort Wayne, 3-2
 Madison beat Indianapolis, 9-3
 East Chicago beat Madison, 2-1

Regional 7 at Bloomington IL

Flint MI 64 beat East Chicago, 8-7
 East Chicago beat Belleville IL 58, 8-2
 East Chicago beat Flint MI, 6-5
 Cincinnati OH 507 beat East Chicago, 6-5 (2nd)



1940
 State Champion
 East Chicago Roosevelt Post 266

Tournament History: 1950-1959

1950

RICHMOND-Appearing in the state finals for the first time, Hammond Victory Post 168 entered as the tournament favorite by virtue of its 11-0 record.

Post 168 lived up to the billing, beating Anderson Post 127, 1-0, for the championship. Hammond had eliminated Batesville Post 271, 4-3, in a semifinal game.

In the win over Batesville **Joe Baliga** gave Post 168 an early lead with a two-run double in the second and then contributed another double in a two-run fourth as Hammond took a 4-0 lead.

After Batesville had cut the lead to 4-3, **Baliga** entered and pitched the final 2 1/3 innings to pick up a save.

In the championship game **Baliga** was working on a one-hit shutout when Anderson threatened in the bottom of the seventh. With one out and Post 127 runners at second and third **Baliga** snared a popped-up bunt and doubled the runner off third to end the game.

John Jacobs RBI single in the sixth provided Hammond with the only run in the game.

Hammond downed Galion OH Post 243, 8-2, in the first game of national tournament play in Regional 7 at East Chicago. **Baliga** earned the win as he pitched six shutout innings before being removed to save innings. **John Thompson** pitched three innings of relief and earned the save.

After falling to Detroit Beauty Post 126 in the winner's bracket final for its first loss of the season, Hammond again beat Galion, 2-1 and earned the right to face Detroit for the championship. Hammond had only three hits in the win but made them count as **Baliga** picked up his second win by scattering nine hits. Galion finished the year 26-3 with two of those losses administered by Hammond and **Baliga**.

Baliga pitched in the Brooklyn Dodgers organization from 1952-1959.

Detroit ended Hammond's season with a 9-3 verdict. Post 168 posted a 15-2 record for the year.



Joe Baliga

1951

FRENCH LICK-**Arley** and **Harley Andrews** didn't win a state basketball championship for **Howard Sharpe** at Terre Haute Gerstmeier, but they did play on the Post 346 state championship team for **Bill Welch**.

Terre Haute won its first state title with an 8-4 win over Princeton Post 25 after beating South Bend Bendix Post 284, 6-2 in the semifinals.

In the win over South Bend, **Dani Pestoff** allowed just two hits and **Jim Harkness** drove in two runs with a triple and a single. **Paul Lemont** had a two-run single in the seventh for Terre Haute to provide the final margin.

In the championship game manager **Bill Welch** surprised everyone by starting **Kenny Williams**, who had been out of action due to the flu, and the tactic worked as **Williams** pitched six innings and got the win with **Pestoff** pitching the seventh. **Arley Andrews** had a single and double and scored three times. **Pat Guillfor** homered for Terre Haute in the seventh.

Over 150 teams were entered when 1951 tournament play started.

An outstanding track coach, Terre Haute manager **Bill Welch** would be named to the National Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1977. He was also inducted into the Indiana Track and Field Hall of Fame and to the Rose-Hulman Institute Athletic Hall of Fame.

1952

PRINCETON-For the third year in a row a first time champion was crowned as Evansville Funkhouser Post 8 beat East Chicago Post 78 & 266, 3-0 in nine innings, in the final game.

Funkhouser's **Leon Harper** scattered five hits in a 2-0 semifinal win over Indianapolis Broad Ripple Post 312 and then came back the next day to shutout East Chicago on three hits. **Harper** threw 16 innings of shutout baseball in the finals, striking out seven against Indianapolis and fanning 14 against East Chicago.

In national tournament play at Lawrenceburg IN, Evansville finished second to Cincinnati OH Bentley Post 50, losing a winner's bracket game, 14-1, and the championship game, 4-2, to the eventual national champions. Evansville beat Flint MI Post 342, 5-1 in the opening round of the tournament and in the final elimination game, 10-3.

Cincinnati's **Dick Drott** allowed only four hits and singled in two runs in the championship game. **Drott** would pitch seven seasons in the majors with the Cubs and the Houston Colt .45's. He won 15 games in his rookie year of 1957 and finished third in the Rookie of the Year balloting.

Bentley Post was led by American Legion Player Of The Year, **Russ Nixon** and coached by **Joe Hawk** who would go on to win five American Legion National Championships with Post 50.

Nixon played 12 years in the major leagues and would become a coach later too. He was the third-base coach on the staff of **Sparky Anderson** with the 1976 World Champion Cincinnati Reds "Big Red Machine". **Anderson** was a member of Los Angeles CA Post 715's American Legion National Champions of 1951.

1953

MARION-Lafayette Post 11 won its third state championship with a 2-0 win over Jonesboro Post 95, but it took two tries to get the job done.

The first attempt to decide a state champion ended in a 2-2 tie, the only tie game in state finals history, when the game was called after seven innings because of darkness. Under rules of the time the game was not resumed at the point of interruption but was replayed as a new game.

Larry Atkinson pitched both games for Jonesboro, allowing a single Lafayette hit in the tie game and surrendering only three safeties in the title game loss.

Lafayette's **Jerry Neal** held Jonesboro in check allowing only three hits and striking out nine in Post 11's win.

Lafayette beat Batesville Post 271, 8-5, and Jonesboro beat Princeton Post 25, 5-4, to advance to the final game.

In the national regional at Ohio, **Dick Drott** was again an Indiana nemesis as he allowed four hits and struck out 18 as Cincinnati's Bentley Post 50 downed Lafayette, 5-3 in an opening round game. Detroit Edison Post 187 eliminated Lafayette, 5-2 in its second game.

1954

BLOOMINGTON-Lafayette repeated its 1953 success as it downed Marion Post 10, 9-1, in the championship game. **Ralph Maple** allowed three hits, walked four and struck out 11 to gain the win.

Lafayette, behind **Jerry Neal's** shutout pitching, beat Richmond, 6-0, in the semifinals and Marion outlasted Jeffersonville Post 35, 3-2 in 11 innings to set up the championship game. This season marked the first year that games in the tournament were nine inning affairs.

In the national tournament in Regional 7 at Benton Harbor MI, Lafayette beat Belleville IL Post 58, 8-2, and Cincinnati OH Bentley Post 50, 7-1, to advance to the championship round undefeated.

In the Belleville game Lafayette's **Carl Henninger** allowed only one base runner, on an error, in five innings of relief to earn the win. In the win over Cincinnati, Post 11 made the most of seven hits as **Neal**, who picked up the win, and **Larry Shuman**, who relieved **Neal** in the eighth, shared mound duties.

Perennial power Bentley Post beat Lafayette, 7-5, to set up a final game. Lafayette's **Maple** had a 1-0 lead and a no-hitter with two outs in the fifth when the roof caved in on the Indiana champions as the Ohioans scored seven times on only one hit. Before the inning was over Bentley Post had used six walks, four Lafayette errors and the lone hit to take a 7-1 lead. Lafayette rallied with four runs in the home half of the fifth but did not score again.

Playing for the title, **Neal** responded to the challenge for Lafayette, scattering seven hits and picking up his second victory of the tournament over Cincinnati, 1-0. Lafayette got the only run of the game in the second inning when **Ed Becker** doubled, moved to third on an infield out and scored on a throwing error.

Cincinnati had the bases loaded in the seventh and failed to score when **Neal** nipped Post 50's **Joe Cupito** at the plate as he tried to score on a short passed ball. In the ninth, with two on and one out, **Neal** picked a man off

Tournament History: 1950-1959

second for the second out of the inning. After a base hit *Neal* struck out *Art Mahaffey* on three fastballs to end the game.

Bentley's *Mahaffey*, who would pitch for the Phillies and the Cardinals over a seven year career that included a 19 win season in 1962, was the winning pitcher in two of Cincinnati's three wins in the regional and shared the tournament's most outstanding player award with teammate *Bill Alexander*. Mahaffey was a National League All-Star in 1961 and 1962.

In Sectional C at Bloomington IL, Lafayette got off on the wrong foot with a 5-3 loss to Oshkosh WI Post Post 70. Oshkosh's 15-year-old *Howard Koplitz* fanned 20 and scattered four singles in the win. Lafayettes *Neal* had 17 strikeouts in suffering the loss.

Post 11 rebounded to take an 11-0 lead over Maplewood MO Post 103 before settling for an 11-4 win. *Maple* struck out fourteen and didn't allow a run until the ninth.

Maplewood, which had beaten Oshkosh 12-2 in the tournament's opening game and eliminated the Wisconsin entry to get another shot at Post 11, edged Lafayette, 4-3 in the championship game to advance to the American Legion World Series where it finished third, losing to the teams that finished first and second in the nation.

Maplewood's *Wayne Thompson Jr.* struck-out 16 and allowed only five hits as Post 103 overcame a 3-2 deficit with two runs in the fourth that earned them the win.

A member of the Lafayette team was *Paul "Spider" Fields* who would win IHSA state baseball titles as head coach at Lafayette Jefferson High School in 1969 and in 1973. *Fields* was named to the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame in the inaugural class of 1979.

1955

LOGANSFORT-In its only appearance in the state finals Michigan City Post 37 ran its record to 21-0 with a 4-3 win over Hammond Post 16 to gain the 1955 state championship.

Michigan City earned the win by scoring three times in the top of the third with two outs already in the book to erase a 2-1 deficit. *Paul Michaels* went the distance for Post 37, striking out eight and walking two to earn the win. *Ralph Weber* had three hits for Michigan City.

Michigan City beat Indianapolis Robinson-Ragsdale Post 133, 5-3, and Hammond downed Vincennes Post 73, 4-2, in the semifinals.

In national tournament play at Benton Harbor MI, Michigan City beat Escanaba MI Post 82, 7-6 in 12 innings. Post 37 erased a 5-2 deficit with three runs in the bottom of the ninth and won on *Al Whitlow's* two-run double in the bottom of the 12th.

Michaels struck out 11 and got his second win of the regional, he was the winner in relief in the Escanaba game, as Michigan City beat Cincinnati OH Postal Post 216, 6-1, to advance to the championship game undefeated and run its perfect record to 23-0.

With its back to the wall Cincinnati beat Michigan City, 4-0, on four unearned runs and 16-2 to win the tournament. Cincinnati went on to win the national championship with a 36-4 record.

1956

MICHIGAN CITY-Terre Haute Wayne Newton Post 346 returned to the winner's circle beating Marion, 2-0, and Vincennes, 8-6, for its second state championship.

Terre Haute won a semifinal game from Marion Post 10, 2-0, despite getting just one hit in the game. Post 346 scored both of its runs in the bottom of the seventh on a walk, an error, a fly ball and a squeeze bunt. Lefthander *Bobby Kehrt* was the winning pitcher for Terre Haute allowing five hits and striking out 14. *Dick O'Leary* had the only Terre Haute hit, a leadoff triple in the fourth. Vincennes Post 73 beat Madison Post 9, 13-3 in the other semifinal.

In the championship game Vincennes jumped to a 6-0 lead after two innings but *Jack Lautenschlager's* 7 1/3 innings of three-hit relief closed the door on the Vincennes offense and Post 346 scored three in the fourth and five in the fifth for an 8-6 win. *O'Leary* had two hits, a triple and a single, and scored two runs for Terre Haute.

The 1956 season marked the last year a single-elimination format was used in state tournament play.

1957

TERRE HAUTE-Playing at home in the first year that the Indiana tournament was played under a double-elimination format Terre Haute defended its state title by posting a perfect 3-0 record in the state finals.

In the first round Terre Haute beat Jeffersonville, 2-0 behind *Don Wilson's* three-hitter. Wilson struck out nine.

Post 346 beat Richmond, 11-7 to remain unbeaten and then downed Jeffersonville again, 11-6 to win the title.

Terre Haute's *Terry Dischinger* was named the Most Outstanding Player of the state finals. *Dischinger* would be named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1989 after a career that included numerous scoring records at Purdue; a gold medal with the 1960 United States Olympic team and an NBA career with the Baltimore Bullets, Detroit Pistons and Portland Trailblazers.

After his distinguished basketball career *Dischinger* became a renowned orthodontist in Lake Oswego OR.

In the national regional, played at Cincinnati's Crosley Field, Terre Haute opened and closed the Regional 7 tournament with losses to eventual national champion Cincinnati Bentley Post 50. Bentley would finish the year with a 53-7 record.

In between, in the losers bracket game, Terre Haute beat Benton Harbor MI Post 105, 5-0 behind *Bob Kehrt's* thirteen-strikeout, three-hitter. *Kehrt* retired 15 of the last 16 hitters he faced. *Dischinger* had two hits, two runs batted in and two stolen bases for Terre Haute.

In the final elimination game Terre Haute beat Chicago Heights IL Post 131, 8-4 behind *Charles Hall's* complete game six-hitter. *Ray Goddard* drove in four runs on three hits for Post 346.

1958

LOGANSFORT-In only its second year the double elimination format claimed its first victim as Richmond Post 65 won a pair of 7-6 decisions over the tournaments unbeaten Evansville Post 8 to claim the 1958 state title. Evansville had beaten Richmond, 9-6 in the winner's bracket game the previous day.

Evansville held a 6-2 lead in game one before Richmond rallied with four runs in the seventh to tie the game. *Bill Bullerdick's* RBI triple in the eighth provided the winning run. Richmond's *Dave Wynegar* provided the decisive margin in game two with a two-run home run to right center in the seventh inning.

Evansville centerfielder *Quentin Merkel*, who hit .333 in the finals, would become head baseball coach at Evansville Memorial High School where he has coached three state championship teams. *Merkel's* 1978 state champions finished the year a perfect 30-0 and were led by future New York Yankee captain, *Don Mattingly*.

Merkel was elected to the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame in 1990 and in 2009 became the first Indiana coach of any sport to be named to the National High School Hall of Fame.

In the national regional at Princeton, Richmond was an 8-4 loser to Owosso MI Post 57 before beating Waukegan IL Post 281, 8-2, behind *Nin Severance's* complete game.

Playing from an unfamiliar spot in the loser's bracket after a loss to Owosso, Cincinnati Bentley Post 50 eliminated Richmond, 7-1,

Bentley Post would come back to beat Owosso twice for the regional title and go on to its second straight national title with a 53-5 record. *Eddie Brinkman*, a 15-year major leaguer who spent ten years with the Washington Senators and four with the Detroit Tigers, was a member of that team.



Terry Dischinger

Tournament History: 1950-1959

1959

LAFAYETTE-A brand new champion was crowned in 1959 as Rockport Jenkins Post 254, making its first trip to the state finals, beat every team in the tournament field.

In its first game Rockport beat Ligonier Post 243, 14-3, as six players posted two hits each and Post 254 collected 15 for the game. In the winners bracket final Rockport shocked host Lafayette Post 11, 2-1, on **Jim Haaff's** one-hitter. Lafayette, a four-time state champion, was the only team in the field that had previously appeared in a state final. **Wayne Boultinghouse** had the game-winning hit for Rockport. **Charley Cannon** had the defensive gem when he threw out Lafayette's **Bill Downham** at the plate in the fifth to preserve the lead.

Boultinghouse would play on a national championship basketball team at Evansville College and would also coach Division II basketball powerhouses at the University of Southern Indiana and Kentucky Wesleyan. He also played minor league baseball in the St. Louis Cardinal organization.

Facing Lawrenceburg Post 239 in the championship game Rockport would see a 4-0 lead washed out, literally, when the skies opened and a downpour caused the game to be called. Lawrenceburg had earned its way to the championship round after an opening day loss to Lafayette, 7-6 in 10 innings.

Under the rules of the day the game was replayed from the beginning and Rockport didn't waste much time in acquiring another 4-0 lead. Post 254 scored three in the second and added a single tally in the third. After Lawrenceburg plated a single run in the fourth, Rockport blew the game open in their half of the inning, scoring four times. The key blow was a two-run single by **Haaff**, who also gained the win, his second of the tournament, when he came in to quell a fifth inning Lawrenceburg rally and finished the game on the mound to clinch the 8-5 win.

In national tournament play at Princeton IN, Rockport fell behind in the sixth inning of its opening game against Columbus OH Post 604, 9-2, but **Eddie Hornback's** four innings of no-hit relief stopped the Columbus offense and Rockport rallied with three runs in the seventh and six more in the eighth for an 11-9 win. **Jim Boyd's** bases-loaded double knotted the count at 9-all and **Haaff's** squeeze bunt past the pitcher scored the two winners in the big eighth inning rally.

In the winner's bracket game Rockport lost a heart breaker to Detroit's Thomas Edison Post 187, 2-1 on a run in the bottom of the ninth. Rockport had taken a 1-0 lead in the top of the first and made it last until Detroit scored the tying run in the bottom of the seventh.

Facing elimination Jenkins Post downed Murphysboro IL Post 127, 4-0, as **Haaff** threw 8 2/3 innings of two-hit baseball before running out of innings. **Damon Vincent** fanned the last Detroit hitter on three pitches to cinch the win. **Boultinghouse** and **Boyd** had two hits and two RBI's each.

Still with its back to the wall, Rockport again rallied, this time beating the tournament's only unbeaten team, Detroit, 8-7. Trailing 7-4 Post 254 scored three in the seventh and fifteen-year-old **Gene Vincent's** single in the eighth scored **Cannon** with the game-winner. **Haaff** got his second win of the tourney with two innings of shutout relief.

In the championship game **Boultinghouse** and **Damon Vincent** had back-to-back RBI doubles, Rockport's only two hits of the game, in the sixth inning to give Post 254 a short-lived 2-1 lead. Three walks, two errors and three Detroit singles in the top of the seventh shot Edison Post into a 6-2 lead. Two insurance runs in the ninth provided the final margin of 8-2.

Detroit's **Mark Esper** allowed the two hits and struck out six in getting the complete game win.

Detroit would go on to win the national championship. Their shortstop, Fred Bowen, would be named the American Legion Player Of The Year.

Rockport skipper **Bill Evans**, who had resurrected the Post 254 legion program in 1957, was elected to the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame in 1994.

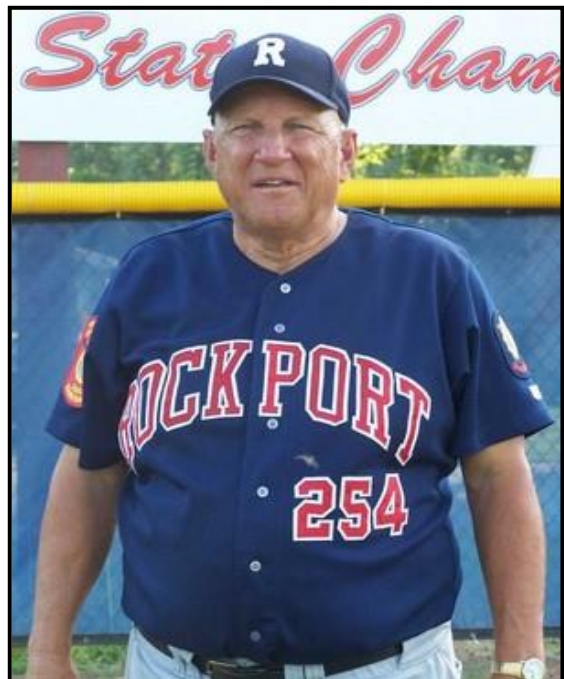


*In the photo above Rockport's **Jim Haaff** celebrates Post 254's 1959 state championship with a traditional fire truck ride.*

***Haaff** was the winning pitcher in seven of Rockport's tournament games, including two in the state finals and two in the national regional where one of his wins came against eventual national champion Detroit Thomas Edison Post 187.*

*The photo below shows **Haaff** as manager of Post 254 where his teams have won 1077 games, 34 sectionals, 16 regionals, five state championships and three Great Lakes National Regional titles.*

***Jim Haaff** was inducted into the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame on January 20, 2012.*



Tournament Results: 1950-1959

1950

Regional 1 at Michigan City

Hammond 168 beat Lafayette 11, 6-2
Hammond beat Michigan City 37, 8-2

Regional 2 at Marion

Fort Wayne 82 beat Anderson 127, 2-1
Anderson beat Fort Wayne, 13-3
Anderson beat Fort Wayne, 12-3

Regional 3 at Indianapolis

Indianapolis 133 beat Zionsville 79, 6-2
Richmond 65 beat Indianapolis, 7-4

Regional 4 at French Lick

Batesville 271 beat Princeton 25, 6-2
Batesville beat Tell City 213, 5-2

State Finals at Richmond

Hammond beat Batesville, 4-3
Anderson beat Richmond, 3-1
Hammond beat Anderson, 1-0

Regional 7 at East Chicago IN

Hammond beat Galion OH 243, 8-2
Detroit MI 126 beat Hammond, 13-1
Hammond beat Galion OH, 2-1
Detroit MI beat Hammond, 9-3 (2nd)

1951

Regional 1 at Lafayette

Whiting 80 beat Angola 31, 8-7
South Bend 284 beat Lafayette 11, 5-3
South Bend beat Whiting, 9-2

Regional 2 at Marion

Anderson 127 beat Plainfield 329, 8-0
Muncie 19 beat Marion 10, 7-3
Muncie beat Anderson, 7-1

Regional 3 at Indianapolis

Terre Haute 346 beat Indianapolis 133, 9-8
Madison 9 beat Greenwood 252, 4-0
Terre Haute beat Madison, 14-8

Regional 4 at Princeton

Evansville 8 beat French Lick 76, 3-2
Princeton 25 beat Jeffersonville 35, 5-3
Princeton 25 beat Evansville, 4-1

State Finals at French Lick

Terre Haute beat South Bend, 6-2
Princeton beat Muncie, 9-3
Terre Haute beat Princeton, 8-4

Regional 7 at Bloomington IL

Berwyn IL 422 beat Terre Haute, 11-6
Flint MI 342 beat Terre Haute, 13-0

1952

Regional 1 at Lafayette

East Chicago 78&266 beat Lafayette 11, 3-2
South Bend 303 beat Kendallville 86, 6-1
East Chicago beat South Bend, 9-4

Regional 2 at Marion

Muncie 19 beat Berne 468, 11-0
Anderson 127 beat Plainfield 329, 16-5
Muncie beat Anderson, 15-1

Regional 3 at Batesville

Terre Haute 346 beat Batesville 271, 2-0
Indianapolis 312 beat Columbus 24, NA
Indianapolis beat Terre Haute, 5-4

Regional 4 at Jeffersonville

French Lick 76 beat Princeton, 7-1
Evansville 8 beat Jeffersonville 35, 5-3
Evansville beat French Lick, 9-2

State Finals at Princeton

East Chicago beat Muncie, 4-1
Evansville beat Indianapolis, 2-0
Evansville beat East Chicago, 3-0 (9)

Regional 7 at Lawrenceburg IN

Evansville beat Flint MI 342, 5-1
Cincinnati OH 50 beat Evansville, 14-1
Evansville beat Flint MI, 10-3
Cincinnati OH beat Evansville, 4-2 (2nd)

1953

Regional 1 at Warsaw

Lafayette 11 beat Rochester 36, 8-1
Terre Haute 346 beat Gary 270, 3-2 (8)
Lafayette beat Terre Haute, 12-1

Regional 2 at Marion

Jonesboro 95 beat Bluffton 111, 6-2
Elkhart 74-1 beat Marion 10, 11-1
Jonesboro beat Elkhart, 1-0

Regional 3 at Batesville

Batesville 271 beat Indianapolis 133, 12-10
Seymour 89 beat Richmond 65, 9-3
Batesville tied Seymour, 5-5 (12)
Batesville beat Seymour, 1-0

Regional 4 at Princeton

Princeton 25 beat Evansville 8, 9-3
Jeffersonville 35 beat Franklin 205, 13-3
Princeton beat Jeffersonville, 14-11

State Finals at Marion

Lafayette beat Batesville, 8-5
Jonesboro beat Princeton, 5-4
Lafayette tied Jonesboro, 2-2
Lafayette beat Jonesboro, 2-0

Regional 7 at Columbus OH

Cincinnati OH 50 beat Lafayette, 5-3
Detroit MI 187 beat Lafayette, 5-2

1954

Regional 1 at Logansport

Lafayette 11 beat Pierceton 258, 18-0
Whiting 80 beat Lebanon 113, 10-5
Lafayette beat Whiting, 7-4

Regional 2 at Marion

Kokomo 6 beat Bluffton 111, 7-2
Marion 10 tied Kokomo, 7-7 (10)
Marion beat Kokomo, 7-6 (10)

Regional 3 at Batesville

Richmond 65 beat Madison 9, 9-7 (10)
Indianapolis 133 beat Seymour 89, 7-5
Richmond beat Indianapolis, 6-5

Regional 4 at Princeton

Jeffersonville 35 beat Princeton 25, 6-2
Elberfeld 351 beat Martinsville 320, 4-3
Jeffersonville beat Elberfeld, 14-13

State Finals at Bloomington

Lafayette beat Richmond, 6-0
Marion beat Jeffersonville, 3-2 (11)
Lafayette beat Marion, 9-1

Regional 7 at St. Joseph MI

Lafayette beat Belleville IL 58, 8-2
Lafayette beat Cincinnati OH 50, 7-1
Cincinnati beat Lafayette, 7-5
Lafayette beat Cincinnati, 1-0

Sectional C at Bloomington IL

Oshkosh WI 70 beat Lafayette, 5-3
Lafayette beat Maplewood MO 103, 11-4
Maplewood MO beat Lafayette, 4-3 (2nd)

1955

Regional 1 at Logansport

Lafayette 11 beat Warsaw 49, 3-1
Hammond 16 beat Terre Haute 346, 3-1
Hammond beat Lafayette, 5-4

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Michigan City 37 beat Marion 10, 4-2
Jonesboro 95 beat Ligonier 243, 4-2
Michigan City beat Jonesboro, 8-4

Regional 3 at Batesville

Batesville 271 beat Seymour 89, 6-2
Indianapolis 133 beat Richmond 65, 5-0
Indianapolis beat Batesville, 13-2

Regional 4 at Vincennes

Vincennes 73 beat Elberfeld 351, 13-7
Jeffersonville 35 beat Franklin 205, 8-1
Vincennes beat Jeffersonville, 7-6 (10)

State Finals at Logansport

Michigan City beat Indianapolis, 5-3
Hammond beat Vincennes, 4-2
Michigan City beat Hammond, 4-3

Regional 7 at St. Joseph MI

Michigan City beat Escanaba MI 82, 7-6 (12)
Michigan City beat Cincinnati OH 216, 6-1
Cincinnati beat Michigan City, 4-0
Cincinnati beat Michigan City, 16-2 (2nd)

Tournament Results: 1950-1959

1956

Regional 1 at Lafayette

Winamac 71 beat Warsaw 49, 14-4
Terre Haute 346 beat Winamac, 8-1

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Marion 10 beat South Bend 284, 13-2
Kokomo 6 beat Bluffton 111, 12-5
Marion beat Kokomo, 6-0

Regional 3 at Richmond

Madison 9 beat Aurora 231, 2-0
Indianapolis 348 beat Richmond 65, 9-8
Madison beat Indianapolis, 9-8 (10)

Regional 4 at Princeton

Vincennes 73 beat Martinsville 320, 19-4
Jeffersonville 35 beat Jasper 147, 17-7
Vincennes beat Jeffersonville, 5-4

State Finals at Michigan City

Terre Haute beat Marion, 2-0
Vincennes beat Madison, 13-3
Terre Haute beat Vincennes, 8-6

Regional 7 at Indianapolis IN

Maywood IL 133 beat Terre Haute, 6-3

1957

Regional 1 at Terre Haute

Lafayette 11 beat Lebanon 113, 13-10
Terre Haute 346 beat Valparaiso 94, 5-3
Terre Haute beat Lafayette, 5-0

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Marion 10 beat South Bend 357, 8-7
Kokomo 6 beat Bluffton 111, 6-2
Marion beat Kokomo, 10-3

Regional 3 at Richmond

Aurora 231 beat Indianapolis 448, 5-2
Richmond 65 beat Seymour 89, 17-9
Richmond beat Aurora, 6-3 (10)

Regional 4 at Princeton

Vincennes 73 beat Mooresville 103, 3-2 (12)
Jeffersonville 35 beat Elberfeld 351, 13-7
Jeffersonville beat Vincennes, 4-3

State Finals at Terre Haute

Terre Haute beat Jeffersonville, 2-0
Richmond beat Marion, 4-2
Jeffersonville beat Marion, 8-1
Terre Haute beat Richmond, 11-7
Jeffersonville beat Richmond, 13-7
Terre Haute beat Jeffersonville, 11-6

Regional 7 at Cincinnati OH

Cincinnati OH 50 beat Terre Haute, 3-1
Terre Haute beat Benton Harbor MI 105, 5-0
Terre Haute beat Chicago Heights IL 131, 8-4
Cincinnati OH beat Terre Haute, 7-0 (2nd)

1958

Regional 1 at Logansport

Winamac 71 beat Valparaiso 94, 3-1
Crown Point 20 beat Lebanon 113, 2-0
Valparaiso beat Lebanon, 2-1 (10)
Crown Point beat Winamac, 5-2
Valparaiso beat Winamac, 23-4
Crown Point beat Valparaiso, 7-1

Regional 2 at Michigan City

Anderson 127 beat Kokomo 6, 4-2
Decatur 43 beat South Bend 303, 7-5
South Bend beat Kokomo, 8-4
Anderson beat Decatur, 6-2
South Bend beat Decatur, 8-0
Anderson beat South Bend, 4-3

Regional 3 at Batesville

Brookville 77 beat Indianapolis 348, 10-3
Richmond 65 beat Seymour 89, 9-3
Seymour beat Indianapolis, 2-1
Richmond beat Brookville, 6-1
Brookville beat Seymour, 15-3
Brookville beat Richmond, 4-2
Richmond beat Brookville, 14-4

Regional 4 at Rockport

Jeffersonville 35 beat Martinsville 320, 11-4
Evansville 8 beat Princeton 25, 8-3
Princeton beat Martinsville, 26-3
Evansville beat Jeffersonville, 10-3
Princeton beat Jeffersonville, 8-1
Evansville beat Princeton, 8-7 (10)

State Finals at Logansport

Evansville beat Anderson, 7-5
Richmond beat Crown Point, 14-1
Anderson beat Crown Point, 9-3
Evansville beat Richmond, 9-6
Richmond beat Anderson, 7-6
Richmond beat Evansville, 7-6
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Regional 7 at Princeton IN

Owosso MI 57 beat Richmond, 8-4
Richmond beat Waukegan IL 281, 8-2
Cincinnati OH 50 beat Richmond, 7-1



Eddie Brinkman

Brinkman played for the Cincinnati Bentley Post 50 team that beat Richmond in the national regional in 1958. Cincinnati came out of the loser's bracket to win the regional and then went on to win the national championship.

1959

Regional 1 at Lafayette

Terre Haute 346 beat Valparaiso 94, 8-0
Lafayette 11 beat Gary 485, 4-2
Gary beat Valparaiso, 8-6
Lafayette beat Terre Haute, 5-1
Terre Haute beat Gary, 13-10
Lafayette beat Terre Haute, 13-12

Regional 2 at Michigan City

Marion 10 beat South Bend 357, 4-3
Ligonier 243 beat Anderson 127, 10-2
South Bend beat Anderson, 2-1
Ligonier beat Marion, 4-3
South Bend beat Marion, 13-5
Ligonier beat South Bend, 4-3

Regional 3 at Batesville

Seymour 89 beat Indianapolis 448, 8-3
Richmond 65 beat Lawrenceburg 239, 8-4
Lawrenceburg beat Indianapolis, 10-6
Richmond beat Seymour, 6-1
Lawrenceburg beat Seymour, 6-2
Lawrenceburg beat Richmond, 8-5
Lawrenceburg beat Richmond, 10-2

Regional 4 at Princeton

Rockport 254 beat Princeton 25, 8-2
Jeffersonville 35 beat Shelburn 197, 3-2 (12)
Princeton beat Shelburn, 15-1
Rockport beat Jeffersonville, 4-2
Jeffersonville beat Princeton, 4-3
Rockport beat Jeffersonville, 13-0

State Finals at Lafayette

Lafayette beat Lawrenceburg, 7-6 (10)
Rockport beat Ligonier, 14-3
Lawrenceburg beat Ligonier, 2-0
Rockport beat Lafayette, 2-1
Lawrenceburg beat Lafayette, 1-0
Rockport beat Lawrenceburg, 8-5

Regional 7 at Princeton IN

Rockport beat Columbus OH 604, 11-9
Detroit MI 187 beat Rockport, 2-1
Rockport beat Murphysboro IL 127, 4-0
Rockport beat Detroit MI, 8-7
Detroit MI beat Rockport, 8-2 (2nd)

Tournament History: 1960-1969

1960

ROCKPORT-Princeton Post 25 became the second team in four years to use the double elimination format to its advantage as it came out of the loser's bracket to upend South Bend Bendix Post 284, 12-6 and 9-8, to win its first state title since 1931. Princeton became the first team to lose its opening game and come back to claim the title after they dropped an 11-7 opening round decision to South Bend.

South Bend trailed 7-2 going into the seventh when an eight run explosion, capped by **Jim Perkins** bases clearing double with the score tied at seven, turned the game around.

Post 25 rebounded from the loss with a 10-4 decision over Lawrenceburg Post 239 and a 4-2 win over Terre Haute to set up the the rematch for the championship.

In the Lawrenceburg game Princeton pounded sixteen hits and **Jerry Humpert** hurled nine innings although relieved briefly by **Joe Heldt** in the fourth when Post 25 manager **Jim Pegram** tried to save some of **Humpert's** innings. Lawrenceburg scored two runs and with nobody out **Humpert** returned to the mound and pitched shutout ball the rest of the way.

Against Terre Haute, with a berth in the championship game on the line, **Jack Woods** used up the rest of his pitching eligibility, allowing two runs in 6 2/3 innings. **Humpert** pitched the last 2 1/3 and did not allow a hit. Four Terre Haute errors contributed to Princeton's 4-2 win.

With his two aces finished for the tournament, **Woods** was out of innings and **Humpert** had used all of his appearances, and Princeton needing two wins, **Pegram** started his regular rightfielder, **Jerry Stewart**, in the first game against South Bend. **Stewart** faced three men and with nobody out, a run in, and two on in the first, **Pegram** called on **Heldt** who pitched nine innings, allowed seven hits while striking out eight, and surrendered six runs. Princeton scored 12 on 14 hits to take a 12-6 win and force a deciding seventh game. The teams combined for thirteen errors in the game with South Bend committing seven and Princeton six.

Playing for the title Princeton made seven errors in the first five innings (and 23 for the tournament) but used a five run fourth and a four run seventh to post a 9-8 win for the title. **Paul Gries**, normally Princeton's starting shortstop, was called into duty on the mound for the final game and went the distance allowing four earned runs on eight hits, 7 strikeouts and 5 walks.

Gries would coach Evansville Central to an IHSAA runner-up spot in the 1987 state baseball tournament. He was named to the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame in 2002.

Though neither team played for the title the marquee match up of the 1960 state finals occurred in the opening round when Terre Haute's **Tommy John** out duelled Lawrenceburg's **Billy McCool** (1964-1970, Reds-Padres-Cardinals), 5-0. **John** would have a 26-year major league career in which he won 288 games and became famous for having "Tommy John" surgery to repair a damaged shoulder.

In a newly organized national tournament, with eight regional winners advancing directly to the American Legion World Series, Princeton lost to Owensboro KY Post 9, 4-2, and St. Louis MO Post 186, 6-3. Post 25 hosted that first Great Lakes Regional and unlike in the not too distant future when the host team received an automatic bid to the tourney, Princeton won the right to play at home.

1961

SOUTH BEND-For the second time in three years **Bill Evans** Rockport Jenkins Post 254 reigned as Indiana's state champion. And it didn't come easy.

In their first game Rockport trailed Lawrenceburg and unbeaten **Billy McCool**, 2-0 in the bottom of the seventh when **McCool** failed to dodge a **Gene Vincent** fastball and was hit in the helmet. Visibly shaken **McCool** walked Rockport's **Bill Hesson** to start the eighth. After a strikeout for the first out of the inning a throwing error gave Rockport another runner and when Post 254 catcher **Jim Boyd**, playing his fifth year of legion baseball, singled past third Lawrenceburg's lead was cut in half. **Jim Braun** provided the game-winner with a two-out single through the middle.

McCool allowed just four hits and struck out 17 in taking the hard luck loss.

It didn't get any easier for Jenkins Post in the winner's bracket final. Trailing East Chicago Post 369, 2-1 in the eighth, **Braun's** triple scored **Boyd** with the tying run. **Braun** had one more critical hit to come and it was in the top of the tenth when his second triple of the game scored two and gave Rockport a 4-2 win.

Winning pitcher **Mark Lutz** allowed 12 hits, struck out six, walked three and pitched out of a bases loaded, nobody out jam in the bottom of the ninth to set the stage for **Braun's** extra-inning heroics.

South Bend Post 50, a first round loser to East Chicago, came out of the loser's bracket to beat Rockport 9-5 in the championship round and force the "if necessary" game for the title.

Jenkins Post picked up its third heart-stopping win of the tournament, and claimed the championship, when **Boyd** blasted his second home run of the game, a 350 foot drive over the left field fence, in the top of the eleventh for a 7-6 win. **Boyd** had an inside-the-park homer in the fifth to give Rockport a 5-4 lead. **Lutz** picked up his second win of the tourney with two shutout innings of relief.

An overflow crowd of 3,000 plus packed the park, even forcing special ground rules where they were jammed in down the baselines, saw the home-standing Post 50 come up just short of its first state title.

In national tournament play Rockport lost to Highland Park IL Post 145, 5-4, leaving 14 runners stranded, and to Flint MI Post 310, 4-3. Rockport left 11 on in that game including the bases loaded in the eighth and ninth. Flint was led by catcher **Merv Rettenmund** who would have a thirteen year major league career that included World Series titles with the 1970 Baltimore Orioles and the 1975 Cincinnati Reds,

1962

KOKOMO-Making a second straight trip to the state finals East Chicago Post 369 earned the Twin Cities first title since 1949 and the first ever for Post 369.

East Chicago scored 11 runs on 11 hits and beat Evansville Post 8, 11-4, in their first game as **Bob Guzek** went five innings to pick up the win.

Lawrenceburg's **Billy McCool**, continuing his hard luck in finals play, was a 5-3 loser to South Bend in the first round of the tournament.

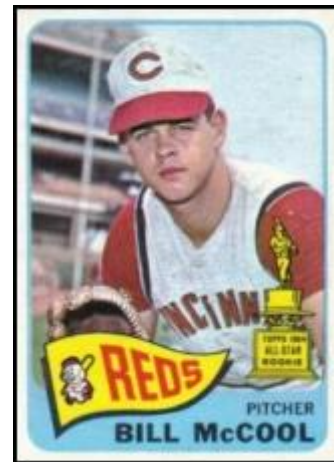
In the winner's bracket final Post 369 beat South Bend Post 50, 6-3, as **John Blazeovich** held Post 50 to four hits before running into trouble in the eighth. **Guzek** pitched shutout relief and blasted a 400-foot home run in the bottom of the eighth with a man on to expand East Chicago's 4-3 lead.

Post 369 banged out 15 hits and downed South Bend 10-2 for the title. **Guzek** had three hits including a home run.

In national tournament play East Chicago picked up an 8-1 win over Bay City MI Post 18 in between losses to Cincinnati OH Post 606 and Galesburg IL Post 285.

Funkhouser first baseman **Dave Schellhase** would go on to play basketball at Purdue and earn consensus All-American and Academic All-American honors and become one of only four Boilermakers to score over 2,000 career points. He played two years with the Chicago Bulls.

Funkhouser's **Joe Mullan** would coach Evansville Bosse's basketball team to undefeated regular seasons during the 1981-1982 and 1982-1983 seasons. His 1982 team would reach the state finals before losing in the afternoon to Gary Roosevelt on a last second shot.



Bill McCool

1963

INDIANAPOLIS-Evansville Funkhouser Post 8 captured its first state championship since 1952. And it was no cakewalk.

Post 8 beat Lawrenceburg, 5-4 in the bottom of the 11th, when **Mike Minton** reached on an error, advanced to third on a wild pitch while he was attempting to steal second and then scored on another wild pitch. **Jerry Mattingly**, **Don's** older brother, had four hits, including two doubles, for Funkhouser.

Post 8 had trailed 4-1 before tying it at 4-4 with a three-run seventh. **Ralph Mueller** picked up the win with three innings of shutout relief.

Tournament History: 1960-1969

The "easiest" game of the tourney for Funkhouser was its 3-0 win over South Bend Post 50 in the winner's bracket final. **Bob Griese** pitched a three-hit shutout, striking out 13 and issuing no walks. Only one South Bend runner advanced as far as second base. **Mattingly** again led the way at the plate with two hits and an RBI.

With over 3,000 fans looking on at Victory Field, Funkhouser downed South Bend, 6-5 for the title. South Bend jumped in front 4-0 in the first but **Mueller** took over mound duties and held Post 50 to one run and five hits the rest of the way in picking up his second win of the tournament. The new champions scored three in the second, one in the fourth and another in the fifth to briefly take the lead. South Bend tied it in the sixth before **Gordon Jones** scored the game winner in the eighth.

In Great Lakes Regional 5 at Lima OH, Funkhouser pounded 17 hits and **Griese** fired a four-hitter and struck out eight as Post 8 won its opener, 9-1, over Kenosha WI Post 21.

Mueller was the star of a game two 11-5 win over Adrian MI Post 97 as he had four hits including a two-run homer and was the winning pitcher as he scattered 12 hits over nine innings, struck out three and walked five.

Evansville entered the driver's seat in the tournament with a 5-1 win over Independence MO Post 21 in the winner's bracket final. Trailing 1-0 in the seventh the Funks tied it when **Mattingly** scored on **Mike Walker's** single and took the lead for good when **Walker** and **Griese** both scored on the same wild pitch. **Minton** provided two insurance runs in the eighth when he drove a 365-foot homer over the left centerfield wall with **Mattingly** aboard. **Tommy Goergen** allowed two hits, struck out 11 and walked one in nine innings to pick up the win.

Griese kept Funkhouser unbeaten with his second win of the tourney as Post 8 took advantage of five Ashtabula OH Post 103 errors to win 5-4 and eliminate Ashtabula. **Walker's** two-run single in the top of the ninth, erasing a 4-3 deficit, was the game winner. **Griese** struck out eight and walked two.

In the championship game Funkhouser faced its opening round opponent, Kenosha WI which had advanced through the losers bracket. The Funks got two runs in the second on **Rick Kingston's** triple and two more in the third on **Carl Barchet's** two-out single. **Mueller** picked up his second win of the tourney allowing four hits, striking out five and walking one.

Evansville's pitching staff turned in five complete game victories in the tournament in propelling manager **Doyce Martin's** club to the American Legion World Series. The appearance would be the first for an Indiana team in Series competition.

In its first game in Keene NH, Funkhouser was held hitless through 8 1/3 by Washington DC Gaslight Post 44's ace, **Jim Jenkins**, and trailed 1-0 when **Jim Brown** coaxed a walk and **Mattingly** blooped Post 8's first hit down the right field line. **Minton's** double to right center scored both runners and made a hard luck loser of **Jenkins** who allowed just the two hits, struck out 16 and walked three. **Georgen** was the winner with **Mueller** picking up a save when he pitched the bottom of the ninth.

Funkhouser's thirteen-game tournament winning streak came to a screeching halt when Memphis TN Post 1 scored a 13-0 win in game two and forced the Funks into the losers bracket for the first time since the state regional. The win was Memphis 34th straight.

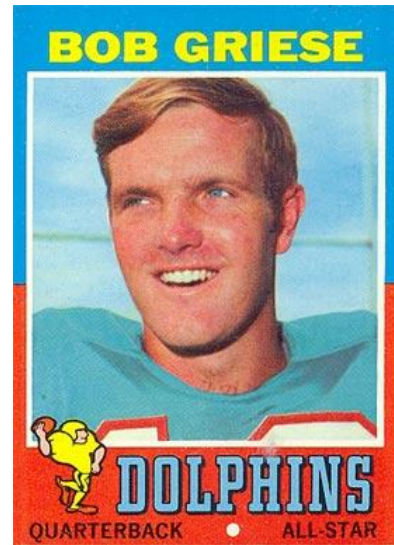
A 5-2 win over Somerville MA Post 19 kept Evansville alive and set up a date with the tournament's last unbeaten team, Long Beach CA Post 27. **Georgen** picked up his second win of the Series, pitching the first five innings, and **Griese** earned a save by pitching four shutout innings of relief.

Long Beach ended the Evansville season at 42-11, with a third place World Series finish, with a 5-2 win. The California team would claim the national championship a day later with a 5-4 win over Memphis.

Evansville's **Jerry Mattingly** was the winner of the Louisville Slugger Award, posting a .413 batting average in national play.

Post 8's **Bob Griese** would go on to be an All-American quarterback at Purdue and lead the Miami Dolphins to three consecutive Super Bowls, winning NFL titles in 1972 and 1973. The 1972 team completed a perfect 17-0 season.

Griese was named to the Indiana Football Hall of Fame in 1984 and to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1990.



Bob Griese

1964

LAFAYETTE-For the second time in five years Princeton Post 25 came back from an opening round loss to capture the state championship.

Lafayette Post 11's **Denny Brady**, the 1964 Indiana High School "Mr. Basketball", fanned 22, walked six and allowed two hits in a 6-0 opening round win that put Princeton in a hole.

Princeton lefthander **Tim Tooley** fanned 13 and **Larry Kidwell** smacked a two-run first inning homer as Post 25 got on the right track with an 8-3 win over Elkhart Post 74-2, a 9-4 first round loser to Southport Post 494.

After Southport lost to Lafayette, 7-5, Princeton eliminated Southport, 4-1 as **Glenn Speedy** struck out 12 and allowed only five hits.

Needing two wins on Sunday **Larry Kidwell** allowed Lafayette just one hit and Princeton posted a 4-0 win to force the "if necessary" game for the state title.

In the final game **Ron Humpert** turned in another stellar mound performance for Princeton, allowing four hits and striking out 17 before running out of innings after the seventh. **Kidwell** entered and although allowing the tying run in the eighth picked up his second win of the day when **Dick Jones** stole home in the bottom of the ninth to give Post 25 a 5-4 win. **Jones** theft came with two out and a 1-2 count on cleanup hitter **Tom Heldt. Brady** was the loser in relief.

Manager **Jim Pegram's** gutsy call earned Princeton its third state title.

1965

MICHIGAN CITY-Whiting Post 80 wrecked Princeton's bid for back-to-back titles by coming out of the loser's bracket and beating Post 25, 6-4 and 6-3. Whiting was the beneficiary of a new tournament format instituted during the 1965 season.

In previous years the district winner, decided by regular season play, had represented its area in regional competition. **Ed Dudek**, chairman of Indiana's first district, proposed a sectional format that included all teams regardless of their regular season record. Under the previous tournament format Whiting, the district runner-up to Hessville Post 232 during the 1965 season, would not have been included in regional play.

In the championship against Princeton **Larry Fritz** picked up the win in the first game and drove in four in the final game as **Dennis Holmes** scattered seven hits to bring Whiting its only state championship.

Princeton had beaten Whiting, 7-0 in the winners bracket final as **Larry Kidwell** allowed only five hits. Post 80 won its opening round game, 5-4, over Southport Post 494 with a four run rally in the seventh and advanced to the championship with a 6-2 win to eliminate Post 494 in the loser's bracket final.

Whiting's **Fritz** would play baseball at Arizona State and make the majors with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Kidwell was an All-State basketball player for Princeton's 1964 state finalist.

In Great Lakes Regional 5 play at East Chicago, Whiting dropped a 3-0 decision to Detroit's Thomas Edison Post 187 before beating Ashland KY Post 76, 2-1 in 13 innings, when **Ron Gerzyk's** single scored **Greg Rosen** in the top of the inning.

Tournament History: 1960-1969

Arlington Heights IL Post 208 eliminated Whiting, 2-1 when **Thad Woodward's** two-out, two-strike single scored **Paul Splitorff** in the bottom of the ninth. **Splitorff** had singled and advanced to second on a wild pitch with one out.

Splitorff, who was born in Evansville, was the winning pitcher in Arlington's second win of the regional, 5-1 over Ashland. He went the distance, allowed four hits struck out seven and walked none in running his record to 9-2.

Paul Splitorff would pitch 15 years in the major leagues and post a 166-143 record. He won 20 games in 1973 and pitched for the 1980 Kansas City Royals who lost four games to two to the Philadelphia Phillies in the World Series. His manager was **Jim Frey** (see 1946 capsule).

1966

JEFFERSONVILLE/LAFAYETTE-Evansville Funkhouser Post 8 won its third state championship in a tournament that started in Jeffersonville and finished in Lafayette.

Indianapolis Broad Ripple Post 312 put Funkhouser in the losers bracket with a 7-3 decision in the first round of the finals. Ironically former Evansville Reitz standout **Randy Newboles** had a large role in Post 8's loss as he had three hits in four at-bats for Indianapolis.

Funkhouser bounced back with a 4-1 win to eliminate defending state champion Whiting behind lefthander **Steve Lambert's** 18-strikeout two-hitter. **Lambert** improved his record to 14-5 with the win. Lafayette Post 11 had handed Whiting a 7-2 loss in another first round game.

In the only game played on Sunday, after the tournament was moved to Lafayette due to heavy rains in the Jeffersonville area, Lafayette improved its record to 38-3 with a 3-0 win over Broad Ripple in the winners bracket final.

On Monday Funkhouser eliminated the Indianapolis Post, 6-0, when **Jim Giannini** ran his record to 13-0 as he allowed only one hit. Post 8 followed that with a 7-2 win over Lafayette as **Lambert** turned in his second 18-strikeout game of the finals and allowed Post 11 only four hits.

In the championship game **Terry Wedgewood** launched a three-run homer in the third to open the scoring and give the Funks a lead they would never relinquish. **Wedgewood** finished with four hits in five trips to the plate.

Evansville would add single runs in the sixth and seventh and when **Gordon Slade** struck out Lafayette's **Steve Kirkpatrick** on a 3-2 pitch in the ninth, with runners on second and third, Post 8 had the title.

In the national regional at Athens OH, Evansville lost its first game to eventual regional champion Northbrook IL Post 791, 7-5, and was eliminated by Springfield MO Post 69, 6-3.

1967

LAFAYETTE-Evansville Funkhouser Post 8 made it two in a row as they won the 1967 state title by posting a perfect 3-0 record in the finals. Funkhouser had come out of the losers bracket in regional play to beat Jasper Post 147 twice for the championship.

Post 8 won its opener over LaPorte Post 83, 4-1 behind **Jim Giannini's** two-hitter. Beginning with the last out of the first **Giannini** retired nineteen in a row as he struck out nine and walked none in running his record to 12-1. LaPorte had seven regular starters off of its IHSAA state championship team.

Richmond Post 65 downed host Lafayette, 5-2 in the other opening round game.

In the winners bracket final, with the score tied at three in the top of the seventh, **Mike Derrington** slammed a ground-rule double 400 feet to centerfield and **Gordon Slade** followed with another double to provide the winning run as Funkhouser downed Richmond, 4-3.

Post 8's **Tim Mueller** fired an 18-hit attack with two triples, a grand slam home run and five RBI's as Evansville blasted LaPorte, 18-2 for the championship.

In the Great Lakes Regional at Canton IL, Evansville lost its opener, 9-3 to Overland MO Post 338 before beating Madison WI Post 151, 2-1 on **Gordon Slade's** two-run single in the eighth. A 10-6 win over Owensboro KY Post 9, in which **Giannini** ran his record to 13-2, was followed by a season ending loss to host Canton IL Post 16, 8-5.

1968

ANDERSON-South Bend Bendix Post 284 won its only state title by downing Lafayette Post 11 and Terre Haute Post 346 twice.

In opening round play South Bend massed twenty hits and had two six-run innings, the sixth and the eighth, in downing Lafayette, 14-3. Lefthander **Dennis Parrish** picked up the win for South Bend. In the other opening round game Terre Haute pounded Jeffersonville Post 35, 16-0, as **Terry McGee** hurled a two-hitter and **Tim Booker** hit a three-run homer. Terre Haute had 13 hits and drew seven walks as Jeff committed seven errors in the game.

In second round action Jeff eliminated Lafayette, 3-2, and Terre Haute fell to South Bend, 5-2. South Bend scored four times in the first four innings to take the win. Bendix had twelve hits with five players accumulating two each. Terre Haute had 13 hits and left 15 runners stranded. **Jim Parsons** picked up the win with seven innings of work. **Roger Schumann** pitched the last two. Terre Haute eliminated Jeffersonville, 6-4, in the final game of the day to set up a rematch with South Bend.

Parrish, the winner in South Bend's opening game, got his second victory of the tournament as he retired the first 15 Terre Haute hitters of the game and Post 284 broke up a scoreless battle with three runs in the seventh in posting a 5-0 win in the championship game. **Parrish** triple in the seventh scored the games first run. **Jess Neely's** triple scored **Parrish**. **Neely** added a home run with **Parrish** aboard in the ninth.

Parrish allowed only four Terre Haute hits and struck out six in running his record to 10-1 on the season. He threw only 87 pitches, 65 for strikes, in the game that lasted only an hour and 49 minutes.

The last time a South Bend team had won a state title was in 1937 when Post 357, with future Chicago Cub **Ed Hanyzewski**, turned the trick.

In the Great Lakes Regional at Springfield MO, South Bend went undefeated and became the second Indiana team to advance to the American Legion World Series.

In its first game Bendix Post scored three in the top of the second and led Owensboro KY Post 9, 3-2, with two out in the top of the fourth when four straight singles opened the door to four runs and a 7-2 lead. The final was 9-2 as **Parrish**, who threw 76 strikes in 103 pitches, allowed seven hits and struck out 11 and did not allow a walk to pick up the win. South Bend had 14 hits in the game.

In the second round Bendix trailed Springfield MO Post 69, the host team, 4-0, after two innings before rallying for a 7-5 win. Two of the smallest guys on the team led South Bend's comeback. **Neely** (140 pounds) had two-run singles in the sixth and seventh innings and **Schumann** (145 pounds) allowed a single to the first batter he faced in the seventh before retiring the final nine, five on strikeouts, to seal the win for **Parsons** and earn a save.

In the winner's bracket final South Bend edged Belleville IL Post 58, 4-2, when **Schumann** got the last two outs, with the tying runs on base, on four pitches. Bendix bunched four hits and scored all four of its runs in the third against New York Mets draftee, **Stuart Pugh**. **Terry Frick's** two-run double was the big blow in the inning for South Bend. **Craig Marten** was the winner for Post 284 with **Schumann** recording his second save in two games.

South Bend stayed undefeated with an 8-0 win over Lincoln Park MI Post 67 as **Parrish**, who allowed just four hits, matched Lincoln Park's total by himself with three singles and a triple.

Playing for the championship it looked like Owensboro was about to force an "if necessary" game as Post 9 led 5-2 with one out in the bottom of the ninth. But five walks, a hit off the pitchers leg by **Kevin Powers** and a single off the pitchers glove by **Dave Petty** scored four runs and gave South Bend the regional championship. **Schumann** picked up the win with 2 1/3 innings of relief. He struck out five and allowed one run while walking two.

In the World Series, played in Manchester NH, Bendix Post dropped its opening round game, 3-0, to eventual national champion Memphis TN Post 1. Ironically, like native Hoosier **Paul Splitorff** in 1965, another native son played a hand in dealing his home state team a loss in the national tournament as American Legion Player of the year **Don Castle**, who was born in Kokomo, pitched a two-hitter in shutting out South Bend. **Ross Grimsley**, who played first base against South Bend, would pitch Memphis championship game win over Klamath Falls OR. Memphis would finish the year with a 52-5 record and a 38 game winning streak.

Castle would play briefly with the Texas Rangers in 1974 and **Grimsley** would have an 11-year career, winning 20 games in 1978 while with Montreal, and making the NL All-Star team the same year. He won two games for Cincinnati in the 1972 World Series

Post 284 beat Tucson AZ's Morgan McDermott Post 7, 4-3, when **Schumann** singled home a run in the eighth after a bases loaded wild pitch had tied the game. **Schumann** was the winner with two innings of hitless relief.

Timmsonville SC Post 47 ended South Bend's season, 5-4, when they rallied from two early inning deficits and choked off South Bend threats in the seventh and eighth innings.

Tournament History: 1960-1969

1969

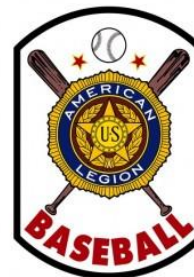
KOKOMO-Terre Haute Wayne Newton Post 346 followed a state runner-up finish in 1968 by returning to the finals and capturing the state title in 1969.

Post 346 opened finals play with a 13-0 whitewash of Indianapolis Madden Nottingham Post 348. **George Murphy's** band stayed unbeaten in the tournament with a 7-1 win over defending champion South Bend Post 284 as **Dale Fell** allowed Bendix Post only four hits.

Indianapolis eliminated Highland Post 180, 5-1, and took advantage of eight South Bend errors to eliminate Post 284, 10-5, and earn a rematch with Terre Haute.

In the championship game **Terry McGee** fell one out short of a no-hitter when he allowed back-to-back two-out singles in the ninth as Post 346 downed Indianapolis, 3-0, for the state championship, its fourth.

In Great Lakes Regional play at Bowling Green OH, Post 346 dropped a pair of one-run games, 2-1 to Cincinnati OH Budde Post 507, and 1-0, on an eighth inning sole home run, to Chambersburg PA Post 46. Budde Post would go on to win the regional and finish third in the American Legion World Series.



1963

Great Lakes Regional Champion Evansville Funkhouser Post 8

Front (L to R): Mike Minton, Jim Bryant, Rick Kingston, Dave Greenwood, and Gordon Jones.

*Middle (L to R): Coach Mickey Martin, Ralph Mueller, Steve Kuester, Carl Barchett,
Manager Doyce Martin.*

Third Row (L to R): Jerry Mattingly, Tom Niemeier, Bob Griese, Mike Walker, Jim Brown.

Tournament Results: 1960-1969

1960

Regional 1 at Brazil

Lafayette 11 beat Logansport 60, 3-0
Terre Haute 346 beat East Chicago 369, 3-0
Logansport beat East Chicago, 8-7
Terre Haute beat Lafayette, 5-4 (10)
Lafayette beat Logansport, 9-2
Terre Haute beat Lafayette, 2-0

Regional 2 at Michigan City

Kokomo 6 beat Huntington 7, 4-3 (15)
Ligonier 243 beat South Bend 284, 3-1
South Bend beat Huntington, 14-1
Kokomo beat Ligonier, 6-3
South Bend beat Ligonier, 17-9
South Bend beat Kokomo, 4-3
South Bend beat Kokomo, 5-3

Regional 3 at Batesville

Lawrenceburg 239 beat Cambridge City 169, 5-1
Madison 9 beat Indianapolis 448, 3-1
Indianapolis beat Cambridge City, 6-3
Lawrenceburg beat Madison, 5-0
Indianapolis beat Madison, 3-2
Lawrenceburg beat Indianapolis, 4-0

Regional 4 at Princeton

Jeffersonville 35 beat Rockport 254, 6-3
Princeton 25 beat Shelburn 197, 9-2
Rockport beat Shelburn, 5-3
Princeton beat Jeffersonville 12-0
Jeffersonville beat Rockport, 6-5
Princeton beat Jeffersonville, 11-0

State Finals at Rockport

South Bend beat Princeton, 11-7
Terre Haute beat Lawrenceburg, 5-0
Princeton beat Lawrenceburg, 10-4
South Bend beat Terre Haute, 2-1
Princeton beat Terre Haute, 4-2
Princeton beat South Bend, 12-6
Princeton beat South Bend, 9-8

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Princeton IN

Owensboro KY 9 beat Princeton, 4-2
St. Louis MO 186 beat Princeton, 6-3

1961

Regional 1 at Lafayette

East Chicago 369 beat Lebanon 113, 11-3
Lafayette 11 beat Monticello 81, 3-2
Lebanon beat Monticello, 9-3
Lafayette beat East Chicago, 13-7
East Chicago beat Lebanon, 16-8
East Chicago beat Lafayette, 17-3
East Chicago beat Lafayette, 6-4

Regional 2 at Michigan City

South Bend 50 beat Ligonier 243, 10-4
Kokomo 6 beat Peru 14, 10-3
Ligonier beat Peru, 14-2
South Bend beat Kokomo, 11-4
Ligonier beat Kokomo, 4-3 (11)
South Bend beat Ligonier, 3-1

Regional 3 at Cambridge City

Lawrenceburg 239 beat Indianapolis 448, 2-0
Richmond 65 beat Madison 9, 4-2
Indianapolis beat Madison, 8-4
Lawrenceburg beat Richmond, 12-4
Indianapolis beat Richmond, 8-3
Lawrenceburg beat Indianapolis, 9-5

Regional 4 at Princeton

Evansville 8 beat Brazil 2, 15-6
Rockport 254 beat Princeton 25, 2-0
Princeton beat Brazil, 4-2
Rockport beat Evansville, 4-0
Evansville beat Princeton, 9-6
Rockport beat Evansville, 4-2

State Finals at South Bend

East Chicago beat South Bend, 7-3
Rockport beat Lawrenceburg, 3-2
South Bend beat Lawrenceburg, 8-3
Rockport beat East Chicago, 4-2 (10)
South Bend beat East Chicago, 10-2
South Bend beat Rockport, 9-5
Rockport beat South Bend, 7-6 (11)

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Princeton IN

Highland Park IL 145 beat Rockport, 5-4
Flint MI 310 beat Rockport, 4-3

1962

Regional 1 at Logansport

East Chicago 369 beat Crawfordsville 72, 13-2
Lafayette 11 beat Monticello 81, 3-1
Monticello beat Crawfordsville, 15-4
East Chicago beat Lafayette, 17-2
Monticello beat Lafayette, 2-0
Monticello beat East Chicago, 1-0
East Chicago beat Monticello, 14-3

Regional 2 at Michigan City

South Bend 50 beat Ligonier 243, 9-3
Kokomo 6 beat Wabash 15, 8-0
Ligonier beat Wabash, 12-1
South Bend beat Kokomo, 5-1
Kokomo beat Ligonier, 8-7
South Bend beat Kokomo, 4-2

Regional 3 at Morristown

Lawrenceburg 239 beat Cambridge City 169, 10-2
Seymour 89 beat Indianapolis 312, 7-1
Indianapolis beat Cambridge City, 9-2
Lawrenceburg beat Seymour, 7-2
Indianapolis beat Seymour, 6-0
Lawrenceburg beat Indianapolis, 10-7

Regional 4 at Princeton

Evansville 8 beat Brazil 2, 15-1
Rockport 254 beat Princeton 25, 2-1
Princeton beat Brazil, 3-0
Evansville beat Rockport, 12-2
Rockport beat Princeton, 4-2
Rockport beat Evansville, 6-0
Evansville beat Rockport, 7-6

State Finals at Kokomo

East Chicago beat Evansville, 11-4
South Bend beat Lawrenceburg, 5-3
Lawrenceburg beat Evansville, 13-8
East Chicago beat South Bend, 6-3
South Bend beat Lawrenceburg, 12-4
East Chicago beat South Bend, 10-2

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Murphysboro IL

Cincinnati OH 606 beat East Chicago, 4-1
East Chicago beat Bay City MI 18, 8-1
Galesburg IL 285 beat East Chicago, 6-3



Tommy John

John pitched for Terre Haute Post 346 in the 1960 state finals at Rockport where he out dueled Lawrenceburg's Billy McCool, 5-0.

Tournament Results: 1960-1969

1963

Regional 1 at East Chicago

South Bend 50 beat Ligonier 243, 10-5
Whiting 80 beat Chesterton 170, 7-3
South Bend beat Whiting, 8-3
Chesterton beat Ligonier, 8-3
Whiting beat Chesterton, 10-4
South Bend beat Whiting, 4-3 (11)

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Lafayette 11 beat Noblesville 45, 14-7
Anderson 127 beat Jonesboro 95, 4-2
Anderson beat Noblesville, 1-0
Lafayette beat Jonesboro, 7-3
Anderson beat Jonesboro, 10-5
Lafayette beat Anderson, 1-0

Regional 3 at Batesville

Indianapolis 312 beat Cambridge City 169, 1-0
Lawrenceburg 239 beat Madison 9, 10-4
Madison 9 beat Cambridge City, 14-4
Indianapolis beat Lawrenceburg, NA
Lawrenceburg beat Madison, 15-1
Lawrenceburg beat Indianapolis, 10-2
Lawrenceburg beat Indianapolis, 3-2

Regional 4 at Princeton

Jeffersonville 35 beat Princeton 25, 5-4 (10)
Brazil 2 beat Evansville 8, 4-3
Evansville beat Princeton, 9-5
Brazil beat Jeffersonville, 8-2
Evansville beat Jeffersonville, 10-5
Evansville beat Brazil, 7-4
Evansville beat Brazil, 6-5 (11)

State Finals at Indianapolis

South Bend beat Lafayette, 3-2
Evansville beat Lawrenceburg, 5-4 (11)
Lawrenceburg beat Lafayette, 1-0
Evansville beat South Bend, 3-0
South Bend beat Lawrenceburg, 6-2
Evansville beat South Bend, 6-5

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Lima OH

Evansville beat Kenosha WI 21, 9-1
Evansville beat Adrian MI 97, 11-5
Evansville beat Independence MO 21, 5-1
Evansville beat Ashtabula OH 103, 5-4
Evansville beat Kenosha WI, 4-2

World Series at Keene NH

Evansville beat Washington DC 44, 2-1
Memphis TN 1 beat Evansville, 13-0
Evansville beat Somerville MA 19, 5-2
Long Beach CA 27 beat Evansville, 5-2

1964

Regional 1 at East Chicago

Walton 418 beat Ligonier 243, 4-2
Elkhart 74-2 beat Whiting 80, 5-2
Whiting beat Ligonier, 6-1
Elkhart beat Walton, 17-0
Whiting beat Walton, 7-0
Whiting beat Elkhart, 5-4
Elkhart beat Whiting, 9-4

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Lafayette 11 beat Noblesville 45, 5-1
Kokomo 6 beat Jonesboro 95, 8-5
Jonesboro beat Noblesville, 8-2
Lafayette beat Kokomo, 6-0
Kokomo beat Jonesboro, 6-4
Lafayette beat Kokomo, 6-1

Regional 3 at Richmond

Columbus 24 beat Cambridge City 169, 6-5 (10)
Southport 494 beat Lawrenceburg 239, 5-2
Lawrenceburg beat Cambridge City, 1-0
Southport beat Columbus, 2-1
Lawrenceburg beat Columbus, 4-3
Southport beat Lawrenceburg, 16-10

Regional 4 at Evansville

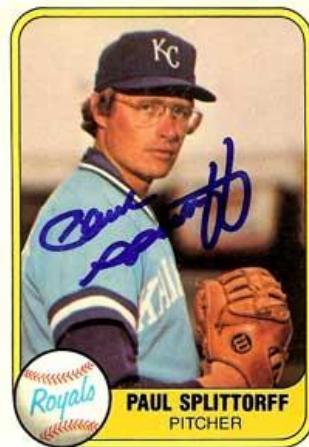
Princeton 25 beat Jeffersonville 35, 1-0
Rockport 254 beat Brazil 2, 4-2
Brazil beat Jeffersonville, 6-2
Rockport beat Princeton, 9-2
Princeton beat Brazil, 7-5
Princeton beat Rockport, 8-5
Princeton beat Rockport, 7-5 (11)

State Finals at Indianapolis

Southport beat Elkhart, 9-4
Lafayette beat Princeton, 6-0
Princeton beat Elkhart, 8-3
Lafayette beat Southport, 7-5
Princeton beat Southport, 4-1
Princeton beat Lafayette, 4-0
Princeton beat Lafayette, 5-4

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Ashland KY

Paducah KY 31 beat Princeton, 10-7
Poplar Bluff MO 153 beat Princeton, 8-3



Paul Splitterff

Born in Evansville IN, Splitterff scored the winning run in Arlington Heights IL Post 208's 2-1 win over Whiting Post 80 in the 1965 Great lakes National Regional.

Splitterff won 166 games over a 15-year career with the Kansas City Royals.

1965

Regional 1 at East Chicago

Whiting 80 beat LaPorte 83, 2-0
South Bend 357 beat Hobart 54, 2-1 (10)
LaPorte beat Hobart, 6-4
Whiting beat South Bend, 13-5
LaPorte beat South Bend, 5-2
Whiting beat LaPorte, 5-2

Regional 2 at Logansport

Warren 259 beat Jonesboro 95, 4-3
Logansport 60 beat Remington 280, 7-3
Jonesboro beat Remington, 17-5
Warren beat Logansport, 8-4
Jonesboro beat Logansport, 6-3
Jonesboro beat Warren, 5-4
Jonesboro beat Warren, 7-3

Regional 3 at Richmond

Richmond 65 beat Batesville 271, 3-2
Southport 494 beat Morrystown 102, 5-4
Batesville beat Morrystown, 6-4
Southport beat Richmond, 13-1
Richmond beat Batesville, 13-6
Southport beat Richmond, 5-4

Regional 4 at Jeffersonville

Boonville 200 beat Seymour 89, 20-2
Princeton 25 beat Bloomington 18, 11-9
Bloomington beat Seymour, 11-5
Princeton beat Boonville, 3-2
Bloomington beat Boonville, 3-0
Bloomington beat Princeton, 32-5
Princeton beat Bloomington, 11-5

State Finals at Michigan City

Princeton beat Jonesboro, 10-0
Whiting beat Southport, 5-4
Southport beat Jonesboro, 6-2
Princeton beat Whiting, 7-0
Whiting beat Southport, 6-2
Whiting beat Princeton, 6-4
Whiting beat Princeton, 6-3

Great Lakes Regional 5 at East Chicago IN

Detroit MI 187 beat Whiting, 3-0
Whiting beat Ashland KY 76, 2-1 (13)
Arlington Heights IL 208 beat Whiting, 2-1

Tournament Results: 1960-1969

1966

Regional 1 at Michigan City

Whiting 80 beat Crown Point 20, 2-1
LaPorte 83 beat Hobart 54, 3-2
Hobart beat Crown Point, 8-3
Whiting beat LaPorte, 21-3
LaPorte beat Hobart, NA
LaPorte beat Whiting, 13-1
Whiting beat LaPorte, 5-0

Regional 2 at Logansport

South Bend 357 beat Ligonier 243, 9-6
Warren 259 beat Lafayette 11, 2-0
Lafayette beat Ligonier, 7-3
South Bend beat Warren, 11-10
Lafayette beat Warren, 15-1
Lafayette beat South Bend, 10-8 (10)
Lafayette beat South Bend, 8-7 (10)

Regional 3 at Anderson

Indianapolis 312 bt. Anderson Welcker Heights 127, 8-6
Batesville 271 beat New Alsace 452, 9-1
Anderson beat New Alsace, 10-4
Indianapolis beat Batesville, 3-2
Batesville beat Anderson, 7-4
Batesville beat Indianapolis, 2-1
Indianapolis beat Batesville, 4-0

Regional 4 at Princeton

Evansville 8 beat Princeton 25, 6-2
Jeffersonville 35 beat Southport 494, 4-3
Indianapolis beat Princeton, 8-5
Evansville beat Jeffersonville, 5-0
Jeffersonville beat Southport, 10-4
Evansville beat Jeffersonville, 7-4

State Finals at Lafayette

Indianapolis beat Evansville, 7-3
Lafayette beat Whiting, 7-2
Evansville beat Whiting, 4-1
Lafayette beat Indianapolis, 3-0
Evansville beat Indianapolis, 6-0
Evansville beat Lafayette, 7-2
Evansville beat Lafayette, 5-4

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Athens OH

Northbrook IL 791 beat Evansville, 7-5
Springfield MO 69 beat Evansville, 6-3

1967

Regional 1 at Michigan City

Hammond 232 beat Gary 214, 2-1 (12)
LaPorte 83 beat Hobart 54, 7-3
Hobart beat Gary, 1-0
LaPorte beat Hammond, 9-3
Hobart beat Hammond, 7-5
LaPorte beat Hobart, 7-5

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Ligonier 243 beat Lafayette 11, 2-1
South Bend 284 beat Kokomo 6, 4-2
Lafayette beat Kokomo, 8-3
South Bend beat Ligonier, 9-7
Lafayette beat Ligonier, 15-7
Lafayette beat South Bend, 4-1
Lafayette beat South Bend, 4-3

Regional 3 at Richmond

Richmond 65 beat Indianapolis 465, 5-3
Greenfield 119 beat Batesville 271, 6-5
Batesville beat Indianapolis, 8-1
Richmond beat Greenfield, 12-3
Greenfield beat Batesville, 6-5
Richmond beat Greenfield, 5-1

Regional 4 at Evansville

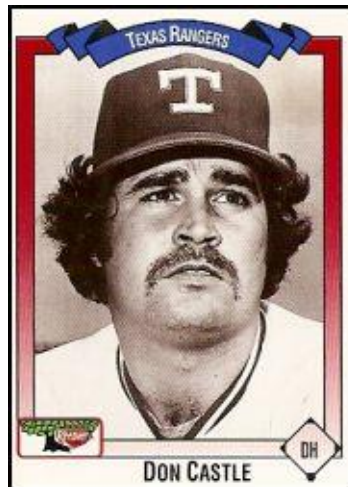
Jasper 147 beat Jeffersonville 35, 6-3
Evansville 8 beat Terre Haute 346, 8-1
Terre Haute beat Jeffersonville, 7-5
Jasper beat Evansville, 3-2
Evansville beat Terre Haute, 7-2
Evansville beat Jasper, 10-1
Evansville beat Jasper, 7-3

State Finals at Lafayette

Evansville beat LaPorte, 4-1
Richmond beat Lafayette, 5-2
LaPorte beat Lafayette, 5-4
Evansville beat Richmond, 4-3
LaPorte beat Richmond, 6-0
Evansville beat LaPorte, 18-2

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Canton IL

Overland MO 338 beat Evansville, 9-3
Evansville beat Madison WI 151, 2-1
Evansville beat Owensboro KY 9, 10-6
Canton IL 16 beat Evansville, 8-5



Don Castle

Castle, born in Kokomo IN, shutout South Bend Post 284, 3-0 on two hits, in the 1968 American Legion World Series. Castle was named the American Legion Player of the Year in 1968.

1968

Regional 1 at East Chicago

Lafayette 11 beat Hammond 232, 2-0
Cedar Lake 262 beat Gary 214, 4-2
Hammond beat Gary, 5-4
Lafayette beat Cedar Lake, 13-4
Hammond beat Cedar lake, 7-6
Lafayette beat Hammond, 3-0

Regional 2 at South Bend

South Bend 284 beat Peru 14, 5-0
Ligonier 243 beat Michigan City 37, 3-1
Peru beat Michigan City, 6-2
South Bend beat Ligonier, 9-7
Peru beat Ligonier, 9-5
South Bend beat Peru, 8-0

Regional 3 at Jeffersonville

Jeffersonville 35 beat Marion 10, 8-4
Richmond 65 beat St. Leon 464, 4-3
Marion beat St. Leon, 6-3
Jeffersonville beat Richmond, 5-2
Marion beat Richmond, 6-3
Jeffersonville beat Marion, 13-3

Regional 4 at Princeton

Boonville 200 beat Terre Haute 346, 8-1
Indianapolis 312 beat Rockport 254, 6-0
Terre Haute beat Rockport, 6-4
Indianapolis beat Boonville, 9-7 (10)
Terre Haute beat Boonville, 4-3 (13)
Terre Haute beat Indianapolis, 13-7
Terre Haute beat Indianapolis, 1-0

State Finals at Anderson

South Bend beat Lafayette, 14-3
Terre Haute beat Jeffersonville, 16-0
Jeffersonville beat Lafayette, 3-2
South Bend beat Terre Haute, 5-2
Terre Haute beat Jeffersonville, 6-4
South Bend beat Terre Haute, 5-0

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Springfield MO

South Bend beat Owensboro KY 9, 9-2
South Bend beat Springfield MO 69, 7-5
South Bend beat Belleville IL 58, 4-2
South Bend beat Lincoln Park MI 67, 8-0
South Bend beat Owensboro KY 9, 6-5

World Series at Manchester NH

Memphis TN 1 beat South Bend, 3-0
South Bend beat Tucson AZ 7, 4-3
Timmonsville SC 47 beat South Bend, 5-4

Tournament Results: 1960-1969

1969

Regional 1 at Gary

Highland 180 beat Crown Point 20, 4-1
Hammond 428 beat Crawfordsville 72, 5-1
Crown Point beat Crawfordsville, 5-3
Highland beat Hammond, 8-7
Hammond beat Crown Point, 4-1
Highland beat Hammond, 7-4

Regional 2 at Kokomo

South Bend 284 beat Michigan City 37, 10-3
Logansport 60 beat Ligonier 243, 3-1
Michigan City beat Ligonier, 9-3
South Bend beat Logansport, 3-2
Michigan City beat Logansport, 10-3
Michigan City beat South Bend, 7-4
South Bend beat Michigan City, 7-0

Regional 3 at Richmond

Indianapolis 348 beat Anderson 127, 5-1
Aurora 231 beat Richmond 65, 3-0
Richmond beat Anderson, 6-1
Indianapolis beat Aurora, 10-9 (10)
Richmond beat Aurora, 3-2 (10)
Indianapolis beat Richmond, 3-2

Regional 4 at Rockport

Pike County 179 beat Seymour 89, 1-0
Terre Haute 346 beat Tell City 213, 2-1
Tell City beat Seymour, 4-1
Terre Haute beat Pike County, 10-2
Tell City beat Pike County, 3-2 (10)
Terre Haute beat Tell City, 8-2

State Finals at Kokomo

South Bend beat Highland, 3-1
Terre Haute beat Indianapolis, 13-0
Indianapolis beat Highland, 5-1
Terre Haute beat South Bend, 7-1
Indianapolis beat South Bend, 10-5
Terre Haute beat Indianapolis, 3-0

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Bowling Green OH

Cincinnati Budde 507 beat Terre Haute, 2-1
Chambersburg PA 46 beat Terre Haute, 1-0

“The Region” Rivalry



Darrel Chaney

Darrel Chaney's Hessville Post 232 team was the 1965 First District champion. Unfortunately for Hessville, 1965 was the first year that the district champion did not represent the area in the state tournament. Instead all teams were entered in a new sectional format.

Larry Fritz's Whiting Post 80, the district runner-up in regular season play, went on to win the sectional and ultimately the state championship. Just one year earlier Whiting wouldn't even have been in the tournament.



Larry Fritz

Tournament History: 1970-1979

1970

RICHMOND-Terre Haute Wayne Newton Post 346 became the fourth team to win back-to-back titles as they beat Frankfort Post 12, 15-3. Terre Haute also won back-to-back titles in 1956 and 1957.

Post 346 pounded 20 hits and **Gary Crowthers** held Frankfort scoreless through six when the Wayne Newton Post already had a 14-0 lead. **Tim Booker** had a single, a double and a home run for Terre Haute. **Mike McGee's** three singles raised his average for the tournament to .667 (10-15).

McGee's walk-off home run in the 11th inning gave Terre Haute a 3-2 winner's bracket verdict over Indianapolis Post 495 after TH pasted East Chicago Post 266, 17-2, in the opening round. **McGee** had two singles to go with his home run. **Booker** added a solo blast in the Indianapolis game. **Dale Fell** picked up wins in both games, in relief against Indianapolis and as the starter against East Chicago.

East Chicago had on its roster **Tim Stoddard** and **Pete Trgovich**, both of whom were starters on East Chicago Washington's 1971, 29-0 IHSAA state basketball champions. The pair had played key roles in East Chicago's regional win but were unavailable to play in the state finals.

Stoddard would start for North Carolina State's 1974 NCAA basketball champions, which beat **Trgovich's** UCLA team in a final four semifinal game. **Stoddard** would later pitch for the Baltimore Orioles in the 1979 World Series where he was the winning pitcher in game four. His RBI single in his first World Series at-bat made him the first player to drive in a run on his first World Series plate appearance. He was also a member of the Orioles 1983 World Series champions. **Stoddard** was named to the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame in 2006.

Trgovich would start for UCLA and coach **John Wooden's** last NCAA basketball champion in 1975. **Trgovich** would return to East Chicago to coach East Chicago Central High School to the 2007 class 4A state basketball title.

In the national regional at Canton IL, Terre Haute opened with a 5-1 win over Eau Claire WI Post 53. **Booker** pitched a one-hitter and struck out seven. In the second round Wayne Newton beat Detroit's Edison Post 187, 12-0, behind **Fell's** four-hitter and 12 strikeouts. **Fell** improved to 13-1 with the win.

In the winner's bracket final, Levittown PA Post 317 handed Terre Haute a 9-5 loss as it took a 9-0 lead after seven innings. Wayne Newton scored four in the bottom of the eighth but it was too little and too late.

Terre Haute rebounded from the loss with a 5-3 win over Miamisburg OH Post 165 when it scored four runs in the eighth. The inning was capped by **Greg James** three-run inside-the-park home run. **Fell's** 14th win, in relief, propelled Terre Haute into the championship game against Levittown.

For the second time in the tourney Levittown handed Terre Haute a loss. This time it was 4-1 as the Pennsylvanians scored single runs in the second and fourth innings and two in the fifth. Terre Haute didn't score until the ninth and managed only eight singles in the game. **Fell** took the loss for Terre Haute.

Levittown would finish second in the nation, losing twice in the World Series to West Covina CA Post 790, the last time 10-0 in the national championship game.

1971

EAST CHICAGO-Indianapolis Welch Post 495 made a return trip to the state finals and this time came away with its first and only state championship. Indianapolis became the fourteenth team to wind the finals after having been there the year before.

Post 495 beat South Bend Bendix Post 284, 8-3, in the opening round. Rockport Post 254, making its first appearance in the finals since its 1961 state championship, beat Monticello Post 81, 5-0, behind **Steve Buxton's** two-hit 18-strikeout performance. Monticello was making its first ever appearance in the finals.

In the winner's bracket final Indianapolis used a three-run rally in the top of the eighth to overcome a 2-1 Rockport lead and take a 4-2 win. **Earl Brinker** allowed Rockport just five hits in going the distance for Welch Post.

Monticello eliminated South Bend, 6-3, and came back to eliminate Rockport, 7-4, behind **Mike Cobb's** three-run fourth inning homer to set up a meeting with Indianapolis for the title.

Post 495 didn't wait long to take control of the championship game, scoring five in the second and coasting to an 11-1 win over Monticello. **Ted Ahaus** allowed three hits and struck out 14 for Indianapolis. **Jess Craber** went 4-4 with a pair of doubles and **Chuck Hawkins** had a two-run homer in the five run second.

In the national regional at Wyandotte MI, Indianapolis lost to Springfield MO Post 69, 6-3; beat Mt. Pleasant MI Post 110, 4-3, on a run in the bottom of the 11th when **Dave Faenzi's** triple drove in **Dennis Kelle**, and was eliminated by Janesville WI Post 205, 4-0.

1972

LAFAYETTE-Kokomo's James DeArmond Golliday Post 6 claimed its first state championship in 1972.

With three pitchers on the roster who would play major-league baseball it's no wonder that Kokomo's pitching staff was an important component of winning the title.

In first-round play Kokomo beat South Bend Post 357, 6-2. Lefty **Tom Underwood** allowed three hits, walked three and struck out 16 in addition to breaking a 2-2 tie in the sixth with a two-run double. Jeffersonville Post 35 beat Rockport, 2-1, in the other first-round game.

In sectional and regional play **Underwood** had turned in a couple of classic efforts. In the final winner's bracket game of the sectional, **Underwood** got the first two outs of the game on a ground ball and a pop-up and then recorded the next 25 outs on strikes as Kokomo beat Logansport Post 60, 2-0. In regional play, in the first round, **Underwood** recorded another 25-strikeout performance in a 10-inning 3-2 win over Lafayette Post 11.

In the winner's bracket final Kokomo's **Dan Dumoulin** threw 183 (yes, 183) pitches and struck out sixteen as Post 6 beat Jeffersonville, 12-6. **Dumoulin** allowed 10 hits and walked seven. **Dan Hiatt** had a bases-loaded triple in the first and a two-run double in the third when Kokomo extended its lead to 8-0.

Playing for the championship, South Bend, survivor of the loser's bracket, got a 4-1 win over Kokomo as **Dale Strzelecki** picked up the win in relief.

Kokomo nailed down the title with a 6-0 win as **Underwood, Dumoulin** and **Fred Giles** shared mound duties. **Underwood** pitched the first three and struck out seven. **Dumoulin**, who inherited a 3-0 lead from **Underwood**, also worked three and **Giles** finished it with a three-inning stint.

Dumoulin, celebrating his 19th birthday, led Kokomo's 14-hit attack with a perfect 4-4 day, including a triple. He also received credit for the win.

In the national regional at Richmond, Arlington Heights IL Post 208 jumped on **Underwood** and took a 9-1 lead into the ninth before finishing with a 9-4 win. The loss was **Underwood's** first of the season after 12 wins. The lefthander struck out 14 but allowed seven hits and walked seven in the loss.

Richmond's Harry Ray Post 65, in the tournament as the host team, got four RBI from **Mike Pomoranz** in taking a 12-2 win over Covington KY Post 70.

In second round play Kokomo beat Eau Claire WI Post 53, 6-2. Kokomo managed only three hits but took advantage of seven Eau Claire errors as **Dumoulin** struck out 14 and walked three. Richmond lost to eventual regional champion Findlay OH Post 3, 10-4.

Kokomo was eliminated by Findlay in the third round, 7-3. After Kokomo's **Randy Hulet** gave Post 6 a 1-0 lead with a home run on the first pitch of the game, Findlay, the only undefeated team left in the tourney, came back to score six in the bottom of the first and coast to the win.

Richmond remained alive by scoring two in the seventh and two in the eighth to take a 4-1 win over Trenton MI Post 426. **Larry Swihart** tossed a five-hitter for Richmond.

Arlington Heights eliminated Richmond 18-6 as the last Indiana entry bowed from the tournament.

Findlay beat Arlington Heights, 3-0, for the title and went on to finish fourth in the American Legion World Series. Its losses there were to Ballwin MO and Memphis TN, the first and second place finishers in the World Series.

Kokomo's **Tom Underwood**, originally signed by the Phillies, spent 11 seasons in the majors while **Dan Dumoulin** spent parts of two seasons with the Cincinnati Reds. **Pat Underwood**, who was on the roster for the 1972 season but was injured during the tournament, played for four seasons with the Detroit Tigers. (See story on page 30)

1973

KOKOMO-South Bend Pulaski Post 357, making a return trip to the finals after finishing as runner-up in 1972, won its first state championship since 1937.

In their first game Pulaski Post got an opposite field solo home run to right from **Dale Strzelecki** leading off the second inning and after two were retired another solo home run from **Rich Strzelecki**, **Dale's** cousin, to take an early 2-0 lead over Rockport, which was in the finals for the third year in a row.

Post 357 added a pair of unearned runs in the third and took a 4-0 lead into the sixth when Rockport scored both of its runs, also unearned. That's the way it finished, 4-2, as **Joel Finch** struck out 11 and allowed only three hits for South Bend. **Finch** improved his record to 13-0 and kept his ERA at 0.00 (in 90 + innings) for the season.

South Bend beat Remington Post 280, 7-4, in the winner's bracket final. **Dave Wood** got the win for Post 357 with seven innings of work. Called in with the tying run at the plate, **Finch** picked up a save by getting the final two outs in the ninth. South Bend had taken a 7-2 lead in the game with a four run eighth

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that began with **Dale Strzelecki** leading off the inning with an opposite field home run to right for the second time in two games.

Rockport beat Madison, a 6-1 first round loser to Remington, 10-0 in the loser's bracket. In the final elimination game Rockport catcher **Kirk Hudson** hit a three-run homer in the third as Post 254 beat Remington, 4-2.

Dale Strzelecki completely stifled Rockport bats in the championship game as he struck out 16 and allowed only two Post 254 singles. Pulaski Post scored single unearned runs in the second and third and another solo score in the fourth to take a 3-0 win. Rockport's fifteen-year-old lefthander **Pat Dawson** (more about him later) was the tough luck loser. **Finch** received an early birthday present, as the next day would be his 17th.

In the national regional at Bartonville IL, South Bend would beat the host Post 979, 8-3, in its first game. **Finch** struck out 17 and allowed six hits but his streak of not allowing an earned run came to an end as two of Bartonville's three runs were earned. **Dale Strzelecki's** two-run triple in the first and **Wood's** solo home run in the third were the big blows for South Bend.

After a day of rain South Bend dropped a 5-2 decision to Rochester MN Post 92. Rochester used a four run fifth inning to overcome Post 357's 1-0 lead.

South Bend bounced back with a 2-1 fourteen-inning win over Highland Park IL Post 439. **Finch** scored the game-winner in the bottom of the fourteenth on catcher **Dale Wells** single over a drawn-in infield. **Dale Strzelecki** worked the first nine innings and allowed only three hits. **Finch** got his second win of the regional and ran his season record to 15-0 with five innings of two-hit shutout relief.

Post 357 stayed alive in the tournament with a 4-3 win over Cincinnati Bentley Post 50. South Bend scored three times in the bottom of the eighth to erase a 2-1 deficit when **Dean Stouder's** double scored **Dick Reese** with the tying run and **Gary Ellis** with the go-ahead run. **Rich Strzelecki's** single scored **Stouder** with what proved to be the winning run. **Paul Mattix** worked 8 1/3 innings to earn the win and **Finch** picked up a save with 2/3 of an inning of relief.

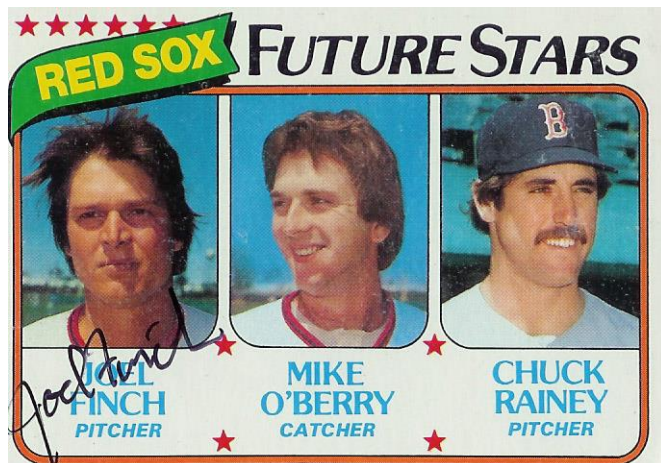
With three teams left in the tournament, all with one loss, a coin flip paired South Bend with Bentley Post. The winner would play Rochester for the championship.

In another extra inning affair South Bend couldn't quite get the job done as Cincinnati used a single run in the top of the tenth to eliminate Post 357, 1-0. Bentley Post's **George Miller** led off the 10th with a line single that bounced over **Finch's** head in left for three bases. He scored on a wild pitch. Cincinnati's **Jim Eckstein** allowed only two singles and struck out 14 in going the distance for the win.

Bentley Post finished fourth in the nation with its two World Series losses coming to the teams that finished second and third.

Finch worked six innings of one-hit shutout relief to end the season with a record of 15-0 and only two earned runs in over 110 innings worked.

Finch would sign, and play in the majors with, the Boston Red Sox.



Joel Finch

1974

ANDERSON-Making its fourth consecutive appearance in the finals Rockport Jenkins Post 254 came away with its third state title.

With defending champion South Bend and 1972 champion Kokomo Post 6 solid favorites to battle it out for the title, Rockport upset the apple cart as it disposed of both in its first two games.

In the opening round Rockport surprised Kokomo, 7-6, with a run in the last of the ninth when, with two out, **Kim Driskell** crushed a ball that Kokomo's second-baseman couldn't handle as **Jeff Bullington** raced home from second

with the game-winner. **Scott Johnson** had three hits and four RBI and **Pat Dawson** picked up the win with 3 1/3 innings of relief. **Johnson's** two-run single in the bottom of the eighth had knotted the score at 6-6.

Rockport's **Scott Doerner** handcuffed South Bend in the winner's bracket final, 7-0, as he allowed only five hits and struck out five. Rockport third-baseman **Greg Tooley** opened the scoring with a solo home run in the second and added a three-run bomb to cap a four-run fifth inning for Post 254. **Jim Schmidt** added a solo shot in the third.

Doerner's father, **Wilfred "Gus" Doerner**, played in the 1939 American Legion tournament as a member of the Princeton Post 25 team. The elder **Doerner** went on to be named the first All-America basketball player at Evansville College.

Kokomo fought through the loser's bracket to earn a chance at the title and Post 6 looked like it might get the job done when it beat Jenkins Post, 5-3, and took a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning of the "if necessary" game, when **Pat Underwood** tripled with the bases loaded. Rockport avoided further damage in the inning when **Underwood** was cut down at the plate attempting to score on a short passed ball.

Tooley got Rockport on the board with a towering two-run blast to left in the bottom of the first and Rockport scored five in the second and three in the third to take a 10-3 lead. The final was 12-6 as **Schmidt**, the winner, pitched six and **Dawson** and **Doerner** finished it.

Tooley hit .444 (8-18) with three home runs and seven batted in during the tournament. Rockport catcher **Kirk Hudson** became the first person to play in four consecutive state finals.

Rockport manager **Jim Haaff**, a key member of Post 254's 1959 state champions, became the first person to play on a state champion and to come back and coach a state champion.

In the national regional at Stevens Point WI, Rockport drew a first-round bye and then faced Bowling Green KY Post 23 in the second round. The Kentucky team was no stranger to Post 254 as it had beaten Rockport, 4-2, in a sixteen-inning marathon during the regular season.

This time Bowling Green took a 2-1 verdict with single runs in the fifth and seventh. Rockport's only run only run of the game came in the fourth on **Tooley's** solo homer to left. Rockport got only one other hit, **Johnson's** ninth inning single, off **Kim Kirby** who improved to 10-1 with the win. **Doerner**, who allowed only four hits, suffered his first loss of the season.

With its backs against the wall, Rockport responded to the challenge, beating host Stevens Point Post 6, 7-0, behind **Schmidt's** 16-strikeout six-hitter. **Hudson** had a grand slam in the third to cap a six-run inning and put Rockport in front, 6-0.

Rockport set up a championship rematch with Bowling Green by taking a 1-0 win over Portsmouth OH Post 23. **Tooley's** solo home run leading off the bottom of the sixth was the only run in the game. **Dawson** pitched seven innings and allowed three hits while striking out seven to get the win. **Doerner** relieved **Dawson** in the eighth, with two on, and retired six straight to get a save.

Needing two wins over Bowling Green for the title Post 254 got the first one, 8-3.

Rockport took a 3-0 lead into the top of the sixth when Post 23 scored three runs and had the bases loaded with only one out. Rockport manager **Jim Haaff** called on **Dawson** to put out the fire and he did, striking out the first two hitters he faced. **Tooley's** three-run homer in the bottom of the inning put Rockport back in front and single runs in the seventh and eighth finished it. **Dawson** got the win with 3 2/3 innings of one-hit relief. He struck out five. **Tooley** finished with three hits and four RBI.

Playing for the championship Rockport fell behind 2-0 after two innings but **L.J. Scamahorn**, Rockport's first baseman, hit the only home run of his life, at any level, to give Post 254 a 3-2 lead in the top of the sixth.

With runners on first and second, **Scamahorn** had twice failed to get down a bunt. After working the count back to 3-2, **Scamahorn** cleared the fence in left center.

Bowling Green scored twice in the seventh to retake the lead at 4-3 but they wouldn't score again and Rockport did, denting the plate twice in the eighth and once in the ninth. In the eighth, with one run already in and the bases loaded, a **Lynn Partridge** single gave Jenkins Post a 5-4 lead. **Schmidt** was the winning pitcher as he tossed the final three innings.

In the World Series at Roseburg OR, Rockport lost the opening game of the tournament to 1973, and eventual 1974, national champion Rio Piedras PR Post 146, 11-5. **Juan Agosto**, who would pitch 13 years in the majors, was the winning pitcher for Rio Piedras as **Jesus Vega**, who would play three years with the Twins, drove in three.

Rockport got a 3-0 win over Cedar Rapids IA Post 5 as **Schmidt** scattered six hits and struck out seven. Cedar Rapids' **Mike Boddicker** went 0-4 at the plate while playing third base. **Boddicker** would play in the American Legion World Series for three consecutive years and would pitch in the majors for 14 years. He won 20 games for the Orioles in 1984 and had 16 wins for Baltimore's 1983 World Series champions. He was the winning pitcher in game

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two of the 1983 series as he pitched a complete game, 4-1 win over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Rockport's season ended with an 8-7 loss to eventual national runner-up, Lake Oswego OR Post 92. Post 254 had the tying run at third with one out in the bottom of the ninth but couldn't get it home.

1975

ROCKPORT-South Bend Post 357 returned to the winner's circle with three one-run wins in the 1975 state finals at Rockport.

In the tournament's opening game South Bend beat Southport Post 355, 2-1. **Gene Miller's** triple and **Rene VanDewielle's** sacrifice fly in the top of the seventh broke a 1-1 tie. **Steve Nadolny** and **Brian Healy** combined to pitch a six-hitter for South Bend.

In the other opening round game Kokomo's **Pat Underwood** struck out 17 and fired the fourth no-hitter, and the first of the nine-inning variety, in state finals history as Post 6 beat Princeton Post 25, 1-0. The no-hitter was **Underwood's** second straight as he also didn't allow a hit in pitching Kokomo to a 7-0 win over Monticello Post 81 in the opening game of the Lafayette regional.

For the season **Underwood** had allowed only 31 hits in 106 innings pitched. **Underwood** was named to the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame in 2005.

Princeton had eliminated defending state champion Rockport in the championship game of the Evansville regional. Rockport had suffered its first loss in the regional, 5-1, when Jasper Post 147's **Mark Riggins** allowed only one hit and struck out 13.

After a minor league pitching career, **Riggins** was the pitching coach for the 1995 St. Louis Cardinals and has served as the minor league pitching coordinator for the Cardinals and Cubs since then.

In the winner's bracket final South Bend scored all of its runs in the first three innings and **Nadolny** pitched four perfect innings of relief, for his second win in two games, as South Bend beat Kokomo, 5-4.

Southport eliminated Princeton, 4-0, and beat Kokomo, 4-3, in the final elimination game behind **Joe Rostenkowski's** complete game 14-strikeout performance, to get a second shot at South Bend.

Post 357 scored two runs in the bottom of the eighth on **Dick Sullivan's** bases-loaded single to erase a 2-1 deficit and claim a 3-2 win over Southport for the title. **Dave Luczkowski** struck out nine and allowed six hits to earn the win for South Bend.

This was one of the closest state finals in history as five of the six games were decided by one run.

In the national regional at Murray KY, South Bend lost its opening game to Janesville WI Post 205, 9-5. All of South Bend's runs scored on home runs. **Bill Bilinski** hit a three-run shot in the fifth and **Jack Schraw** added a 400-foot bomb in the eighth with a man on.

South Bend rebounded from the opening loss to down host Murray KY Post 73, 7-1. Post 357 scored seven times in the first inning before Murray starter **Mark Miller** closed the door the rest of the way allowing only three hits. **Luczkowski** allowed only six hits and didn't give up a run until there were two outs in the ninth as he picked up the win.

South Bend eliminated another Kentucky team, state champion Corbin Post 88, 3-2, on **Schraw's** leadoff solo home run in the top of the ninth that broke a 2-2 tie. **Nadolny** was the winning pitcher with three innings of one-hit shutout relief.

In an ending that was eerily similar to Post 357's 1973 regional finish, South Bend dropped a 3-2 decision in 14 innings to Belleville IL Post 58.

The Illinois champion, the only undefeated team left in the tournament, scored in the top of the 14th. South Bend loaded the bases in the bottom of the inning with no outs but could not get a run across as they finished third in the regional for the second time in three years and concluded the year with a season record of 30-9.

1976

SOUTH BEND-Kokomo Post 6, upset in the 1975 state finals, came back to claim the crown with a 12-8 win over Aurora Post 231 in 1976.

Aurora led 8-2 after three innings but starter **Tom Maples** ran out of innings after 5 2/3 and Kokomo scored three in the sixth, four in the seventh and three in the eighth for the win.

In the opening game of the finals Kokomo scored three unearned runs in the third and beat Evansville Funkhouser Post 8, 6-2. Funkhouser had the bases loaded and no one out in the eighth but Kokomo's **Brent Oliver** struck out the side to end the inning. **Don Mattingly**, hitting .399 entering the tournament, plated Post 8's first run of the game in the ninth with a bases-loaded single. **Oliver** went the distance to pick up the win for Kokomo.

In the winner's bracket final Kokomo pounded East Chicago Post 266, 10-0, as **Phil Thatcher** tossed a five-hitter. **Larry Keller** had four hits and three

RBI for Post 6. In the loser's bracket Aurora eliminated Evansville, 11-3. **Mattingly** had a single and double to account for two of Funkhouser's five hits in the game.

Evansville had won the final game of the Rockport regional when it rallied for four runs in the bottom of the seventh and added the game-winner in the bottom of the eighth against Jeffersonville's **Walt Terrell** to take a 5-4 win. **Terrell** would pitch 11 years in the majors, primarily with the Mets and Tigers. He was named to the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame in 2005.

In the first round of the national regional at Lafayette, Kokomo dropped a 5-4 decision to Columbus OH Post 604 and host Lafayette Post 11 fell to Janesville WI Post 205, 6-5 in ten innings.

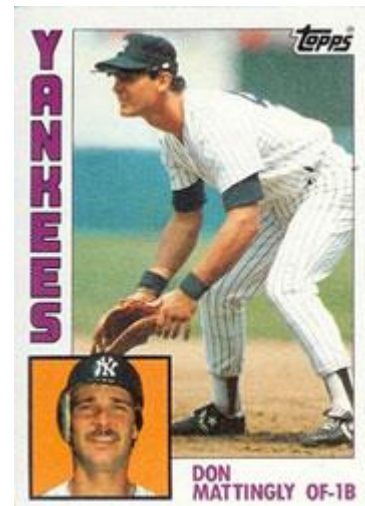
Kokomo led 4-3 when a two-out two-run triple in the last of the eighth gave Columbus the win.

Lafayette stranded 10 base runners in its loss as Janesville scored the winning run in the bottom of the 10th when an attempt to pick a runner off at third went astray.

Lafayette received a bye in second round action and Kokomo advanced with a forfeit win over Garden City MI Post 396. Garden City was sent home from the tournament before ever playing a game when it was discovered they had used an ineligible player in state competition.

Lafayette eliminated Kokomo 12-6 in third round play. Post 11 stroked 16 hits with eight starters getting at least one. **Jeff Lohman** led the way with four hits, including a two-run homer, and four runs scored. Kokomo had taken a 3-0 first inning lead on **Keller's** three-run homer to right.

Lafayette finished tournament play with a 9-5 loss to Columbus. After falling behind 5-1 Lafayette rallied to tie the game at 5-5 but Columbus four run sixth secured the win.



Don Mattingly

1977

RICHMOND-South Bend Post 50 became the third South Bend Post to win a state championship. Post 50 had been close to the title before, finishing as state runner-up three straight years from 1961-1963.

The wait had to have been worth it because Post 50 would use its first state crown as the impetus to do something no Indiana team had done before nor has done since.

In the state finals South Bend turned back Terre Haute Post 346, 5-1, in the opening round and then beat Lafayette Post 11, 4-3, in the winner's bracket final.

The Terre Haute roster included 16 year-old **Brian Dorsett** who would play eight seasons in the major leagues.

Dan Szajko went 3-3 in the win over Terre Haute. **Dave Hankins** turned in a complete game performance for the win over Lafayette. South Bend had trailed 3-0 in the fifth inning of the Lafayette game but **Jim Andert** singled in two runs and **Will Shepherd's** ground rule double scored the game winner.

In the championship game Lafayette scored five times in the top of the first but South Bend, which had trailed or was tied in the middle innings in nine of its ten tournament games, rallied again to claim a 7-5 state-title clinching win.

South Bend got two runs back in the second on **Bill Schell's** triple. After **Jeff Coker's** 400-foot two-run bomb made it 5-4 in the fifth, **Greg Heyde's** solo blast tied it in the same inning.

Post 50 got the game-winner in the seventh when **Coker** singled, stole second, and scored on **Shepherd's** single off the second base bag. A single run in the eighth closed scoring.

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Coker went 7-9 and had three walks in the finals.

Hankins, who came on with two out in the first, worked his final three innings of eligibility and **Heyde**, who took the mound with one out in the fourth, worked 5 1/3 to pick up the win.

After the five-run outburst in the first Lafayette didn't get a hit over the final eight innings.

In the national regional in Bellwood IL, South Bend got a 3-2 opening round win over Blissfield MI Post 325 when **Coker's** 11th inning walk scored **Szajko**. Post 50 did not have a hit in the inning. **Coker's** home run in the seventh had given South Bend a 2-1 lead after Blissfield had taken a 1-0 lead in the third. **Szajko's** single in the fifth, after **Shepherd** had doubled, tied it.

Heyde struck out 13 and went the distance for the win. South Bend left the bases loaded in the eighth, ninth and tenth innings and stranded 14 for the game.

In second round play **Jeff Kowatch** suicide squeeze scored **Shepherd** with the only run of the game as Post 50 downed Morehead KY Post 126, 1-0. **Hankins**, who missed the opening game of the tournament due to college orientation and arrived only a few hours prior to game time, retired the first 15 hitters he faced, and 20 of the first 21, before finishing with an eight strikeout, no-walk, three-hitter.

In a scene all too familiar for South Bend, it took a rally, this time from a 5-1 deficit, to down Arlington Heights IL Post 208, 6-5. **Kowatch** single in the bottom of the ninth was the game-winner when **Heyde** knocked the ball loose on a play at the plate.

South Bend coach **Mel Machuca's** gamble (there were no outs when he sent **Heyde**) worked as Post 50 remained the only undefeated team in the tournament.

Besides scoring the winning run **Heyde** picked up the win on the mound with five innings of four-hit shutout relief.

Hankins, who pitched all 11 innings over two days, ran his scoreless inning streak to 29 as South Bend beat Blissfield, 3-0 in 11 innings, to claim the regional championship. **Hankins** bases-loaded walk in the 11th scored South Bend's first run.

The game was played over two days as rain halted play in the bottom of the fifth on the first attempt to determine a champion.

In the American Legion World Series at Manchester NH, South Bend took a 5-1 opening round win over Boyertown PA Post 471 as **Schell** had four hits, scored twice and drove in two. **Heyde** tossed a six-hitter to gain the win.

In second round play **Hankins** held defending national champion Santa Monica CA Post 123 to four hits and **Schell** collected four hits in four trips to the plate in a 7-1 win.

The California roster included **Tim Leary** who was drafted by the New York Mets in 1979 and pitched for the 1988 Los Angeles Dodgers World Series Champions. **Leary** pitched Santa Monica's opening round win over Trumbull CT.

South Bend scored six unearned runs in an 8-2 win over Hattiesburg MS Post 78, to become the only undefeated team left in the World Series.

With over 3,900 fans in attendance Post 50 claimed Indiana's first, and only, national championship with a 3-1 win over Hattiesburg. **Heyde** ran his season record to 15-1 as he allowed only eight hits.

South Bend scored the first run of the game in the top of the second when **Mike Clarke** scored on a wild pitch. After Hattiesburg tied it in the bottom of the inning, South Bend took the lead for good in the third when **Schell** tripled to lead off the inning and **Coker** walked with one out. When **Shepard's** ground ball to third was mishandled, **Schell** scored. **Coker** crossed the plate when **Shepherd's** steal of second resulted in the catcher throwing the ball into center field.

Schell was named the American Legion Player of the Year and won the Louisville Slugger Award as the top hitter in national play with a .441 batting average.

South Bend had entered tournament play with a good season record of 23-6 but Post 50 was immaculate in the tournament as they ran the table with a perfect 18-0 log to finish the season 41-6. In no less than 14 of those 18 wins the South Benders were either tied or trailed in the middle innings of the game. There were some other oddities as well.

Post 50 did not have a left-handed pitcher nor a left-handed hitter and after the state regional they played without starting second baseman **Gary Vargyas**, who was ill during the state tournament and did not play during the national tournament because he was involved in football practices at Purdue.

1978

KOKOMO-For the second year in a row a first time champion was crowned as Beech Grove Post 276 won the title at Kokomo.

Beech Grove beat Princeton Post 25, 3-0, as **Kevin Ringham** scattered five hits and struck out seven. **Brad Johnson** hit an inside-the-park home run to center in the top of the first to put Beech Grove ahead and it stayed that way

until the seventh when **Chris Page** doubled in another run. **Brian Boyer** added the final score with a solo homer to right in the eighth.

Kokomo beat Highland, 4-1, in the second game of the opening round as **Joe Beason** struck out 16 and allowed only four hits. **Beason** added a 380-foot two-run homer in the third. Hammond's **Mark DeRolf**, who would guide Post 168 to the state title in 2009, was the loser.

In the winner's bracket final Kokomo scored a single run in the top of the first and Beech Grove countered with two in the bottom half. Post 276 concluded scoring with a single run in the eighth for the 3-1 win. **Ron Maxwell** picked up the win for Beech Grove and **Ringham** got a save by pitching the final 1 2/3.

Hammond pounded Princeton 13-2 in the losers bracket and when Kokomo took a 4-3 win over Hammond the final was set. **Beason's** three-run homer in the first was the big blow for Kokomo. He also earned a save with 2 2/3 innings of scoreless relief.

Kokomo took a 1-0 lead in top of the sixth in the championship game but Beech Grove broke things open with a five run outburst in their half of the inning and finished with an 8-1 win. Post 276 had seven hits and drew 10 walks in the game. Kokomo made five errors to aid the Beech Grove cause.

George Greer went the distance for Beech Grove and allowed the single unearned run while striking out eight and scattering eight hits.

Beech Grove became the 19th team to win the finals after having been there the year before.

Princeton shortstop **Gary Denbo** went on to play four years in the minor leagues after being drafted by the Cincinnati Reds. In 2001 he was the hitting coach for the New York Yankees and as of 2009 had spent 28 years in professional baseball, the last 16 in the Yankees organization.

In the national regional at Stevens Point WI, Beech Grove fell to Owensboro KY Post 9, 4-0, on a two-out grand slam home run in the bottom of the 13th and beat LaCrosse WI Post 52, 6-5.

In the win over LaCrosse **Bob Greer's** solo home run broke a 5-all tie after Beech Grove had tied the score with three runs in the seventh. Host Stevens Point Post 6 eliminated Beech Grove, 8-1.

1979

ROCKPORT-A new tournament format was introduced with the 1979 season. The team hosting the state finals would receive an automatic berth. In the event the host was a regional winner then the team that finished as regional runner-up would play in the finals. This changed the state finals from a four-team to a five-team event.

Rockport's Jenkins Post 254, the state finals host, did win the regional at Princeton and the runner-up that advanced to the state finals presented an interesting scenario for Rockport fans because that team was Washington Post 121 and one of its coaches was **Wayne Davis**, who played on Rockport's 1959 state champions.

To make things just a bit more interesting one of Rockport's coaches was **J.C. Davis**. In another twist of fate, the luck of the draw dictated that the two teams would play each other in the opening round of the tourney. For the first time, and only one so far, brothers would coach against each other in the state finals.

Rockport had beaten Washington, 17-1, in the regional final but with a pitching staff that was rested and not drained from coming out of the losers bracket as it had been the week before, Washington put up a fierce battle in the first round of the state tournament.

Post 121 scored a run in the first and added two in the second and **Bill Horn** kept it that way until the seventh. **Horn** allowed Rockport just two two-out singles in the first and a two-out single in the sixth.

Keith Wahl's two-run double chased home the first runs for Rockport in the seventh and ended **Horn's** stint on the mound. **Ron Rowan**, who had hit a grand slam in the first inning of Rockport's regional win over Washington, finally got Post 254 even with a line shot off the 20-foot high scoreboard at the 376-marker in left-center.

Tom Purcell singled home **Brian Wahl** in the ninth for Rockport's first lead. **Rowan**, the next hitter, doubled home **Russ Denstorff** to increase the lead to 5-3. After Rockport starter **Mike Ogilvie** walked the leadoff hitter in the bottom of the ninth, **Russ Hayden** came on to get a 3-6 double play and a pop-out and Jenkins Post had escaped a first-round upset.

Washington shortstop **Tim Barrett**, who would pitch for the Montreal Expos, was 2-3 at the plate and scored a run, drove in one and was hit by a pitch. He got the last Rockport out when he struck out the only man he faced when he was brought in to relieve in the ninth

Kokomo Post 6, the pre-tournament favorite, wasn't as lucky in the night's first game. Holding a 2-0 lead with two out and nobody on in the top of the ninth Kokomo saw Gary Post 367 rally for three runs and a 3-2 win. A single, two triples and another single produced the three runs. Kokomo put the leadoff man on in the bottom of the ninth but couldn't get him home.

Tournament History: 1970-1979

In second round play Rockport blasted Madison Post 9, 13-2, as **Purcell** and **Rick Tullis** collected four hits each to lead Rockport's 16-hit attack. **Keith Wahl's** solo home run in the first gave Post 254 an early lead. **Wayne Ray** scattered five hits in eight innings to gain the win. **Eddie Ward** pitched a 1-2-3 ninth to close the game.

In the winner's bracket final Rockport beat Gary, 4-3. **Steve Frey's** solo home run in the sixth proved to be the game-winner. Jenkins Post catcher **Gary Wetzel** went 4-4 at the plate in gathering half of Rockport's offensive safeties in the game. In a reversal of the game one pitching rotation **Hayden** picked up the win and **Ogilvie** the save when he came on in the seventh with the tying run on and pitched 2 1/3 innings of shutout relief.

Mike Paulsin led Gary with three hits. His solo home run scored Gary's first run of the game in the fifth. **Paulsin** and Post 367 first baseman **Dan Dakich** would play on Andrean's 1980 state finals basketball team that would lose to top-ranked New Albany by a single point in a morning game. **Dakich** had 32 points in that game and would play college basketball at Indiana and later coach the Hoosiers.

Coming out of the loser's bracket Kokomo scored six runs in the final three innings to erase a 3-1 Rockport lead and take a 7-3 win to force a deciding game. Rockport left the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth as **Tim King** came on to register the final two outs for Post 6.

Trailing 2-1 Rockport used three walks, a hit-by-pitch, a sacrifice fly and a single to score two runs in the top of the sixth and take a 3-2 win for the state championship. **Wetzel's** fly ball to left scored **Purcell** with the tying run and **Craig Pannett's** bases-loaded walk scored **Rowan** with the game winner. **Purcell** went 4-4 and added a walk for a perfect night at the plate. He had a double and triple to go with the run scored. **Steve Sanders** also had a perfect night with two hits, a walk and a hit-by-pitch in the big sixth. **Ogilvie**, who went the distance, surrendered eight hits and struck out seven to earn the win. He didn't walk any.

In the national regional at St. Joseph MI, Rockport downed the host, Post 163, 7-2 as **Hayden**, who allowed six hits and didn't strike out any, ran his record to 7-0 on the season. **Sanders** had three hits to lead Rockport's 13-hit attack.

In second round play Barrington IL Post 158 scored four unearned runs to down Rockport 5-2. Barrington would finish third in the American Legion World Series. Appleton WI Post 38 got a four-hit shutout from **Greg Meyer** to eliminate Post 254, 4-0.

Rockport finished the season with its fourth state championship and a 34-12 record.



Dan Dakich

Kokomo's Pat Underwood made his major-league debut on May 31, 1979. The opposing pitcher was his brother, Tom.

Tigers nip Blue Jays

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Pat earns his spurs in 1-0 win over Tom

By Dave Mitchell

Tribune assistant sports editor
TORONTO — Seven times in major league history, dating back to 1896, brothers have pitched against each other. Never, however, has a pair put on a show like Kokomo's Tom and Pat Underwood did here in Exhibition Stadium Thursday night.

It was Detroit winning, 1-0, on an eighth inning home run by Jerry Morales. But on this particular night, the outcome was really an afterthought.

There was no loser. Just two gummy performers on opposite teams. Not only brothers, but best of friends, pitching well enough to earn a standing ovation from the appreciative crowd of 12,423.

Pat, who a little over a week ago was laboring in the Triple-A wars at Evansville, made his major league debut an incredible success.

Pitching "very, very scared," he shut out the Blue Jays on just three hits with a little ninth inning relief help from Dave Tobik and veteran Dave Hiller.

Tom, meanwhile, continued in his role as perhaps the unluckiest pitcher of 1979. He went the distance in overwhelming, near flawless form, yielding only to Morales' blast into the left-centerfield seats.

As one Canadian leaving the park so aptly put it, "Those Underwood boys sure didn't disappoint anyone, did they?"

Tom, loser of seven straight this year, including the last four by one run, scattered six hits, fanned six and walked two in what may well have been his best pro game ever.



Pat enjoyed a perfect game for four innings, finishing with a three-hitter (four strikeouts and one walk) in eight and one-third innings.

The pair dominated action to the point that the first three innings were played in just 29 minutes. It was all over in 1 hour and 52 minutes.

Mixing his curve, slider and fastball with great effectiveness, Pat sailed through the first four innings, cutting down 12 straight Blue Jays.

Then in the fifth, Pat worked veteran slugger Rico Carty to an 0-2 count, got a fastball too far over the plate, and lost the perfect game and no-hitter on a double to right-centerfield.

But the 22-year-old battled back to get Otto Velez and Rick Bosetti out on grounders, and then ended the threat by fanning Ainge.

Pat whipped through the sixth and seventh innings with few problems. He yielded a hit to Ainge in the eighth, but picked him off second to end the threat.

Heading into the ninth with a 1-0 lead and a two-hit shutout, Pat appeared well on his way after retiring leadoff pinch-hitter Bill Robertson.

He was to be the last batter Pat retired, however. Moments later on yet another 0-2 pitch, speedy Alfredo Griffin ripped a hanging curve ball to left and legged it into a double.

That's when Tigers' boss Les Moss made his move. He sent Pat off to a surprising thunderous standing ovation, and brought in Tobik.

The righthander, who made his way to Detroit in the same move which sent Pat north, got Bob Balor on a fly to right. Then it was the crafty lefty Hiller who came on to strike out long-ball threat Roy Howell to end it and give young Underwood his memorable first major league triumph.

Pat, who is likely to get his next start in Seattle on Tuesday or Wednesday, threw only 90 pitches and had five innings where he threw nine or less.

Tom escaped a minor threat in the second when a single to left, coupled with an infield hit, gave Detroit runners at first and third. He forced Aurelio Rodriguez into a harmless bouncer back to the pitcher to get out of the jam.

From there, the Jays' lefty faced only one over the minimum through seven innings before former St. Louis Cardinal teammate Morales did his damage when leading off the eighth.

Box Score

Detroit	AB	R	H	HR	Toronto	AB	R	H	HR
Lafare 2b	4	0	1	0	Griffin ss	3	0	1	0
Jones cf	0	0	0	0	Balor rf	4	0	0	0
Whitaker 2b	4	0	2	0	Howell 3b	4	0	0	0
Kemp lf	4	0	0	0	Carty dh	3	0	1	0
Stasi dh	4	0	0	0	Velez 1b	3	0	0	0
Thompson 1b	3	0	0	0	Bosetti cf	3	0	0	0
Farnik c	3	0	1	0	Ainge 2b	3	0	1	0
Morales rf	3	1	2	1	Carone c	2	0	0	0
Rodrigz 3b	0	0	0	0	Woodruff lf	2	0	0	0
Frammel ss	3	0	0	0	Robertson 1b	0	0	0	0
P. Underwood p	0	0	0	0	T. Underwood p	0	0	0	0
Tobik	0	0	0	0					
Hiller	0	0	0	0					
TOTALS	31	1	6	1	TOTALS	28	0	3	0

DETROIT.....000 000 000
TORONTO.....000 000 000

DP—Underwood-Griffin-Velez. LOB—O.S. T.3. 2b—Griffin.

Carty, 1st—Morales. SB—Farnik. S—Griffin.

PTCHING: P. Underwood (1.0)..... 8 1/2 3 0 0 1 4

Tobik..... 1/2 0 0 0 0 0

Hiller..... 1/2 0 0 0 0 1

T. Underwood (1.0-7)..... 1 1/2 1 1 2 6

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Tournament Results: 1970-1979

1970

Regional 1 at Michigan City

East Chicago 266 beat Lafayette 11, 2-1
 LaPorte 83 beat Crown Point 20, 10-5
 East Chicago beat LaPorte, 3-2
 Lafayette beat Crown Point, 5-3
 Lafayette beat LaPorte, 3-2 (10)
 East Chicago beat Lafayette, 5-2

Regional 2 at South Bend

Frankfort 12 beat South Bend 357, 3-1
 Ligonier 243 beat Kokomo 6, 3-2 (12)
 Frankfort beat Ligonier, 6-5
 South Bend beat Kokomo, 2-1 (12)
 South Bend beat Ligonier, 3-2
 South Bend beat Frankfort, 7-1
 Frankfort beat South Bend, 7-4

Regional 3 at Richmond

Indianapolis 495 beat Cambridge City 169, 3-2
 Aurora 231 beat Chesterfield 408, 9-0
 Cambridge City beat Chesterfield, 9-0
 Indianapolis beat Aurora, 5-1
 Cambridge City beat Aurora, 9-7
 Indianapolis beat Cambridge City, 5-4 (10)

Regional 4 at Tell City

Terre Haute 346 beat Jasper 147, 2-1
 Jeffersonville 35 beat Tell City 213, 4-3 (10)
 Terre Haute beat Jeffersonville, 9-6 (12)
 Tell City beat Jasper, 1-0 (13)
 Jeffersonville beat Tell City, 7-4
 Jeffersonville beat Terre Haute, 3-0
 Terre Haute beat Jeffersonville, 8-4

State Finals at Richmond

Terre Haute beat East Chicago, 17-2
 Indianapolis beat Frankfort, NA
 Frankfort beat East Chicago, 8-2
 Terre Haute beat Indianapolis, 3-2 (11)
 Frankfort beat Indianapolis, NA
 Terre Haute beat Frankfort, 15-3

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Canton II

Terre Haute beat Eau Claire WI 53, 5-1
 Terre Haute beat Detroit MI 187, 5-0
 Levitown PA (OS) beat Terre Haute, 9-5
 Terre Haute beat Miamisburg OH 165, 5-3
 Levitown PA beat Terre Haute, 4-1

1971

Regional 1 at Lafayette

Monticello 81 beat East Chicago 266, 4-1
 Valparaiso 94 beat Highland 180, 3-2 (10)
 East Chicago beat Highland, 9-6
 Monticello beat Valparaiso, 7-6 (10)
 Valparaiso beat East Chicago, 5-4 (10)
 Valparaiso beat Monticello, 4-2
 Monticello beat Valparaiso, 3-1

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Kokomo 6 beat South Bend 284, 9-4
 Auburn 97 beat Pendleton 117, NA
 Kokomo beat Auburn, 4-1
 South Bend beat Pendleton, 8-7
 South Bend beat Auburn, 5-0
 South Bend beat Kokomo, 5-3
 South Bend beat Kokomo, 11-4

Regional 3 at Richmond

Richmond 65 beat Jeffersonville 35, 4-2
 Indianapolis 495 beat Brookville 77, 10-1
 Indianapolis beat Richmond, 3-2
 Brookville beat Jeffersonville, 8-4
 Richmond beat Brookville, 3-1
 Indianapolis beat Richmond, 10-0

Regional 4 at Rockport

Bloomington 18 beat Terre Haute 346, 7-2
 Rockport 254 beat Princeton 25, 13-1
 Rockport beat Bloomington, 6-3
 Terre Haute beat Princeton, 9-7
 Terre Haute beat Bloomington, 4-2
 Terre Haute beat Rockport, 8-4
 Rockport beat Terre Haute, 5-3

State Finals at East Chicago

Rockport beat Monticello, 5-0
 Indianapolis beat South Bend, 8-3
 Indianapolis beat Rockport, 4-2
 Monticello beat South Bend, 6-3
 Monticello beat Rockport, 7-4
 Indianapolis beat Monticello, 11-1

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Wyandotte MI

Springfield MO 69 beat Indianapolis, 6-3
 Indianapolis beat Mt. Pleasant MI 110, 4-3 (11)
 Janesville WI 205 beat Indianapolis, 4-0



Tom Underwood

One of three major-league pitchers on Kokomo's 1972 state champions, Underwood was drafted by the Phillies and pitched 11 seasons in the majors. He also played for the Blue Jays, Athletics and Yankees.

1972

Regional 1 at Michigan City

Valparaiso 94 beat Whiting 80, 6-5 (10)
 South Bend 357 beat Lowell 101, 16-3
 South Bend 357 beat Valparaiso, 11-1
 Lowell beat Whiting, 6-3
 Lowell beat Valparaiso, 11-2
 South Bend beat Lowell, 12-5

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Noblesville 45 beat Auburn 97, 14-9
 Kokomo 6 beat Lafayette 11, 3-2 (10)
 Noblesville beat Kokomo, 8-6
 Lafayette beat Auburn, 6-5
 Kokomo beat Lafayette, 12-2
 Kokomo beat Noblesville, 6-2
 Kokomo beat Noblesville, 19-9

Regional 3 at Jeffersonville

Richmond 65 beat Moores Hill 209, 9-1
 Jeffersonville 35 beat Anderson 127, 3-0
 Richmond beat Jeffersonville, 8-5
 Moores Hill beat Anderson, 7-4
 Jeffersonville beat Moores Hill, 7-2
 Jeffersonville beat Richmond, 10-1
 Jeffersonville beat Richmond, 15-5

Regional 4 at Princeton

Terre Haute 346 beat Southport 355, 8-6
 Rockport 254 beat Princeton 25, 5-0
 Rockport beat Terre Haute, 6-2
 Princeton beat Southport, 4-2
 Princeton beat Terre Haute, 6-4
 Rockport beat Princeton, 11-9

State Finals at Lafayette

Kokomo beat South Bend, 6-2
 Jeffersonville beat Rockport, 2-1
 South Bend beat Rockport, 3-2
 Kokomo beat Jeffersonville, 12-6
 South Bend beat Jeffersonville, 9-5
 South Bend beat Kokomo, 4-1
 Kokomo beat South Bend, 6-0

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Richmond IN

Arlington Heights IL 208 beat Kokomo, 9-4
 Richmond beat Covington KY 70, 12-2
 Findlay OH 3 beat Richmond, 10-4
 Kokomo beat Eau Claire WI 53, 6-2
 Richmond beat Trenton MI 426, 4-1
 Arlington Heights IL beat Richmond, 18-6
 Findlay OH beat Kokomo, 7-3

Tournament Results: 1970-1979

1973

Regional 1 at Michigan City

East Chicago 266 beat LaPorte 83, 3-2
South Bend 357 beat Auburn 97, 7-0
South Bend beat LaPorte, 4-1
East Chicago beat Auburn, 7-1
LaPorte beat East Chicago, 4-3 (12)
South Bend beat LaPorte, 10-5

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Remington 280 beat Noblesville 45, 4-2
Hammond 168 beat Logansport 60, 6-3 (11)
Remington beat Hammond, 7-0
Logansport beat Noblesville, 7-1
Hammond beat Logansport, 5-4 (10)
Remington beat Hammond, 7-0

Regional 3 at Columbus

Richmond 65 beat Southport 355, 3-2
Madison 9 beat Batesville 271, 15-6
Madison beat Richmond, 3-1
Southport beat Batesville, 16-2
Southport beat Richmond, 1-0
Madison beat Southport, 13-5

Regional 4 at Rockport

Jasper 147 beat Terre Haute 346, 2-1
Rockport beat Princeton 25, 10-8
Rockport beat Jasper, 5-2
Terre Haute beat Princeton, 2-0
Terre Haute beat Jasper, 16-3
Rockport beat Terre Haute, 5-1

State Finals at Kokomo

South Bend beat Rockport, 4-2
Remington beat Madison, 6-1
South Bend beat Remington, 7-4
Rockport beat Madison, 10-0
Rockport beat Remington, 4-2
South Bend beat Rockport, 3-0

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Bartonville IL

South Bend beat Bartonville IL 979, 8-3
Rochester MN 92 beat South Bend, 5-2
South Bend beat Highland IL 439, 2-1 (14)
South Bend beat Cincinnati OH 50, 4-3
Cincinnati OH beat South Bend, 1-0

1974

Regional 1 at LaPorte

Hammond 168 beat Michigan City 37, 11-3
South Bend 357 beat Highland 180, 5-4
South Bend beat Hammond, 7-0
Highland beat Michigan City, 11-4
Highland beat Hammond, 5-1
South Bend beat Highland, 5-2

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Kokomo 6 beat Elkhart 74, 9-0
Lafayette 11 beat Anderson 127, 10-2
Kokomo beat Lafayette, 4-0
Anderson beat Elkhart, 5-1
Lafayette beat Anderson, 12-5
Kokomo beat Lafayette, 4-0

Regional 3 at Richmond

Richmond 65 beat Seymour 89, 5-2
Vevay 185 beat Beech Grove 276, 7-1
Richmond beat Vevay, 5-2
Seymour beat Beech Grove, 7-0
Seymour beat Vevay, 11-5
Richmond beat Seymour, 8-7

Regional 4 at Rockport

Evansville 8 beat Clinton 140, 17-4
Rockport 254 beat Jasper 147, 3-2 (10)
Rockport beat Evansville, 6-4
Clinton beat Jasper, 5-4 (11)
Evansville beat Clinton, 18-0
Rockport beat Evansville, 1-0

State Finals at Anderson

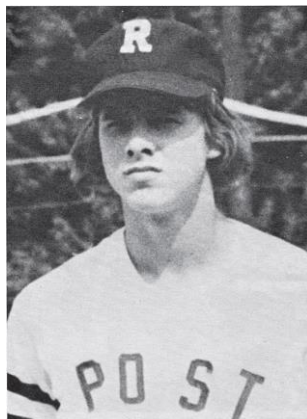
South Bend beat Richmond, 10-6
Rockport beat Kokomo, 7-6
Rockport beat South Bend, 7-0
Kokomo beat Richmond, 6-5
Kokomo beat South Bend, 11-7
Kokomo beat Rockport, 5-3
Rockport beat Kokomo, 12-6

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Stevens Point WI

Bowling Green KY 23 beat Rockport, 2-1
Rockport beat Stevens Point WI 6, 7-0
Rockport beat Portsmouth OH 23, 1-0
Rockport beat Bowling Green KY, 8-3
Rockport beat Bowling Green KY, 6-4

World Series at Roseburg OR

Rio Piedras PR 146 beat Rockport, 11-5
Rockport beat Cedar Rapids IA 5, 3-0
Lake Oswego OR 92 beat Rockport, 8-7



Greg Tooley

Rockport third baseman Greg Tooley won the 1974 Rawlings Big Stick Award, given to the player with the most total bases in national competition.

1975

Regional 1 at Michigan City

South Bend 357 beat Hammond 168, 5-1
LaPorte 83 beat East Chicago 266, 3-2
South Bend beat LaPorte, 2-1
East Chicago beat Hammond, 5-2
East Chicago beat LaPorte, 6-4
South Bend beat East Chicago, 11-0

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Kokomo 6 beat Monticello 81, 7-0
Anderson 127 beat Churubusco 157, 3-2
Kokomo beat Anderson, 10-7 (11)
Monticello beat Churubusco, 7-2
Anderson beat Monticello, 9-1
Kokomo beat Anderson, 7-0

Regional 3 at Richmond

Southport 355 beat Richmond 65, 3-1
Seymour 89 beat St. Leon 464, 7-2
Southport beat Seymour, 5-4
Richmond beat St. Leon, 9-3
Seymour beat Richmond, 10-8
Seymour beat Southport, 13-8
Southport beat Seymour, 10-7

Regional 4 at Evansville

Princeton 25 beat Clay County 2, 4-3
Jasper 147 beat Rockport 254, 5-1
Princeton beat Jasper, 13-3
Rockport beat Clay County, 3-2
Rockport beat Jasper, 13-0
Princeton beat Rockport, 9-8 (11)

State Finals at Rockport

South Bend beat Southport, 2-1
Kokomo beat Princeton, 1-0
South Bend beat Kokomo, 5-4
Southport beat Princeton, 4-0
Southport beat Kokomo, 4-3
South Bend beat Southport, 3-2

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Murray KY

Janesville WI 205 beat South Bend, 9-5
South Bend beat Murray KY 73, 7-1
South Bend beat Corbin KY 88, 3-2
Belleville IL 58 beat South Bend, 3-2 (14)

Tournament Results: 1970-1979

1976

Regional 1 at Lafayette

East Chicago 266 beat Valparaiso 94, 9-1
Hammond 168 beat Lafayette 11, 7-5
Hammond beat East Chicago, 7-3
Lafayette beat Valparaiso, 6-4
East Chicago beat Lafayette, 7-1
East Chicago beat Hammond, 11-5
East Chicago beat Hammond, 4-3

Regional 2 at Kokomo

South Bend 50 beat Lebanon 113, 8-1
Kokomo 6 beat Marion 10, 5-4
Kokomo beat South Bend, 8-3
Marion beat Lebanon, 4-0
South Bend beat Marion, 6-4
Kokomo beat South Bend, 8-0

Regional 3 at Batesville

Aurora 231 beat Southport 355, 6-1
Richmond 65 beat St. Leon 464, 6-2
Aurora beat Richmond, 16-1
Southport beat St. Leon, 5-3
Richmond beat Southport, 9-4
Aurora beat Richmond, 2-1

Regional 4 at Rockport

Evansville 8 beat Terre Haute 346, 6-1
Jeffersonville 35 beat Rockport 254, 5-2
Evansville beat Jeffersonville, 11-2
Rockport beat Terre Haute, 8-1
Jeffersonville beat Rockport, 9-4
Evansville beat Jeffersonville, 5-4

State Finals at South Bend

Kokomo beat Evansville, 6-2
East Chicago beat Aurora, 6-5
Kokomo beat East Chicago, 10-0
Aurora beat Evansville, 11-3
Aurora beat East Chicago, 3-2
Kokomo beat Aurora, 12-8

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Lafayette IN

Columbus OH 604 beat Kokomo, 5-4
Janesville WI 205 beat Lafayette, 6-5 (10)
Kokomo beat Garden City MI 396, 9-0
Lafayette beat Kokomo, 12-6
Columbus OH beat Lafayette, 9-5

1977

Regional 1 at South Bend

South Bend 50 beat Crown Point 20, 8-2
Whiting 80 beat Hammond 168, 8-5
South Bend beat Whiting, 5-1
Crown Point beat Hammond, 14-3
Whiting beat Crown Point, 7-0
South Bend beat Whiting, 8-2

Regional 2 at Anderson

Lafayette 11 beat Logansport 60, 10-4
Crawfordsville 72 beat Leo 409, 8-7
Lafayette beat Crawfordsville, 7-5
Leo beat Logansport, 9-0
Crawfordsville beat Leo, 15-1
Lafayette beat Crawfordsville, 12-2

Regional 3 at Richmond

Madison 9 beat Richmond 65, 14-7
Beech Grove 276 beat St. Leon 464, 10-6
Beech Grove beat Madison, 28-7
Richmond beat St. Leon, 11-10
Richmond beat Madison, 9-5
Beech Grove beat Richmond, 17-2

Regional 4 at Princeton

Rockport 254 beat Evansville 265, 5-3
Terre Haute 346 beat Jeffersonville 35, 5-3
Terre Haute beat Rockport, 19-11
Jeffersonville beat Evansville, 9-7
Jeffersonville beat Rockport, 6-4
Jeffersonville beat Terre Haute, 10-7
Terre Haute beat Jeffersonville, 5-3

State Finals at Richmond

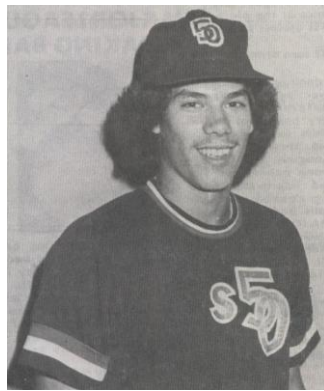
Lafayette beat Beech Grove, 8-7
South Bend beat Terre Haute, 5-1
South Bend beat Lafayette, 4-3
Beech Grove beat Terre Haute, 6-4 (10)
Lafayette beat Beech Grove, 19-3
South Bend beat Lafayette, 7-5

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Chicago IL

South Bend beat Blissfield MI 325, 3-2 (11)
South Bend beat Morehead KY 126, 1-0
South Bend beat Arlington Heights IL 208, 6-5
South Bend beat Blissfield MI 325, 3-0 (11)

World Series at Manchester NH

South Bend beat Boyertown PA 471, 5-1
South Bend beat Santa Monica CA 123, 7-1
South Bend beat Hattiesburg MS 78, 8-1
South Bend beat Hattiesburg MS, 3-1



Bill Schell

Won Louisville Slugger Award and was named American Legion Player of the year while playing for South Bend Post 50's 1977 National Champions.

1978

Regional 1 at Lafayette

Lafayette 11 beat Crown Point 20, 2-0
Hammond 168 beat East Chicago 266, 9-2
Hammond beat Lafayette, 6-5
Crown Point beat East Chicago, 6-2
Lafayette beat Crown Point, 7-2
Hammond beat Lafayette, 4-3

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Crawfordsville 72 beat Kokomo 6, 3-2
South Bend 357 beat Warsaw 49, 8-0
South Bend beat Crawfordsville, 4-3 (13)
Kokomo beat Warsaw, 8-2
Kokomo beat Crawfordsville, 19-4
Kokomo beat South Bend, 7-3
Kokomo beat South Bend, 5-4 (14)

Regional 3 at Batesville

Beech Grove 276 beat Madison 9, 6-0
Cambridge City 169 beat St. Leon 464, 14-6
Beech Grove beat Cambridge City, 16-13
St. Leon beat Madison, 11-3
Cambridge City beat St. Leon, 13-8
Beech Grove beat Cambridge City, 10-3

Regional 4 at Rockport

Evansville 8 beat Terre Haute 346, 4-3
Princeton 25 beat Washington 121, 6-1
Princeton beat Evansville, 4-1
Terre Haute beat Washington, 7-3
Evansville beat Terre Haute, 12-7
Evansville beat Princeton, 7-5
Princeton beat Evansville, 13-8

State Finals at Kokomo

Beech Grove beat Princeton, 3-0
Kokomo beat Hammond, 4-1
Beech Grove beat Kokomo, 3-1
Hammond beat Princeton, 13-2
Kokomo beat Hammond, 4-3
Beech Grove beat Kokomo, 8-1

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Stevens Point WI

Owensboro KY 9 beat Beech Grove, 4-0 (13)
Beech Grove beat LaCrosse WI 52, 6-5
Stevens Point WI 6 beat Beech Grove, 8-1

Tournament Results: 1970-1979

1979

Regional 1 at East Chicago

Gary 367 beat East Chicago 369, 18-2
South Bend 50 beat Hammond 168, 8-7 (13)
Gary beat South Bend, 5-3
Hammond beat East Chicago, 9-7 (10)
South Bend beat Hammond, 6-5 (11)
Gary beat South Bend, 5-3

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Kokomo 6 beat Leo 409, 7-0
Lafayette 11 beat Crawfordsville 72, 14-3
Kokomo beat Lafayette, 7-0
Leo beat Crawfordsville, 6-5
Lafayette beat Leo, NA
Kokomo beat Lafayette, 12-1

Regional 3 at Richmond

Madison 9 beat Richmond 65, 10-7
Beech Grove 276 beat Aurora 231, 7-5
Madison beat Beech Grove, 8-4
Richmond beat Aurora, 2-1
Beech Grove beat Richmond, 6-5
Madison beat Beech Grove, 22-5

Regional 4 at Princeton

Rockport 254 beat Clinton 140, 6-4
Evansville 265 beat Washington 121, 8-4
Rockport beat Evansville, 8-5
Washington beat Clinton, 10-1
Washington beat Evansville, 9-8 (11)
Rockport beat Washington, 17-1

State Finals at Rockport

Gary beat Kokomo, 3-2
Rockport beat Washington, 5-3
Rockport beat Madison, 13-2
Kokomo beat Washington, 17-2
Rockport beat Gary, 4-3
Kokomo beat Madison, 6-1
Kokomo beat Gary, 13-4
Kokomo beat Rockport, 7-3
Rockport beat Kokomo, 3-2

Great Lakes Regional 5 at St. Joseph MI

Rockport beat St. Joe MI 163, 7-2
Barrington IL 158 beat Rockport, 5-2
Appleton WI 38 beat Rockport, 4-0



1974

*Great Lakes Regional Champion
Rockport Post 254*



1977

*American Legion National Champion
South Bend Post 50*

Tournament History: 1980-1989

1980

LAFAYETTE-Gary Post 367 became the 20th team to take home the crown after having appeared in the finals the previous year.

In first round play Gary went 14 innings to down Richmond's Harry Ray Post 65, 10-6. Host Lafayette Post 11 dropped defending state champion Rockport Post 254, 7-1, in the other first-round game.

Gary held a 4-2 lead in the eighth before Richmond tied the game with a pair of runs and again held a two run lead in the 12th only to see Post 65 tie it again.

Winning pitcher **Jody Fattore** came in with the score tied, one out, and Richmond runners at second and third in the bottom of the 12th. **Fattore** got the two outs he needed and was the benefactor of the four-run 14th to pick up the win. Gary had 16 hits in the game including six singles in the 14th.

Lafayette scored five runs in the seventh as **Greg Rollet** tossed a four-hitter and struck out nine in Post 11's win over Rockport.

Under the new tournament format instituted in 1979, Gary received a second round bye and Post 367 looked on as Marion Post 10 beat Lafayette, 6-1, and Rockport eliminated Richmond, 10-5.

The Marion-Lafayette match-up was the seventh of the season between the two teams, including a Lafayette doubleheader sweep just the previous week that earned Post 11 the regional title.

In the winner's bracket final Gary beat Marion, 7-4, as **Mike Thomas** and **Jim Henning** combined to hold Post 10 to five hits. The two teams combined for 11 errors.

Marion bounced back from the loss to eliminate Rockport, 1-0, behind **Ted Kramer's** 14-strikeout three-hitter.

Playing for the championship Marion came from behind twice and then scored in the bottom of the 10th for a 3-2 win over Gary to set up the "if necessary" game for the title.

Gary left little doubt in the second game scoring four times in the fourth and adding three more in the seventh for a 7-0 win and the state title. **Thomas**, the winning pitcher, got the scoring started with a two-run single in the fourth. He worked six innings on the mound allowing only three hits and striking out three. **Fattore** finished it to earn the save.

In the national regional at Kokomo, Gary dropped an 8-3 decision to Waukegan IL Post 281 and Kokomo Post 6, the tournament host, beat St. Joseph MI Post 163, 4-3.

Trailing 3-0, Kokomo scored twice in the seventh and added single runs in the eighth and ninth for the win. The winning run came when **Brian Cossell**, a late-inning defensive replacement, doubled to right center and **Lane Lindley** brought him home with a double over the leftfielder's head.

Tom Atkisson picked up the win for Post 6 with seven innings of one-hit relief. **Atkisson** used only 73 pitches and retired the final 14 batters he faced. The game, which had started at 9:45 pm, ended after midnight, which happened to be Kokomo manager **Bob Ronk's** 59th birthday.

In second round play Kokomo jumped out to an 8-1 lead and downed Ashley OH Post 518, 9-4. **Jeff Barton** pitched eight innings and allowed four hits before **Atkisson** relieved him in the ninth and finished it. **Rob Baker** got Kokomo off to a good start with a two-run homer in the first.

Ashley's **Tim Belcher**, who pitched the Ohio post's 5-2 opening round win over Morehead KY, was 0-1 as a pinch-hitter. **Belcher** was the first pick in the 1983 major-league draft and would spend 14 years in the majors. He won three post-season games for the 1988 World Series Champion Los Angeles Dodgers. **Belcher** was named *The Sporting News* Rookie Pitcher of the Year that same season.

The losing pitcher for Morehead was **Joe Magrane** who was a first-round pick of the St. Louis Cardinals in the 1985 amateur draft. **Magrane** would pitch eight seasons in the majors and was an 18-game winner for the Cardinals in 1987. He pitched for the Cardinals in the 1987 World Series.

Gary stayed alive with a 10-9 win over LaCrosse WI Post 52. **Dave Kaczmarzki's** three-run eighth inning homer saved the win for Gary.

In the winner's bracket final Shaler Township PA Post 785 beat Kokomo, 8-4, behind **Mike Puharik's** first-inning grand slam.

Ashley used a pair of four run innings, the fourth and the seventh, to eliminate Gary, 9-8. **Belcher** pitched 3 1/3 shutout innings of relief to gain the win.

Waukegan finished the season for Indiana teams with a 3-2 win over Kokomo. **Rob Kellar** hit a solo home run for Post 6 in the eighth but Kokomo couldn't manufacture another run. Waukegan would come out of the loser's bracket and beat Shaler Township to win the regional.

1981

PRINCETON-A first time champion was crowned when Southport Atkins Saw Post 355 claimed the 1981 state title.

The 1975 state runner-up, Post 355 got off to a good start in the '81 tournament with an 8-3 win over Highland Post 180. **Ken Sarber** had three hits, including a home run for Southport.

Like Gary the previous year, Southport got the second round bye and then faced host Princeton Post 25 in the winner's bracket final. **Dan Jenkins** and **Pat Heck**, who came on in the eighth, teamed for the shutout as Post 355 advanced to the finals with a 6-0 shutout.

Kokomo survived two extra -inning games, and lengthy rain delays, to come out of the losers bracket and face Southport for the title.

After losing in the opening round Post 6 defeated Highland, 6-5, and Newburgh Post 44, 6-5 in 11 innings, in a game that, due to rain, didn't end until 1:35 a.m.

In a game that started less than 12 hours later, Kokomo survived a 14-inning, four-hour marathon to post a 3-2 win over Princeton to earn the shot at Southport. **Mike Hufhand's** bases-loaded shot to the right field gap scored the game-winner in the bottom of the 14th.

Having playing 10 1/2 hours of baseball in less than 24 hours Kokomo put up a battle before falling to Southport, 3-2. Post 6 took a 2-1 lead in the seventh when **Brian Cossell's** double scored **Luke Martin** for a 2-1 lead. Five consecutive singles in the bottom of the eighth scored two runs for Southport and earned Post 355 the 1981 state championship. **Heck** went the distance for Southport allowing seven hits and striking out eight. **Paul Lee** had two hits and drove in all three Southport runs.

In the national regional at Morehead KY, Southport took advantage of four unearned runs to post a 9-2 win over Fredericksburg PA Post 915. **Heck** allowed seven hits and struck out eight while allowing four walks for the win. **Paul Huckaby** had two hits and drove in two for Post 355. **Greg Reitmeyer** had a two-run homer for Southport.

After suffering a 10-0 loss to Owensboro KY Post 9, Southport rebounded with a 5-2 win over Worthington OH Post 239. Southport broke up a scoreless game with a four-run fifth. **P.D. Willsey** had a home run and three RBI and **Lee** picked up the win.

Heck limited host Morehead KY Post 126 to five hits as Southport won 10-1. Post 355 scored twice in the first and added five in the fourth to blow the game open. **Huckaby** had three hits for Southport. **Joe Magrane** (see 1980) played first base for Morehead.

When Marissa IL Post 172 knocked Owensboro from the unbeaten ranks with a 14-10 decision it left three teams with one loss and set up a match between Southport and Marissa to see which team would play Owensboro for the title.

Southport won, 3-0, to set up the rematch with Owensboro.

The Kentucky champions scored three in the first and a five run sixth extended the lead to 9-2. Southport cut the lead to 9-6 but Owensboro finished with an 11-6 win to advance to the American Legion World Series. **Lee** had four hits in five trips for Post 355.

1982

KOKOMO-Kokomo Post 6 became the first team to take advantage of the new tournament format instituted in 1979. Post 6 was knocked out of the tournament in sectional play but as host to the state finals was automatically included in the finals field.

Kokomo, the state runner-up in 1981, knocked off Lafayette Post 11, 5-1, in the opening round of the tournament as **Mike Hufhand** fanned 17 and walked only one. Lafayette, managed by Big Ten basketball official **Eric Harmon**, fell to 42-5 with the loss.

In the tournament's first game Richmond Post 65 scored three times in the bottom of the eighth to erase a 5-3 deficit and take a 6-5 win over Newburgh Post 44.

South Bend Post 357 temporarily derailed Kokomo with a 12-6 verdict in the second round. Post 357 scored five in the top of the first and expanded an 8-6 lead to the final 12-6 margin with a four-run ninth. **Joe Maciejewski**, who hit for the cycle and added a walk and four runs scored, hit a two-run homer and **Jeff Turak** added a three-run blast to account for Post 357's five first inning runs. **John Nadolny** hit a two-run shot during the South Bend ninth.

Kokomo manager **Bob Ronk** pulled a bold move when he elected to start **Kevin Lechner** against Newburgh, an 8-7 winner over Lafayette, in a loser's bracket game. **Lechner** had lasted only two innings against South Bend when he permitted Post 357 six runs and five hits in the abbreviated stint.

Ronk's decision didn't look promising when **Lechner** served up a home run pitch to Newburgh lead-off man **Richie Johnson**, but Newburgh wouldn't score again until the seventh while Kokomo plated eight runs, six of those coming in the fourth when Post 6 collected eight hits and a walk. **John Gordon**

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had a solo home run in the fifth and another single tally in the seventh made it 8-1.

Newburgh got a single run in the seventh and, after **Lechner** had struck out the first two men he faced in the bottom of the eighth, **Chris Siesky** hit a three-run homer to chase **Lechner** and close the gap to 8-5 but that's the way it ended. **Mark Behny** pitched the final 1 1/3, striking out two of the five hitters he faced.

Kokomo took an early 7-1 lead over Richmond, a 14-5 loser to South Bend in the winner's bracket final, with five first inning runs, two on a 425-foot two-run blast from **Jeff Killings**.

Kokomo scored two more in the second on a two-run blast from **Greg Johnson** and held on for a 14-8 win to set up a showdown with South Bend for the championship. **Eric Moss** picked up the win with 5 1/3 innings of relief.

Playing with the chance to claim its first state championship in front of a home crowd, Kokomo ripped 35 hits on the day and bombed South Bend 17-5 and 16-8 to claim its third state championship.

The day didn't totally belong to **Mike Hufhand** but he sure laid claim to a good portion of it as he was the winning pitcher in both games and had a 4-8, two-home run, six RBI day at the plate.

In the first game of the day Kokomo built a 17-1 lead after six innings and pounded South Bend pitching for 17 hits. A seven run third inning broke the game open for Post 6 as **Hufhand** picked up the win when he worked six innings before **Ronk** pulled him to save innings for the second game. Eight Kokomo players had multiple hit games and four had multiple RBI games.

In the final Kokomo got back-to-back homers from **Johnson** and **Hufhand** to take a 2-0 lead in the top of the first but South Bend scored four in its half of the inning and led 5-2 through three. A single run in the fourth cut the South Bend lead to 5-3 and when **Hufhand** cleared the right field wall with a man on in the fifth Kokomo had tied it at 5-all.

Post 6 took the lead with a run in the sixth, added two in the seventh and blew things wide open with seven runs in the eighth. **Killings'** three-run opposite field home run was the big blow in the eighth. **Hufhand** took over pitching duties with the score tied and one out in the fifth and retired 12 straight batters into the ninth by which time Kokomo had built a 16-5 lead.

In the national regional at Arlington Heights IL, Kokomo continued its magical run by scoring a 4-3 opening round win over Richfield MN Post 435. **Hufhand** scored the winning run in the eighth on a **Luke Martin** double. **Hufhand** struck out 12 and walked one in going the distance for the win.

Arlington Heights IL Post 208, the tournament host, put a 6-0 hurt on Kokomo in second round play. The shutout was only the second suffered by Kokomo in 49 games.

Post 6 returned to its winning ways with a 16-12 takedown of Levittown PA Post 317. Trailing 7-2, Levittown scored an eight spot in the bottom of the fifth to take a short-lived 10-7 lead. Kokomo came back with a six-run sixth and a three-run seventh. Levittown scored two in the bottom of the ninth to cut the lead to 16-11 and had the bases loaded and nobody out when **Hufhand** came in to close the door and pick up a save.

Rex Gingerich picked up the win by holding Levittown scoreless in the sixth, seventh and eighth. **Killings** and **Hufhand** had three hits each to lead Kokomo's 15-hit attack. **Gordon** had a two-run inside the park homer in the seventh and drove in four for Post 6.

No stranger to playing from the loser's bracket, Kokomo was forced into a strange situation when it had to deal with the loss of **Mike Hufhand** in an 8-2 win over Allen Park MI Post 409. The Kokomo ace, who had retired Allen Park in order in the first, was hit in the face by a high-inside fastball while batting in the bottom of the inning. **Hufhand** suffered a broken nose and had to have two stitches to close a cut over his left eye. The bad news didn't end there for Kokomo as catcher **Gerry Porter** was injured in a collision at home plate and would be unavailable for action in the championship round.

Mark Behny, called on under dire circumstances, responded brilliantly. Normally used in short relief, **Behny** went eight innings, struck out 11 and allowed only five hits to pick up the win. Kokomo scored in pairs in the second, third, seventh and eighth to hand Allen Park, the last undefeated team in the tournament, its first loss. **Porter** led the way offensively with three singles and two RBI.

Playing without two starters and facing a situation in which it knew it had to win twice to advance, Kokomo got a total team effort to do just that, beating LaCrosse WI Post 52, 2-1, and Allen Park, 5-1.

In the first game **Gingerich**, with only eight innings of pitching eligibility left after a four-inning stint against Levittown two days earlier, took a no-hitter into the seventh before surrendering the first run of the game on a two-out walk and a triple. Kokomo, also no-hit through six, came right back to tie on **Lewie Williams** two-out double after **Brian Cossell** had gathered Post 6 first hit to lead off the seventh. Kokomo got the game-winner in the bottom of the eighth when **Killings**, who reached on an error while hitting for **Gingerich** who was out of innings, scored on **Johnson's** single that got by the leftfielder.

Gingerich got the win and finished with eight strikeouts, six walks and three hits allowed. **Behny**, performing in his normal role, got the save by working a perfect ninth.

Against Allen Park **Lechner** went the distance scattering eight hits and fanning six. Kokomo broke a 1-1 tie with four runs in the bottom of the eighth to take the win. The regional title made Post 6 the fifth Indiana team to advance to the American Legion World Series.

In the World Series at Boyertown PA, Kokomo took a 6-5 win over Richmond KY Post 12. **Hufhand** returned from his injury to work 8 1/3 innings and strike out 10. **Behny** stopped a two-run ninth inning rally by Richmond to earn another save. Kokomo set a World Series record with eight doubles in the game and the two teams combined to set a record of 12 as Richmond had four two-baggers.

In its second game Kokomo took a 9-3 lead into the ninth but had to survive a furious Lafayette CA Post 142 rally to come away with a 9-8 win. **Hufhand** got the final two outs, the last one by striking out the ninth hitter of the inning with the tying run at second. **Lechner** got the win with 8 1/3 innings of work. The two pitchers had three hits each, **Lechner** added two RBI, to lead the Kokomo hitters. **Killings** had a two-run homer in the eighth.

Kokomo suffered its first loss of the World Series when host Boyertown PA Post 471, playing in front of a partisan standing-room-only crowd of 4,208, took advantage of seven Kokomo errors and five walks to take an 8-3 decision over Post 6 in the winner's bracket final.

In its final game of the tournament Kokomo surrendered two first inning runs to Grand Junction CO Post 37 and then used everything it had left to respond with seven runs in the bottom of the first. From that point the tank was empty for Post 6. **Hufhand**, leading 7-2 after three, left with a sore arm. Grand Junction scored two in the fifth and added a seven run inning of its own in the eighth before adding a single run in the ninth to eliminate Kokomo, 12-7.

Post 6 concluded the year 46-12 with a fourth place World Series finish.

Boyertown beat Lafayette, 14-8 to claim the 1982 American Legion national championship.



Mike Hufhand (right)

1983

ROCKPORT-For the second time in five years Rockport's Jenkins Post 254 hosted the state finals and then won its way there anyway to claim the state championship.

Rockport came out of the loser's bracket to capture sectional and regional championships, but Post 254 didn't suffer a loss in the finals as it posted a perfect 4-0 record.

Rockport opened the tournament with a 10-2 takedown of Madison Post 9. **Brad Fella** worked the first seven innings and didn't allow a hit until there were two outs in the seventh. The big lefthander allowed two runs in the third when he walked five in a row after he had struck out the first two hitters of the inning. **Fella** struck out 14 and walked seven in his stint.

Lefthander **Steve Bennett** allowed a single and struck out four in pitching the final two innings. **Larry Parker** led the 14-hit Rockport attack with three hits including a two-run double in a four-run sixth that broke the game open.

Evansville Pate Post 265, the regional runner-up when Rockport took a pair games by scores by 8-5 and 6-5, upset defending state champion Kokomo Post 6, 1-0, in the opening game of the tournament. **Mike Campbell** allowed Post 6 a first inning single and then slammed the door the rest of the way. Pate Post was making its initial appearance in state finals play.

In the second round Rockport disposed of South Bend Post 357, 7-1, behind lefthander **Scott Hermann's** complete game five-hitter. **Parker** had two hits and two batted in.

In a winner's bracket final that was a rematch of the regional championship it was all Rockport as Post 254 bombed Pate, 16-2. **Parker** picked up the win with five innings of work. **Doug Lehr** earned the save by working the final four frames.

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Parker, who walked three times, had a solo homer in the third and added a two-run blast in the fourth as Rockport jumped out to a 9-1 lead after four innings. **Steve Hayden** added a solo shot for Rockport. **David Hart** had two hits and four batted in for Jenkins Post, which had ten hits in the game and took advantage of 17 walks by Pate pitching. Post 254 stranded 14 for the game.

The championship game featured more offensive fireworks as Rockport outlasted South Bend, 17-8. **Pat Crews** had four hits, scored three, walked twice and drove in three to lead the Rockport onslaught. **Ron Marchand** had three hits and drove in five and **Mark Rempe** added three more hits to Rockport's total of 15. Jenkins Post coaxed 13 walks from South Bend pitching. **Greg Richardson** worked six innings to get the win. **Fella** earned the save with a three-inning stint in which he struck out four.

Parker hit .533 (8-15) with two home runs and drove in 10 in the tournament. He had a .696 on-base percentage with eight walks and eight hits in 23 plate appearances. In its four tournament games Rockport scored 50 runs on 48 hits and drew 45 walks.

Making its fifth national tournament appearance Rockport opened Great Lakes Regional play at Stevens Point WI, the scene of its 1974 Great Lakes regional championship, with a 4-0 win over Janesville WI Post 205. **Fella** struck out eight and scattered six singles to pick up the win. **Parker** drove in all of Rockport's runs with a first inning groundout and a three-run bomb in the sixth.

In the second round **Hermann** took a no-hitter into the eighth before a two-out double scored Worthington OH Post 239's first run. Rockport, with a 6-0 lead in the top of the eighth, held on for a 6-5 win as Worthington plated four in the bottom of the ninth. **Richardson** earned a save when he got the final two outs with the bases loaded.

In the winner's bracket final Rockport scored four times in the bottom of the eighth to overcome a 3-2 deficit and beat Allen Park MI Post 409, 6-4. **Fella**, working in relief of **Parker**, used his final three innings of pitching eligibility to gain the win. **Bennett** earned a save by getting the final two outs. Post 254 gathered five of its eleven hits in the decisive eighth inning.

Worthington handed Rockport its first loss of the tournament, 5-3, when fifteen-year-old **Kent Mercker** pitched 6 1/3 innings. **Mercker** struck out six and allowed four hits. He walked eight and hit a man but Rockport couldn't get the timely hit off the future major-leaguer and stranded 12 for the game, including six in the first three innings.

Mercker played for nine teams in a seventeen-year major league career. He was involved in two no-hitters, pitching six innings of a no-hitter against the San Diego Padres in 1991 and tossing a nine-inning no-hitter against the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1994.

By virtue of being the last undefeated team in the tournament Rockport received the bye in the championship round and watched and waited as Worthington downed Janesville, 3-0, to earn a shot at Rockport for the championship.

The Ohio champions jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first with five straight two-out hits. Post 239 added single runs in the second and sixth and took a 5-3 lead into the bottom of the sixth when Rockport rallied. Post 254 had the bases loaded with one out when **Marchand's** single scored **Crews** and sent **Ed Hess** toward home with the tying run. Disaster struck for Rockport when **Hess** fell after rounding third and tried to come back to the bag. In the ensuing rundown **Parker**, who was headed for third, was tagged out and **Hess** too was retired on the play. Worthington added another run in the seventh and Rockport did not threaten again in losing, 6-4.

Jenkins Post finished the year 34-16. Worthington finished fourth in the American Legion World Series and posted a final record of 47-11.

1984

RICHMOND-Southport Atkins Saw Post 355 survived a determined effort by host Richmond Harry Ray Post 65 to take home the 1984 state championship.

In first round play Southport scored three times in the top of the first and never trailed in beating Highland Post 180, 15-4. A seven-run ninth sealed the win. **Jeff Bray** had five hits in six trips to the plate and six RBI to lead Southport. In the second game Richmond beat Remington Post 280, 6-4.

In second round play Richmond stunned defending champion Rockport, 13-8. Rockport jumped out to a 6-0 lead after two innings but after a fifteen-minute rain-delay Richmond responded with five runs of its own in the top of the third. More rain in the fourth caused a postponement of play until the following day. Richmond sealed the win with an eight run fifth inning. Remington eliminated Highland in a loser's bracket game.

In the winner's bracket final Southport beat Richmond, 7-3. Post 355 got off to a 5-0 lead after two and concluded scoring on **Bray's** solo home run in the ninth. Southport turned three double plays and stranded 12 Richmond runners. In the loser's bracket Remington eliminated defending champion Rockport, 4-3. Remington won despite making seven errors.

In the loser's bracket final Richmond eliminated Remington, 8-6, to set up a showdown with Southport for the title. **Sean Welsh** led Richmond's 16-hit

attack with a single, double, home run and five RBI and pitched the final 4 2/3 innings to get the win. The performance improved Welsh's batting average in the tournament to .733 (11-15).

The championship took 23 innings and nearly seven hours to decide. Richmond took the opener, 5-1, with a four-run seventh. **Welsh** and **Eddie Cochran** had two-run singles in the inning. **Welsh** picked up the win with three innings of shutout relief.

Richmond carried a 5-1 lead into the seventh inning of the championship game but Southport scored twice in the seventh and twice in the eighth to force extra innings.

Four straight singles in the top of the fourteenth plated two runs for Southport and earned Post 355 the 7-5 win and the state championship. **Tom Heitler** collected five hits and **Bray** four to lead Southport's 21-hit attack. Richmond had 15 hits in the game.

Craig Carnes was the winning pitcher for Southport with two innings of shutout relief. **Welsh** had four hits for Richmond and finished the tournament with a .680 batting average with 17 hits in 25 at bats.

In the first round of Great Lakes Regional play at Rockport, Southport dropped a 2-1 decision to Steubenville OH Post 33. Post 355 had two men on in the ninth with one out but couldn't score.

Just like in the state tournament Rockport Post 254, in the regional as host, had rain play a role in its fortunes.

After rain had delayed other first-round games, Rockport didn't start the final game of the day until 2:04 a.m. After waiting at the park for several hours Post 254 was ready to play and scored three first-inning runs on **Mark Huffman's** RBI single and **Ron Marchand's** two-run homer.

Rockport added two in the fourth and one in the fifth to take a 6-0 lead over Willmar MN Post 167.

Meanwhile Post 254 lefthander **Brad Fella** was limiting Willmar to just three singles through seven innings before allowing a single run in the eighth.

In the ninth **Fella** struck out the first hitter and then ran into serious trouble by walking four in a row. **Steve Bennett** finally got the last out of the inning, with the tying runs in scoring position, to nail down the win and finish Rockport's night as the sun was rising.

Fella got the win as he finished with 17 strikeouts while allowing five hits and walking eight. **Bennett** picked up the save by retiring both of the men he faced.

In second round play Southport eliminated Racine WI, 11-4. **Bray** had two bases clearing doubles for Post 33. **Doug Ridner** worked seven innings to get the win.

Rockport, possibly feeling the effects of its unusual game-time against Willmar, dropped a 14-6 decision to Mt. Prospect IL Post 525. Leading 4-2, Mt. Prospect scored nine times in the bottom of the sixth to blow the game wide open.

As fate would have it Rockport's next opponent was Southport and Post 254, denied in an effort to repeat as Indiana state champion, eliminated the team that had won the 1984 Indiana title, 8-2. Post 254 held a slim 3-1 lead going into the top of the eighth but plated five runs to get some breathing room at 8-1.

Rockport's **Greg Richardson** scattered eight hits, struck out one and walked one in a route-going performance to pick up the win. **Norman Lauer** tripled twice and drove in three to pace the Rockport offense.

Rockport added another win when it cruised to a 17-0 lead over Midland MI Berryhill Post 165 in the middle of the fifth. Midland scored eight times in the bottom of the fifth but it was not enough as Rockport advanced to the championship round, 19-11.

Billy Teasley was the winner, pitching 5 1/3, for Rockport. **Lauer** had three hits, scored five and drove in five in Rockport's 22-hit attack. Three other's had three hits each as eight of the nine Post 254 starters had multiple hit games.

Rockport fans and team members were well aware that they were in the same predicament that had faced them in Stevens Point WI in 1974 and Rockport managed to finish the tournament with the same results as it took a pair from Mt. Prospect, 13-8 and 6-5, to advance to the American Legion World Series in New Orleans.

A five-run second inning got Post 254 off to a 6-0 lead and **Huffman's** two-run homer in the seventh, after Mt. Prospect had closed to within 9-7, gave Rockport enough room to go on and post the 13-8 win in the first game and force the "if necessary" game for the championship.

Huffman and **Pat Crews** had four hits each to account for half of Rockport's 16 in the game. **Fella** pitched seven innings for the win. **Richardson** pitched the last two.

Rockport's **Charles Amburgy** had pitched seven shutout innings, allowing only four hits, and his club had a 6-0 lead, but after walking the first two hitters in the eighth **Amburgy** left and Mt. Prospect exploded for five runs before the inning was over

The Illinois state champion got the tying run to third with one out in the ninth when **Fella** entered the game and struck out the three-hole hitter on a 3-2

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pitch and then induced the cleanup man to hit a chopper to first where **David Hart** stepped on the bag for the final out.

Huffman had three hits, including two doubles, and three RBI for Rockport. **Hart** had two hits including a bases-loaded triple in the third.

Amburgy got the win, his ninth of the season. **Fella** got the save to go with his two previous wins in the regional.

Rockport's opening game in the American Legion World Series was against perennial national power Brooklawn NJ Post 72. When the smoke had cleared Brooklawn had sent Post 254 to the loser's bracket, 14-10.

Rockport led 5-0 after four innings but Brooklawn scored four in the fifth, one in the sixth, four in the seventh, four in the eighth and one in the ninth to post the win.

In second round play Rockport beat Millington TN Post 1, 8-2, behind **Richardson's** complete game. The righthander scattered nine hits and struck out two while walking five. At the plate **Crews** had three hits and Post 254 second baseman **Keith Ayres** tied a World Series record with four walks.

In Rockport's final game, Las Vegas NV Post 8 took a 10-3 lead to the bottom of the ninth but Rockport did not go easily, scoring six times, the last three on **Bob Dixon's** monstrous blast over the 20-foot high wall in dead center field, 400 feet away, to cut the deficit to 10-9 and that's the way it ended.

1985

EVANSVILLE-Aurora Post 231 captured its first state title in an improbable run through the 1985 tournament.

Playing with a team composed entirely of players from South Dearborn High School, and entering the state finals with a modest 23-18 record, Post 231 used clutch performances and solid defense to claim the crown.

An opening round 4-3 win over Carmel Post 155 came when winning pitcher **Steve Henke**, who allowed only four hits while striking out nine, scored the tying run in the top of the seventh on **Brad Tyler's** triple. **Tyler** scored the winning run when the relay throw eluded the third baseman. **Henke** had reached on a two-out single. Carmel's **Todd White** struck out 17 in the loss.

In the other opening round game host Evansville Pate Post 265 trounced Evansville Funkhouser Post 8, 14-3. Pate's **Rob Maurer**, who would play with the Texas Rangers, was one of three Pate players with three hits and an RBI.

The match-up of the two Evansville Posts marked the first time that two posts from the same community participated in a state final in the same year. Ironically they were matched against each other in the first round of the tournament.

Aurora, with a bye in the second round, watched as South Haven Post 502 handed Pate its first loss, 2-1. Pate's **John Mills** struck out a team record 18 and allowed only three singles in the loss. Funkhouser stayed alive with a 16-2 romp over Carmel.

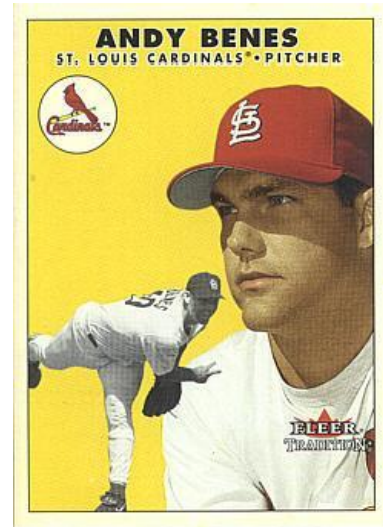
In the winner's bracket final Aurora dropped South Haven, 4-2. Post 231 scored three first inning runs and added another in the second. **Henke** tripled and **Tyler** doubled to fuel the first inning uprising. Lefthander **Chris Sizemore** held South Haven to single runs in the fourth and fifth. **Sizemore** got the win with six innings of work. **Henke** earned the save with three innings of shutout relief.

In loser's bracket play Pate eliminated Funkhouser, 3-2, and then lost to South Haven, 5-4. The South Haven loss came after **Ben Garland's** suicide squeeze had scored **Maurer** to give Pate a 4-3 lead in the eighth. Pate was one out away from a win when a throwing error allowed South Haven to score two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning and pull out the win. Pate's **Andy Benes** worked the first seven innings and struck out 11 in the loss.

Garland, as manager, would guide Pate Post to back-to-back state titles in 2001 and 2002. **Benes** would be the first player chosen in the 1988 major-league draft and would go on to win 155 games with four teams in a fourteen year career. He was also a member of the Gold Medal winning 1988 Olympic baseball team and was elected to the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame in 2009.

In the championship round South Haven handed Aurora its first loss, 7-2, and led 5-3 in the fourth inning of the "if necessary" game. Aurora cut the lead to 5-4 with a run in the fifth and then tacked on five more in the sixth to take a 9-5 verdict and the state championship. **Brian Clark**, who came on with one out in the top of the fourth, picked up the win with 5 2/3 innings of three-hit shutout relief. He also had the game-winning two-RBI single in the decisive sixth.

Aurora lost a pair in the Great Lakes Regional at New Ulm MN to close the season 26-21-1.



Andy Benes

1986

SOUTH BEND-In one of the most lopsided state finals in history Lafayette Post 11 returned to the winner's circle after a 32-year dry spell. Post 11 won all three of its game by at least ten runs in winning its first state title since 1954.

After receiving a first-round bye Lafayette opened with a 16-6 win over Muncie Post 19, a 5-1 winner over South Bend Post 357 in first-round play.

Scott McTagert had four hits to lead Post 11's 13-hit attack. **Bret Holle** had a two-run homer and scored four runs for the winners.

In the winner's bracket final Lafayette destroyed Evansville Funkhouser Post 8, 23-6. Evansville, a 9-3 first-round winner over Whiting Post 80 and the recipient of a second-round bye, fell behind 8-0 after four innings and allowed twenty hits and 12 walks in the game. **Tim Bordenet** and **Joe Eylens** each had four hits to lead the Lafayette offense.

Muncie eliminated South Bend, 4-3, and Evansville, 9-3, to earn a second shot at Lafayette, this time for the title.

For the third straight game Lafayette pounded its opponent. Post 11 scored six times on five hits in the bottom of the third to break open a scoreless game and went on to accumulate 19 hits on its way to a 12-1 win over Muncie.

Holle hit two home runs and **Eric Erb** added a two-run shot for Lafayette. **Mick Riehle** allowed one hit through six innings and **Gary Swank** allowed one in three innings of relief in the win.

In the Great Lakes Regional at Roseville MN, Lafayette downed host Roseville Post 542, 5-4 in the first round. **Tim Bordenot**, the Post 11 shortstop, had three hits and a ninth inning over-the-shoulder catch in short center to snuff out a Roseville threat.

After dropping a 15-4 decision to Barrington ILL Post 158 Lafayette downed Rochester MN Post 397, 16-6. **Eylens** had five hits, a home run, six runs batted in and four runs scored to pace Post 11's win.

Eventual regional champion Maynard OH Post 666 eliminated Lafayette, 9-3.

1987

NEWBURGH-For the second time in three years a first-time champion was crowned as host Newburgh Post 44 claimed the Indiana state championship. Newburgh also became the second host (Kokomo in 1982 was the other) to take advantage of the new rule, instituted in 1979, allowing the host team to play in the finals.

With the score tied at seven-all and the bases loaded in the bottom of the eighth, Newburgh's **Robert Burch** dropped a two-strike suicide squeeze to score **Joey Lis** with the go-ahead run and Newburgh went on to a 9-7 win over Anderson Post 127 in first-round play. **Lis** three-run homer in the second and **Marty Watson's** two-run shot in the third had staked Post 44 to an early 7-0 lead.

Russiaville Post 412, in its first state finals appearance, downed South Bend Post 50, 13-7 in the tournament's opening game.

In second round play Newburgh outlasted Evansville Funkhouser Post 8, 14-12. Newburgh gathered sixteen hits but allowed Funkhouser to collect 17. The lead changed hands four times before **Jim Lis** two-out two-run double in the sixth put Newburgh in front for good at 12-10. **Lis** two-out RBI single in the eighth made it 13-11. **Lis**, who entered the game as a pinch hitter in the third, finished with three hits and four RBI for Newburgh.

South Bend eliminated Anderson, 10-8, in the other second round game.

Tournament History: 1980-1989

In the winner's bracket final Newburgh posted a 26-5 win over Russiaville behind *Watson's* five hits, including his third home run of the tournament, and nine runs batted in. Post 44 had 23 hits and scored at least two runs in every inning against six Russiaville pitchers. *Alan Wittmer* also homered for Newburgh.

Funkhouser, in the finals for the third straight year, beat South Bend, 10-4 and Russiaville, 9-7 to set up a final round that pitted two teams which had played in the same sectional just two weeks earlier.

Evansville forced a second game with a 15-5 verdict over Newburgh but with its pitching staff thinned considerably by a run through the loser's bracket, Post 8 saw Newburgh capture its first state championship with an 18-4 win. *Wittmer, Burch* and *Steed Jackson* all homered for Newburgh. *Jerry Rogers* got the win with 5 2/3 innings of shutout relief.

In its first game at the Great Lakes Regional in Steubenville OH, Newburgh dropped a 9-8 twelve-inning decision to Lincoln IL Post 263. Newburgh, which led 7-1 after five innings, loaded the bases with one out in the tenth but couldn't score.

David Hinton pitched an eight-hitter as Newburgh stayed alive with a 7-2 win over Apple Valley MN Post 1776. *Burch* had two hits and two batted in to lead Newburgh, which turned a triple play in the eighth after the first two hitters in the inning reached.

Post 44 got another win with a 5-2 verdict over LaCrosse WI Post 52. *Rogers* and *Travis Willis* combined on a five hitter and struck out nine. *Burch's* two-run double in the eighth gave Newburgh a 3-2 lead. *Joey Lis* added a solo home run in the ninth.

Cincinnati Budde Post 507, the eventual regional champion, eliminated Newburgh, 7-4. Budde Post beat Lincoln IL, 3-0 for the title.

Newburgh concluded the year at 29-11 with a third place finish in the regional.

1988

EVANSVILLE-For the second year in a row a non-qualifying host team captured the state championship. Ironically the two teams came from the same sectional.

Host Evansville Funkhouser Post 8 had won its way to the state finals three years in a row but in 1988 lost sectional games to defending state champion Newburgh, the 1987 state finals host, and Evansville Pate Post 265.

In state finals play Funkhouser won its opening game 16-4 over South Bend Post 50 as *Bryan Holt* went 5-5 and *Pat Schulz* collected two doubles and a triple. Terre Haute Post 346 beat Russiaville Post 412, 13-3.

First round games were played in Rockport as rain rendered Evansville's historic *Bosse Field* unplayable.

In second round play Funkhouser took a 12-2 decision over Madison Post 9 behind *John McCauley's* five-hitter. On the offensive side *McCauley* added two hits including a two-run double in the fourth. Russiaville eliminated South Bend, 15-6 in the other game.

In the winner's bracket final Evansville collected a season high 21 hits in pounding Terre Haute, 14-0. Post 8 catcher *Jeff Gibbs* led the way with four hits as *John Rapp* pitched a complete game four-hitter.

Terre Haute beat Madison, 9-1, in the loser's bracket final to set up the championship. Madison had advanced with a 12-6 win over Russiaville.

In the title game Funkhouser captured its first state championship since 1967 with a 12-0 whitewash of Terre Haute. Lefthander *Todd Curtis*, the winning pitcher in Evansville's opening round win over South Bend, picked up his second win of the finals with a two-hit six-strikeout complete game performance.

In its four games in the finals Funkhouser scored 54 runs and allowed only 5 while collecting 56 hits.

In national regional play at South Bend, Funkhouser dropped its opening game, 5-3, to Danville PA Post 40 before beating South Bend Post 50, the regional host, 11-7. *Curtis* picked up the complete-game win despite eight Funkhouser errors.

Evansville's season came to a close in the third round of play when Ferndale MI Post 330 scored a single run in the home half of the eighth for a 2-1 win. *Mac Larue's* squad finished the year at 30-10.

Over 20 major league scouts and college coaches from Georgia Tech, Detroit, Minnesota, Indiana State and Ball State attended the 1988 Great Lakes Regional.

1989

ROCKPORT-For the third straight year a team from the Evansville Sectional captured the state championship. This time it was Boonville Post 200, which was making its first-ever appearance in the state finals.

Coach *Brian Kuester's* club scored 51 runs in three regional wins and kept right on swinging the bat in scoring 35 more runs in three state finals wins.

Boonville opened the tournament with a 14-7 win over South Bend Post 50. Post 200 snapped a 7-7 tie with two runs in the seventh and five in the eighth for the win. *Mike Greer* led Boonville with a double and a three-run home run. *Grady Murphy* added three hits and two batted in. *Dave Duncan* struck out ten in picking up the win.

Rockport Post 254, the tournament host, won the other opening round game, 8-7 over Anderson Post 127.

In second round play Rockport beat Carmel Post 155, 8-0 behind *Marc Richards* complete game shutout. *Richards* scattered eight hits, struck out eight and walked two. South Bend eliminated Anderson, 12-7 in the second game.

In the winner's bracket final Boonville broke open a 5-5 game with four runs in the home half of the sixth and went on to an 11-7 win over Rockport. *Rod Newton* picked up the win for Boonville with six innings of work. *Greer* earned the save with three innings of relief.

South Bend eliminated Carmel, 6-3 and Rockport, 6-2 to earn another crack at Boonville.

Post 50 forced the "if necessary" game with a 17-7 win in game one but Boonville took home its first state championship with a 10-6 decision in the final game.

Duncan picked up his second win of the tournament with ninth inning relief help from *Greer. Matt Seaton* had four runs batted in for Boonville.

Post 200 had trailed 1-0 before rallying for three runs in the top of the seventh and adding seven more in the final two innings for the win.

South Bend's *Chris Sage* hit for the cycle and drove in four runs in Post 50's first game win.

In national regional play Boonville opened with a 3-2 win over host Danville ILL Post 210. *Murphy's* RBI single in the bottom of the eighth scored *Brian Beard* with the game winner. *Newton* scattered nine hits and went the distance to pick up the win.

Post 200's season came to a close as Midland MI Post 165 upended Boonville, 8-2 and Steubenville OH Post 33 eliminated Post 200 in its next two games.

Interesting sidelights to Boonville's tournament run included the fact that *Dave Duncan* had played on a Wabash Valley Community College team that finished third in the nation in the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament in Grand Junction CO in the spring of 1989. Rockport Post 254 assistant coach *Bob Snyder* was the head coach of that Wabash Valley team.

Duncan would coach Tecumseh High School to a Class A state runner-up finish in 2010.

Boonville coach *Brian Kuester* would go on to coach another state legion champion at Evansville Pate Post 265 in 1995. *Kuester* and *John Baratto* are the only two coaches to win legion state championships at two different posts.

Kuester would also win a state championship at South Spencer High School in 2007 and his sons, *Jeremy* and *Shawn*, would play on Rockport Post 254's national regional runner-up squad in 2005.

An assistant coach for the Boonville team was *Ivan Kuester, Brian's* father, a former minor-league player and manager in the Kitty League and a scout for various major league teams including the Kansas City Athletics, St. Louis Cardinals and Atlanta Braves.



Tournament Results: 1980-1989

1980

Regional 1 at South Bend

East Chicago 369 beat South Bend 50, 1-0
Highland 180 beat Gary 367, 3-0
Highland beat East Chicago, 10-3
Gary beat South Bend, 3-1
Gary beat East Chicago, 16-8
Gary beat Highland, 7-3
Gary beat Highland, 14-7

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Fort Wayne 296 beat Lebanon 113, 6-0
Marion 10 beat Lafayette 11, 3-2
Marion beat Fort Wayne, 10-2
Lafayette beat Lebanon, 9-1
Lafayette beat Fort Wayne, 3-2
Lafayette beat Marion, 5-3
Lafayette beat Marion, 2-0

Regional 3 at Batesville

Aurora 231 beat Madison 9, 6-0
Richmond 65 beat Southport 355, 9-1
Richmond beat Aurora, 3-2
Madison beat Southport, 6-5
Madison beat Aurora, 4-1
Richmond beat Madison, 9-4

Regional 4 at Rockport

Princeton 25 beat Clay County 2, 3-2
Rockport 254 beat Evansville 8, 10-7
Rockport beat Princeton, 7-4
Evansville beat Clay County, 11-1
Evansville beat Princeton, 4-2
Rockport beat Evansville, 12-7

State Finals at Lafayette

Gary beat Richmond, 10-6 (14)
Lafayette beat Rockport, 7-2
Marion beat Lafayette, 6-1
Rockport beat Richmond, 10-5
Gary beat Marion 10, 7-4
Rockport beat Lafayette, 7-0
Marion beat Rockport, 1-0
Marion beat Gary, 3-2 (10)
Gary beat Marion, 7-0

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Kokomo IN

Waukegan IL 281 beat Gary, 8-3
Kokomo 6 beat St. Joseph MI 163, 4-3
Gary beat LaCrosse WI 52, 10-9
Kokomo beat Ashley OH 518, 9-4
Ashley OH beat Gary, 9-8
Shaler Twp. PA 785 beat Kokomo, 8-4
Waukegan IL beat Kokomo, 3-2

1981

Regional 1 at East Chicago

South Bend 50 beat Hammond 428, 8-7
Highland 180 beat Merrillville 430, 3-2
Highland beat South Bend, 3-1
Merrillville beat Hammond, 8-7
South Bend beat Merrillville, 8-2
Highland beat South Bend, 4-3

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Kokomo 6 beat Fort Wayne 47, 10-1
Lafayette 11 beat Anderson 127, 5-0
Kokomo beat Lafayette, 7-6
Fort Wayne beat Anderson, 21-6
Fort Wayne beat Lafayette, 10-6
Kokomo beat Fort Wayne, 4-2

Regional 3 at Rushville

Southport 355 beat Muncie 19, 6-0
Madison 9 beat Batesville 271, 11-5
Southport beat Madison, 6-5
Batesville beat Muncie, 5-3
Madison beat Batesville, 5-4
Southport beat Madison, 10-5

Regional 4 at Princeton

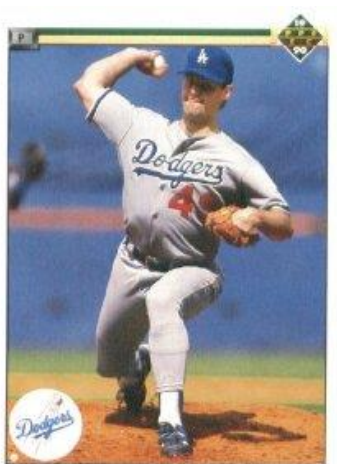
Newburgh 44 beat Clay County 2, 4-3
Princeton 25 beat Rockport 254, 7-1
Newburgh beat Princeton, 10-3
Rockport beat Clay County, 4-3
Princeton beat Rockport, 10-6
Newburgh beat Princeton, 5-4

State Finals at Princeton

Southport beat Highland, 8-3
Princeton beat Kokomo, 5-2
Princeton beat Newburgh, 9-4
Kokomo beat Highland, 6-5
Southport beat Princeton, 6-0
Kokomo beat Newburgh, 6-5 (11)
Kokomo beat Princeton, 3-2 (14)
Southport beat Kokomo, 3-2

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Morehead KY

Southport beat Fredericksburg PA 915, 9-2
Owensboro KY 9 beat Southport, 10-0
Southport beat Worthington OH 239, 5-2
Southport beat Morehead KY 126, 10-1
Southport beat Marissa IL 172, 3-0
Owensboro KY beat Southport, 11-6 (2nd)



Tim Belcher

Tim Belcher

Belcher was the winning pitcher as Ashley OH Post 518 eliminated Gary Post 367, 9-8, in the 1980 national regional.

1982

Regional 1 at South Bend

Highland 180 beat Merrillville 430, 4-3 (14)
South Bend 357 beat Whiting 80, 7-5
South Bend beat Highland, 3-0
Merrillville beat Whiting, 8-5
Merrillville beat Highland, 9-4
South Bend beat Merrillville, 5-2

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Fort Wayne 47 beat Anderson 127, 6-4
Lafayette 11 beat Carmel 155, 10-2
Lafayette beat Fort Wayne, 4-3
Carmel beat Anderson, 10-4
Fort Wayne beat Carmel, 11-4
Lafayette beat Fort Wayne, 25-3

Regional 3 at Batesville

Beech Grove 276 beat Richmond 65, 3-0
Madison 9 beat Batesville 271, 4-2
Madison beat Beech Grove, 6-0
Richmond beat Batesville, 8-3
Richmond beat Beech Grove, 3-2
Richmond beat Madison, 12-6
Richmond beat Madison, 3-2

Regional 4 at Rockport

Newburgh 44 beat Sullivan 139, 10-0
Rockport 254 beat Princeton 25, 11-5
Newburgh beat Rockport, 6-2
Princeton beat Sullivan, 9-2
Princeton beat Rockport, 25-9
Newburgh beat Princeton, 12-4

State Finals at Kokomo

Richmond beat Newburgh, 6-5
Kokomo beat Lafayette, 5-1
South Bend beat Kokomo, 12-6
Newburgh beat Lafayette, 8-7
South Bend beat Richmond, 14-5
Kokomo beat Newburgh, 8-5
Kokomo beat Richmond, 14-8
Kokomo beat South Bend, 17-5
Kokomo beat South Bend, 16-8

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Arlington Heights IL

Kokomo beat Richfield MN 435, 4-3
Arlington Heights IL 208 beat Kokomo, 6-0
Kokomo beat Levittown PA 317, 16-12
Kokomo beat Allen Park MI 409, 8-2
Kokomo beat LaCrosse WI 52, 2-1
Kokomo beat Allen Park MI, 5-1

World Series at Boyertown PA

Kokomo beat Richmond KY 12, 6-5
Kokomo beat Lafayette CA 142, 9-8
Boyertown PA beat Kokomo 471, 8-3
Grand Junction CO 37 beat Kokomo, 12-7

Tournament Results: 1980-1989

1983

Regional 1 at South Bend

Highland 180 beat Whiting 80, 12-8
South Bend 357 beat South Haven 502, 3-2
Highland beat South Bend, 5-4
South Haven beat Whiting, 11-3
South Bend beat South Haven, 11-2
South Bend beat Highland, 5-4 (10)
South Bend beat Highland, 11-5

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Kokomo 6 beat Lebanon 113, 9-8
Remington 280 beat Leo 409, 3-0
Kokomo beat Remington, 18-2
Leo beat Lebanon, 14-13
Remington beat Leo, 20-7
Kokomo beat Remington, 10-4

Regional 3 at Richmond

Southport 355 beat Muncie 19, 17-8
Madison 9 beat St. Leon 464, 15-8
Madison beat Southport, 8-2
Muncie beat St. Leon, 8-7 (10)
Muncie beat Southport, 12-9
Madison beat Muncie, 5-2

Regional 4 at Boonville

Evansville 265 beat Clinton 140, 12-1
Washington 121 beat Rockport 254, 6-5
Evansville beat Washington, 13-9
Rockport beat Clinton, 17-4
Rockport beat Washington, 19-8
Rockport beat Evansville, 8-5
Rockport beat Evansville, 6-5

State Finals at Rockport

Evansville beat Kokomo, 1-0
Rockport beat Madison, 10-2
Rockport beat South Bend, 7-1
Kokomo beat Madison, 9-6
Rockport beat Evansville, 16-2
South Bend beat Kokomo, 12-11
South Bend beat Evansville, 6-4
Rockport beat South Bend, 17-8

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Stevens Point WI

Rockport beat Janesville WI 205, 4-0
Rockport beat Worthington OH 239, 6-5
Rockport beat Allen Park MI 409, 6-5
Worthington OH beat Rockport, 5-3
Worthington OH beat Rockport, 6-4 (2nd)

1984

Regional 1 at LaPorte

Highland 180 beat South Haven 502, 13-9
Hammond 428 beat Merrillville 430, 6-5
Highland beat Hammond, 10-4
Merrillville beat South Haven, 11-10
Hammond beat Merrillville, 11-10
Hammond beat Highland, 10-8
Highland beat Hammond, 11-4

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Remington 280 beat South Bend 357, 7-5
Anderson 127 beat Crawfordsville 72, 14-2
Remington beat Anderson, 10-3
Crawfordsville beat South Bend, 8-7
Anderson beat Crawfordsville, 13-3
Remington beat Anderson, 12-3

Regional 3 at Rushville

Madison 9 beat Southport 355, 3-2
St. Leon 464 beat Richmond 65, 6-3
Madison beat St. Leon, 8-4
Southport beat Richmond, 5-2
Southport beat St. Leon, 7-6 (15)
Southport beat Madison, 6-2
Southport beat Madison, 9-0

Regional 4 at Newburgh

Evansville 265 beat Washington 121, 5-4
Rockport 254 beat Clay County 2, 11-8
Rockport beat Evansville, 4-0
Washington beat Clay County, 16-10
Evansville beat Washington, 6-5
Evansville beat Rockport, 8-6
Rockport beat Evansville, 9-4

State Finals at Richmond

Southport beat Highland, 15-4
Richmond beat Remington, 6-4
Richmond beat Rockport, 13-8
Remington beat Highland, 14-3
Southport beat Richmond, 7-3
Remington beat Rockport, 4-3
Richmond beat Remington, 8-6
Richmond beat Southport, 5-1
Southport beat Richmond, 7-5 (14)

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Rockport IN

Steubenville OH 33 beat Southport, 2-1
Rockport beat Willmar MN 167, 6-4
Southport beat Racine WI (OS), 11-4
Mount Prospect IL 525 beat Rockport, 14-6
Rockport beat Southport, 8-2
Rockport beat Midland MI 165, 19-11
Rockport beat Mount Prospect IL, 13-8
Rockport beat Mount Prospect IL, 6-5

World Series at New Orleans LA

Brooklawn NJ 72 beat Rockport, 14-10
Rockport beat Millington TN 1, 8-2
Las Vegas NV 8 beat Rockport, 10

1985

Regional 1 at Crown Point

South Haven 502 beat Merrillville 430, 9-8
East Chicago 369 beat Michigan City 37, 13-4
South Haven beat East Chicago, 17-6
Merrillville beat Michigan City, 5-4
Merrillville beat East Chicago, 15-1
South Haven beat Merrillville, 8-0

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Kokomo 6 beat Anderson 127, 9-2
Remington 280 beat Carmel 155, 14-7
Kokomo beat Remington, 3-2
Carmel beat Anderson, 8-6
Carmel beat Remington, 4-3 (11)
Carmel beat Kokomo, 6-5 (14)
Carmel beat Kokomo, 10-4

Regional 3 at Richmond

Beech Grove 276 beat Columbus 24, 5-2
Aurora 231 beat Richmond 65, 5-1
Aurora beat Beech Grove, 10-5
Richmond beat Columbus, 4-2
Beech Grove beat Richmond, 3-2
Aurora beat Beech Grove, 11-9

Regional 4 at Rockport

New Albany 28 beat Princeton 25, 4-1
Evansville 8 beat Terre Haute 346, 15-8 (11)
Evansville beat New Albany, 11-6 (11)
Princeton beat Terre Haute, 7-6
Princeton beat New Albany, 6-3
Evansville beat Princeton, 5-4 (10)

State Finals at Evansville

Aurora beat Carmel, 4-3
Evansville 265 beat Evansville 8, 14-3
South Haven beat Evansville 265, 2-1
Evansville 8 beat Carmel, 16-2
Aurora beat South Haven, 4-2
Evansville 265 beat Evansville 8, 3-2
South Haven beat Evansville 265, 5-4
South Haven beat Aurora, 7-2
Aurora beat South Haven, 9-5

Great Lakes Regional 5 at New Ulm MN

Midland MI 165 beat Aurora, 11-9
State College PA 245 beat Aurora, 13-2

Tournament Results: 1980-1989

1986

Regional 1 at South Bend

South Bend 357 beat Merrillville 430, 9-5
Whiting 80 beat Highland 180, 5-1
South Bend beat Whiting, 14-11
Merrillville beat Highland, 21-8
Whiting beat Merrillville, 6-5
South Bend beat Whiting, 24-6

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Lafayette 11 beat Kokomo 6, 5-3
Beech Grove 276 beat Carmel 155, 12-11
Lafayette beat Beech Grove, 19-6
Kokomo beat Carmel, 9-3
Beech Grove beat Kokomo, 5-4
Lafayette beat Beech Grove, 11-10

Regional 3 at Richmond

Columbus 24 beat Aurora 231, 16-2
Muncie 19 beat Connersville 1, 7-4
Muncie beat Columbus, 9-7
Connersville beat Aurora, 12-5
Connersville beat Columbus, 5-1
Muncie beat Connersville, 11-10

Regional 4 at Evansville

Evansville 8 beat Rockport 254, 14-5
Vincennes 73 beat Terre Haute 346, 8-5 (12)
Evansville beat Vincennes, 17-8
Rockport beat Terre Haute, 3-2
Vincennes beat Rockport, 10-3
Evansville beat Vincennes, 8-3

State Finals at South Bend

Evansville beat Whiting, 9-3
Muncie beat South Bend, 5-1
Lafayette beat Muncie, 16-6
South Bend beat Whiting, 8-2
Lafayette beat Evansville, 23-8
Muncie beat South Bend, 4-3
Muncie beat Evansville, 9-3
Lafayette beat Muncie, 12-1

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Roseville MN

Lafayette beat Roseville MN 542, 5-4
Barrington IL 158 beat Lafayette, 15-4
Lafayette beat Rochester MN 92, 16-6
Maynard OH 666 beat Lafayette, 9-3

1987

Regional 1 at Crown Point

South Bend 50 beat Whiting 80, 10-2
Schererville 485 beat Hammond 168, 23-12
South Bend beat Schererville, 6-3
Whiting beat Hammond, 17-5
Whiting beat Schererville, 8-2
Whiting beat South Bend, 11-5
South Bend beat Whiting, 15-7

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Carmel 155 beat Lafayette 11, 6-4
Russiaville 412 beat Beech Grove 276, 5-4
Russiaville beat Carmel, 9-4
Lafayette beat Beech Grove, 4-1
Lafayette beat Carmel, 17-8
Russiaville beat Lafayette, 3-2 (12)

Regional 3 at Richmond

Versailles 173 beat Seymour 89, 4-0
Anderson 127 beat Muncie 19, 12-3
Anderson beat Versailles, 5-1
Seymour beat Muncie, 10-9 (10)
Seymour beat Versailles, NA
Anderson beat Seymour, 7-5

Regional 4 at Rockport

Princeton 25 beat Rockport 254, 1-0
Evansville 8 beat Terre Haute 346, 7-6
Princeton beat Evansville, 6-3
Rockport beat Terre Haute, 13-7
Evansville beat Rockport, 16-12
Evansville beat Princeton, 11-2
Evansville beat Princeton, 6-1

State Finals at Newburgh

Russiaville beat South Bend, 12-7
Newburgh beat Anderson, 9-7
Newburgh beat Evansville, 14-12
South Bend beat Anderson, 9-8
Newburgh beat Russiaville, 26-5
Evansville beat South Bend, 10-4
Evansville beat Russiaville, 9-7
Evansville beat Newburgh, 15-5
Newburgh beat Evansville, 18-2

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Steubenville OH

Lincoln IL 263 beat Newburgh, 9-8 (12)
Newburgh beat Apple Valley MN 1776, 7-2
Newburgh beat LaCrosse WI 52, 5-2
Cincinnati OH 507 beat Newburgh, 7-4

1988

Regional 1 at East Chicago

South Bend 50 beat Hammond 168, 16-5
Whiting 80 beat Crown Point 20, 21-11
South Bend beat Whiting, 10-3
Hammond beat Crown Point, 4-3
Whiting beat Hammond, 10-3
South Bend beat Whiting, 11-7

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Russiaville 412 beat Carmel 155, 14-3
Southport 355 beat Monticello 81, 7-6
Russiaville beat Southport, 10-4
Monticello beat Carmel, 7-2
Monticello beat Southport, 8-6
Monticello beat Russiaville, 9-3
Russiaville beat Monticello, 11-9

Regional 3 at Rushville

St. Leon 464 beat Richmond 65, 10-2
Madison 9 beat Muncie 19, 6-5 (11)
Muncie beat Richmond, 6-5
Muncie beat St. Leon, 9-2
Muncie beat Madison, 18-4
Madison beat Muncie, 14-10

Regional 4 at Rockport

Terre Haute 346 beat Princeton 25, 14-9
Newburgh 44 beat Rockport 254, 11-3
Terre Haute beat Newburgh, 11-7
Rockport beat Princeton, 12-2
Rockport beat Newburgh, 5-4
Terre Haute beat Rockport, 11-1

State Finals at Evansville

Terre Haute beat Russiaville, 13-3
Evansville 8 beat South Bend 50, 16-4
Evansville beat Madison, 12-2
Russiaville beat South Bend, 15-6
Evansville beat Terre Haute, 14-0
Madison beat Russiaville, 12-6
Terre Haute beat Madison, 9-1
Evansville beat Terre Haute, 12-1

Great Lakes Regional 5 at South Bend IN

Danville PA 40 beat Evansville, 5-3
Cincinnati OH 507 beat South Bend 50, 21-0
Evansville beat South Bend, 11-7
Ferndale MI 330 beat Evansville, 2-1



Kent Mercker

Mercker was the winning pitcher as Worthington PH Post 239 handed Rockport its first loss in the 1983 Great Lakes Regional.

Tournament Results: 1980-1989

1989

Regional 1 at East Chicago

Hammond 168 beat South Bend 50, 14-2
 Whiting 80 beat Merrillville 430, 11-4
 Hammond beat Whiting, 13-6
 South Bend beat Merrillville, 11-1
 South Bend beat Whiting, 14-12
 South Bend beat Hammond, 15-6
 South Bend beat Whiting, 12-5

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Wabash 15 beat Monticello 81, 5-4
 Carmel 155 beat Beech Grove 276, 10-5
 Carmel beat Wabash, 12-6
 Monticello beat Beech Grove, 13-5
 Wabash beat Monticello, 11-2
 Carmel beat Wabash, 6-5 (10)

Regional 3 at Madison

Madison 9 beat St. Leon 464, 13-3
 Connorsville 1 beat Anderson 127, 9-8
 Madison beat Connorsville, 16-13 (13)
 Anderson beat St. Leon, 19-6
 Anderson beat Connorsville, 5-4
 Anderson beat Madison, 15-1
 Anderson beat Madison, 9-8

Regional 4 at Newburgh

Linton 22 beat Terre Haute 346, 15-14 (10)
 Boonville 200 beat New Albany 28, 22-8 (10)
 Boonville beat Linton, 14-1
 Terre Haute beat New Albany, 7-5
 Terre Haute beat Linton, 9-3
 Boonville beat Terre Haute, 15-5

State Finals at Rockport

Boonville beat South Bend, 14-7
 Rockport 254 beat Anderson, 8-7
 Rockport beat Carmel, 8-0
 South Bend beat Anderson, 12-7
 Boonville beat Rockport, 11-7
 South Bend beat Carmel, 6-2
 South Bend beat Rockport, 6-2
 South Bend beat Boonville, 17-7
 Boonville beat South Bend, 10-6

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Danville II

Boonville beat Danville IL 210, 3-2
 Midland MI 165 beat Boonville, 8-2
 Steubenville OH 33 beat Boonville, 13-0



1982
Great Lakes Regional Champion
 Kokomo Post 6



1984
Great Lakes Regional Champion
 Rockport Post 254

Tournament History: 1990-1999

1990

Anderson-For the second year in a row a first time champion was crowned as Muncie Post 19 captured the 1990 American legion state championship.

The Chiefs opened state tournament play with an 8-7 win over Highland Post 180. Despite playing with a hyper-extended left thumb **Willie Porter** collected four hits including two doubles and three RBI to pace Post 19. **Dan Towriss** allowed 12 hits and walked five but stranded seven Highland runners from the fifth inning on to pick up the win.

Anderson Post 127, the host team, defeated Princeton Post 25, 7-5, in the other first-round game.

In second round play Southport Post 355 beat Anderson 7-1 and Princeton eliminated Highland, 6-4.

In the winner's bracket final Southport collected 20 hits off of five Muncie pitchers to beat Post 19, 15-6. In the loser's bracket Princeton eliminated Anderson 12-8.

Muncie rallied from a 3-0 deficit to eliminate Princeton, 5-4, and gain a finals berth with Southport. **Matt Luce** worked seven innings to pick up the win. **Luce**, the starting pitcher in both of Muncie's games on Saturday, had taken the loss against Southport.

Princeton was coached by Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame member **Tim Nonte** whose Post 25 club finished third in **Nonte's** only state finals appearance.

Muncie became the seventh team to come out of the losers bracket and capture the state championship when it posted 3-0 and 7-4 wins over Southport.

Greg Cook pitched 8 1/3 innings in the first game with **Porter** getting the final two outs with runners at second and third for the save.

In the second game Muncie scored four times in the first but Southport evened the count with four runs of its own in the top of the third. **Bobby Hirst** broke the tie with a two-run homer in the seventh as Post 19 scored three times for the 7-4 win. **Shannon Stout** was the winner with 4 1/3 innings of scoreless relief. **Porter** picked up his second save of the day when he closed the win with two innings of shutout baseball.

Muncie dropped a pair of games in the national regional losing to Midland MI Post 165, 6-4 and Duluth MN Lakeview Post 71, 5-3.

1991

EVANSVILLE-For the fourth time in five years a first time champion was crowned as Highland Post 180 captured its first state title. Highland became the 23rd team to win the title after having been to the finals the year before.

Highland opened the finals with a 7-3 win over Newburgh Post 44. Post 180 scored four times on one hit in the top of the tenth to break the game open. Newburgh had left the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth without scoring.

The host team, Evansville Funkhouser Post 8, beat defending state champion Muncie Post 19, 13-10, in the other first round game.

In the second day of play Funkhouser downed Monticello Post 81, 4-3 and Newburgh eliminated defending champion Muncie, 17-5.

After receiving the second round bye Highland returned to action to down Evansville 5-4 as **Brian Guzek** allowed two earned runs and struck out four in a complete game effort. **Jason Quigg's** sacrifice fly in the bottom of the sixth concluded scoring and broke a 4-4 tie for Post 180.

Newburgh outlasted Monticello, 13-11, before falling to Evansville, 8-1, in the loser's bracket.

Needing two wins Funkhouser downed Highland 5-3 in the first game but Post 180's **Eric Stover** allowed only five hits and one earned run in a 10-2 win for the title. **Stover** didn't allow a runner past second base after the third inning.

Trailing 2-1 Highland scored five times in the bottom of the third to take control and the championship.

The American Legion state championship was especially satisfying for Highland's **Guzek**. One of fourteen members of the Highland team that had played for the Highland High School team that lost to Marion in the IHSAA state semifinals, **Guzek** explained it this way, "Losing to Marion was disappointing, but when you win the high school state tournament, all you get is a trophy. When you win the Legion state tournament, you get to fly all expenses paid to Minneapolis (site of the 1991 national regional). I'd say that's a better deal."

In that national regional Highland opened with an 8-5 win over Barrington ILL Post 158. Post 180 used four bunts and two-run singles from **Mark Wohadlo** and **Guzek** to score seven times in the seventh for the win.

After dropping an 8-2 decision to Rochester MN Post 92, Highland beat Appleton WI Post 38, 5-1, on **Steve Ochmann's** four-hitter. **Wohadlo** had three doubles and **Quigg** homered in the win.

Eventual regional champion Newark OH Post 85 eliminated Highland, 13-2. **Guzek** was 5-5 in the loss but Post 180 couldn't overcome six errors.

Longtime manager **Mal Kubiak**, rewarded with his first state title, saw his club finish the year with a 30-7-1 record.

1992

KOKOMO-A third place finisher at the 1991 state finals Newburgh Post 44 became the 24th team to win the finals after having been in them the previous year.

In first round play Muncie Post 19 downed defending champion Highland Post 180, 5-2, and Lafayette Post 11 beat host Kokomo Post 6, 3-0.

Newburgh, with a first round bye, played its first game in the opening game of the second day and won in dramatic fashion when **Donny Kelley** unloaded a one-out bottom-of-the-ninth walk-off home run to provide Post 44 with a 3-2 win. Highland eliminated Kokomo, 5-2, in the loser's bracket game.

In the winner's bracket final Newburgh's **Gator McBride** unloaded a three-run tape measure shot, his 14th home run of the year, to dead centerfield in the bottom of the first and **Andy Julian** and **Tom Theis** made it stand up as Post 44 beat Muncie 5-3 and advanced to the championship game. **Julian** got the win with seven innings of work. **Theis** pitched the final two innings to earn the save.

Lafayette won a pair of high scoring affairs, 15-10 over Highland, and 10-7 over Muncie, to set up a re-match with Newburgh. Winning pitcher **Mike Callahan** hit two home runs, including a grand slam, in the win over Muncie.

In the final game Newburgh fell behind 10-4 in the second inning but had taken the lead 11-10 by the third, and then settled down to take a 14-11 win and the state championship.

Newburgh and Lafayette pitching combined for 18 walks in the first three innings, which took an hour and 48 minutes to play.

Mike Mischler, who entered with Post 44 trailing 9-4 in the second, promptly walked the first batter he faced to force in a run but then settled down and allowed just one unearned run in 4 2/3 innings of relief to gain the win.

In the national regional Newburgh fell behind host Steubenville OH Post 33, 2-0, but rallied for a 5-2 win. **McBride's** fourth inning home run provided Newburgh's first run while **Jamey Carroll's** seventh inning double gave Post 44 the lead at 3-2. Julian was the winner to run his record to 9-2.

Arlington Heights ILL Post 208 ended Newburgh's 11-game post-season winning streak, 6-3, in second round play. The win was Arlington Heights 22nd straight.

Newburgh rebounded from its loss to down Stevens Point WI Post 6, 5-4, on **Carroll's** 12th inning two-out walk-off solo home run. The home run was **Carroll's** first of the season. **Don Shemwell** got the win, retiring the last ten men he faced in order.

Post 44 advanced to the title round for a face-off with Arlington Heights with a 10-8 win over Saginaw MI Post 22/439. Newburgh jumped out to a 9-3 lead and held on for the win. **Julian** was the winner as **Jeff Keeton** picked up the save with 1 1/3 innings of scoreless relief.

Mischler pitched eight strong innings and Newburgh took advantage of seven Arlington Heights errors to post a 9-4 win and snap Post 208's 24-game winning streak in the championship round. The Post 44 win set up a second game with the winner advancing to the American Legion World Series.

In the winner-take-all final Arlington Heights took an 8-2 lead into the top of the ninth only to see Newburgh score five times and put the tying and winning runs on base. **Brian Schmack**, a sophomore at Northern Illinois University and the loser in the day's first game, finally got **Stan Wilson** to ground into a force play to end the game.

Newburgh finished the year 33-12.

As of the 2011 season Post 44's **Jamey Carroll** is still active in the major leagues having played with Cleveland and, most recently, the Los Angeles Dodgers. **Carroll's** manager in 2011 will be **Don Mattingly** who played on Evansville Funkhouser Post 8's 1976 state finalist and went on to an outstanding career with the New York Yankees.



Jamey Carroll

Tournament History: 1990-1999

1993

TERRE HAUTE-In a rematch of the 1992 championship Lafayette Post 11 and Newburgh Post 44 faced off again but the result turned out different as Post 11 claimed its sixth state championship.

The familiar foes didn't waste any time in squaring off as they were paired in game one of the tournament. The anticipated battle didn't get very far before rain caused a delay with the score tied at 1-1 in the bottom of the fourth.

When play resumed the next day the expected classic exceeded all expectations as Lafayette scored an unearned run in the top of the 14th inning for an 8-7 win.

Before the dramatic finish Post 11 had scored three times in the top of the fifth for a 4-1 lead. Newburgh scored twice in the sixth and added single runs in the seventh and eighth to take a 5-4 lead into the ninth.

Jaimé Malave's three-run homer in the top of the ninth put Lafayette back on top 7-5 but Newburgh rallied and tied it with two runs in the bottom of the ninth.

Tony Bordenet's bases-loaded fielder's choice scored **Scott Stair** with the game-winner in the 14th. **Chad Nelson** pitched five innings of one-hit relief to pick up the win for Lafayette.

In the other first-round game host Terre Haute downed Milan Post 235, 18-3.

In second round play Terre Haute beat Crown Point Post 20, 3-2, and Newburgh eliminated Milan, 16-5.

In the winner's bracket final Lafayette picked up another one-run extra-inning win beating Terre Haute 7-6 in ten innings. **Clay Snellgrove's** two-out single scored **Bordenet** in the top of the tenth for the win. **Nelson** was the winner for the second game in a row as he turned in two innings of relief.

Newburgh scored nine times in the seventh to erase a 6-1 deficit and beat Crown Point 10-8 in the loser's bracket. **Don Shemwell**, one of five Newburgh pitchers, picked up the win with two innings of scoreless relief. **Shemwell** picked up another win in relief as Post 44 upended Terre Haute 15-5 to advance to another match up with Lafayette.

For the third time in the tournament Lafayette won by one run as it took a 4-3 verdict from Newburgh to capture the state championship.

Malave's two-run homer in the first gave Lafayette the early lead but Newburgh came back to tie things at 3-3 in the top of the seventh. An unearned run in the bottom of the seventh closed the scoring and gave Post 11 the win.

Nelson picked up his third win of the tournament with 3 1/3 innings of relief.

In the Great Lakes National Regional at Stevens Point WI, Lafayette dropped its first game, 11-7 to Appleton WI Post 38 and fell 5-4 in ten innings to Elgin ILL Post 57 in the second round.

Post 11 finished the season 41-12.

1994

ANDERSON-Terre Haute Wayne Newton Post 346 won its first state championship since 1970 and in doing so became the 26th team to win the title after having been to the finals the previous year. Just for good measure **John Hayes** outfit became the eighth team to come out of the loser's bracket to take the state championship.

In regional play at Princeton, Post 346 had also come out of the loser's bracket to defeat Rockport Post 254 twice.

In the state finals Terre Haute won its first game 8-4 over host Anderson Post 127 but lengthy rain delays prevented the game from ending until after 2:00 am. As a result Post 346 was back on the field less than 12 hours later to face Batesville Post 271. A 10-3 Batesville win was the result.

Batesville's **Alan Meyer** had more than a little to do with Terre Haute's problems as the Indiana State recruit scattered six hits and struck out the side in the eighth and ninth innings to gain the win.

Wabash Post 15 beat South Bend Pulaski Post 357, 6-5, in the other opening round game and Anderson eliminated South Bend 3-0 in second day play.

After Batesville downed Wabash 13-7 in the winner's bracket final, Terre Haute started its comeback with a 7-6 win over Anderson. Post 346 rallied from a 4-2 deficit to pick up its second win over Anderson as **David Pickering** went 3-3 with a walk and a two-run triple in the sixth that tied the score.

Terre Haute gained the championship round with an 11-7 win over Wabash. Wayne Newton Post broke a 7-7 tie with four runs in the top of the ninth for the win. **Jason John's** RBI single provided the winning run.

David Wood picked up the win in the Wabash game and earned a save in the Anderson game.

Superb pitching blazed the path as Terre Haute swept Batesville 9-2 and 13-0 to claim the state championship.

Tony Harden allowed two hits and two unearned runs in game one and **Tim Loveall**, who hadn't pitched in three weeks, permitted just two hits and no runs in game two.

In national regional play at Peoria ILL, Terre Haute won its opening game over Arlington Heights ILL Post 208, 10-6. **Loveall** picked up the win in relief.

Harden and **Chris Gates** had three hits each to pace Post 346 16-hit attack.

Kyle Fisher's walk-off single in the bottom of the ninth provided the winning margin as Terre Haute won a strange game from Appleton WI Post 38 in second round play.

With pitcher **Andy Cain** working on a no-hitter, and leading 8-0 after five innings, the roof caved in on Post 346 as Appleton scored nine times in the top of the sixth. TH had built its lead primarily on a seven run fifth.

After Post 346 scored twice in the eighth to regain the lead at 10-9 Appleton plated a single run in the ninth to forge a 10-10 tie and set the stage for **Fisher's** ninth inning heroics.

Eventual regional champion Blissfield MI Post 325 scored a run in the top of the 13th to hang a bitter 5-4 loss on Terre Haute in the winner's bracket final. Post 346 had two runners aboard in the 12th and the tying run at second in the 13th but couldn't get them home. Wayne Newton made seven errors and stranded 11 runners in the game.

With its back to the wall Terre Haute beat Anoka MN Post 102, 11-6, to stay alive in national tournament play. Terre Haute used four pitchers with **Mike Hammelmann** picking up the win with 4 2/3 innings of relief.

Post 346 scored seven times in the bottom of the seventh to take an 8-3 lead. After Anoka closed to within 8-6 **Pickering's** two-run double in the eighth expanded the lead to 10-6.

Terre Haute downed Steubenville OH Post 33, 2-1, behind **Eric Tryon**. **Tryon** pitched out of a bases-loaded nobody-out mess in the first and went on to the complete game win. He allowed 10 hits and pitched around four Terre Haute errors in running his record to 4-1. **Tryon** picked runners off base in the seventh and eight innings to thwart Steubenville rallies.

Blissfield MI, a 5-3 loser to Steubenville and the recipient of the final day bye as a result of having been the last undefeated team in the tournament, took advantage of a mentally and physically exhausted Terre Haute to post a 12-3 win in the championship game.

Terre Haute finished the year with a final record of 46-13.

1995

EVANSVILLE-Playing in the state finals for the third time Evansville Pate Post 265 captured its first state championship. Pates also became the third host team to win its way into the finals and then add the state championship to its resume.

Pate Post won its opening round game 7-0 over Terre Haute Post 346, a team it had come out of the loser's bracket to beat twice for the Rockport regional championship. The win also marked Pate's fifth in six meetings with Terre Haute during the 1995 season.

Pate's **Ryan Miller** tossed a three-hitter and struck out 12 in running his season record to 8-0.

Madison Post 9 edged Hammond Post 168, 3-2, in the opening game of the tournament.

Matt Mosbacher allowed 11 hits in eight innings but limited Anderson Post 127 to a single run as Pate won its second round game, 4-2. **Mosbacher** also drove in two runs with a pair of doubles. **Mike McCutchan** allowed a run in the ninth but nailed down the win when he got the final out with the bases loaded. **Jarrod Craddock** collected three of Post 265's six hits.

Hammond eliminated Terre Haute 11-10 in the day's other game.

Andy Lampkins and **Chad Schauss** cracked two-run home runs as Pate ended Madison's 12-game winning streak, 13-2, in the winner's bracket final. **Lampkins** home run was his first of the season while **Schauss's** was his second.

Hammond eliminated Anderson 8-0 and Madison bounced back with an 11-1 win over Hammond to join Pate in the championship round.

Evansville got another quality pitching performance in the title game as **Derek Coe** scattered eight hits, struck out two and walked none, in beating Madison, 6-1. **Craddock's** bases clearing double in the top of the seventh broke open a game Pate led 2-1 at the time. **Lampkins** got his second home run of the season, and the tournament, when he cleared the fence in the second.

Evansville manager **Brian Kuester** became the second coach to win titles at two different Posts. **Kuester** won the 1989 state championship with Boonville Post 200. **John Baratto** won titles with Rockville Post 48 (1941) and East Chicago 266 (1946).

Playing in the national regional at Terre Haute, Pate dropped its first game by an 8-1 count to Steubenville OH Post 33. Post 265's familiar foe, Terre Haute, lost to eventual regional champion and third-place World Series finisher Osseo MN Post 72, 3-1.

Tournament History: 1990-1999

In second round play Pate fell to eventual regional runner-up Blue Springs MO Post 499, 8-5, while Terre Haute stayed alive with a 6-3 come-from-behind win over Wisconsin Rapids WI Post 9. Post 346 rallied from a 2-0 deficit and reliever **Ryan DeHart** made it stand up with 2 2/3 innings of scoreless work.

In third-round action Terre Haute got another come-from-behind win, and avenged Pate's opening round loss, with a 5-3 verdict over Steubenville. **Rick Robins** worked six innings for the win. **Scott Price** finished for the save.

With the regional down to four teams the Indiana American Legion season came to a close as Terre Haute fell to Midland MI Post 165, 6-1.

Evansville Pate closed its most successful season ever at 41-9 while Terre Haute concluded play with a 32-26 record.

1996

KOKOMO-South Bend Pulaski Post 357 won its first state championship since 1975. South Bend came out of the loser's bracket to beat Highland Post 180 in the South Bend Regional.

Post 357 opened tournament play with a 10-4 win over Madison Post 9, the state runner-up a year earlier. **Adam Reese** and **Nate Bogunia** had home runs for South Bend. **Marc Baker** allowed just four hits and one walk while striking out seven to pick up the win.

Madison had beaten Muncie Post 19, 15-8 for the Richmond Regional title a week earlier despite a 6-6 hitting day by Muncie's **Brian Benner**. The Muncie Burris product had gone 4-4 with two walks in Muncie's 10-9 win over St. Leon Post 464 that earned Post 19 the chance to play Madison in the championship game.

Defending state champion Evansville Pate Post 265 handed host Kokomo Post 6 a 12-2 shiner in the second game of opening day.

South Bend received a second-day bye as Anderson Post 127 shocked Evansville, 4-3. In the other game Kokomo scored in the bottom of the ninth to send Madison home early, 7-6.

In the Kokomo loss **Bryan Bullington** pitched six innings for Madison but did not figure in the decision. **Bullington**, the first pick of the 2002 major league draft, would pitch five seasons in the major leagues and had signed with the Hiroshima Toyo Carp of the Japanese Nippon Professional Baseball League for the 2011 season.

In the final winner's bracket game South Bend remained unbeaten with a 5-2 win over Anderson. **Reese** surrendered nine hits but allowed just the two runs in picking up the win.

Evansville kept its repeat hopes alive with an 8-2 win to eliminate host Kokomo before Anderson dashed those hopes with a 15-5 win that eliminated the defending champions.

In championship play Anderson made things interesting by handing Post 357 its first loss of the tournament, 10-2, but South Bend jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the final game and Clemson bound **Matt Wood's** three-run home run in the eighth sealed the win after Post 127 had cut the South Bend lead to 7-4. **Baker** picked up his second win of the tournament.

South Bend's **Adam Reese** became the second member of his family to own a state championship trophy. His father, **Dick Reese**, was the starting second baseman on South Bend Post 357's 1973 state championship team.

In national regional play at Midland MI South Bend edged Festus MO Post 253, 2-1, as second baseman **Cory Hundt** cut down the potential tying run at the plate for the final out of the game.

Festus had runners at first and second with two out when Wil Baker hit a shot up the middle that bounced off the pitching rubber and then ricocheted off the second base bag and into leftfield. **Hundt** never gave up on the play and after retrieving the ball fired a strike to catcher **Jim Stanley** for the final out.

Morton ILL Post 318 handed South Bend a 16-6 loss in round two and Harrison OH Post 199 rallied from a 4-0 deficit to send Post 357 home, 11-4.



Bryan Bullington

1997

NEWBURGH-Terre Haute Post 346 joined an extremely exclusive club when it won its second championship in four years. In fact the club is so exclusive that through the 2010 season Terre Haute is the only member.

Post 346 advanced to the state finals as a regional runner-up because Newburgh Post 44, the state finals host, won the Newburgh Regional. Although Newburgh beat Terre Haute twice in regional play the outcome was different in the finals.

In opening round play Terre Haute rallied from a 3-0 deficit to beat South Bend Post 50, 11-4. With one out in the top of the sixth Terre Haute put together five consecutive hits before **Luke Spetter** cleaned the bases with a double to the left-center field gap. Before the inning was over Post 346 had turned the three run deficit into a 7-3 lead. **Spetter** finished with a triple, a double, two singles and four runs batted in. After allowing South Bend three runs in the second, **Scott Lawson** settled down to finish with 10 strikeouts while allowing seven hits and no walks to pick up the win.

Madison Post 9 stunned Newburgh 4-3 in the night's other game. **Bryan Bullington's** (see 1996 capsule) single drove in the first Madison run. Newburgh, with a 36-2 record and the home field advantage, was a solid favorite to win the state title.

In second round play Lafayette Post 11 outlasted Madison, 13-11, and Newburgh bounced back from its first round loss to eliminate South Bend, 13-10.

In the winners bracket final Terre Haute again fell behind early, this time 4-0 to Lafayette, before **Roger Cox** launched a two-run home run in the top of the fourth to cut the lead in half.

Post 346 blew the game open with 11 runs in the fifth. **Cox** three-run blast was the big blow in the inning.

Newburgh got a bit of revenge by eliminating Madison, 6-5, and then advanced to the finals with a 5-3 win over old foe Lafayette.

Terre Haute scored in the first four innings, and in seven of nine in the game, to claim the state championship with a 12-8 win over host Newburgh.

Nick Surber had four hits and an RBI for Terre Haute. **Cox** and **Lawson** added home runs. **Lawson** pitched into the seventh to gain his second win of the tournament.

Playing in the national regional for the third time in four years Terre Haute opened with a 13-5 win over the host team, Republic MO Post 676. **T. K. Harden** picked up the win as **Cox** homered twice and singled. **Ryan McCoy** added a homer, double and a single.

Midland MI Post 165 expanded a 2-1 lead with eight runs in the seventh and went on to hand Terre Haute a 10-5 loss in winner's bracket play.

Trailing Lima OH Post 96, 7-4 and facing elimination Terre Haute got a three-run bomb from **Cox** to forge a 7-7 tie in the top of the seventh but Lima ended the Terre Haute season 8-7 with a run in the bottom of the ninth.

Terre Haute finished the season at 37-11.

Tournament History: 1990-1999

1998

ANDERSON-Anderson Hockett Post 127 became the fourth host team to win its way into the state finals and then capture the state title as well. Rockport Post 254 (1979 & 1983) and Evansville Pate Post 265 (1995) were the others.

The state title was Anderson's second. The other coming 62 years earlier in 1936.

Post 127, a prohibitive favorite going into the tournament, got an 11-1 win over South Bend Post 357 in the first round as **Jimmy Linder** limited the

Pulaski Post to just two hits in the seven-inning contest. **Linder** struck out 12 and walked three in a game that didn't start until after 11 p.m. due to rain delaying the first game of the day for more than three hours. **Dustin Musick** had three hits for Hockett.

Defending champion Terre Haute Post 346 beat Beech Grove Post 276, 8-1, in the first game of the tournament.

After the tournament took a day off due to rain Anderson unleashed a 15-hit attack to swamp Madison Post 9, 14-6. Madison was the runner-up to Anderson in the Seymour Regional and advanced to state since Anderson had an automatic bid as the host.

Trailing 4-3 Anderson scored seven runs in the top of the fourth and never looked back in posting the win. **Justin Bixler** and **Musick** hit back-to-back solo shots in the fourth inning uprising. **Virgil Leavell** had a solo homer in the sixth and **Tyson Jones** added a solo shot in a three-run seventh.

Beech Grove eliminated South Bend, 16-15 in 10 innings, in losers bracket play.

Anderson moved to within one win of the state championship by handing defending champion Terre Haute a 9-6 setback. **Greg Cauble** picked up the win for Post 127 with **Aaron Phillips** getting a save. **Cauble** helped his own cause by going 2-4 at the plate with two doubles.

Hockett scored three in the first and three in the second and never trailed. **Musick** closed the Post 127 scoring with a solo home run in the top of the sixth.

Madison beat Beech Grove and then eased past Terre Haute, 9-8, to set up a rematch of the previous week's Seymour Regional championship.

You would expect two teams playing for the fifth time in just over a week to know each other pretty well and Anderson and Madison obviously did. In a game that saw the lead change hands four times, and was tied at 7-7, Anderson got the upper hand with a single run in the top of the eighth to win the state championship, 8-7.

A leadoff walk in the eighth, two sacrifice bunts, one of which went for a hit, and **Musick's** groundout to first scored the winning run. In a reversal from the Terre Haute game, **Phillips** got the win and **Cauble** the save by retiring all six hitters that he faced.

Playing in a new pool play round-robin format in national regional action, Anderson squeezed by Edwardsville ILL Post 199, 7-6.

In the pool play format the winner and runner-up advanced to a single-elimination semifinal.

Trailing 6-2, Hockett scored five times in the bottom of the ninth to pull out the win over Edwardsville. **Justin Wechsler's** pinch-hit single scored two runs to tie the score and **Musick's** drive to the right-centerfield wall ended it.

Lancaster OH Post 11 got a grand slam home run in the fifth and added three more runs in the sixth to get by Anderson 10-8 in the second day of pool play.

Needing a win in its final game of pool play to advance to the semifinals, Anderson didn't take any prisoners in a 16-0 shellacking of South St. Paul MN Post 481. **Musick's** three hits and four RBIs paced a 19-hit attack. **Jason Paul's** 425-foot home run to left in the seventh closed the scoring as **Wechsler** tossed a four-hitter and struck out eight in a game shortened to seven innings by the ten-run rule.

Scott Hamer's walk-off RBI double in the bottom of the 10th sent Anderson to the championship game as Post 127 edged Steubenville OH Post 33, 8-7.

Hockett trailed 4-1 and 6-4 before **Jordan Czarniecki** and **Leavell** hit solo home runs in the seventh to tie it at 7-7. **Jason Paul** picked up the win for Anderson with three innings of scoreless relief.

In a rematch of the first game of pool play, Edwardsville ILL ended things before they really got started when it sent 18 men to the plate and 13 of them scored in the bottom of the first inning of the championship game. The final score was 15-2.

Edwardsville would go on to win the American Legion World Series at Las Vegas NV.

John Miles Anderson Hockett Post 127 club concluded the season with a sparkling 47-7-1 record.

1999

MADISON-With the state finals held in Madison for the first time, Terre Haute Wayne Newton Post 346 won its third state championship of the decade and its seventh title overall.

Terre Haute opened the tournament with a 16-5 win over South Bend Post 357. **Derek James** had three hits, including a grand slam home run, and seven RBIs to lead Terre Haute's 16-hit attack.

Madison Post 9 beat Batesville Post 271, 19-3, in the other opening round game. Post 9 had beaten Batesville twice in winning the Seymour Regional the previous week. Batesville advanced to the state finals as regional runner-up to Madison, which had an automatic berth in the finals as tournament host.

With Terre Haute having a second round bye Lafayette Post 11 beat Madison, 9-6, and South Bend dismissed Batesville, 9-1.

Already leading 3-0 Terre Haute scored five times in the top of the fourth and went on to a 13-4 win over Lafayette in the winner's bracket final. **Barry Warn** went 5-5, scored three times, hit a home run and drove in seven to pace the Post 346 offense. **Anthony Griswold** pitched eight innings to get the win. **Griswold** allowed two runs on eight hits and struck out 11.

South Bend beat Madison, 9-5, and Lafayette, 5-2, to gain a finals berth opposite Terre Haute.

Post 346 scored a run in the first, third and fourth innings and two in the fifth to take a 5-0 lead before South Bend answered with a single tally in the top of the sixth. Terre Haute added another single score in the seventh and then broke the game open with three in the eighth to take a 9-1 win for the championship. **Dusty Pruitt** had a solo homer in the fourth and **Kevin Egli** a two-run shot in the fifth for Terre Haute.

Chris Gresham didn't allow a hit through the first four innings in picking up the win. **Brandon Bland** picked up the save when he relieved **Gresham** in the sixth and pitched the rest of the way.

In national regional play at Midland MI, Wayne Newton got off to a good start with a 17-12 win over host Midland MI Post 165 in a game played at Northwood University.

Post 346 scored six times in the third, five times in the fifth and six times in the ninth in scoring its 17 runs on 17 hits. **Warn, Matt Samuels** and **R. J. Forbes** had three hits each for Terre Haute.

In the second round of pool play Terre Haute scored two first-inning runs to take the lead against eventual regional champion Bloomington MN Post 550, but the Post 346 bats were silent the rest of the way as Bloomington took a 14-2 verdict.

Terre Haute looked to be in good shape in pool play after a 13-2 seven-inning win over Hanover PA Post 14. But when Midland upended previously unbeaten Bloomington it left all three teams tied in pool play with records of 2-1. When tiebreakers were figured Terre Haute was the team left out in the cold as Midland and Bloomington represented the National Division in semifinal play.

Terre Haute concluded another outstanding season with a final record of 35-10.

Tournament Results: 1990-1999

1990

Regional 1 at East Chicago

Highland 180 beat East Chicago 369, 6-1
South Bend 357 beat Crown Point 20, 6-2
South Bend beat Highland, 12-9
Crown Point beat East Chicago, 12-6
Highland beat Crown Point, 10-9
Highland beat South Bend, 8-7
Highland beat South Bend, 8-5

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Carmel 155 beat Monticello 81, 5-2
Kokomo 6 beat Southport 355, 6-5
Carmel beat Kokomo, 14-13
Southport beat Monticello, 8-6
Southport beat Kokomo, 8-4
Southport beat Carmel, 14-3
Southport beat Carmel, 18-7

Regional 3 at Madison

Muncie 19 beat Madison 9, 9-7
Seymour 89 beat St. Leon 464, 7-6
Muncie beat Seymour, 20-5
St. Leon beat Madison, 10-0
St. Leon beat Seymour, NA
Muncie beat St. Leon, 12-11

Regional 4 at Tell City

Princeton 25 beat Evansville 265, 6-1
Terre Haute 346 beat Tell City 213, 12-4
Terre Haute beat Princeton, 9-6
Evansville beat Tell City, 3-2
Princeton beat Evansville, 2-1
Princeton beat Terre Haute, 5-3
Princeton beat Terre Haute, 9-5

State Finals at Anderson

Muncie beat Highland, 8-7
Anderson 127 beat Princeton, 7-5
Southport beat Anderson, 7-1
Princeton beat Highland, 6-4
Southport beat Muncie, 15-6
Princeton beat Anderson, 12-8
Muncie beat Princeton, 5-4
Muncie beat Southport, 3-0
Muncie beat Southport, 7-4

Great Lakes Regional 5 at St. Cloud MN

Midland MI 165 beat Muncie, 6-4
Duluth MN 71 beat Muncie, 5-3

1991

Regional 1 at Crown Point

South Bend 50 beat Whiting 80, 10-3
Highland 180 beat Crown Point 20, 12-10
South Bend beat Highland, 5-4
Crown Point beat Whiting, 6-2
Highland beat Crown Point, 8-2
Highland beat South Bend, 5-3
Highland beat South Bend, 17-7

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Carmel 155 beat Kokomo 6, 12-7
Monticello 81 beat Southport 355, 13-5
Carmel beat Monticello, 8-0
Kokomo beat Southport, 14-3
Monticello beat Kokomo, 12-6
Monticello beat Carmel, 9-4
Monticello beat Carmel, 8-0

Regional 3 at Muncie

Seymour 89 beat Aurora 231, 7-4
Muncie 19 beat Batesville 271, 6-4
Muncie beat Seymour, 11-1
Batesville beat Aurora, 9-6
Batesville beat Seymour, 12-5
Muncie beat Batesville, 16-1

Regional 4 at Boonville

Princeton 25 beat Dubois County 124, 4-3
Newburgh 44 beat Terre Haute 346, 10-0
Newburgh beat Princeton, 6-2
Terre Haute beat Dubois County, 5-4 (10)
Princeton beat Terre Haute, 4-1
Newburgh beat Princeton, 13-6

State Finals at Evansville

Highland beat Newburgh, 7-3 (10)
Evansville 8 beat Muncie, 13-10
Evansville beat Monticello, 4-3
Newburgh beat Muncie, 17-5
Highland beat Evansville, 5-4
Newburgh beat Monticello, 13-11
Evansville beat Newburgh, 8-1
Evansville beat Highland, 5-3
Highland beat Evansville, 10-2

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Excelsior MN

Highland beat Barrington IL 158, 8-5
Rochester MN 92 beat Highland, 8-2
Highland beat Appleton WI 38, 5-1
Newark OH 85 beat Highland, 13-2

1992

Regional 1 at South Bend

Crown Point 20 beat Bristol 143, 3-0
Highland 180 beat South Haven 502, 3-0
Highland beat Crown Point, 11-6
Bristol beat South Haven, 8-1
Bristol beat Crown Point, 8-4
Bristol beat Highland, 14-3
Highland beat Bristol, 8-2

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Carmel 155 beat Beech Grove 276, 13-3
Lafayette 11 beat Kokomo 6, 6-4
Lafayette beat Carmel, 5-4
Kokomo beat Beech Grove, 8-5
Kokomo beat Carmel, 11-1
Lafayette beat Kokomo, 15-5

Regional 3 at Madison

Muncie 19 beat Batesville 271, 4-1
Aurora 231 beat Columbus 24, 14-1
Muncie beat Aurora, 6-5
Batesville beat Columbus, 10-8
Batesville beat Aurora, 7-3
Muncie beat Batesville, 18-1

Regional 4 at Terre Haute

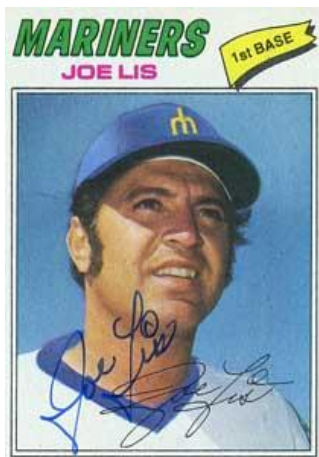
Newburgh 44 beat Rockport 254, 11-4
Terre Haute 346 beat Princeton 25, 10-8
Newburgh beat Terre Haute, 13-3
Rockport beat Princeton, 5-2
Rockport beat Terre Haute, 6-5
Newburgh beat Rockport, 15-4

State Finals at Kokomo

Muncie beat Highland, 5-2
Lafayette beat Kokomo, 3-0
Newburgh beat Lafayette, 3-2
Highland beat Kokomo, 5-2
Newburgh beat Muncie, 5-3
Lafayette beat Highland, 15-10
Lafayette beat Muncie, 10-7
Newburgh beat Lafayette, 14-11

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Steubenville OH

Newburgh beat Steubenville OH 33, 5-2
Arlington Heights IL 208 beat Newburgh, 6-3
Newburgh beat Stevens Point WI 6, 5-4 (12)
Newburgh beat Saginaw MI 22/439, 10-8
Newburgh beat Arlington Heights IL, 9-4
Arlington Heights IL beat Newburgh, 8-7 (2nd)



Joe Lis

Lis, who played eight seasons in the majors, managed Newburgh Post 44 to the 1992 state championship

Tournament Results: 1990-1999

1993

Regional 1 at East Chicago

South Bend 357 beat Gary 99, 7-1
Crown Point 20 beat Hammond 168, 13-2
South Bend beat Crown Point, 15-3
Hammond beat Gary, 8-5
Crown Point beat Hammond, 19-7
Crown Point beat South Bend, 8-5
Crown Point beat South Bend, 7-6 (13)

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Lafayette 11 beat Indianapolis 64, 5-3
Walton 418 beat Crawfordsville 72, 8-1
Lafayette beat Walton, 6-3
Crawfordsville beat Indianapolis, 9-3
Walton beat Crawfordsville, 8-1
Lafayette beat Walton, 8-7 (11)

Regional 3 at Richmond

Aurora 231 beat Muncie 19, 6-5 (10)
Milan 235 beat Madison 9, 12-8
Milan beat Aurora, 9-8
Madison beat Muncie, 6-5
Aurora beat Madison, 8-7
Aurora beat Milan, 16-8
Milan beat Aurora, 15-6

Regional 4 at Rockport

Princeton 25 beat Terre Haute 346, 3-2
Newburgh 44 beat Rockport 254, 12-5
Newburgh beat Princeton, 10-4
Rockport beat Terre Haute, 7-4
Rockport beat Princeton, 9-2
Newburgh beat Rockport, 10-4

State Finals at Terre Haute

Lafayette beat Newburgh, 8-7 (14)
Terre Haute beat Milan, 18-3
Terre Haute beat Crown Point, 3-2
Newburgh beat Milan, 16-5
Lafayette beat Terre Haute, 7-6 (10)
Newburgh beat Crown Point, 10-8
Newburgh beat Terre Haute, 15-5
Lafayette beat Newburgh, 4-3

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Stevens Point WI

Appleton WI 38 beat Lafayette, 11-7
Elgin IL 57 beat Lafayette, 5-4 (10)

1994

Regional 1 at South Bend

South Haven 502 beat Whiting 80, 9-5
South Bend 357 beat Highland 180, 6-5 (10)
South Haven beat South Bend, 9-8
Highland beat Whiting, 11-5
South Bend beat Highland, 11-1
South Bend beat South Haven, 5-3
South Bend beat South Haven, 3-2

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Wabash 15 beat Anderson 127, 7-1
Remington 280 beat Indianapolis 64, NA
Wabash beat Remington, 13-2
Anderson beat Indianapolis, 10-0
Anderson beat Remington, 13-8
Wabash beat Anderson, 6-4

Regional 3 at Muncie

Madison 9 beat Rushville 150, 13-3
Batesville 271 beat Aurora 231, 8-2
Batesville beat Madison, 9-7
Aurora beat Rushville, 4-2
Madison beat Aurora, 12-7
Madison beat Batesville, 8-6
Batesville beat Madison, 12-2

Regional 4 at Princeton

Rockport 254 beat Linton 22, 20-0
Boonville 200 beat Terre Haute 346, 10-1
Rockport beat Boonville, 13-5
Terre Haute beat Linton, 7-5
Terre Haute beat Boonville, 6-4
Terre Haute beat Rockport, 14-0
Terre Haute beat Rockport, 6-3 (11)

State Finals at Anderson

Wabash beat South Bend, 6-5
Terre Haute beat Anderson, 8-4
Batesville beat Terre Haute, 10-3
Anderson beat South Bend, 3-0
Batesville beat Wabash, 13-7
Terre Haute beat Anderson, 7-6
Terre Haute beat Wabash, 11-7
Terre Haute beat Batesville, 9-2
Terre Haute beat Batesville, 13-0

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Peoria IL

Terre Haute beat Arlington Heights IL 208, 10-6
Terre Haute beat Appleton WI 38, 11-10
Blissfield MI 325 beat Terre Haute, 5-4 (13)
Terre Haute beat Anoka MN 102, 11-6
Terre Haute beat Steubenville OH 33, 2-1
Blissfield MI beat Terre Haute, 12-3 (2nd)

1995

Regional 1 at Crown Point

South Bend 357 beat South Haven 502, 6-4
Hammond 126 beat Whiting 80, 3-2
South Bend beat Hammond, 6-1
South Haven beat Whiting, 4-2
Hammond beat South Haven, 15-13
Hammond beat South Bend, 6-5 (16)
Hammond beat South Bend, 15-3

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Remington 280 beat Kokomo 6, 10-4
Anderson 127 beat Beech Grove 276, 3-1
Anderson beat Remington, 11-6
Kokomo beat Beech Grove, 10-3
Remington beat Kokomo, 11-10 (10)
Anderson beat Remington, 13-5

Regional 3 at Madison

Muncie 19 beat Aurora 231, 9-2
Madison 9 beat Batesville 271, 13-3
Madison beat Muncie, 7-1
Aurora beat Batesville, 6-5 (13)
Aurora beat Muncie, 5-1
Madison beat Aurora, 13-0

Regional 4 at Rockport

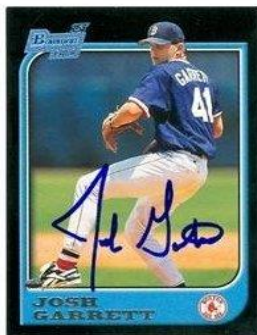
Terre Haute 346 beat Princeton 25, 2-0
Evansville 265 beat Rockport 254, 3-2
Terre Haute beat Evansville, 9-7
Princeton beat Rockport, 6-5
Evansville beat Princeton, 16-0
Evansville beat Terre Haute, 12-3
Evansville beat Terre Haute, 6-3

State Finals at Evansville

Madison beat Hammond, 3-2
Evansville 265 beat Terre Haute, 7-0
Evansville beat Anderson, 4-2
Hammond beat Terre Haute, 11-10
Evansville beat Madison, 13-2
Hammond beat Anderson, 8-0
Madison beat Hammond, 11-1
Evansville beat Madison, 6-1

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Terre Haute IN

Steubenville OH 33 beat Evansville, 8-1
Osseo MN 72 beat Terre Haute, 3-1
Blue Springs MO 499 beat Evansville, 8-5
Terre Haute beat Wisconsin Rapids WI 9, 6-3
Terre Haute beat Steubenville OH, 5-3
Midland MI 165 beat Terre Haute, 6-1



Josh Garrett

Evansville Pate Post 265 beat Rockport's Josh Garrett, 3-2, in the opening round of the 1995 Rockport regional.
Garrett was a first-round pick of the Boston Red Sox in 1996.

Tournament Results: 1990-1999

1996

Regional 1 at South Bend

Highland 180 beat Merrillville 430, 14-4
South Bend 357 beat Whiting 80, 11-1
Highland beat South Bend, 13-9
Merrillville beat Whiting, 17-7
South Bend beat Merrillville, 6-3
South Bend beat Highland, 12-1
South Bend beat Highland, 7-2

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Anderson 127 beat Beech Grove 276, 15-5
Remington 280 beat Walton 418, 8-0
Anderson beat Remington, 8-3
Walton beat Beech Grove, 10-3
Remington beat Walton, 7-5
Anderson beat Remington, 13-1

Regional 3 at Richmond

Madison 9 beat St. Leon 464, 12-7
Muncie 19 beat Bedford 33, 9-3
Madison beat Muncie, 11-6
St. Leon beat Bedford, NA
Muncie beat St. Leon, 10-9
Madison beat Muncie, 15-8

Regional 4 at Terre Haute

Evansville 265 beat Rockport 254, 7-3
Terre Haute 346 beat Princeton 25, 3-2
Evansville beat Terre Haute, 7-5 (12)
Rockport beat Princeton, 14-1
Rockport beat Terre Haute, 4-3 (10)
Evansville beat Rockport, 15-5

State Finals at Kokomo

South Bend beat Madison, 8-2
Evansville beat Kokomo 6, 12-2
Anderson beat Evansville, 4-3
Kokomo beat Madison, 7-6
South Bend beat Anderson, 5-2
Evansville beat Kokomo, 8-2
Anderson beat Evansville, 15-5
Anderson beat South Bend, 10-2
South Bend beat Anderson, 10-4

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Midland MI

South Bend beat Festus MO 253, 2-1
Morton IL 318 beat South Bend, 16-6
Harrison OH 199 beat South Bend, 11-4

1997

Regional 1 at South Bend

New Chicago 454 beat Whiting 80, 6-5
South Bend 50 beat Schererville 485, 5-0
South Bend beat New Chicago, 19-15 (10)
Schererville beat Whiting, 4-3
New Chicago beat Schererville, 21-20
South Bend beat New Chicago, 13-5

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Lafayette 11 beat Remington 280, 9-4
Beech Grove 276 beat Kokomo 6, 14-13
Lafayette beat Beech Grove, 14-3
Kokomo beat Remington, 6-5
Kokomo beat Beech Grove, 10-3
Lafayette beat Kokomo, 6-2

Regional 3 at Madison

Richmond 65 beat Batesville 271, 13-4
Aurora 231 beat Madison 9, 10-3
Richmond beat Aurora, 7-6
Madison beat Batesville, 7-6 (10)
Madison beat Aurora, 20-2
Madison beat Richmond, 17-8
Madison beat Richmond, 15-11

Regional 4 at Terre Haute

Boonville 200 beat Washington 121, 7-6
Newburgh 44 beat Terre Haute 346, 7-1
Newburgh beat Boonville, 10-6
Terre Haute beat Washington, 11-9
Terre Haute beat Boonville, 12-8 (11)
Newburgh beat Terre Haute, 10-8

State Finals at Newburgh

Terre Haute beat South Bend, 11-4
Madison beat Newburgh, 4-3
Lafayette beat Madison, 13-11
Newburgh beat South Bend, 13-10
Terre Haute beat Lafayette, 14-4
Newburgh beat Madison, 6-5
Newburgh beat Lafayette, 5-3
Terre Haute beat Newburgh, 12-8

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Republic MO

Terre Haute beat Republic MO 676, 13-5
Midland MI 165 beat Terre Haute, 10-5
Lima OH 96 beat Terre Haute, 8-7

1998

Regional 1 at Schererville

Whiting 80 beat Crown Point 20, 9-4
South Bend 357 beat Schererville 485, 4-1
South Bend beat Whiting, 15-2
Schererville beat Crown Point, 8-4
Schererville beat Whiting, 14-4
South Bend beat Schererville, 9-0

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Remington 280 beat Kokomo 6, 6-0
Beech Grove 276 beat Lafayette 11, 3-2
Beech Grove beat Remington, 7-6
Lafayette beat Kokomo, 7-3
Lafayette beat Remington, 12-4
Beech Grove beat Lafayette, 13-6

Regional 3 at Seymour

Anderson 127 beat Rushville 150, 10-0
Madison 9 beat Aurora 231, 9-2
Anderson beat Madison, 2-0
Rushville beat Aurora, 8-2
Madison beat Rushville, 3-1
Madison beat Anderson, 7-3
Anderson beat Madison, 9-0

Regional 4 at Princeton

Terre Haute 346 beat Boonville 200, 9-6
Evansville 8 beat Western Greene 22, 12-2
Terre Haute beat Evansville, 11-6
Western Greene beat Boonville, 20-9
Evansville beat Western Greene, 16-1
Terre Haute beat Evansville, 9-0

State Finals at Anderson

Terre Haute beat Beech Grove, 8-1
Anderson beat South Bend, 11-1
Anderson beat Madison, 14-6
Beech Grove beat South Bend, 16-15 (10)
Anderson beat Terre Haute, 9-6
Madison beat Beech Grove, 15-12
Madison beat Terre Haute, 9-8
Anderson beat Madison, 8-7

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Lancaster OH

Anderson beat Edwardsville IL 199, 7-6
Lancaster OH 11 beat Anderson, 10-8
Anderson beat South St. Paul MN 481, 16-0
Anderson beat Steubenville OH 33, 8-7 (10)
Edwardsville IL beat Anderson, 15-2 (2nd)



Greg Cauble

Cauble, who played for Anderson Post 127 in 1998, was the MVP of the 2003 NCAA Division III Mideast Regional. Cauble's Anderson University team finished fourth in the 2003 Division III national tournament.

Tournament Results: 1990-1999

1999

Regional 1 at Crown Point

South Bend 357 beat Whiting 80, 12-6
 Crown Point 20 beat Schererville 485, 19-6
 South Bend beat Crown Point, 10-8
 Whiting beat Schererville, 13-7
 Whiting beat Crown Point, 11-10
 South Bend beat Whiting, 12-2

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Lafayette 11 beat Kokomo 6, 14-4
 Anderson 127 beat Muncie 19, 16-0
 Anderson beat Lafayette, 5-1
 Kokomo beat Muncie, 6-5
 Lafayette beat Kokomo, 20-0
 Lafayette beat Anderson, 28-19
 Lafayette beat Anderson, 15-11

Regional 3 at Seymour

Vevay 185 beat Lawrenceburg 239, 10-6
 Madison 9 beat Batesville 271, 15-0
 Madison beat Vevay, 19-6
 Batesville beat Lawrenceburg, 6-5 (10)
 Batesville beat Vevay, 13-6
 Madison beat Batesville, 12-3

Regional 4 at Rockport

Terre Haute 346 beat Evansville 265, 13-5
 Rockport 254 beat Washington 121, 11-1
 Terre Haute beat Rockport, 13-0
 Evansville beat Washington, 9-4
 Evansville beat Rockport, 6-5 (11)
 Terre Haute beat Evansville, 12-0

State Finals at Madison

Terre Haute beat South Bend, 16-5
 Madison beat Batesville, 19-3
 Lafayette beat Madison, 9-6
 South Bend beat Batesville, 9-1
 Terre Haute beat Lafayette, 13-4
 South Bend beat Madison, 9-5
 South Bend beat Lafayette, 5-2
 Terre Haute beat South Bend, 9-1

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Midland MI

Terre Haute beat Dearborn MI 173, 17-12
 Bloomington MN 550 beat Terre Haute, 14-2
 Terre Haute beat Hanover PA 14, 13-2

Arlie Skelton Award Winners

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- 1979-George Huish, East Chicago
- 1980-Bill Evans, Rockport
- 1981-Lou Gross, Richmond
- 1982-Joe Rivich, East Chicago
- 1983-Jack Colvin, Evansville
- 1984-Frank Rusk, Madison
- 1985-Herman Sollman, Boonville
- 1986-Joseph Bumbleburg, Lafayette
- 1987-Richard Quattrin, Whiting
- 1988-Charlie Roberts, Rockport
- 1989-Mal Kubiak, Highland
- 1990-Bob Kouts, South Bend
- 1991-Robert Ronk, Kokomo
- 1992-David Thompson, Boonville
- 1993-Jim Haaff, Rockport
- 1994-Joseph Derda, South Bend
- 1995-Thomas Somerville, Hammond
- 1996-Ralph Wright, Richmond
- 1997-Richard Stevens, Boonville
- 1998-Jerome Stenger, St. Leon
- 1999-John Miles, Anderson
- 2000-Ron McWilliams, Newburgh
- 2001-Robert Snyder, Rockport
- 2002-John Hayes, Terre Haute
- 2003-Robert Ewing, Lafayette
- 2004-Bob Graves, Muncie
- 2005-Owen Wells, Rockport
- 2006-John Hurlock, Kokomo
- 2007-Tony Samano, Crown Point
- 2008-Larry Snyder, Rockport
- 2009-Delbert Liter, Madison
- 2010-George Bizoukas, Highland
- 2011-Craig LeBeau, Remington
- 2012-Jerry Hargis, Rockport
- 2013-Randy Dooley, Boonville
- 2014-Dan Yeoman, Lafayette

Individuals That played in Four consecutive State Finals

<u>Player</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Years</u>
Kirk Hudson	Rockport 254	1971-74
Todd Martin	Rockport 254	2004-07
Jacob McGrew	Rockport 254	2004-07
Matt Boyd	Rockport 254	2004-07
Keith Haaff	Rockport 254	2005-08

Tournament History: 2000-2009

2000

CROWN POINT-Madison Post 9, an annual contender for the state championship, broke through to its first title in 2000. Post 9 was making its sixth consecutive trip to the finals and its thirteenth finals appearance overall.

Manager **Delbert Liter's** club opened state finals play with an 8-1 win over host Crown Point Post 20 in the second game of the first day of play. Marion College signee **Erik Morrison** twirled a complete game three-hitter while striking out nine to pick up the win for Post 9. **Keith Black's** two-run home run gave Madison a 2-0 lead in the first inning.

Anderson Post 127 won the opening game of the tournament, 6-4 in ten innings, over Mishawaka Post 161. Mishawaka was making its first appearance in the state finals.

In second round play the lefthanded **Black** struck out 16 in six innings of work while allowing only three hits as Madison beat Rockport Post 254, 13-0, in a game shortened to seven innings by the mercy rule. **Black** struck out three hitters in five of the six innings he worked. A strikeout on a wild pitch allowed one Rockport victim to reach in the sixth. **Matt Gibson** hit a grand slam in the third inning and finished with three hits, two walks and six RBI's to pace Madison at the plate.

Host Crown Point eliminated Mishawaka, 6-5, in the loser's bracket game.

In the winner's bracket final reliever **Dustin Getz** shut down the Anderson offense as Madison beat Post 127, 7-3.

Rockport beat Crown Point, 7-6 in ten innings, in a loser's bracket game.

Post 254 scored in the bottom of the tenth when **Drew Driskell** led off with a double, **Matt Hagedorn** singled and **Cole Seifrig** was walked intentionally to load the bases. After Crown Point registered two outs with strikeouts, **Jay Cutler** was hit by a pitch to score Driskell with the winning run.

Seifrig, Rockport's centerfielder, was drafted in the 2003 MLB draft by the Florida Marlins.

Cutler, after an outstanding football career at Vanderbilt, was chosen with the 11th overall pick of the 2006 NFL draft by the Denver Broncos. He is currently the starting quarterback for the Chicago Bears.

Anderson's **Adam Lind** went 2-2 with a double, a sacrifice fly, an intentional walk and two RBI as Post 127 beat Rockport, 5-1, in a game that decided Madison's finals opponent.

Lind made his major-league debut with the Toronto Blue Jays in 2006. He won the 2009 **Edgar Martinez Award** as the American League's top DH when he hit 35 home runs and drove in 114 with a .305 batting average.

In a rematch of the 1998 championship game Post 9 reversed roles with Anderson by taking the title 7-5. **Morrison** pitched the final 5 2/3 innings to pick up the win. **Morrison**, picking up his second win of the tournament, allowed just one hit and an unearned run.

Post 9's **Thom Conover** provided the winning run with an RBI double in the sixth. **Getz** had a three-run home run in the fourth. **Gibson** and **Black** also homered for Madison.

The win was especially sweet for Madison, as Anderson had beaten the Niners four times in six tries on its way to the 1998 state championship.

Playing in the American Division of the Great Lakes Regional at Fairview Heights ILL, Madison lost a 1-0 decision to Waite Park MN Post 428 when Josh Krogman hit a solo home run in the sixth. **Black** scattered eight hits and struck out 10 in suffering the loss as Madison could manage just four hits and stranded nine.

Post 9 returned to the winner's column with a 6-3, 11-inning conquest of tournament host Fairview Heights ILL Post 978 in the second day of pool play.

Morrison's RBI single in the 11th scored pinch runner **Eric Brewer** to put Madison ahead 4-3. **Black** followed with a two-run single for the final margin. **Morrison** pitched the first nine innings for Post nine but exited with the score tied at 3-all. **Getz** picked up the win with two innings of scoreless relief.

Madison earned a berth in semifinal play with a second place finish in the American Division following an 8-6 win over Blackhawk PA. Waite Park MN took the American Division championship with a 3-0 record in pool play.

Post 9 scored three times in the bottom of the seventh to take an 8-4 lead and withstood a ninth inning Blackhawk rally in posting the win. Lefthander **Sohil Lad** went eight innings to pick up the win. **Getz** finished up to earn the save. The Niners had just seven hits and survived six errors in the victory.

National Division champion Libertyville ILL Post 329 ended the Madison season with a 6-5 semifinal win.

Trailing 3-2, but threatening to score, Madison base runner **Gabe Martin** was cut down at the plate in the sixth by Fairview Heights right fielder Clay Booth. In the ninth, with the winning run on second base, Booth came in to strike out **Martin** and **Brewer** for the final two outs.

Madison had scored twice in the eighth and added another tally in the ninth to cut Fairview Heights 6-2 lead to 6-5 before Booth took over mound duties. **Black** had three hits, including a home run, and scored three times to lead the Madison offense.



Jay Cutler

2001

EVANSVILLE-Evansville Pate Post 265 captured its second state championship while serving as the tournament host. Post 265 won its way into the finals by defeating Princeton Post 25 in the regional final at Rockport.

Princeton also advanced to the finals as the regional runner-up to the host team.

In its first game Pate snapped a 2-2 tie with a single run in the seventh and then, with two out and nobody on, broke things open with a five run rally in the eighth to dispose of Kokomo Post 6, 8-2. **Kenny Smith** was the winning pitcher for Pate.

In the opening day's first game defending champion Madison Post 9 disposed of Princeton, 8-1.

In second round play Evansville beat Crown Point Post 20, 10-2. **Ryan Byrley** worked seven innings to get the win. **Kyle Smith** had two hits and two runs batted in to lead the Pate offense.

Rain caused the Friday's loser's bracket game between Kokomo and Princeton to be suspended until Saturday morning. When play resumed the following day Kokomo came away with a 6-5 win to eliminate Post 25.

In the winner's bracket final Pate's **Alex Stewart** allowed only five hits and struck out eight as Post 265 sent defending state champion Madison into the loser's bracket, 4-0. Pate scored three times in the first to give **Stewart** all the runs he would need. **Eric Henderson's** two-run single was the big blow in the inning.

In loser's bracket play Kokomo beat Crown Point, 5-4 in ten innings and then lost to Madison, 10-0, to set up an Evansville-Madison final.

Pate Post 265 beat Madison for the second time in the tournament, 14-4, to dethrone the 2000 champion and claim the Evansville Post's second state championship.

Adam Swain threw six scoreless innings of relief and added a perfect 4-4 day at the plate to lead Evansville to the win. **Swain**, who didn't pitch in high school, had two bunt singles, a double and a triple at the plate.

In national tournament play at Lancaster OH, Pate trailed Bowling Green KY Post 23 by one run with two outs in the ninth but managed to pull out the win, 11-8, on **Ross Bond's** bases-loaded triple. **Bond** had two hits and four RBIs in the game. **Bryan Eberhard** added three hits and two RBIs for Pate.

Evansville dropped its next two pool games, 6-2, to Napoleon OH Post 300 and Deerfield IL Post 738, 11-1, to finish the year with a record of 40-7.

Napoleon went on to win the regional and advance to the American Legion World Series.

2002

MADISON-Evansville Pate Post 265 became only the fifth team to repeat as state champion.

Terre Haute Wayne Newton Post 346 was the last team to accomplish the feat, winning back-to-back titles in 1969 and 1970.

For the first time since 1978 only four teams participated in the state finals as the normal four regional format was altered to three. The host team completed the field for the state finals.

In first-round play Pate opened the tournament with a 15-5 win over Crown Point Post 20. Post 265 broke open a game it led 6-3 with a nine run ninth. **Taylor Mattingly** led off the Pate ninth with a single and eight hitters later added a grand slam home run. Four Crown Point errors contributed to the Pate uprisings.

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Mattingly's father, **Don**, played in the American Legion state finals with Evansville Funkhouser Post 8 in 1976.

All nine Pate starters had hits as Post 265 collected 14 for the game. **Justin Horstman** went the distance on the mound to gain the win.

Host team Madison Post 9 beat Anderson, 10-0, in the other opening round game. Anderson was in the finals as the regional runner-up to Madison in the Muncie regional.

In winners bracket play Pate pounded 17 hits and beat Madison, 13-4, to advance to the championship game. **Jeff Stinson** had three hits, including his first home run of the season in the fourth.

In other action Anderson eliminated Crown Point, 6-2, and then fell victim to Madison for the fourth time in a week, 5-1. Anderson had lost to Madison twice in the Muncie regional.

In the championship game **Cory Edwards** pinch-hit home run to centerfield broke a 3-3 tie in the fifth and sent Pate on its way to a 9-3 win over Madison. It was the second year in a row that Pate had beaten Madison in the title game.

Kyle Smith went 4-4 for Post 265. **Smith** finished the tournament 10-15 at the plate.

In the national regional at Paducah KY, Pate Post opened pool play with a 4-0 win over Libertyville IL Post 329. Post 265 managed only six hits in the game but three of them were solo home runs. **Ryan Barrett**, **Edwards** and **Adam Swain** connected in the third, fourth and fifth innings. **Horstman** allowed seven hits, struck out three and walked two in a complete-game effort.

Pate followed its opening round win with an 8-5 decision over Campbellsville KY Post 82. **Swain** had two singles, a triple and two RBIs for Pate. **Matt Brinkman** and **Jamie Leidolf** combined for 13 strikeouts on the mound.

Evansville captured its pool championship, and a spot in the semifinals, with a 12-4 takedown of Findlay OH Post 3. **Edwards** blasted two home runs, a triple and a single and drove in five to lead Pate. **Mattingly** added a two run home run and a single to Pate's 17-hit attack. **Mark Murray** walked two, struck out seven and allowed four runs in eight innings to gain the win.

In the semifinals **Barrett** and **Mattingly** had two hits and two RBIs each as Pate advanced to the championship game with a 7-3 win over State College PA Post 245. **Jeff Stinson** worked six innings for the win. **Horstman** worked three innings and earned a save.

Despite out hitting Excelsior MN Post 259, 9-7, Pate fell, 4-2, in the regional championship game.

With the score tied, 2-2 in the sixth Pate had runners at second and third with one out and couldn't score. An inning later Excelsior did, scoring twice in the bottom of the seventh for the win.

Pate finished the year 42-9 while Excelsior advanced to the American Legion World Series where it finished as the national runner-up, losing to West Point MS Post 212, 4-0.

2003

MADISON-Terre Haute Wayne Newton Post 346 captured its ninth state title.

Post 346 downed host Madison Post 9, 9-4, in opening round play. **John Phegley** went 4-5 with two doubles, four runs scored and two RBI. **Kenny Wilson** worked eight innings, pitching around four Wayne Newton errors, to earn the win.

Madison was making its ninth consecutive appearance in the state finals.

Anderson Post 127 beat Plymouth Post 27, 7-2, in the tournament's opening game. Anderson advanced to the finals as the regional runner-up to Madison in the Anderson regional. Plymouth was making its first-ever state finals appearance after winning the Lafayette regional.

In the winner's bracket game Wayne Newton Post beat Anderson, 6-2, behind **Blake Holler**, who struck out ten while allowing only five Anderson hits.

Holler would pitch at Stanford University and was selected in the 13th round of the 2006 MLB first-year player draft.

Plymouth eliminated Madison, 10-7, and Anderson, 8-4, to advance to its first championship game.

Matthew Pepelea hit two-run home runs in his first two at-bats to stake Terre Haute to an early lead on the way to a 12-6 win over Plymouth. **Phegley** also homered for Post 346.

Fred Moore worked six plus innings to gain the win. **Chris Lindley** pitched the final three innings to earn a save.

Playing in the National Division of the Great Lakes Regional at Midland MI, Terre Haute dropped a 10-inning, 4-3 decision to Mattoon IL Post 88. **Holler** retired 21 of the first 22 he faced but left after 8 1/3 innings with the score knotted at 3-all.

Terre Haute bounced back with a 6-3 win over Blissfield MI Post 325. **Moore's** two-run double in the top of the eighth snapped a 2-2 tie for Wayne Newton. **David Hassler** pitched 7 1/3 innings for the win. **Phegley** was 3-5

with a run scored and an RBI for Post 346. **Pepelea** added a two-run triple and scored twice.

Facing a must-win situation in the final game of pool play, Terre Haute clinched a spot in the semifinals with a 3-1 win over Somerset KY Post 38.

Moore surrendered 10 hits but kept the Kentuckians from crossing the plate except for the lone tally.

Wayne Newton, trailing 1-0, got all the runs it would need in the bottom of the sixth when **Pepelea** led off with a triple and scored on a wild pitch to tie the score. **Moore** got the game-winner three batters later with a solo home run to left. An RBI single from **Chris Macke** provided an insurance run in the seventh.

In the semifinals eventual regional champion Whitehouse OH Post 384 took a 5-0 lead after three innings and finished with a 10-0 win to end the Post 346 season at 39-4.



Blake Holler

2004

PLYMOUTH-A first-time participant in the state finals in 2003, Plymouth Post 27 became a first-time state champion in 2004.

With a fourth regional back on the slate in 2004 the state finals returned to a five-team field. Hammond Post 168 advanced to the finals as regional runner-up as Plymouth's regional champions already had a berth in the finals as the host team.

In opening round play Lafayette Post 11 beat Terre Haute's defending state champions, 5-4 in 10 innings, and Plymouth beat Rockport Post 254, 8-5.

With Post 27 clinging to a 6-5 lead in the eighth, Purdue-bound **Brandon LaFollette** came on in relief to strike out Rockport's **Matt Boyd** with two runners on to end Post 254's four-run inning.

Plymouth gained some breathing room in the top of the ninth by adding two runs. **LaFollette** responded by striking out the side in the bottom of the ninth to earn the save. **Bill Miller** got the win after working 7 1/3 innings and retiring sixteen straight between the second and seventh innings.

Josh Dietz's home run over the left field light tower in the second gave Plymouth an early lead that was expanded to 6-1 before Rockport's four-run rally in the eighth.

In second round play Plymouth trailed Hammond, 5-2, in the top of the ninth but rallied to tie the game on **LaFollette's** two-run double. **Dietz's** double provided the game-winner in a 6-5 win.

Hammond, a two-time loser to Plymouth a week earlier in the Crown Point regional, had taken an early 4-0 lead as **Russ Peterson** hit a solo homer in the first and a three-run shot in the second.

Dietz got Plymouth on the scoreboard in the fourth with a homer to right-center.

In the loser's bracket Terre Haute, playing its second extra-inning game in two days, eliminated Rockport, 5-3 in 10 innings.

The winner's bracket final saw Plymouth receive a dose of the medicine it had given Hammond the night before as Lafayette scored four times in the bottom of the ninth to shock Post 27, 7-6.

Plymouth took a 6-0 lead into the bottom of the seventh before Lafayette scored once in that inning and twice in the eighth as a prelude to the four-run ninth.

Lafayette's **Cory Stetler** tied the game with a three-run homer to right-center. **Sam Shahine's** walk-off blast to left-center was the game-winner.

Tournament History: 2000-2009

Dietz had two hits, including his third home run of the tournament, and three RBI for Plymouth.

Terre Haute eliminated Hammond, 12-2, in the loser's bracket game.

Plymouth started its comeback to the championship by eliminating defending champion Terre Haute, 20-8.

Miller cracked two doubles and a single and accounted for five runs batted in to pace Post 27 to the win. His bases-clearing double highlighted an eight run first for Plymouth. **Dietz** hit his fourth home run of the tournament for Post 27.

Plymouth drew nine walks and scored 14 unearned runs as Terre Haute committed five errors.

Plymouth exploded for 39 hits, 25 of those in the final game, and seven home runs in beating Lafayette, 10-9 and 18-8, for the state championship.

Post 27 took an 8-3 lead after 3 1/2 innings of the first game and held on for the 10-9 win. Lafayette cut the Plymouth lead to one on three different occasions but could not get over the hump.

Matty Miller was the winner with 2 1/3 innings of relief. **Eric Reese** had three hits and four RBI for Post 27. **LaFollette**, **Bill Miller** and **Matt Haug** homered for the winners.

In the second game Lafayette led 8-5 after four innings but Plymouth's four-run fifth shot Post 27 into a lead it wouldn't relinquish. A four-run sixth and a five-run seventh ended the game on the mercy rule.

LaFollette, **Bill Miller** and **Matty Miller** homered back-to-back-to-back to fuel the big fifth inning. **Haug** also homered for Plymouth.

Bill Miller, **Haug** and **Dietz** had four hits each and **Reese** added three hits and three RBI to Post 27's 25-hit attack.

Matty Miller notched his second win of the day, allowing two hits over the final three innings.

Reese became the third member of his family to play on an American Legion state champion. His father **Dick** won with South Bend Post 357 in 1973. Brother **Adam**, who also played for Post 357, won in 1996.

In the first round of the national regional at Harrison OH, Plymouth trailed Wilmette IL Post 46, 7-3, before scoring nine unanswered runs to finish with a 16-9 win. **Korey Pulluam** was 5-7 with three doubles and a home run for Post 27. **Sean Alderfer** had three doubles and drove in six runs for Plymouth. Plymouth had nine doubles in the game.

Bill Miller got the win with six innings of work. **Matty Miller** pitched the final three to earn the save.

After having used a pool-play format since 1998 the national tournament returned to a traditional double-elimination format in 2004.

Bill Miller stroked a two-run home run and Plymouth scored five times in the fifth inning to take a 5-4 win over Paducah KY Post 31. **LaFollette** scattered six hits and struck out five in nine innings to get the win.

In the winner's bracket final, Plymouth trailed host Harrison OH Post 199, 7-2, heading to the bottom of the ninth. Post 27 scored four times after two outs and had the tying run at second but couldn't get it home in dropping a 7-6 decision.

Haug had three hits and **Dietz** two, including a home run, for Plymouth.

With only four teams left in the tournament Plymouth was paired once again with Paducah KY. This match up was all Paducah as Post 31 won easily, 12-1.

Paducah would go on to claim the regional title with a pair of wins the next day.



Brandon LaFollette

2005

EVANSVILLE-Rockport Jenkins Post 254 entered the state finals with a chance to do something no team had done since the tournament went to a double-elimination format in 1957.

Rockport carried a perfect 29-0 record into opening round play against the host team, Evansville Pate Post 265. The last team to claim a state title with an unblemished record was Michigan City Post 37 in 1955. In fact, Michigan City was the last team to even enter the finals with an undefeated record.

In opening round play Rockport's **Kerrik Cron** twirled a six-hit shutout as Post 254 beat Pate, 4-0. **Cron**, who beat Post 265 for the third time of the season, struck out eleven in the win.

Rockport scored the only run it would need in the home half of the first when leadoff hitter **Jesse Howell** tripled and crossed the plate on **Shawn Kuester's** ground-out to second. Post 254 added another run in the fifth when **Jeremy Kuester's** sacrifice fly to right scored **Todd Martin**, who had singled to leadoff the inning. A pair of runs in the eighth finished the scoring.

Terre Haute Post 346 beat Bristol Post 143, 10-7, in the opening game of the tournament.

In the winner's bracket final Rockport beat Terre Haute, 1-0, as **Jeremy Kuester** worked 8 2/3 innings, allowing seven hits and striking out five. **Shawn Larsen** struck out the only man he faced to post the save and send Rockport into the championship game.

Post 254 scored the only run of the game in the second when **Kyle Wahl**, (whose dad, **Keith**, was the starting centerfielder on Rockport's 1979 state champion), and **Ian Reinhart** singled, **Will Pappano** sacrificed, and **Martin's** sacrifice fly to right scored **Wahl**.

The closest Terre Haute came to scoring was in the fourth when Rockport leftfielder **Bryce Pund** cut down **Josh Phegley** at the plate. **Phegley** had doubled with two outs and was attempting to score on **Skyler Pearson's** single.

Bristol eliminated Pate, 5-4, and Terre Haute beat Bristol, 10-7, to set up a Rockport-Terre Haute final.

In the first game on Sunday, Terre Haute held a 3-2 lead before scoring three times in the eighth to hand Rockport its first loss of the season, 6-2.

Pearson worked six innings with **Aaron Waggoner** pitching the last three. Five Wayne Newton players had two hits as Post 346 totaled 12 in the game.

Rockport's **Shawn Kuester** went 4-4 in the loss.

In the "if necessary game" Rockport's **Reinhart** pitched a four-hit shutout as Post 254 claimed its sixth state championship, 6-0.

Howell, leading off the game, tripled and scored on **Shawn Kuester's** single to give Post 254 a 1-0 lead that stood until the fifth when **Jeremy Kuester** scored on a wild pitch to make it 2-0.

Rockport scored three times in the sixth with the big blow being a two-run single by **Shawn Kuester**. An RBI single from **Howell** in the eighth closed scoring.

Shawn Kuester finished with two hits and three RBI. **Howell** and **Reinhart** had three hits each.

In the Great Lakes National Regional in Moline IL, Rockport beat Woodbury MN Post 501, 6-5, when **Pappano's** single scored **Reinhart**, who had doubled with one out, in the bottom of the 12th inning.

Pappano and **Martin** had three hits each for Post 254. **Larsen** got the win after allowing only four hits in 8 1/3 innings of relief.

In second round play Rockport edged host Moline IL Post 246, 3-2, in a game that was delayed a day by rain. That delay would prove costly to Rockport as **Jeremy Kuester**, who went the distance to pick up the win, would have only three innings of pitching eligibility left for the championship round. If the game had been played as scheduled, **Kuester** would have had 12 innings to work with on Sunday.

Kuester scattered nine hits, struck out seven, allowed just one earned run, and didn't walk a man in running his record to 9-0.

Howell scored all three runs in the win. The speedy centerfielder walked and stole a base in the first and singled and stole a base in both the third and the seventh. **Pund** brought him home with a single in the first, **Reinhart** with a bases loaded walk in the third, and **Jeremy Kuester** with a seventh inning single.

With the tournament back to a normal schedule Rockport played its second game of the day, in the winner's bracket final, and came away with a 9-0 win over West Lawn PA.

Reinhart allowed just three hits in seven innings to get the win. **Lucas Luebbehusen** preserved the shutout in two innings of relief.

Post 254 collected 18 hits in the game as every starter except **Reinhart** had at least one. **Wahl** and **Pappano** had three each to lead the way.

Rockport, the only unbeaten team left in the tournament, stayed that way with a 9-7 win over Moline as **Cron** went the distance for the win.

With the score tied 7-7, Rockport scored in the top of the eighth when the **Kuester** brothers both singled with one out and scored on **Wahl's** two-out

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double. **Wahl** had already driven in two runs in the game with a fifth inning triple.

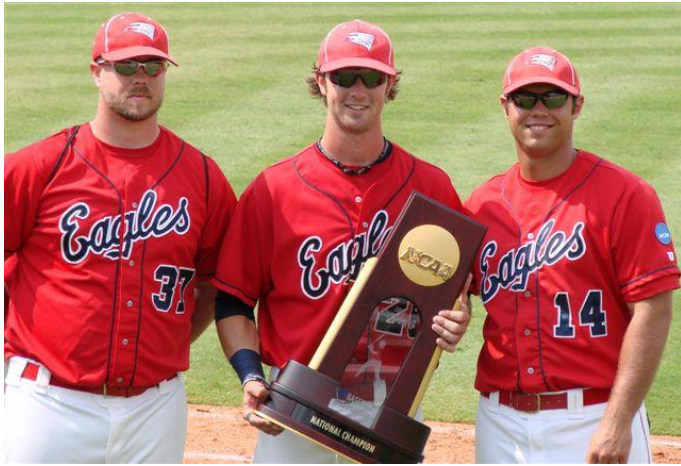
The championship was a rematch of the opening round as Woodbury MN fought its way through the loser's bracket for a chance at the title.

A twelve-run third inning propelled the Minnesota team to a 19-3 thrashing of Rockport in the first game and Post 501 completed the sweep for the title with a 3-0 win in game two.

Rockport finished the year 36-3.

Three of the Post 254 players would be reunited for another championship run in the spring of 2010 with the University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles.

Larsen, after an All-America career as a reliever for the Eagles, was a coach, as was **Jeremy Kuester**. **Todd Martin**, serving as the designated hitter for USI, made the NCAA Division II All-Tournament team as the Eagles claimed the National Championship.



Shaun Larsen, Todd Martin, Jeremy Kuester

2006

PLYMOUTH-Terre Haute Wayne Newton Post 346 avenged the 2005 championship game loss to Rockport by coming out of the loser's bracket, where Rockport had put them, to deny the defending champions a second title in a row.

In the opening round of the tournament Bristol Post 143 beat Hammond Post 168, 13-3, and Terre Haute beat host Plymouth Post 27, 7-2.

Terre Haute scored twice in the bottom of the first and never trailed in the game. **Brady Shoemaker** hit a two-run home run, his 16th of the year, and **Josh Phegely** added a three-run shot for Post 346. **Shoemaker** was 4-4 in the game.

In second round play Rockport, which had the first-round bye, scored a run in the top of the eighth to break a 6-6 tie and beat Terre Haute, 7-6. Post 254's **Blake Monar** went the distance for the win. He also drove in the winning run with a bases-loaded walk in the eighth. **Monar** allowed eight hits and struck out four in the win. Only four of the Terre Haute runs were earned.

For Post 346, **Phegely** had a two-run homer as did **Koby Kraemer**.

In the loser's bracket Hammond eliminated host Plymouth, 3-1.

In the winner's bracket final Rockport rallied from a 5-3 deficit to beat Bristol, 11-6. **Todd Martin** had two hits and four batted in for Post 254. **Corey Wahl** added three hits in three trips to the plate. **Lucas Luebbehusen** allowed one run in four innings of relief to get the win.

In the loser's bracket Terre Haute edged Hammond, 11-10 in 11 innings, when **Andrew Woodason** singled home **Nick Ciolli** in the bottom of the 11th.

Phegely was 4-6 with a home run and three RBI. **Shoemaker** also homered for Post 346.

Terre Haute got to the championship with an 11-1 seven-inning win over Bristol. **Cole Vicars** went the distance to pick up the win.

Phegely was 4-5 with three RBI for Terre Haute. **Vicars** went 3-4 and added a double. **Woodason** homered for Post 346.

In the Bristol game Terre Haute turned a 5-4-6 triple play in the fifth inning when third baseman **Skyler Pearson** caught a soft liner, threw to **John Rosselli** to double up a runner trying to get back to second base and **Rosselli's** throw to shortstop **Kraemer** retired a runner trying to get back to third.

Only three teams have come out of the loser's bracket in both the regional and the state tournament to win the state championship. Terre Haute did it in 1994, beating Rockport in the Princeton Regional and Batesville Post 271 in the finals. They did it again in 2006, beating Muncie Post 19 in the Madison regional and Rockport in the state finals, 13-2 and 13-0.

Princeton Post 25 is the other team to do it. Post 25 beat Rockport in the Evansville Regional and Lafayette Post 11 in the state finals in 1964.

Rockport took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first in game one but Terre Haute tied the score in the top of the second. It stayed that way until the top of inning number four and that's when the roof caved in for the defending champion.

Terre Haute scored ten times in the inning with the big blows being **Rosselli's** grand slam and **Vicars** two-run shot. **Ciolli** also homered as Post 346 notched 16 hits in the game.

Pearson allowed six hits in the seven-inning game to earn the win.

In the second game Terre Haute got a first inning home run from **Phegely** and a grand slam from **Shoemaker** in an eight run fourth that sealed Rockport's fate.

Wayne Newton finished with 17 hits in the game as **Phegely** went 3-3 and **Shoemaker** and **Ciolli** 3-5. **Ciolli** was 6-9 with a homer and a pair of doubles on the day.

Ciolli worked five innings and **Brian Fisher** two as the pair combined on a two-hitter in the win.

Terre Haute got wins from five different pitchers in its five tournament wins.

In the Great Lakes National Regional at Evansville, Terre Haute won a rain-delayed first-round game, 4-1, over Norchester PA.

Trailing 1-0 Post 346 took the lead in the fourth on **Ciolli's** RBI triple and **Pearson's** infield single that scored **Ciolli**. **Ciolli** scored again in the sixth on his second triple of the game and an errant relay throw. **Shoemaker's** eighth inning double scored the final run for Wayne Newton.

Pearson struggled in the first, allowing three walks and a run, but finished with 10 strikeouts and only one more walk to get the win.

In other first-round action Evansville Pate Post 265, the tournament host, dropped a 6-5 decision to Beverly OH Post 389.

In second round play Terre Haute scored five times in the seventh, once in the eighth and four in the ninth to erase a 5-2 deficit and beat Coon Rapids MN Post 334, 12-6, while Evansville was eliminated, 16-6, by Limestone IL Post 979.

Post 346 racked up 20 hits in the game with **Shoemaker** collecting four, including two triples, to go with four RBI. **Vicars** and **Ciolli** had three hits each.

Larry Atkinson picked up the win after relieving **Vicars** in the second inning and working into the eighth. He didn't allow a run during his time on the mound.

In the winner's bracket final Terre Haute downed Midland MI Post 165, 9-1. Post 346 took a 3-1 lead with single runs in the first, third and sixth and then rang up a three-spot in the seventh. **Phegely's** three-run homer in the eighth provided the final margin.

Mitch Hannum worked six innings to get the win. **Bobby Woods** pitched the last three, without allowing a hit, for the save.

With a spot in the championship game already locked up by virtue of being the only undefeated team left in the tournament, Terre Haute beat Beverly OH, 4-3, when **Shoemaker's** RBI single scored **Vicars**. **Shoemaker** also had a two-run triple that gave Post 346 a 3-2 lead in the fifth.

Vicars worked 8 1/3 innings to pick up the win. **Brian Fisher** got the last two outs for the save.

In the championship game Terre Haute became the seventh Indiana team to advance to the American Legion World Series with an 11-4, 11-inning win over Limestone IL.

Shoemaker led off the top of the 11th with a walk and capped the inning with a three-run homer to left to send Post 346 to the American Legion World Series. **Shoemaker** was named the MVP of the regional after going 13-21 with 12 RBI in the tournament.

In the American Legion World Series at Cedar Rapids IA, Terre Haute spotted Metairie LA Post 175 a run in the top of the first and then scored four times in the bottom of the inning to take a lead it never relinquished.

Shoemaker had a two-run double to score the first two. **Ciolli** added an RBI triple and **Pearson** an RBI double in the inning. Two runs in the third upped the lead to 6-1 and gave Post 346 all the offense it would need to score a 6-3 win.

Pearson worked 5 2/3 innings to run his record to 7-0. **Fisher** earned the save by working the final 3 1/3.

In second round play Terre Haute was held hitless for 5 1/3 innings but exploded for four runs in the sixth, two on **Ciolli's** two-out home run, and went on to a 6-0 win over Sumter SC Post 15.

Vicars twirled a five-hit shutout with four strikeouts for the win.

In the winner's bracket final Terre Haute scored four times in the eighth to erase a 7-4 deficit and then added seven runs in the ninth to score a 15-7 win over Midlothian VA Post 186.

Pearson had a pinch-hit two-run double in the eighth to go with **Vicars'** RBI groundout and **Kraemer's** go-ahead single.

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Brannon Fowler had a grand-slam home run in the seven-run ninth. **Phegley** added a two-run homer in the inning, his second round-tripper of the game.

Woods pitched a scoreless eighth and ninth to get credit for the win.

Terre Haute's 12-game winning streak came to an end as Metairie scored early and often to take a 14-0 lead after two innings in fourth-round play. After scoring four first-inning runs the Louisiana representative blew the game open with a ten spot in the second.

Post 346 fought back to make the final a respectable 14-9. **Ciolti's** two-run homer to right in the eighth closed the scoring.

Brett Arnold pitched six scoreless innings of relief for Post 346.

With three teams left in the tournament, all with one loss, Terre Haute received the bye as a result of having been the last undefeated team in the field.

Post 346 waited as Metairie downed Midlothian, 6-2, to earn a third confrontation with the Indiana champion.

In the championship game Wayne Newton took a 4-3 lead on **Ciolti's** solo home run in the eighth but Metairie came back with three runs in the bottom of the inning for a 6-4 win and the national championship.

Shoemaker took home the Rawlings Big Stick Award with 39 total bases in national tournament play. He added the Louisville Slugger Award with a .523 batting average, the Dr. Irvin L. "Click" Cowger Award with 18 RBI and the James F. Daniels Jr. Sportsmanship Award.

All of the 11 Post 346 players who completed their American Legion eligibility went on to play college baseball.

Phegley, the 2006 Indiana Mr. Baseball, was an All-Big Ten catcher at Indiana University before being selected by the Chicago White Sox with the 38th pick of the 2009 MLB draft.

Shoemaker went back to Olney Central Community College for his sophomore season and then to Indiana State University where he was a 2009 draft pick of the Chicago White Sox. **Ciolti** also attended Indiana State and he too was a 2009 draft pick of the White Sox.



Josh Phegley

2007

MADISON-Rockport Post 254 returned to the championship game of the state tournament for the third year in a row and took home its second state title in three years in the process.

In opening round play Mishawaka Post 161 surprised Lafayette Post 11, 4-2, and Rockport rallied from a 6-1 deficit and then held on to down host Madison Post 9, 11-10.

Trailing 6-1 Rockport scored five times in the fifth and added five more in the seventh to take an 11-6 lead. Madison responded with a four-run eighth to cut the Post 254 lead to 11-10.

In the bottom of the ninth Madison put its leadoff hitter on when **Kyle Naville** walked. After two strikeouts Post 9 got a single to right from **Duane Smith** but Rockport right fielder **Wes Linette** came up with a perfect throw to third where **Keith Haaff** applied the tag to **Naville** to end the Madison threat and the ballgame.

Matt Boyd led Rockport with three hits, three runs scored and an RBI. **Nathan James** worked four innings of relief and was credited with the win.

In second round play Rockport rallied twice, the second time in dramatic fashion, to take a 6-5, 12-inning win over Mishawaka.

The first time, trailing 2-0, Post 254 got a two-run sixth inning home run from **Jacob McGrew** to tie the game.

The second time, after Mishawaka had scored three runs in the top of the 10th, Rockport got a two-run double from **James** and a two-out RBI single from **Michael Mosby** in the bottom of the inning to stay alive.

In the bottom of the 12th **Todd Martin's** single, the fourth straight for Rockport following a Post 161 error to start the inning, scored **John Seiler** with the winning run as Post 254 advanced to the championship game.

Mosby had three hits to lead Rockport. **Martin** and **Seiler** added two each.

Linette walked the first man he faced in the eleventh and then retired six straight to get the win. **Blake Monar** worked the first ten innings for Rockport. He struck out 14 and allowed 10 hits, six of those in the tenth when Mishawaka scored three times.

In the loser's bracket Lafayette eliminated Madison, 12-10, and Mishawaka, 7-6.

In the championship game Rockport trailed again, 4-2 heading to the bottom of the seventh, but a walk, a hit-batter, three more walks and **Mosby's** grand slam home run, the only hit of the inning, provided six runs for an 8-4 lead. That's the way it stayed as neither team scored again.

James was the winner with 1 1/3 innings of relief. **Davis** got the last three outs for a save. **Mosby** worked the first 6 2/3 before being relieved by **James** in the seventh.

Mosby and **Haaff** had two hits each for Rockport. **Seiler** drove in three, two on bases-loaded walks.

Rockport's **Martin**, **McGrew** and **Boyd** (2004-07) joined Post 254's **Kirk Hudson** (1971-74) as the only players in the history of the Indiana tournament to participate in four consecutive state finals.

In the Great Lakes National Regional at Menominee MI, Rockport posted its seventh straight come-back win as it opened with a 7-2 win over Blissfield MI Post 325. Blissfield had taken a 1-0 lead into the bottom of the third before **Martin's** RBI single tied the game.

Monar struck out 11, walked two and scattered eight hits to get the win.

Linette, **McGrew** and catcher **Joey Guinto** all had three hits for Post 254.

In second round play Rockport scored three times in the fifth to take a 3-0 lead over Steubenville OH Post 33. **Martin's** two-run single was the big blow in the inning.

Post 254 added a run in the seventh to take a 4-0 lead before Steubenville plated three runs in the bottom of the seventh to cut the lead to 4-3.

Linette pitched a scoreless eighth and ninth to preserve the lead. **James** got the win after pitching the first seven innings.

Martin had three hits for Rockport. **Mosby** and **Seiler** had two each.

In the winner's bracket final Rockport jumped out to a 9-1 lead after four innings and finished with a 14-11 win over Norchester PA.

After **Mosby** and **Linette** reached to start the bottom of the first, **Martin** launched a three-run home run to get Post 254 on the board early. A five-run second expanded the lead to 8-0.

Martin and **Boyd** had three hits each for Rockport. **Davis** worked this first six innings to get the win.

With a berth in the championship game secured Rockport dropped a 14-3 decision to Apple Valley MN Post 1776 in fourth-round play. The loss did end Rockport's 12-game winning streak.

With the three teams left in the tournament all having a loss Apple Valley eliminated Norchester, 2-1, to earn a shot at Rockport for the championship.

Post 254 earned another come-back win when Apple Valley scored in the first to take a 1-0 lead. Rockport tied it in the fourth with a single run but Post 1776 scored a lone run in the top of the fifth to retake the lead for the last time.

Martin's RBI single in the bottom of the inning tied it and a four-run sixth sent Rockport on its way to a 7-2 win and its unprecedented third Great Lakes Regional championship. **Mosby's** two-run double was the big blow in the sixth.

Monar went the distance, scattering six hits and striking out thirteen, six in the last two innings, to get the win. Headed to Indiana University following his 2008 high school graduation, **Monar** was named the tournament MVP.

In the American Legion World Series at Bartlesville OK, Rockport dropped a 7-4 decision to eventual national champion Columbia TN Post 19 on a walk-off three-run home run in the ninth. Post 254 had taken a 4-3 lead into the bottom of the ninth.

Rockport, leading 1-0 at the time, suffered a devastating loss when **Monar** was forced to leave the game after four innings due to a blister. The lefthander had allowed only one hit and struck out six when he was forced to depart.

In loser's bracket play Bellingham WA Post 7 put an end to a slugfest with a six-run seventh and then went on to eliminate Rockport, 17-8.

Rockport ended the season at 30-10 and became the eighth Indiana team to advance to the World Series. Making its third World Series appearance Post 254 is the only Indiana team to accomplish the feat more than once.

Monar, a 2008 draft choice of the New York Yankees, would go on to play on an NCAA tournament team at IU in 2009. **Martin** would be named to the all-tournament team at the NCAA Division II national finals as his University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles would claim the 2010 National Championship.

Tournament History: 2000-2009



Blake Monar

2008

PLYMOUTH-Rockport Post 254 became the first team to advance to the championship game of the state finals four years in a row but it was Muncie Post 19 that came away with the state championship.

In the opening game of the tournament Muncie took an early 5-0 lead over Bristol Post 143 but was clinging to a slim 6-5 lead in the bottom of the seventh when **Thomas McCowan** delivered a two-run single to center to give Post 19 some breathing room.

Muncie scored five times in the eighth to post a 13-5 win and advance to the winner's bracket final. **Josh Ludy** had a two-run double in the inning.

For Muncie **Cal Bowling** worked 6 1/3 innings to get the win. **Wes Winkle** worked 2 2/3 for the save. **Coty Gadbury** had three run-scoring singles for Post 19.

In the night's second game Rockport staged one of the most dramatic comebacks in finals history. Trailing 9-4 entering the bottom of the ninth Post 254 scored eight times, the last four on **Michael Mosby's** walk-off grand slam, to post a 12-9 win over host Plymouth Post 27.

Rockport used three walks, a hit batter and five hits in the inning to pull out the win.

Mosby and **Ryan Zuelly** had three hits each to pace Rockport's fifteen hit attack. **Mosby** drove in seven runs in the game.

In the winner's bracket final Rockport's **Neal Kunkler** scattered nine hits and struck out five while walking two as Post 254 stayed unbeaten with a 9-3 win over Muncie. **Evan Jochim** had two hits and three RBI for Post 254.

All nine of Rockport's runs came after there were two outs in the inning in which it scored.

In the loser's bracket host Plymouth eliminated Bristol, 10-7.

In the final elimination game Muncie led Plymouth 12-3 in the bottom of the seventh and finished with a 14-10 win to earn a second shot at Rockport's defending state champions.

Muncie totaled 21 hits in the game, including home runs from **Gadbury** and **Zach Tanner**. **Matt Helm**, in relief, was the winning pitcher for Post 19.

In the championship round Muncie took an 8-3 lead before Rockport rallied with three runs in the sixth, four in the seventh, three in the eighth and one in the ninth to take a 14-9 lead into the bottom of the ninth.

From that point the rest of the day belonged to Muncie.

Post 19 rallied with six runs to take a 15-14 win and then pasted Post 254, 16-2, for the championship.

In that fateful ninth, Muncie had scored once and had the bases loaded when **Greg Heban** tied the game with a grand-slam home run to center.

Ironically, Rockport's Friday night hero, **Mosby**, who hit the walk-off grand-slam to beat Plymouth, had been brought in from shortstop to pitch to **Heban**.

Heban worked the count to 3-2 and then fouled off two pitches before hitting his dramatic home run.

Ludy followed **Heban's** heroics with a double and Rockport elected to intentionally walk **Tanner**. Pinch-hitter **John Clawson** lined a single to score **Ludy** with the game-winner.

Michael Jobe led the winner's with a perfect 4-4 day at the plate. **Ludy** added three hits, including a home run and three RBI, to Post 19's 16-hit attack. **Heban** had two hits and five batted in. **Tanner** had two hits, including a home run.

Ryan Zuelly led Rockport's 22-hit offense with a 5-6 day. **Zeke Harmon** added four hits for Post 254.

Both teams left 12 runners stranded in the game.

In the "if necessary" game Rockport's **Keith Haaff** hit a solo home run to put his team ahead in the top of the first but Muncie plated five in the bottom of the inning and was never threatened in posting the 16-2 win for its first championship since 1990.

Ludy led Muncie with three hits, including two home runs and five runs batted in. **Heban** had two hits and scored four times for Post 19.

To attest to its depth and versatility Muncie, which finished the season 31-7, used eleven different pitchers in its five games in the state finals.

An American Legion rule that a team participating in national tournament play must have 12 players in uniform would prevent Post 19 from playing in the Great Lakes Regional at Chillicothe OH.

As state runner-up Rockport would represent Indiana in the national tournament.

Despite scoring once in the ninth, and having the tying runs on base, Post 254 opened with a 5-3 loss to Sandusky OH Post 83.

Wes Linette led Rockport with three hits.

In a second round elimination game Rockport had the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth but could not score in a 4-2 loss to DePere WI Post 230. DePere would finish as the regional runner-up.

Haaff and **Jochim** had two hits each for Rockport.

2009

TERRE HAUTE-Hammond Victory Post 168, denied an opportunity to play for the state championship in 2008, made the most of its second chance by winning its first state title since 1950.

The Plymouth Regional champion in 2008, Hammond could not play in the 2008 finals due to an IHSAA rule limiting the number of returning high school players from a particular school that could play on a team after August 1st of any given year.

Since Hammond's 2008 roster was almost entirely comprised of underclassman from the same school they could not play in the finals. As host, Plymouth Post 27 was already in the finals so Bristol Post 143, the third place team in the 2008 regional, had been the Regional 1 representative in the state finals.

Hammond left no doubt in 2009 regional play that they were on a mission. Post 168 scored 47 runs on 53 hits and hit 11 home runs, including four grand slams, in its three regional wins.

In the championship game alone Hammond had 18 hits in an 18-6 win over Plymouth as **Matt Skura** blasted three home runs and drove in eight. **Skura's** grand slam in the sixth fueled a six-run inning that turned a 3-1 deficit into a 7-3 lead.

In the first round of the state finals Hammond took a 6-3 lead to the ninth and held on for a 6-5 win over Lafayette Post 11.

Stephen Letz had three hits, including two doubles, and **Skura** added three hits for Hammond. **Neil Koricanac** got the win with **Kurt Kudrecki** picking up a save.

In the other first-round game Terre Haute Post 346 beat Evansville Pate Post 265, 6-1. **A.J. Reed** tossed a complete game four-hitter for Post 346.

Pate was playing in the finals as the regional runner-up to Terre Haute, which received an automatic berth in the finals as the host team.

Terre Haute won the Princeton Regional after losing a winner's bracket game, 15-5 to Pate, and then coming back to take a pair of 11-inning one-run wins, 5-4 and 13-12, in the championship round.

The winner's bracket final of the state finals looked like a pitcher's duel after three innings with Terre Haute leading Hammond, 2-1. From that point on it looked more like a hitting clinic as Post 168 rallied for a 20-10 win.

Hammond scored seven times in the top of the fourth to take an 8-2 lead but Terre Haute came right back with seven runs of its own in the bottom of the fourth to retake the lead, 9-8.

Tournament History: 2000-2009

Post 168 scored a single run in the fifth, three in the sixth, two in the seventh and six in the ninth while Terre Haute could respond with only a single run in the bottom of the eighth.

Cody Dykema had three hits, including a double and a triple, scored four and drove in three runs for Hammond. **Anthony Olund** also had three hits, three scored and four RBI for Post 168.

Jacob Harrison worked three innings of scoreless relief to pick up the win.

In the loser's bracket Lafayette let a 6-0 lead turn into an 8-6 deficit but rallied for five runs in the seventh to eliminate Evansville, 11-8.

In the final elimination game Terre Haute scored six first-inning runs but it wasn't nearly enough as Lafayette survived a seventh inning rain delay to post a 20-14 win and eliminate Post 346.

Lafayette scored three runs in the second and briefly took the lead, 9-8, in the fourth when **Nick Wittgren's** three-run homer capped a six-run inning.

Terre Haute responded with four runs in the fifth but an eight-run sixth blew it open for Lafayette.

In the championship game **T.J. Hecimovich** allowed just six singles in a complete game effort as Hammond downed Lafayette, 11-1. **Skura** had a three-run homer and **Brett Keeler** added a solo homer and three RBI for Post 168.

In the Great Lakes National Regional at Appleton WI, Hammond rallied from a 6-3 deficit and went on to post an 8-7 opening round win over Wausau WI Post 10.

Ryan Boss three-run home run in the top of the seventh evened the score and when the next hitter, **Brian Crider**, hit a pinch-hit solo shot Hammond was ahead, 7-6.

Wausau tied it with a solo home run in the bottom of the seventh but **Boss** RBI single to center scored **Dykema** with the final run of the game. **Boss** finished with three hits and five driven in.

Harrison was the winner with three innings of relief. **Kudrecki** pitched the ninth to earn the save.

In the second round of play Hammond used a seven-run third to overcome a 3-2 lead by perennial power Midland MI Berryhill Post 165 and then went on to a 13-6 win.

Keeler, who had three hits, hit a solo home run to lead off the bottom of the fifth. He also had three RBI in the game. **Dykema**, **Olund**, **Letz** and **Matt Brozovic** all had two hits for Post 168.

Max Majchrzak worked seven innings for the win. **Harrison** pitched the final two innings.

In the winner's bracket final Hammond came from behind for the third game in a row to post a 9-7 win over Nor-Gwyn PA.

Trailing 7-5 in the bottom of the eighth, Post 168 scored on an error, an RBI double by **Frank Ruvoli**, and RBI single by **Letz** and another error to get the win.

Crider and **Brozovic** had three hits each to lead Hammond's 16-hit attack. **Boss** had two hits including a two-out two-run homer in the bottom of the first to give Hammond an early lead.

Kudrecki allowed one hit in 2 2/3 innings of relief to get the win.

As the last undefeated team, and with a spot in the championship game guaranteed, Hammond manager **Mark DeRolf** elected to save pitching and used four position players in an 11-6 loss to Palatine IL Post 690.

The strategy didn't look bad through five innings as the score was tied but Palatine plated three in the top of the sixth to take the lead for good.

Hammond managed only five hits in the game.

With a spot in the championship guaranteed Hammond could only sit and watch as Midland eliminated Palatine, 17-6, and gained the opportunity for a rematch with Post 168.

Midland pretty much ended things before they really got started as Post 165 scored seven times in the top of the first and never looked back in beating Hammond 12-0 to claim the regional championship.

Hammond, which finished the year 27-7, managed just three hits in the game that was shortened to seven innings by the mercy rule.

Midland would go on to claim the national championship. Post 165 did have an Indiana connection that played a role in its national title run.

Rockport's **Pat Dawson**, a left-handed pitcher and a vital component of Post 254's 1974 Great Lakes regional champion, served as pitching coach for Midland. In addition, his son **Eric** was the starting third baseman for the Michigan team.



Pat Dawson

*Hammond Victory Post 168 Baseball
Indiana State Champions
Great Lakes Regional Runner-Up
2009*

Jack Bow, Coach Jim Salomon, Tony Polanco, Ryan Eric, Mike Barnard, Brett Keeler, Anthony Olund, Ryan Skura, Max Majchrzak, Brian Crider, Matt Hecimovich, Jacob Harrison, Frank Ruvoli, Anthony Olund, Brett Keeler, T.J. Hecimovich, Stephen Letz, Landon Sells

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	RECORD
Friday, July 10	Highland Post 180	W 5-0	1-0
Saturday, July 11	East Chicago Post 309	W 9-0	2-0
Saturday, July 18	Highland Post 180	W 8-1	3-0
Sunday, July 19	Highland Post 180	W 9-5	4-0
Friday, July 24	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-1
Saturday, July 25	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-2
Sunday, July 26	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-3
Monday, July 27	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-4
Monday, July 28	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-5
Monday, July 29	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-6
Tuesday, July 30	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-7
Wednesday, July 31	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-8
Thursday, Aug 1	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-9
Friday, Aug 2	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-10
Saturday, Aug 3	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-11
Sunday, Aug 4	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-12
Monday, Aug 5	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-13
Tuesday, Aug 6	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-14
Wednesday, Aug 7	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-15
Thursday, Aug 8	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-16
Friday, Aug 9	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-17
Saturday, Aug 10	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-18
Sunday, Aug 11	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-19
Monday, Aug 12	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-20
Tuesday, Aug 13	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-21
Wednesday, Aug 14	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-22
Thursday, Aug 15	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-23
Friday, Aug 16	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-24
Saturday, Aug 17	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-25
Sunday, Aug 18	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-26
Monday, Aug 19	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-27
Tuesday, Aug 20	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-28
Wednesday, Aug 21	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-29
Thursday, Aug 22	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-30
Friday, Aug 23	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-31
Saturday, Aug 24	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-32
Sunday, Aug 25	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-33
Monday, Aug 26	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-34
Tuesday, Aug 27	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-35
Wednesday, Aug 28	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-36
Thursday, Aug 29	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-37
Friday, Aug 30	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-38
Saturday, Aug 31	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-39
Sunday, Sep 1	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-40
Monday, Sep 2	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-41
Tuesday, Sep 3	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-42
Wednesday, Sep 4	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-43
Thursday, Sep 5	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-44
Friday, Sep 6	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-45
Saturday, Sep 7	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-46
Sunday, Sep 8	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-47
Monday, Sep 9	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-48
Tuesday, Sep 10	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-49
Wednesday, Sep 11	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-50
Thursday, Sep 12	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-51
Friday, Sep 13	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-52
Saturday, Sep 14	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-53
Sunday, Sep 15	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-54
Monday, Sep 16	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-55
Tuesday, Sep 17	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-56
Wednesday, Sep 18	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-57
Thursday, Sep 19	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-58
Friday, Sep 20	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-59
Saturday, Sep 21	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-60
Sunday, Sep 22	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-61
Monday, Sep 23	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-62
Tuesday, Sep 24	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-63
Wednesday, Sep 25	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-64
Thursday, Sep 26	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-65
Friday, Sep 27	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-66
Saturday, Sep 28	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-67
Sunday, Sep 29	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-68
Monday, Sep 30	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-69
Tuesday, Oct 1	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-70
Wednesday, Oct 2	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-71
Thursday, Oct 3	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-72
Friday, Oct 4	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-73
Saturday, Oct 5	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-74
Sunday, Oct 6	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-75
Monday, Oct 7	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-76
Tuesday, Oct 8	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-77
Wednesday, Oct 9	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-78
Thursday, Oct 10	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-79
Friday, Oct 11	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-80
Saturday, Oct 12	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-81
Sunday, Oct 13	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-82
Monday, Oct 14	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-83
Tuesday, Oct 15	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-84
Wednesday, Oct 16	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-85
Thursday, Oct 17	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-86
Friday, Oct 18	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-87
Saturday, Oct 19	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-88
Sunday, Oct 20	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-89
Monday, Oct 21	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-90
Tuesday, Oct 22	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-91
Wednesday, Oct 23	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-92
Thursday, Oct 24	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-93
Friday, Oct 25	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-94
Saturday, Oct 26	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-95
Sunday, Oct 27	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-96
Monday, Oct 28	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-97
Tuesday, Oct 29	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-98
Wednesday, Oct 30	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-99
Thursday, Oct 31	Palatine Post 690	L 6-11	4-100

Commemorative Poster of Hammond's 2009 season

State Tournament History 2000-2009

2000

Regional 1 at Crown Point

Mishawaka 161 beat Schererville 485, 5-1
Lowell 101 beat Whiting 80, 7-1
Mishawaka beat Lowell, 12-4
Whiting beat Schererville, 11-8
Whiting beat Lowell, 12-9
Mishawaka beat Whiting, 5-1

Regional 2 at Logansport

Anderson 127 beat Lafayette 11, 2-0
Kokomo 6 beat Richmond 65, 9-1
Anderson beat Kokomo, 5-2
Lafayette beat Richmond, 16-8
Kokomo beat Lafayette, 11-7
Anderson beat Kokomo, 15-0

Regional 3 at Seymour

Terre Haute 346 beat Batesville 271, 16-1
Madison 9 beat Indianapolis 64, 11-3
Madison beat Terre Haute, 3-2
Batesville beat Indianapolis, NA
Batesville beat Terre Haute, 6-5
Madison beat Batesville, 13-3

Regional 4 at Princeton

Rockport 254 beat Washington 121, 7-4
Evansville 265 beat Princeton 25, 9-3
Rockport beat Evansville, 11-8
Princeton beat Washington, 19-1
Evansville beat Princeton, 12-2
Rockport beat Evansville, 9-5

State Finals at Crown Point

Anderson beat Mishawaka, 6-4 (10)
Madison beat Crown Point, 8-1
Madison beat Rockport, 13-0
Crown Point beat Mishawaka, 6-5
Madison beat Anderson, 7-3
Rockport beat Crown Point, 7-6 (10)
Anderson beat Rockport, 5-1
Madison beat Anderson, 7-5

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Fairview Heights IL

Waite Park MN 428 beat Madison, 1-0
Madison beat Fairview Heights IL 978, 6-3 (11)
Madison beat Beaver Falls PA (OS), 8-6
Libertyville IL 329 beat Madison, 6-5

2001

Regional 1 at South Bend

Crown Point 20 beat Mishawaka 161, 6-5
Lafayette 11 beat Whiting 80, 14-12
Crown Point beat Lafayette, 4-3
Mishawaka beat Whiting, 9-7
Lafayette beat Mishawaka, 14-8
Crown Point beat Lafayette, 6-5

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Kokomo 6 beat Muncie 19, 3-2
Ridgeville 507 beat Columbus 24, 12-2
Kokomo beat Ridgeville, 10-6
Muncie beat Columbus, 19-8
Muncie beat Ridgeville, 15-4
Muncie beat Kokomo, 5-2
Kokomo beat Muncie, 19-2

Regional 3 at Terre Haute

Sullivan 139 beat Batesville 271, 5-1
Madison 9 beat Aurora 231, 11-1
Madison beat Sullivan, 5-2
Batesville beat Aurora, 8-5
Batesville beat Sullivan, 13-5
Madison beat Batesville, 7-6

Regional 4 at Rockport

Evansville 265 beat Washington 121, 5-2
Princeton 25 beat Boonville 200, 11-4
Evansville beat Princeton, 7-5
Boonville beat Washington, 4-1
Princeton beat Boonville, 10-0
Evansville beat Princeton, 11-1

State Finals at Evansville

Madison beat Princeton, 8-1
Evansville beat Kokomo, 8-2
Evansville beat Crown Point, 10-2
Kokomo beat Princeton, 6-5
Evansville beat Madison, 4-0
Kokomo beat Crown Point, 5-4 (10)
Madison beat Kokomo, 10-0
Evansville beat Madison, 14-4

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Lancaster OH

Evansville beat Bowling Green KY 23, 11-8
Napoleon OH 300 beat Evansville, 6-2
Deerfield IL 738 beat Evansville, 11-1

2002

Regional 1 at Plymouth

Crown Point 20 beat Plymouth 27, 7-5
Walton 418 beat Whiting 80, 7-0
Crown Point beat Walton, 9-4
Plymouth beat Whiting, 13-2
Walton beat Plymouth, 16-1
Crown Point beat Walton, 14-13

Regional 2 at Muncie

Madison 9 beat Batesville 271, 11-5
Anderson 127 beat Aurora 231, 6-0
Madison beat Anderson, 3-1 (10)
Batesville beat Aurora, 5-4
Anderson beat Batesville, 11-3
Madison beat Anderson, 7-1

Regional 3 at Boonville

Evansville 265 beat Jasper 147, 7-0
Terre Haute 346 beat Rockport 254, 9-6
Evansville beat Terre Haute, 5-3
Rockport beat Jasper, 7-4
Rockport beat Terre Haute, 7-4
Evansville beat Rockport, 13-3

State Finals at Madison

Evansville beat Crown Point, 15-5
Madison beat Anderson, 10-0
Evansville beat Madison, 13-4
Anderson beat Crown Point, 6-2
Madison beat Anderson, 5-1
Evansville beat Madison, 9-3

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Paducah KY

Evansville beat Libertyville IL 329, 4-0
Evansville beat Campbellsville KY 82, 8-5
Evansville beat Findlay OH 3, 12-4
Evansville beat State College PA 245, 7-3
Excelsior MN 259 beat Evansville, 4-2 (2nd)



Adam Lind

Lind played on Anderson Post 127's state runner-up team in 2000.

A member of the Toronto Blue Jays since 2006, Lind was named the Edgar Martinez Award winner as the top designated hitter of the 2009 season.

State Tournament History 2000-2009

2003

Regional 1 at Lafayette

Lafayette 11 beat Highland 180, 6-5
Plymouth 27 beat Crown Point 20, 4-2
Plymouth beat Lafayette, 8-1
Crown Point beat Highland, 13-2
Lafayette beat Crown Point, 6-3
Plymouth beat Lafayette, 6-3

Regional 2 at Anderson

Madison 9 beat Anderson 127, 8-6
St. Leon 464 beat Vevay 185, 15-0
Madison beat St. Leon, 6-4
Anderson beat Vevay, 17-0
Anderson beat St. Leon 9-8
Madison beat Anderson, 9-0 (Forfeit)

Regional 3 at Newburgh

Terre Haute 346 beat Newburgh 44, 10-2
Vincennes 73 beat Rockport 254, 18-7
Terre Haute beat Vincennes, 10-9
Newburgh beat Rockport, 14-4
Vincennes beat Newburgh, 19-6
Terre Haute beat Vincennes, 21-6

State Finals at Madison

Anderson beat Plymouth, 7-2
Terre Haute beat Madison, 9-4
Terre Haute beat Anderson, 6-2
Plymouth beat Madison, 10-7
Plymouth beat Anderson, 8-4
Terre Haute beat Plymouth, 12-6

National Regional at Midland MI

Mattoon IL 88 beat Terre Haute, 4-3 (10)
Terre Haute beat Blissfield MI 325, 6-3
Terre Haute beat Somerset KY 38, 3-1
Whitehouse OH 384 beat Terre Haute, 10-0

2004

Regional 1 at Crown Point

Plymouth 27 beat Crown Point 20, 5-2
Hammond 168 beat Bristol 143, 2-0
Plymouth beat Hammond, 11-2
Crown Point beat Bristol, 10-6
Hammond beat Crown Point, 13-7
Plymouth beat Hammond, 16-1

Regional 2 at Muncie

Anderson 127 beat Muncie 19, 5-2
Lafayette 11 beat Kokomo 6, 13-2
Lafayette beat Anderson, 13-12
Kokomo beat Muncie, 12-10
Anderson beat Kokomo, 8-7
Lafayette beat Anderson, 14-9

Regional 3 at Madison

St. Leon 464 beat Terre Haute 346, 13-12 (10)
Madison 9 beat Shelbyville 70, 9-0
Madison beat St. Leon, 8-3
Terre Haute beat Shelbyville, 9-0
Terre Haute beat St. Leon, 14-3
Terre Haute beat Madison, 7-5
Terre Haute beat Madison, 8-4

Regional 4 at Newburgh

Newburgh 44 beat Vincennes 73, 16-9
Dubois County 124 beat Rockport 254, 5-4 (11)
Newburgh beat Dubois County, 13-6
Rockport beat Vincennes, 11-1
Rockport beat Dubois County, 4-2
Rockport beat Newburgh, 7-5
Rockport beat Newburgh, 8-5

State Finals at Plymouth

Lafayette beat Terre Haute, 5-4 (10)
Plymouth beat Rockport, 8-5
Plymouth beat Hammond, 6-5
Terre Haute beat Rockport, 5-3 (10)
Lafayette beat Plymouth, 7-6
Terre Haute beat Hammond, 12-2
Plymouth beat Terre Haute, 20-8
Plymouth beat Lafayette, 10-9
Plymouth beat Lafayette, 18-8

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Cincinnati OH

Plymouth beat Wilmette IL 46, 16-9
Plymouth beat Paducah KY 31, 5-4
Harrison OH 199 beat Plymouth, 7-6
Paducah KY beat Plymouth, 12-1



Jacob Hayes

Hayes, one of the stars of Terre Haute's 2010 state champions signed to play at Ohio State University.

2005

Regional 1 at Plymouth

Highland 180 beat Crown Point 20, 8-3
Plymouth 27 beat Bristol 143, 21-4
Plymouth beat Highland, 13-0
Bristol beat Crown Point, 19-2
Bristol beat Highland, 9-2
Bristol beat Plymouth, 20-9
Bristol beat Plymouth, 8-7

Regional 2 at Terre Haute

Lafayette 11 beat Kokomo 6, 6-3
Terre Haute 346 beat Greenfield 119, 12-1
Terre Haute beat Lafayette, 6-5
Kokomo beat Greenfield, 5-4
Kokomo beat Lafayette, 7-4
Terre Haute beat Kokomo, 16-5

Regional 3 at Rockport

St. Leon 464 beat Madison 9, 9-4
Rockport 254 beat Evansville 265, 7-3
Rockport beat St. Leon, 11-1
Evansville beat Madison, 10-9
St. Leon beat Evansville, 11-10
Rockport beat St. Leon, 23-1

State Finals at Evansville

Terre Haute beat Bristol, 10-7
Rockport beat Evansville 265, 4-0
Rockport beat Terre Haute, 1-0
Bristol beat Evansville, 5-4
Terre Haute beat Bristol, 10-7
Terre Haute beat Rockport, 6-2
Rockport beat Terre Haute, 6-0

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Moline IL

Rockport beat Woodbury MN 501, 6-5 (12)
Rockport beat Moline IL 246, 3-2
Rockport beat West Lawn PA (OS), 9-0
Rockport beat Moline IL, 9-7
Woodbury MN beat Rockport, 19-3
Woodbury MN beat Rockport, 3-0 (2nd)

State Tournament History 2000-2009

2006

Regional 1 at Crown Point

Highland 180 beat South Bend 50, 7-4
Hammond 168 beat Valparaiso 94, 14-4
Hammond beat Highland, 10-3
South Bend beat Valparaiso, 8-5
South Bend beat Highland, 9-5
Hammond beat South Bend 8-7

Regional 2 at Anderson

Anderson 127 beat Lafayette 11, 18-1
Bristol 143 beat Kokomo 6, 10-3
Bristol beat Anderson, 10-7
Lafayette beat Kokomo, 10-4
Anderson beat Lafayette, 13-9
Bristol beat Anderson, 16-2

Regional 3 at Madison

Muncie 19 beat Madison 9, 9-1
Terre Haute 346 beat St. Leon 464, 15-1
Muncie beat Terre Haute, 9-5
Madison beat St. Leon, 11-5
Terre Haute beat Madison, 11-0
Terre Haute beat Muncie, 9-5
Terre Haute beat Muncie, 15-8

Regional 4 at Rockport

Rockport 254 beat French Lick 76, 12-2
Evansville 265 beat Newburgh 44, 6-3
Rockport beat Evansville, 6-3
Newburgh beat French Lick, 12-1
Newburgh beat Evansville, 17-12 (10)
Rockport beat Newburgh, 8-5

State Finals at Plymouth

Bristol beat Hammond, 13-3
Terre Haute beat Plymouth 27, 7-2
Rockport beat Terre Haute, 7-6
Hammond beat Plymouth, 3-1
Rockport beat Bristol, 11-6
Terre Haute beat Hammond, 11-10 (11)
Terre Haute beat Bristol, 11-1
Terre Haute beat Rockport, 13-2
Terre Haute beat Rockport, 13-0

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Evansville IN

Terre Haute beat Pottstown PA 47, 4-1
Beverly OH 389 beat Evansville, 6-5
Bartonville IL 979 beat Evansville, 16-6
Terre Haute beat Coon Rapids MN 334, 12-6
Terre Haute beat Midland MI 165, 9-1
Terre Haute beat Beverly OH, 4-3
Terre Haute beat Bartonville IL, 11-4 (11)

World Series at Cedar Rapids IA

Terre Haute beat Metairie LA 175, 6-3
Terre Haute beat Sumter SC 15, 6-0
Terre Haute beat Midlothian VA 186, 15-7
Metairie LA beat Terre Haute, 14-9
Metairie LA beat Terre Haute, 6-4 (2nd)

2007

Regional 1 at Plymouth

Mishawaka 161 beat Highland 180, 7-1
Crown Point 20 beat Hammond 168, 9-5
Mishawaka beat Crown Point, 9-4
Hammond beat Highland, 11-8
Crown Point beat Hammond, 6-5
Crown Point beat Mishawaka, 12-5
Mishawaka beat Crown Point, 6-4

Regional 2 at Kokomo

Kokomo 6 beat Bristol 143, 16-2
Lafayette 11 beat St. Leon 464, 15-3
Lafayette beat Kokomo, 12-6
Bristol beat St. Leon, NA
Kokomo beat Bristol, 10-4
Lafayette beat Kokomo, 7-6

Regional 3 at Terre Haute

Terre Haute 346 beat Madison 9, 20-9
Rockport 254 beat Evansville 265, 16-7
Rockport beat Terre Haute, 16-9
Evansville beat Madison, 18-12 (10)
Evansville beat Terre Haute, 13-3
Rockport beat Evansville, 5-1

State Finals at Madison

Mishawaka beat Lafayette, 4-2
Rockport beat Madison, 11-10
Rockport beat Mishawaka, 6-5 (12)
Lafayette beat Madison, 12-9
Lafayette beat Mishawaka, 7-6
Rockport beat Lafayette, 8-4

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Menominee MI

Rockport beat Blissfield MI 325, 7-2
Rockport beat Steubenville OH 33, 4-3
Rockport beat Norchester PA (OS), 14-11
Apple Valley MN 1776 beat Rockport, 14-3
Rockport beat Apple Valley MN, 7-2

World Series at Bartlesville OK

Columbia TN 19 beat Rockport, 7-4
Bellingham WA 7 beat Rockport, 17-8

2008

Regional 1 at Plymouth

Hammond 168 beat Bristol 143, 9-8
Plymouth 27 beat Highland 180, 18-3
Hammond beat Plymouth, 6-2
Bristol beat Highland, 7-4
Plymouth beat Bristol, 16-10
Hammond beat Plymouth, 20-13

Regional 2 at Muncie

Lafayette 11 beat Kokomo 6, 5-3
Muncie 19 beat St. Leon 464, 10-8 (11)
Muncie beat Lafayette, 15-1
St. Leon beat Kokomo, 8-2
Lafayette beat St. Leon, 12-2
Muncie beat Lafayette, 9-4

Regional 3 at Rockport

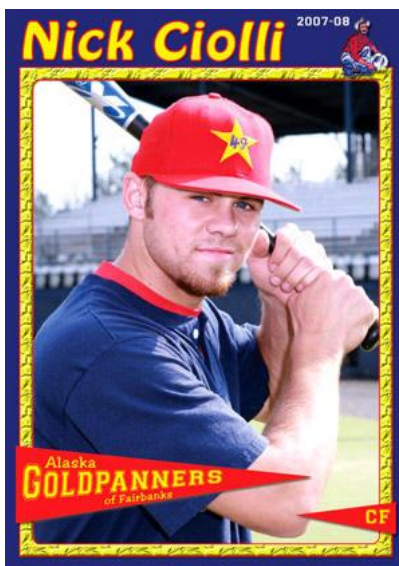
Seymour 89 beat Terre Haute 346, 4-3
Rockport 254 beat Evansville 8, 11-7
Rockport beat Seymour, 8-3
Terre Haute beat Evansville, 14-7
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Rockport beat Terre Haute, 7-3

State Finals at Plymouth

Muncie beat Bristol, 13-5
Rockport beat Plymouth, 12-9
Rockport beat Muncie, 9-3
Plymouth beat Bristol, 10-7
Muncie beat Plymouth, 14-10
Muncie beat Rockport, 15-14
Muncie beat Rockport, 16-2

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Chillicothe OH

Sandusky OH 83 beat Rockport, 5-3
DePere WI 230 beat Rockport, 4-2



Nick Ciolli

Ciolli, a member of Terre Haute's 2006 national runner-up team, was drafted out of Indiana State University by the Chicago White Sox in 2009.

State Tournament History 2000-2009

2009

Regional 1 at Plymouth

Hammond 168 beat South Bend 50, 16-5
Plymouth 27 beat Crown Point 20, 12-6
Hammond beat Plymouth, 13-6
Crown Point beat South Bend, 5-3
Plymouth beat Crown Point, 13-5
Hammond beat Plymouth, 18-6

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Lafayette 11 beat Kokomo 6, 2-1
Muncie 19 beat St. Leon 464, 11-7
Lafayette beat Muncie, 12-0
Kokomo beat St. Leon, 6-1
Muncie beat Kokomo, 16-8
Muncie beat Lafayette, 6-5
Lafayette beat Muncie, 8-7

Regional 3 at Princeton

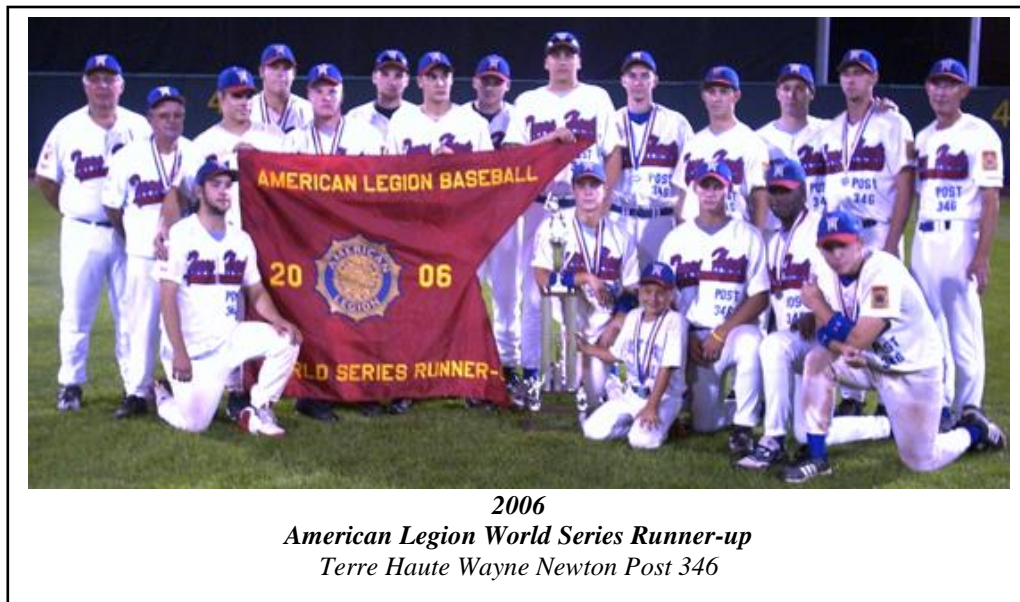
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Evansville 265 beat Rockport 254, 13-2
Evansville beat Terre Haute, 15-5
Rockport beat Seymour, 4-3
Terre Haute beat Rockport, 3-2
Terre Haute beat Evansville, 5-4 (11)
Terre Haute beat Evansville, 13-12 (11)

State Finals at Terre Haute

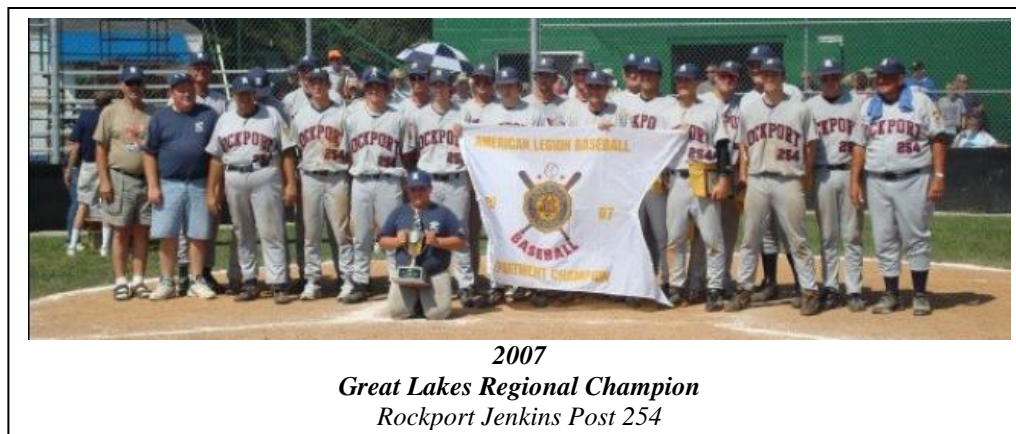
Hammond beat Lafayette, 6-5
Terre Haute beat Evansville, 6-1
Hammond beat Terre Haute, 20-10
Lafayette beat Evansville, 11-8
Lafayette beat Terre Haute, 20-14
Hammond beat Lafayette, 11-1

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Appleton WI

Hammond beat Wausau WI 10, 8-7
Hammond beat Midland MI 165, 13-6
Hammond beat Nor-Gwyn PA (OS), 9-7
Palatine IL 690 beat Hammond, 11-6
Midland MI beat Hammond, 13-0 (2nd)



2006
American Legion World Series Runner-up
Terre Haute Wayne Newton Post 346



2007
Great Lakes Regional Champion
Rockport Jenkins Post 254

Tournament History: 2010-2014

2010

PLYMOUTH-Terre Haute Wayne Newton Post 346 captured its first state championship since 2006. In the process manager John Hayes became the first person to manage six teams to the championship.

In first round play Evansville Pate Post 265 beat Madison Post 9, 10-1. Pate's **Jacob Hamilton** struck out 10 and allowed only three hits in going the distance to earn the win. **Reid Haefner** had three hits and three RBI for Pate.

In the other opening round game South Bend Post 50, making its first finals appearance since 1997, beat host Plymouth Post 27, 9-4.

Trailing 4-3, South Bend tied the score in the top of the eighth on **Cody Schell's** solo home run and won it with a five run ninth. Post 50 got four hits, two walks and a hit batter in the decisive frame.

Schell finished with three hits and three batted in as did **Conner Hudnall**. **Hudnall** struck out four and allowed one run in three innings of relief to get the win for South Bend.

In second round play Plymouth eliminated Madison, 11-2.

Jake McMahan's first inning grand slam put Plymouth ahead early as Post 27 built a 10-1 by the middle of the fifth.

Brody Andrews and **Damon Allen** also homered for Plymouth.

In the second game Terre Haute, recipient of a first-round bye, beat South Bend 13-0 in a game shortened to seven innings by the mercy rule.

South Bend, which had scored 103 runs in seven tournament games, got just six hits off of Terre Haute's **Bryan Nacke** and **J.R. Patterson**. **Nacke** worked six innings to get the win.

Michael Eberle went 3-4 and hit his 17th home run of the year for Post 346. **Jacob Hayes**, a signee with Ohio State, went 3-3 with a two-run home run and three RBI.

In the winner's bracket final Terre Haute's **A.J. Reed** broke a 3-3 tie with a two-out, two-run, walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth as Post 346 stayed unbeaten with a 5-3 win over Evansville Pate.

Reed was also the winning pitcher as he scattered eight hits and struck out 14 in nine innings of work.

In the loser's bracket Plymouth eliminated South Bend, 8-4. **McMahan** again homered in the first for Post 27, this time a three-run shot that gave Plymouth a 4-0 lead. He also added a solo shot in the sixth and collected a two-run double in the ninth to account for six RBI for Plymouth.

In the final elimination game Evansville rallied from a 6-0 deficit to take a 7-6 win on **Landon Langley's** seventh inning RBI single. **Ryan Lombard** allowed four hits in five innings to pick up the win for Pate.

In the championship **Hayes** sixth inning one-out grand slam turned a 5-3 deficit into a 7-5 lead and Terre Haute went on to a 9-6 win over Evansville Pate.

Hayes was 4-5 with two home runs, a single, a double and five RBIs to lead the Post 346 offense. **Reed**, a rising senior and already verbally committed to the University of Kentucky, added a solo home run, his 14th of the season, in the bottom of the eighth.

Jimmy Maxwell worked 3 1/3 innings of relief to get credit for the win for Terre Haute.

In national tournament play at Mattoon IL, Terre Haute won its opener, 7-1, over Eagan MN Post 594.

Reed allowed just five hits, three in the infield, and didn't allow a run until he had two outs in the ninth to turn his record to 10-0.

Single tallies in the third and fifth gave Post 346 the lead over Eagan but it wasn't until the eighth that Terre Haute broke the game open.

Zac Niehaus led off with a triple and scored on **Seth Lunsford's** sacrifice fly to up the lead to 3-0. After another out, **Hayes** hit a solo home run to up the lead to 4-0. Three more runs crossed the plate before the final out could be registered for Eagan.

In the second round Terre Haute pitching allowed just five hits but Moline IL Post 246 took advantage of six walks and a hit batter to post a 6-4 win and send the Indiana champion to the loser's bracket.

Reed's 15th homer, with **Tyler Wampler** aboard in the first, gave Post 346 an early 2-0 lead.

Moline tied it in the bottom of the second without the aid of a hit. Post 246 used three walks, a hit batter and an infield out to score twice.

Another walk in the bottom of the third led to Moline's third run and Post 246 took the lead for good in the fifth after a hit, a walk, a wild pitch, another infield hit and a sacrifice fly.

In a third round elimination game Terre Haute survived with a 6-2 win over Pennridge PA Post 255.

Terre Haute scored four runs in the final three innings to break a 2-2 tie in earning the win.

Tyler Goldman tossed a complete-game seven-hitter, walked none and struck out six to gain the win. **Hayes**, **Eberle** and **Doug Collette** had three hits each for Terre Haute.

Terre Haute eliminated defending national champion Midland MI Post 165, 10-6, and in the process earned another shot at Moline, this time for the championship.

Terre Haute's trip to the title round marked the fifth time in six years that an Indiana team would play for the title.

Niehaus two-out, two-run home run in the top of the second gave Post 346 an early lead over Midland. A six-run third made it 8-0 for Terre Haute. **Collett's** bases-clearing double was the big blow in the inning.

Post 346 added a run in the fifth and, after Midland got a single tally in the seventh, another in the eighth to take a 10-1 lead to the bottom of the ninth.

The defending champions did not go quietly as they scored five times to close to within 10-6 before **Josh Dove** got the final out.

Niehaus finished the game 3-5 with three runs scored and three RBI for Post 346. **Parker Fulkerson** was also 3-5 for Terre Haute.

Needing two wins over Moline, Terre Haute got the first one, 11-2, as **Reed** struck out 15 and **Collett** drove in six.

Reed allowed just three hits and walked one in going the distance to improve to 11-0.

Collett's two-out grand slam capped a six run fifth and gave Post 346 a 7-2 lead. Post 346 added four runs in the seventh. **Collett** had a two-run double in that inning.

Terre Haute, leading 4-2 with two outs and two on in the eighth, was just four outs from making its second trip to the American Legion World Series when Moline Post 246 erupted for five runs to take a 7-4 lead.

The Illinois champion added a run in the ninth and the only response Terre Haute could muster was a single run in the bottom of the ninth as Moline took the regional title with an 8-5 win.

Terre Haute built its early lead primarily on three runs in the bottom of the first. **Reed** provided two of those on a two-run homer.

After Moline scored twice in the second, **Reed's** sacrifice fly in the fifth made it 4-2 and that's where it stayed until the deciding eighth inning.

Terre Haute finished the year 43-7.

2011

ROCKPORT-Making its first appearance in the state finals since 1997 Newburgh's Kapperman Post 44 came away with the 2011 state championship.

In winning its third state title Post 44 became just the second team since 1979 to finish as a regional runner-up and then go on to win the championship.

Ironically the only other time this had happened Newburgh was the victim when Terre Haute Post 346 finished as runner-up to Newburgh in the 1997 Terre Haute Regional but advanced to the state finals because Newburgh was the state tournament host. Terre Haute then beat Post 44 in the championship game of the state tournament.

Newburgh advanced to the 2011 state finals as regional runner-up to state finals host Rockport Post 254.

In the tournaments opening game Newburgh fell behind St. Leon Post 464, 5-1 after two innings but rallied for a single run in the third and took the lead for good with a seven run fourth on its way to a 12-6 win. **Jason Kissel's** two-run homer was the big blow in the decisive inning as Newburgh used six hits, a walk, a St. Leon error and a sacrifice fly in scoring its seven runs.

Ryan DeMoss survived a rocky start and pitched 8 1/3 innings to pick up the win for Newburgh. **Conner Porter** got the last two outs for Post 44.

Alex Martin collected four hits for Newburgh while **Zach Deutsch** added three, including a pair of doubles, and a sacrifice fly.

In the opening nights second game host Rockport Post 254 scored five times in the bottom of the eighth to break open a game it led 4-3 but then had to hold on to score a 9-8 win over South Bend Post 50 when four Post 254 errors and six South Bend hits led to five runs for Post 50 in the ninth.

In second round play defending state champion Terre Haute Post 346, recipient of a first round bye, beat Rockport 11-3. New York Mets draftee **A. J. Reed** worked seven innings and struck out eight while allowing Rockport only six hits to pick up the win for Post 346. Terre Haute collected 11 hits, eight walks and four hit batsmen off of Rockport pitching.

St. Leon, making its first state finals appearance, rebounded from its opening game loss to eliminate South Bend, 11-10. Trailing 9-4 Post 464 scored two in the sixth, four in the seventh and one in the eighth for the win. **Ben Foote** had four hits to lead St. Leon's 19 hit attack.

In the winner's bracket final Newburgh shocked tournament favorite Terre Haute by bolting to an 11-0 lead after 5 1/2 innings of play but Post 346 came back to tie the game at 12-12 with four runs in the bottom of the ninth.

In the top of the 10th Newburgh regrouped on a single by **Andrew Cope**, a walk to **Grant Chamberlain** and another single by **Drew Johnson**. A two-run double to right-center off the bat of **Kissel** regained the momentum for Newburgh and Post 44 went on to the 14-12 10-inning win.

Tournament History: 2010-2014

Dylan Allen was the winner for Post 44 as he got a double play to end the ninth and pitched a scoreless tenth. **Johnson** and **Kissel** had four hits as Newburgh collected 18 for the game.

In a loser's bracket game Rockport and St. Leon got underway before heavy rain caused a delay of over four hours. When play resumed nineteen St. Leon hits and six Rockport errors propelled Post 464 to a 9-5 win.

Foote and **Brock Sprinkles** had three hits each as eight Post 464 hitters had multi-hit games. Post 464 left 18 runners stranded in the game.

In the loser's bracket final, in a game that didn't begin until after 11:00 p.m., St. Leon eliminated its third team in a row with a 6-2 win over Terre Haute.

Leading 2-0 Post 464 scored four times in the top of the seventh in posting the win. **Matt McLaughlin** and **Dustin VanWinkle** had three hits each to lead St. Leon. **Andy Galle** worked eight innings for the win.

In the first championship game Newburgh scored five times in the bottom of the second to take a 5-0 lead but St. Leon, playing its fifth game in four days and third in less than 16 hours, scored two in the fourth and five in the fifth to take a 7-5 lead. Newburgh scored single runs in the fifth and seventh to forge a 7-7 tie but **Jake Theobald's** single to score **Ryan Niehoff** in the top of the 10th gave St. Leon the win and forced a second game for the title.

In the "if necessary" game St. Leon scored two in the first and one in the second to take an early 3-0 lead but **Jon Smith**, who came on in relief to start the second inning, allowed only three runs in eight innings and Newburgh rallied for a 12-5 win and the championship.

Post 44 scored four times in the third to take the lead. After St. Leon scored a single run in the bottom of the fifth to tie the game at 4-4 Post 44 added two in the sixth and three in each of the seventh and ninth innings for the win.

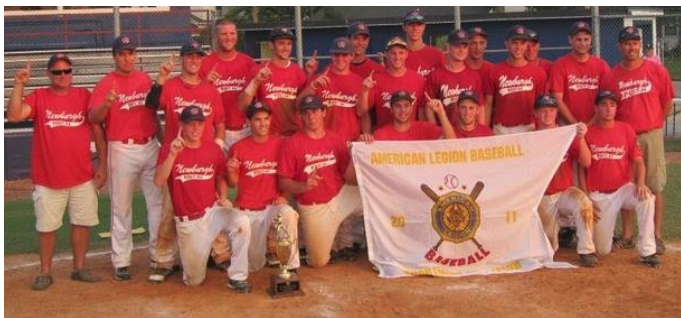
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With the championship Newburgh manager **Jim Lynch**, a member of Post 44's 1992 state championship team, became just the second individual to play on and coach a state championship team. Ironically the feat was accomplished on the home field of the other individual to have accomplished the feat, Rockport's **Jim Haaff**, who won the title as a player in 1959 and added championships as a coach in 1974, 1979, 1983, 2005 and 2007.

St. Leon's **Brock Sprinkles** was awarded the 2011 A. D. **Phillips Sportsmanship Award**, given annually at the state finals.

In the Great Lakes National Regional at Midland MI, Newburgh opened tournament play against the tournament host, and eventual regional champion, Midland Post 165. Post 44 took an early 4-1 lead but Post 165 rallied for a 7-4 win.

In second round play Newburgh was eliminated by Chippewa Falls WI, 4-1, to conclude manager **Jim Lynch's** first season with a 22-17 record.



**Newburgh
Kapperman Post 44**

2012

PLYMOUTH-Terre Haute Post 346 captured its record 12th American Legion state championship. The title was coach **John Hayes** seventh, also a state record.

In the opening game of the tournament Princeton Post 25, making its first state finals appearance since 1990, broke open a scoreless game with an eight run sixth inning and went on to down Lafayette Post 11, 11-1.

Lucas Lantrip worked six shutout innings to earn the win for Princeton. **Dillon Whitten** had three hits and three RBI for Post 25.

Host Plymouth Post 27 dropped the second game of the opening round, 5-4, when Porter County Post 94/170's **Michael Brosseau** lifted a sacrifice fly to center that scored **J.R. Frederick** in the top of the 13th inning.

On the second day of play Terre Haute, recipient of a first round bye, spotted Porter County a solo run in the top of the first before racking up four

runs of its own in the bottom of the inning. Post 346 broke the game open with an eight-run fifth on its way to a 12-1 win.

Bryan Nacke allowed just four hits while walking none for Terre Haute. Post 346 turned four double plays in the game as **Nacke** improved his record to 5-0. **Tony Rosselli** was 2 for 2 with a home run and three batted in for Terre Haute.

In the second game host Plymouth became the first team eliminated as Lafayette took advantage of six Post 27 errors, six walks and four hit batters to post a 10-7 win in a game that was tied at three each through five innings.

Rosselli's grand-slam home run broke up a scoreless game as Terre Haute took a 6-2 win over Princeton in the winner's bracket final on the third day of the state finals. **T.J. Decker** worked seven innings with **Pete Lannoo** working the final two for Post 346. For the second game in a row Terre Haute pitchers did not allow a walk.

In the loser's bracket Porter County ended Lafayette's season with a 10-0 win. **Dan Snyder** pitched a five-hit complete game shutout for Post 94/170. Post 11 finished the year with a 16-26 record.

After rain postponed the loser's bracket final to Sunday, Porter County took an 8-4 lead on **R.J. Zelenika's** RBI double, his third two-bagger of the game, in the sixth inning and then held on for an 8-7 win to eliminate Princeton. **Cody Haver** worked the final four innings for Post 94/170 to earn a save.

In the second game of the day Porter County scored five times in the bottom of the second and three times in the bottom of the fourth on its way to handing Terre Haute its first loss of the tournament, 11-5. **Snyder** worked five innings of relief for Porter County to earn his second win of the state finals.

The rain delay of the loser's bracket final caused the "if necessary" game to be played on Monday. Terre Haute didn't leave much doubt about the outcome, jumping out to a 14-1 lead after five innings before settling for a 14-8 win and the state championship.

Sam Wolf had three hits, including a two-run homer, and three batted in to lead the Terre Haute offense while **Scott West** picked up the win for Post 346.

In Terre Haute's first game in the Great Lakes Regional at Midland MI, **Decker** allowed just one hit while striking out six and walking two as Terre Haute came away with a 3-0 win over Green Bay WI Post 11. **West** had two hits and an RBI for Terre Haute.

In second round play **Nacke** allowed just two hits and struck out 11 in a 3-1 win over Adrian MI Post 275. **Zach Milam** had three hits for Post 346.

In the winner's bracket final Post 346 rallied from an early 8-2 deficit to beat defending regional champion and tournament host Midland MI Berryhill Post 165, 9-8.

Midland scored seven times in the fourth inning but **Pete Lannoo** came on to pitch 5 1/3 innings of relief, the last four scoreless, as Terre Haute rallied. **Daniel Marlow's** RBI single in the seventh capped a three-run inning and knotted the score at 8-all.

Post 346 got the winning run in the eighth when **Preston Tofaute's** two-out single scored **Cody Thornton**. **Thornton** had coaxed a walk after the first two hitters in the inning were retired. **Tofaute's** game-winner came after **Thornton** swiped second to get into scoring position.

Milam continued to swing a hot bat for Terre Haute collecting four hits and two batted in in the win.

Moline IL Post 246 won its third elimination game in less than 48 hours and handed Terre Haute its first regional loss, 7-2, leaving three teams with one loss in the tournament.

As the last undefeated team Post 346 got a bye while Moline got revenge for a first round loss and disposed of Adrian MI, 4-1, to set up a rematch with Terre Haute for the regional title and a trip to the American Legion World Series.

Moline scored three times in the third inning and made that stand up for a 3-2 win to deny Terre Haute a trip to the Series. Post 246 became just the third team since the current regional format was adopted in 1960 to lose its opening game of the tournament and rebound to win the regional.

Ironically on all three occasions an Indiana team was involved.

Rockport Post 254 lost its opening game in 1974 and then came back to win the regional. In 2005 Woodbury MN Post 501 lost its opener and then came back to beat Rockport twice for the regional title.

Terre Haute concluded its season with a 38-13 record. The runner-up finish was Post 346's fourth (1970, 1994, 2010 and 2012) in Great Lakes play. Terre Haute won the regional and finished as national runner-up in 2006.

2013

ST. LEON-Princeton Post 25 captured its first state championship since 1964 by sweeping through the state finals unbeaten.

Despite committing seven errors Post 25 opened the tournament with an 18-8 win over Crawfordsville Post 72. Twelve hits, eleven walks and five hit

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batters fueled the Princeton offense. **Tyler Stoltz** was 4-4 at the plate for Post 25.

Terre Haute Post 346 beat host St. Leon Post 464, 5-1 in the other opening round game. **Damon Olds** allowed one run on five hits in recording his 10th win for Post 346.

Terre Haute posted a 9-5 win over Bristol Post 143 in the opening game of the second round. **Cody Thornton** was 3-6 with two RBI for Terre Haute. Post 346 rallied from a 5-4 deficit after three innings in posting the win.

Crawfordsville eliminated St. Leon 19-8 in the final game of the night. **Jordan Jackson** had four hits and five runs batted in for Post 72.

In the final winner's bracket game Princeton's **Lucas Lantrip** improved his record to 9-0 as he scattered six hits, walked two and struck out nine in a 4-0 win over Terre Haute. **Lantrip** had started and pitched three innings in Post 25's opening round win over Crawfordsville.

Stoltz, a Western Illinois signee, hit a two-run home run in the fourth to give Princeton a 3-0 lead.

Bristol's **Stephen Pinarski** went the distance in an elimination game as Post 143 defeated Crawfordsville 10-5. **Pinarski** struck out six and walked four while allowing seven hits and hitting three batters.

Terre Haute survived the loser's bracket with a 9-6 win over Bristol in the final game on Saturday.

Austin Hicks pitched a complete game for the win. **Sam Wolf** had a home run and a double for Post 346.

Jared Melliff doubled over the third base bag to lead off the ninth, moved to third on a sacrifice by **Cory Lamey** and scored on **Alex Holder's** sacrifice fly as Princeton beat Terre Haute 6-5 in the championship game.

Post 25 leftfielder **Brooks Martin's** throw to catcher **Caleb Wagner** cut down Post 346 runner **Greg Hannum** at the plate in the bottom of the ninth.

The state championship was Princeton's fourth, the others coming in 1931, 1960 and 1964.

For Terre Haute **Pete Lannoo** became the fifth pitcher in five state finals games to pitch a complete game.

Bristol's **Caleb Stayton**, a Ball State signee, was named the A. D. Phillips Award winner.



Caleb Stayton

Dillon Whitten got two outs in the ninth with runners at second and third and then delivered a walk-off single in the bottom of the tenth to score **Alex Holder** as Princeton beat Moline ILL Post 246, 5-4, in an opening round game of the Great Lakes Regional in Terre Haute.

Whitten had three of Post 25's eight hits in the game.

In another first-round game host Terre Haute beat Midland MI Berryhill Post 165, 10-4.

Post 346 had eight hits to go with 12 walks in the win. **Cody Brock** had three hits, including a double for Terre Haute. **Olds** worked 7 1/3 innings in earning his 11th win.

It wasn't a good day for Indiana as both Princeton and Terre Haute suffered losses in winner's bracket games on the second day of regional play.

Post 25 fell behind Napoleon OH Post 300 6-0 after three innings and went on to lose 6-3 to the eventual tournament champion.

Terre Haute lost 3-2 to Edwardsville IL Post 199 on a walk-off single in the bottom of the 12th. Post 346 got 10 2/3 innings, and 158 pitches, from starter **Austin Hicks** but stranded 12 runners in the game. Edwardsville left 13 on the bases.

The 2014 American Legion season came to an end for both Princeton and Terre Haute in third round play of the Great Lakes Regional.

Plover WI Post 543 benefitted from two unearned runs in posting a 3-1 win over Post 346 while two Princeton errors to start the bottom of the 11th contributed to a 5-4 loss to Midland MI.

Post 25 had taken a 4-3 lead in the top of the 11th when **Whitten's** two-out double scored **Lamey**.

Princeton drew 11 walks and had a hit batter but could manage only five hits in leaving fourteen runners stranded in the game. Post 25 left the bases full in the fourth and fifth innings.

Regional host Terre Haute finished the season 38-14 while state champion Princeton concluded at 25-14 after starting the season 6-9.

2014

PLYMOUTH-Newburgh's Kapperman Post 44 thrived in a brand new tournament format and as a result captured its fourth state championship.

In a new format that saw seven regional winners join the host team for an eight team state finals Post 44 posted a perfect 5-0 record to win its second state title in four years.

In the opening game of the tournament Rockport Post 254 lefthander **Jon Michael Stallings** turned in a complete game performance, striking out five and walking two while allowing only five hits in a 7-1 win over Remington Post 280. **Kobe Stephens** had three hits for Rockport.

Newburgh's **Korbin Williams** broke up a scoreless tie when he hit a solo home run in the sixth to give Post 44 a 1-0 lead over Mishawaka Post 161. Newburgh exploded for eight runs in the top of the ninth to finish off a 9-0 win. **Addison Smith** allowed just two hits in eight innings of work to gain the win for Newburgh.

In other games Terre Haute Post 346 erased a 3-2 deficit with two runs in the bottom of the eighth to beat Floyds Knobs Post 42, 4-3. **Damon Bass** got the win for Terre Haute with 2 1/3 innings of relief.

In the final game of the first-round Kokomo Post 6 centerfielder **Isaac Turner** had a career day as Post 6 overcame 6-0 and 7-2 deficits to stun host Plymouth Post 27, 9-7.

Turner launched a two-run homer in the fourth to cut Plymouth's lead to 6-2, hit a two-run triple in the sixth to get Kokomo within 7-5 and then capped his night with a two-run walk-off homer in the bottom of the ninth.

Austin Weaver went the distance for Kokomo to improve to 9-0.

In elimination games Floyds Knobs held off Remington 4-3 and Plymouth edged Mishawaka 8-7.

Floyds Knobs took a 4-0 lead after three innings and held on in the ninth when reliever **Gage Arnold** got the final out with the bases full for Remington.

Plymouth rallied from a 7-0 deficit to send Post 161 to the sidelines. Post 27 scored five times in the fifth and got the game-winner in the eighth when **Eric Knepper** scored on a throwing error.

In the winner's bracket Terre Haute erased Rockport's 1-0 lead with two runs in the home seventh to send Post 254 to its first loss, 2-1. **Mitch Klinkenbeard** and **Zach Milam** had RBI singles in the inning. Post 346 **Cody Brock** threw 147 pitches in the game, allowing three hits and nine walks while striking out 10 in going the distance.

In the final game of the second round Newburgh beat Kokomo 7-2 behind **Trevor Mullican's** complete game eight-hitter. **William's** second go-ahead homer in two games, this one a two-run blast in the seventh, put Post 44 ahead to stay at 3-2. Four runs in the bottom of the eighth sealed the win.

The third round of play saw Rockport take an 8-1 lead into the bottom of the eighth before Plymouth's **Tyler LaFollette** hit a solo homer and **Nick Pritz** a two-run blast to cut the lead to 8-4. Post 27 scored once and had the bases loaded in the ninth before Rockport reliever **C. J. Rowe** recorded the final two outs.

In the other elimination game Kokomo jumped to an 8-0 lead and survived a Floyds Knobs rally to win 12-10.

Turner homered, singled and drove in three runs for Post 6. **Keegan Downey** added a solo homer while **Tyler Goudy** had three singles and knocked in two for Kokomo. At the conclusion of the tournament **Goudy** would receive the annual A. D. Phillips Award.

In the final winner's bracket game Newburgh scored seven runs in the top of the seventh to take a 9-5 lead and then held on to beat Terre Haute, 10-8. The win assured Newburgh of a spot in the championship game as the last undefeated team in the tournament.

David Francis threw six scoreless innings of relief before allowing three unearned runs in the ninth to gain the win for Post 44.

On day four Kokomo stayed alive with a 4-3 win over Terre Haute and Newburgh sent Rockport to the sidelines, 3-2.

Post 6 fell behind 3-0 but scored four times in the bottom of the sixth with **Goudy's** two-run double being the big blow. Kokomo had three of its four hits in the decisive inning.

Newburgh scored an unearned run in the top of the eighth on **Jordy Bedwell's** sacrifice fly to break a 2-2 tie and remain undefeated with the win over Rockport. Post 254 had the tying run at third and the winning run at first in the bottom of the ninth when Post 44 centerfielder **Ryan Parker** hauled in **Kolton Keown's** deep line drive to center to end the game.

In the championship game **Wyatt Daly's** RBI single snapped a 3-3 tie in the seventh and **William's** solo home run in the eighth, his third home run of the tournament, provided an insurance run that Newburgh would need when

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Kokomo's Morehead State bound **Evan Ward** homered to make the final score 5-4.

The one-run margin was the seventh time in 14 tournament games that the winner escaped by a single tally. Three other games were decided by two runs.

Smith picked up his second win of the tournament for Post 44 as he scattered 12 hits, walked five and struck out three in a complete game performance.

In Great Lakes Regional play Princeton fell to Midland MI Post 165, 7-6, despite a four-run rally in the bottom of the eighth while tournament host Terre Haute also dropped a first round decision, 8-1, to Plover WI Post 543.

In second-round loser's bracket play Newburgh endured a 2 ½ hour weather delay and then defeated Barrington IL Post 158, 6-4.

Leading 2-1 in the top of the sixth Post 44 laid down four successful bunts in scoring three times to take control of the game. **Ben Bunch** went 3-3 for Newburgh.

Terre Haute also won a loser's bracket game with an 8-0 win over Marshfield WI Post 54.

Austin Hicks, pitching with a dislocated rib, tossed a complete game three-hitter for Post 346. Two of Marshfield's hits were of the infield variety.

In another day of elimination games for the Hoosier entries the two Indiana teams survived yet again as Newburgh beat Galesburg IL Post 285, 9-3, and Terre Haute edged defending regional champion Napoleon OH Post 300, 7-6 in 10 innings.

Parker had two hits and drove in three while **Williams** had three hits and scored two for Newburgh.

Post 346 rallied for two runs in the bottom of the ninth to forge a 6-6 tie and then scored the winner in the 10th on a bases-loaded walk to **Milam** that scored **Nathan Thomas**.

The second extra-inning loss in two nights sent the defending regional champion home. Napoleon had dropped an 8-7, 11-inning affair to Midland the night before.

On the fourth day of action both Newburgh and Terre Haute were eliminated as Post 44 fell to Plover and Terre Haute lost to Midland.

Behind 7-0 Newburgh scored five times in the top of the eighth but wound up losing to Plover, 8-5. Post 44 left six runners stranded in scoring position in the game.

Post 346 suffered through a brutal day with 10 errors in falling to eventual regional champion Midland, 20-5. Midland scored 11 runs on nine hits and a Terre Haute error in the second inning.

Post 346 finished manager **John Hayes** 30th season with a record of 30-14.

Newburgh concluded Manager **Harold "Buddy" Swift's** first state championship season with a 29-8 log.



Newburgh
Kapperman Post 44



State Finals Finish By Pairings

(1979-2013 Tournament Format)

<u>Year</u>	<u>1st round</u> <u>Bye</u>	<u>2nd Round</u> <u>Bye</u>	<u>No</u> <u>Bye</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Game 1</u> <u>Loser</u>
1979	4th	3rd	5th	1st	2nd
1980	2nd	1st	3rd	4th	5th
1981	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	5th
1982	2nd	3rd	5th	1st	4th
1983	2nd	3rd	5th	1st	4th
1984	4th	1st	3rd	2nd	5th
1985	2nd	1st	4th	3rd	5th
1986	1st	3rd	2nd	4th	5th
1987	2nd	3rd	5th	1st	4th
1988	3rd	2nd	5th	1st	4th
1989	4th	1st	5th	3rd	2nd
1990	2nd	1st	3rd	4th	5th
1991	4th	1st	5th	2nd	3rd
1992	1st	3rd	2nd	5th	4th
1993	4th	1st	5th	3rd	2nd
1994	2nd	3rd	1st	4th	5th
1995	4th	2nd	5th	1st	3rd
1996	2nd	1st	3rd	4th	5th
1997	3rd	1st	4th	2nd	5th
1998	2nd	3rd	5th	1st	4th
1999	3rd	1st	5th	4th	2nd
2000	3rd	2nd	1st	4th	5th
2001	4th	2nd	3rd	1st	5th
2002				2nd	
2003				4th	
2004	4th	2nd	5th	1st	3rd
2005				4th	
2006	2nd	3rd	1st	5th	4th
2007				4th	
2008				3rd	
2009				3rd	
2010	1st	2nd	4th	3rd	5 th
2011	3 rd	1 st	5 th	4 th	2 nd
2012	1 st	3 rd	2 nd	5 th	4 th
2013	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	5 th	4 th

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2010

Regional 1 at Crown Point

Crown Point 20 beat Plymouth 27, 8-4
South Bend 50 beat Bristol 143, 11-5
South Bend beat Crown Point, 9-7
Bristol beat Plymouth, 7-3
Crown Point beat Bristol, 8-2
South Bend beat Crown Point, 8-5

Regional 2 at Terre Haute

Terre Haute 346 beat Lafayette 11, 8-0
Kokomo 6 beat Crawfordsville 72, 9-8 (10)
Kokomo beat Terre Haute, 8-6
Crawfordsville beat Lafayette, 9-8
Terre Haute beat Crawfordsville, 8-0
Terre Haute beat Kokomo, 10-4
Terre Haute beat Kokomo, 15-2

Regional 3 at Muncie

Richmond 65 beat Muncie 19, 9-8
Madison 9 beat St. Leon 464, 8-7 (10)
Madison beat Richmond, 10-1
Muncie beat St. Leon, 19-1
Muncie beat Richmond, 23-13
Madison beat Muncie, 9-5

Regional 4 at Rockport

Evansville 265 beat Princeton 25, 9-5
Floyds Knobs 42 beat Newburgh 44, 8-6
Evansville beat Floyds Knobs, 17-3
Princeton beat Newburgh, 8-3
Princeton beat Floyds Knobs, 7-1
Princeton beat Evansville, 2-0
Evansville beat Princeton, 4-2

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Evansville beat Madison, 10-1
South Bend beat Plymouth, 9-4
Terre Haute beat South Bend 13-0
Plymouth beat Madison, 11-2
Terre Haute beat Evansville, 5-3
Plymouth beat South Bend, 8-4
Evansville beat Plymouth, 7-6
Terre Haute beat Evansville, 9-6

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Mattoon ILL

Terre Haute beat Eagan MN 594, 7-1
Moline ILL 246 beat Terre Haute, 6-4
Terre Haute beat Pennridge PA 255, 6-2
Terre Haute beat Midland MI 165, 10-6
Terre Haute beat Moline ILL, 11-2
Moline ILL beat Terre Haute, 8-5 (2nd)

2011

Regional 1 at Plymouth

South Bend 50 beat Bristol 143, 11-1
Plymouth 27 beat Highland 180, 12-1
South Bend beat Plymouth, 18-13 (10)
Bristol beat Highland, 5-3
Bristol beat Plymouth, 13-6
South Bend beat Bristol, 10-2

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Terre Haute 346 beat Remington 280, 13-3
Kokomo 6 beat Crawfordsville 72, 12-4
Terre Haute beat Kokomo, 14-4
Crawfordsville beat Remington, 11-3
Kokomo beat Crawfordsville, 8-4
Terre Haute beat Kokomo, 8-1

Regional 3 at Centerville

St. Leon 464 beat Madison 9, 20-10
Richmond 65 beat Anderson 127, 13-3
Richmond beat St. Leon, 13-8
Anderson beat Madison, 14-3
St. Leon beat Anderson, 11-3
St. Leon beat Richmond, 13-12
St. Leon beat Richmond, 11-1

Regional 4 at Rockport

Newburgh 44 beat Princeton 25, 18-7
Rockport 254 beat Jasper 146, 13-0
Rockport beat Newburgh, 12-6 (10)
Jasper beat Princeton, 8-6
Newburgh beat Jasper, 12-1
Rockport beat Newburgh, 11-9

State Finals at Rockport

Newburgh beat St. Leon, 12-6
Rockport beat South Bend, 9-8
St. Leon beat South Bend, 11-10
Terre Haute beat Rockport, 11-3
Newburgh beat Terre Haute, 14-12 (10)
St. Leon beat Rockport, 9-5
St. Leon beat Terre Haute, 6-2
St. Leon beat Newburgh, 8-7 (10)
Newburgh beat St. Leon, 12-5

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Midland MI

Midland MI 165 beat Newburgh, 7-4
Chippewa Falls WI 77 beat Newburgh, 4-1

2012

Regional 1 at Plymouth

Porter County 94/170 beat South Bend 50, 5-4
*Mishawaka 161A beat Plymouth 27, 4-1
Porter County beat Mishawaka, 3-2
Plymouth beat South Bend, 12-2
Mishawaka beat Plymouth, 5-3 (11)
Porter County beat Mishawaka, 8-3

Regional 2 at Lafayette

*Lafayette 11 beat Muncie 19, 15-1
Remington 280 beat *Richmond 65, 7-4
Lafayette beat Remington, 16-9
Richmond beat Muncie, 16-15
Richmond beat Remington, 8-4
Richmond beat Lafayette, 10-0
Lafayette beat Richmond, 9-4

Regional 3 at Terre Haute

Terre Haute 346 beat *Seymour 89, 27-4
St. Leon 464 beat Floyds Knobs 42, 9-8
Terre Haute beat St. Leon, 7-6
Floyds Knobs beat Seymour, 4-2
Floyds Knobs beat St. Leon, 12-1
Terre Haute beat Floyds Knobs, 6-1

Regional 4 at Rockport

*Rockport 254 beat Newburgh 44, 4-3 (10)
*Evansville 265 beat Princeton 25, 1-0
Rockport beat Evansville, 6-0
Princeton beat Newburgh, 9-8
Princeton beat Evansville, 5-3
Princeton beat Rockport, 19-4
Princeton beat Rockport, 9-5

* Advanced as sectional runner-up

State Finals at Plymouth

Princeton 25 beat Lafayette 11, 11-1
Porter County 94/170 beat Plymouth 27, 5-4 (13)
Terre Haute 346 beat Porter County, 12-1
Lafayette beat Plymouth, 10-7
Terre Haute beat Princeton, 6-2
Porter County beat Lafayette, 10-0
Porter County beat Princeton, 8-7
Porter County beat Terre Haute, 11-5
Terre Haute beat Porter County, 14-8

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Midland MI

Terre Haute beat Green Bay WI 11, 3-0
Terre Haute beat Adrian MI 275, 3-1
Terre Haute beat Midland MI 165, 9-8
Moline IL 246 beat Terre Haute, 7-2
Moline IL beat Terre Haute, 3-2 (2nd)

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2013

Regional 1 at Plymouth

Kokomo 6 beat *Highland 180, 5-4
Bristol 143 beat +Plymouth 27, 13-3
Bristol beat Kokomo, 11-1
Highland beat Plymouth, 6-3
Kokomo beat Highland, 12-11
Bristol beat Kokomo, 20-11

Regional 2 at Lafayette

St. Leon 464 beat *Crawfordsville 72, 9-5
Remington 280 beat *Brookville 77, 13-3
St. Leon beat Remington, 9-5
Crawfordsville beat Brookville, 16-8
Crawfordsville beat Remington, 10-7
Crawfordsville beat St. Leon, 9-7
St. Leon beat Crawfordsville, 17-12

Regional 3 at Terre Haute

Floyds Knobs 42 beat *Clinton 140, 16-5
Terre Haute 346 beat *Madison 9, 14-4
Terre Haute beat Floyds Knobs, 6-5
Madison beat Clinton, 12-8
Floyds Knobs beat Madison, 31-4
Terre Haute beat Floyds Knobs, 10-9 (10)

Regional 4 at Rockport

Princeton 25 beat *Boonville 200, 5-3
Rockport 254 beat *Newburgh 44, 7-5
Princeton beat Rockport, 10-3
Newburgh beat Boonville, 17-1
Newburgh beat Rockport, 10-0
Princeton beat Newburgh, 8-4

* Advanced as sectional runner-up
+ Played in place of Richmond Post 65

State Finals at St. Leon

Princeton beat Crawfordsville, 18-8
Terre Haute beat St. Leon, 5-1
Terre Haute beat Bristol, 9-5
Crawfordsville beat St. Leon, 19-8
Princeton beat Terre Haute, 4-0
Bristol beat Crawfordsville, 10-5
Terre Haute beat Bristol, 9-6
Princeton beat Terre Haute, 6-5

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Terre Haute

Princeton beat Moline IL 246, 5-4 (10)
Terre Haute beat Midland MI 165, 10-4
Napoleon OH 300 beat Princeton, 6-3
Edwardsville IL 199 beat Terre Haute, 3-2 (12)
Midland MI beat Princeton, 5-4 (11)
Plover WI 543 beat Terre Haute, 3-1

2014

Regional 1 at Plymouth

Mishawaka 161 beat Plymouth 27, 11-9
Highland 180 beat Bristol 143, 8-6
Mishawaka beat Porter County 94/170, 12-0
Bristol beat Plymouth, 11-6
Highland beat Mishawaka, 16-8
Bristol beat Porter County, 6-1
Mishawaka beat Bristol, 12-6
Mishawaka beat Highland, 5-3
Mishawaka beat Highland, 13-4

Regional 2 at Lafayette

Lafayette 11 beat Attica 52, 12-7
Crawfordsville 72 beat Lake Village 375, 14-7
Remington 280 beat Crawfordsville, 6-5
Lake Village beat Attica, 17-15 (10)
Remington beat Lafayette, 12-4
Crawfordsville beat Lake Village, 17-6
Lafayette beat Crawfordsville, 12-9
Remington beat Lafayette, 5-4

Regional 3 at Richmond

Kokomo 6 beat Cicero 341, 11-2
Richmond 65 beat Brookville 77, 6-3
Kokomo beat Richmond, 9-1
Brookville beat Cicero, 10-3
Richmond beat Brookville, 12-2
Kokomo beat Richmond, 12-5

Regional 4 at Terre Haute

Rockville 48 beat Sullivan 139, 11-4
Clinton 140 beat Greene County 196, 11-1
Terre Haute 346 beat Rockville, 6-3
Sullivan beat Greene County, NA
Terre Haute beat Clinton, 14-0
Rockville beat Sullivan, 8-6
Clinton beat Rockville, 3-0
Terre Haute beat Clinton, 16-2

Regional 5 at Madison

Madison 9 beat Batesville 271, 9-7
Floyds Knobs 42 beat Seymour 89, 37-3
Seymour beat Batesville, 13-10
Floyds Knobs beat Madison, 4-0
Madison beat Seymour, 9-0 (FFT.)
Madison beat Floyds Knobs, 6-3
Floyds Knobs beat Madison, 5-4

Regional 6 at Rockport

Princeton 25 beat Washington 121/120, 2-1 (10)
Rockport 254 beat Jasper 147, 8-1
Jasper beat Washington, 3-2
Rockport beat Princeton, 5-2
Jasper beat Princeton, 8-6
Rockport beat Jasper, 15-1

Regional 7 at Boonville

Newburgh 44 beat Boonville 200, 4-2
Evansville 265 beat Mt. Vernon 5, 4-3
Evansville 265 beat Evansville 8, 16-1
Mt. Vernon beat Boonville, 8-5
Newburgh beat Evansville 265, 8-2
Mt. Vernon beat Evansville 8, 15-7
Evansville 265 beat Mt. Vernon, 15-0
Evansville 265 beat Newburgh, 4-3
Newburgh beat Evansville 265, 10-4

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State Finals at Plymouth

Rockport beat Remington, 7-1
Newburgh beat Mishawaka, 9-0
Terre Haute beat Floyds Knobs, 4-3
Kokomo beat Plymouth, 9-7
Floyds Knobs beat Remington, 4-3
Plymouth beat Mishawaka, 8-7
Terre Haute beat Rockport, 2-1
Newburgh beat Kokomo, 7-2
Rockport beat Plymouth, 8-5
Kokomo beat Floyds Knobs, 12-10
Newburgh beat Terre Haute, 10-8
Kokomo beat Terre Haute, 4-3
Newburgh beat Rockport, 3-2
Newburgh beat Kokomo, 5-4

Great Lakes Regional 5 at Terre Haute

Midland MI 165 beat Newburgh, 7-6
Plover WI 543 beat Terre Haute, 8-1
Newburgh beat Barrington IL 158, 6-4
Terre Haute beat Marshfield WI 54, 8-0
Terre Haute beat Napoleon OH 300, 7-6 (10)
Newburgh beat Galesburg IL 285, 9-3
Plover WI beat Newburgh, 8-5
Midland MI beat Terre Haute, 20-5

District & Sectional Champions

Anderson 127 (39)
1930, 1934, 1936, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1947, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1958, 1959, 1963, 1969, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2011

Anderson Welcker Heights 127
1966

Alexandria 87
1932, 1933, 1935

Angola 31
1951

Auburn 97
1937, 1971, 1972, 1973

Aurora 231 (19)
1947, 1956, 1957, 1969, 1970, 1976, 1979, 1980, 1985, 1986, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002

Batesville 271 (19)
1950, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1973, 1981, 1982, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002

Bedford 33
1940, 1941, 1943, 1946, 1996

Beech Grove 276 (14)
1974, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998

Berne 468
*1933, 1952

* sponsored by Decatur Post 43

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1928

Bloomington 18 (11)
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Bluffton 111
1953, 1954, 1956, 1957

Boonville 200
1944, 1965, 1968, 1989, 1994, 1997, 1998, 2001

Brazil 2
1933, 1948, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1975, 1980, 1981, 1984

Bristol 143
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1970

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Columbus 24
1952, 1964, 1985, 1986, 1992, 2001

Connersville 1
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1945, 1946, 1947, 1962, 1969, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1984, 1993, 2010, 2011

Crown Point 20 (21)
1958, 1966, 1969, 1970, 1977, 1978, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010

Decatur 43
1939, 1941, 1946, 1958

Dubois County 124
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Elberfeld 351
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Evansville 8 (25)
1928, 1932, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1946, 1947, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1958, 1962, 1963, 1966, 1967, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1998, 2008

Evansville 187
1949

Evansville 265 (17)
1945, 1977, 1979, 1983, 1984, 1990, 1995, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010

Flora 222
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Floyds Knobs 42
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Ft. Wayne 82
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1980

Frankfort 12
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Franklin 205
1928, 1929, 1946, 1953, 1955

French Lick 76
1951, 1952, 2006

Gary 17
1928

Gary 99
1993

Gary 214
1930, 1967, 1968

Gary 270
1953

Gary 367
1979, 1980

Gary 485
1959

Greenfield 119
1928, 1938, 1967, 2005

Greenwood 252
1951

Hammond 16
1947, 1955

Hammond 126
1995

Hammond 168 (17)
1950, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1993, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

Hammond 232
1967, 1968

Hammond 428
1969, 1981, 1984

Hartford City 159
1937, 1939

Highland 180 (20)
1969, 1971, 1974, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011

Hobart 54
1965, 1966, 1967

Hope 229
1937

Huntingburg 221
1930, 1931, 1944, 1946

Huntington 7
1928, 1929, 1930, 1960

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1928, 1929

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1948

Indianapolis 55
1930, 1931

Indianapolis 64
1993, 1994, 2000

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1939

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Princeton 25	51
Kokomo 6	48
Terre Haute 346	46
Richmond 65	41
Madison 9	40
Rockport 254	40
Anderson 127	39
Jeffersonville 35	27
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Evansville 8	25
South Bend 357	24
Muncie 19	23
St. Leon 464	22

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Indianapolis 116

1936, 1937, 1938, 1941

Indianapolis 133 (11)

1932, 1933, 1935, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1953, 1954, 1955

Indianapolis 312

1940, 1945, 1952, 1962, 1963, 1966, 1968

Indianapolis 348

1956, 1958, 1969

Indianapolis 448

1957, 1959, 1960, 1961

Indianapolis 465

1967

Indianapolis 495

1970, 1971

Indianapolis Juniors (NA)

1926

Jasonville 172

1928, 1929

Jasper 147

1933, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1943, 1947, 1956, 1967, 1970, 1973, 1974, 1975, 2002, 2011

Jeffersonville 35 (27)

1928, 1929, 1933, 1934, 1945, 1947, 1948, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1976, 1977

Jonesboro 95

1953, 1955, 1963, 1964, 1965

Kendallville 86

1952

Knightstown 152

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Kokomo 6 (48)

1929, 1931, 1932, 1934, 1935, 1940, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1967, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013

Lafayette 11 (52)

1929, 1932, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1946, 1948, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1986, 1987, 1992, 1993, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010,

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1931, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1999

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1954, 1957, 1958, 1961, 1976, 1980, 1983

Leo 409

1977, 1979, 1983

Ligonier 243 (12)

1955, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970

Linton 22

1989, 1994, 1998

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1937, 1940, 1960, 1965, 1969, 1973, 1977

Lowell 101

1972, 2000

Madison 9 (40)

1930, 1938, 1946, 1948, 1949, 1951, 1954, 1956, 1960, 1961, 1963, 1973, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011

Marion 10 (11)

1949, 1951, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1968, 1976, 1980

Martinsville 320

1954, 1956, 1958

Merrillville 430

1981, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1989, 1996

Michigan City 37 (11)

1932, 1933, 1935, 1940, 1944, 1950, 1955, 1968, 1969, 1974, 1985

Middletown 216

1941

Milan 235

1993

Mishawaka 161

2000, 2001, 2007

Monticello 81

1961, 1962, 1971, 1975, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991

Moore Hill 209

1972

Mooreville 103

1940, 1957

Morristown 102

1965

Mt. Vernon 5

1934, 1935

Muncie 19 (23)

1928, 1940, 1951, 1952, 1981, 1983, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012

Nashville 13

1935

New Albany 28

1945, 1985, 1989

New Alsace 452

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Newburgh 44 (13)

1981, 1982, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1997, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2012

New Castle 137

1930, 1931, 1944

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Pendleton 117

1971

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1954

Pike County 179

1969

Plainfield 329

1936, 1951, 1952

Plymouth 27

2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Portland 211

1931, 1936, 1938

Porter County 94/170

2012

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1936

Princeton 25 (51)

1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1978, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

Remington 280 (13)

1965, 1973, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2011, 2012, 2013

Richmond 65 (41)

1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1939, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1997, 2000, 2010, 2011

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* sponsored by Greencastle Post 58

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1936, 1946, 1949, 1953

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1941, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1968, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013

Rockville 48

1938, 1939, 1941

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1994, 1998

Russiaville 412

1987, 1988

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Schererville 485
1987, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000

Scottsburg 234
1945

Seymour 89 (20)
1932, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1953,
1954, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1959,
1962, 1965, 1969, 1974, 1975,
1987, 1990, 1991, 2008, 2009

Sharpsville 6*
1928,

* sponsored by Kokomo Post 6

Shelburn 197
1959, 1960

Shelbyville 70
1929, 2004

South Bend 50 (20)
1929, 1949, 1961, 1962, 1963,
1976, 1977*, 1979, 1980, 1981,
1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1997,
2006, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

* National Champion

South Bend 272
1931

South Bend 284 (10)
1944, 1945, 1946, 1951, 1956,
1960, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1971

South Bend 303
1938, 1941, 1942, 1952, 1958

South Bend 357 (24-12-4)
1937, 1939, 1942, 1957, 1959,
1965, 1966, 1970, 1972, **1973**,
1974, **1975**, 1978, 1982, 1983,
1984, 1986, 1990, 1993, 1994,
1995, **1996**, 1998, 1999

South Haven 502
1983, 1984, 1985, 1992, 1994,
1995

Southport 115
1934

Southport 355 (11)
1972, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1980,
1981, 1983, 1984, 1988, 1990,
1991

Southport 494
1964, 1965, 1966

St. Leon 464 (22)
1968, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978,
1983, 1984, 1988, 1989, 1990,
1996, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006,
2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011,
2012, 2013

Sullivan 139
1982, 2001

Tell City 213 (6-0-0)
1935, 1941, 1950, 1969, 1970,
1990

Terre Haute 40
1934, 1935, 1937, 1940

Terre Haute 346 (46)
1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1956,
1957, 1959, 1960, 1967, 1968,
1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973,
1976, 1977, 1978, 1985, 1986,
1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991,
1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996,
1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002,
2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007,
2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012,
2013

Tipton 46
1930

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1929

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1974, 1999, 2003

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2003, 2004

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1962, 1989, 1994

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1964, 1993, 1996, 2002

Warren 259
1965, 1966

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1938, 1939, 1947, 1955, 1956,
1978

Washington 121
1978, 1979, 1983, 1984, 1997,
1999, 2000, 2001

Whiting 80 (26)
1931, 1936, 1951, 1954, 1963,
1964, 1965, 1966, 1972, 1977,
1982, 1983, 1986, 1987, 1988,
1989, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1996,
1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001,
2002

Winamac 71
1935, 1956, 1958

Wolcottville 110
1938

Zionsville 79
1950

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Anderson 127 (14)
1936, 1937, 1943, 1944, 1945,
1947, 1950, 1958, 1987, 1989,
1995, 1996, 1998, 2000

Aurora 231
1976, 1985

Batesville 271
1950, 1953, 1994

Beech Grove 276
1977, 1978, 1998

Berne 468
*1933

* sponsored by Decatur Post 43

Blanford 140
*1928

* sponsored by Clinton Post
140

Bloomington 18
1938

Boonville 200
1989

Bristol 143
2005, 2006, 2013

Carbon 2
*1934

* sponsored by Brazil Post 2

Carmel 155
1985, 1989

Clinton 140
1930, 1931

Crown Point 20
1958, 1993, 2001, 2002, 2003

East Chicago 78 & 266
1948, 1949, 1952

East Chicago 266
1970, 1976

East Chicago Roosevelt 266
1943, 1945

East Chicago Washington 266
1932, 1933, 1935, 1938, 1944,
1946

East Chicago 369
1961, 1962

Elkhart 74-2
1947, 1964

Evansville 8 (11)
1947, 1952, 1958, 1962, 1963,
1966, 1967, 1976, 1985, 1986,
1987

Evansville 265
1995, 1996, 2001, 2002, 2010

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2014

Ft. Wayne 296
1980

Frankfort 12
1970

Gary 17
1928

Gary 367
1979, 1980

Greenfield 119
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Hammond 16
1955

Hammond 168
1950, 1978, 2006, 2008, 2009

Highland 180
1969, 1981, 1984, 1990, 1991,
1992

Huntingburg 221
1944

Huntington 7
1930

Indianapolis 3
1928, 1929

Indianapolis 55
1930, 1931

Indianapolis 133
1949, 1955

Indianapolis 312
1952, 1966

Indianapolis 348
1969

Indianapolis 495
1970, 1971

Jasper 147
1933, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1943

Jeffersonville 35
1928, 1954, 1957, 1968, 1972

Jonesboro 95
1953, 1965,

Kokomo 6 (14)
1932, 1935, 1946, 1972, 1974,
1975, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1981,
1983, 2001, 2013, 2014

Lafayette 11 (22)
1934, 1936, 1953, 1954, 1959,
1963, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1968,
1977, 1980, 1982, 1986, 1992,
1993, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2007,
2009, 2012

LaPorte 83
1967

Lawrenceburg 239
1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963,
1999

Ligonier 243
1959

Madison 9 (16)
1948, 1949, 1956, 1973, 1979,
1983, 1988, 1996, 1996, 1997,
1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003,
2010

Marion 10
1954, 1956, 1957

Michigan City 37
1955

Milan 235
1993

Mishawaka 161
2000, 2007, 2014

Monticello 81
1971, 1991

Mt. Vernon 5
1935

Muncie 19
1951, 1952, 1986, 1990, 1991,
1992, 2008

New Albany 28
1945,

Newburgh 44
1981, 1982, 1991, 1992, 1993,
1997, 2014

Plymouth 27
2003, 2004

Porter County 94/170
2012

Princeton 25 (16)
1930, 1931, 1932, 1936, 1937,
1946, 1951, 1953, 1960, 1964,
1965, 1975, 1978, 1990, 2012,
2013

Remington 280
1973, 1984, 2013, 2014

Richmond 65 (16)
1932, 1933, 1935, 1936, 1945,
1946, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1954,
1957, 1958, 1967, 1974, 1980,
1982,

Rockport 254 (18)
1959, 1961, 1971, 1972, 1973,
1974, 1979, 1980, 1983, 1984,
2000, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007,
2008, 2013, 2014

Russiaville 412
1987, 1988

South Bend 50 (10)
1961, 1962, 1963, 1977, 1987,
1988, 1989, 1997, 2010, 2011

South Bend 272
1931

South Bend 284 (10)
1951, 1960, 1968, 1969, 1971

South Bend 357 (12)
1937, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975,
1982, 1983, 1986, 1994, 1996,
1998, 1999

South Haven 502
1985

Southport 115
1934

Southport 355
1975, 1981, 1984, 1991

Southport 494
1964, 1965,

St. Leon 464
2011, 2013

Terre Haute 346 (22)
1951, 1956, 1957, 1960, 1968,
1969, 1970, 1977, 1988, 1994,
1998, 1999, 2003, 2004, 2005,
2006, 2009, 2010, 1011, 2012,
2013, 2014

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1955, 1956

Wabash 15
1994

Whiting 80
1965, 1966

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<i>Terre Haute 346</i>	22
<i>Rockport 254</i>	18
<i>Madison 9</i>	16
<i>Richmond 65</i>	16
<i>Princeton 25</i>	16
<i>Anderson 127</i>	14
<i>Kokomo 6</i>	14
<i>South Bend 357</i>	12
<i>Evansville 8</i>	11

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Anderson 127

1936, 1998

Aurora 231

1985

Beech Grove 276

1978

Blanford 140

*1928

* sponsored by Clinton Post
140

Boonville 200

1989

Clinton 140

1930,

East Chicago 78 & 266

1949

East Chicago Roosevelt 266

1940, 1943, 1945

East Chicago Washington 266

1932, 1935, 1938, 1942, 1944
1946

East Chicago 369

1962

Evansville 8

1952, 1963, 1966, 1967, 1988*

* Won state as host, did not win
sectional and regional

Evansville 265

1995, 2001, 2002,

Ft. Wayne 47

1948

Gary 367

1980

Hammond 168

1950, 2009

Highland 180

1991

Indianapolis 495

1971

Indianapolis Juniors (NA)

1926

Jasper 147

1933,

Kokomo 6

1972, 1976, 1982*

* Won state as host, did not win
sectional and regional

Lafayette 11

1929, 1934, 1953, 1954, 1986,
1993

Madison 9

2000

Michigan City 37

1955

Muncie 19

1990, 2008

Newburgh 44

1987*, 1992, 2011#, 2014

* Won state as host, did not win
sectional and regional

Won state as regional runner-
up to state host Rockport

Plymouth 27

2004

Princeton 25

1931, 1960, 1964, 2013

Richmond 65

1939, 1947, 1958

Rockport 254

1959, 1961, 1974, 1979, 1983,
2005, 2007

Rockville 48

1941

South Bend 50

1977

South Bend 284

1968

South Bend 357 (12)

1937, 1973, 1975, 1996

Southport 355

1981, 1984

Terre Haute 346 (12)

1951, 1956, 1957, 1969, 1970,
1994, 1997*, 1999, 2003, 2006,
2010, 2012

* Won state as regional runner-
up to state host Newburgh

Whiting 80

1965

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Championships**

Terre Haute 346.....	12
Rockport 254.....	7
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Lafayette 11.....	6
Evansville 8.....	5
South Bend 357.....	4
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Richmond 65.....	3

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Richmond 65.....	7
Princeton.....	7
Anderson 127.....	6
Madison 9.....	6
South Bend 50.....	6
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Lafayette 11.....	35
Kokomo 6.....	32
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South Bend 357.....	25
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Princeton 25.....	22
Richmond 65.....	20
South Bend 50.....	19
Anderson 127.....	18
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Lafayette 11.....	23
Anderson 127.....	20
Princeton 25.....	20
Rockport 254.....	19
Madison 9.....	18
Richmond 65.....	18
Kokomo 6.....	17
Evansville 8.....	13
South Bend 357.....	13

State Tournament: Team History

Anderson 127 (20, 18-29, 2-4-3)

1936	2-0	1
1937	0-1	
1940	0-1	
1942	0-1	
1943	0-1	
1944	0-1	
1945	0-1	
1947	1-2	2
1950	1-1	2
1958	1-2	3
1987	0-2	
1989	0-2	
1990*	1-2	
1994*	1-2	
1995	0-2	
1996	3-2	2
1998	4-0	1
2000	2-2	2
2002+	1-2	3
2003+	1-2	3

Aurora 231 (2, 5-3, 1-1-0)

1976	2-2	2
1985	3-1	1

Batesville 271 (4, 3-6, 0-1-0)

1950	0-1	
1953	0-1	
1994	2-2	2
1999+	1-2	

Beech Grove 276 (3, 5-4, 1-0-1)

1977	1-2	3
1978	3-0	1
1998+	1-2	

Berne 43

1933*	0-1	
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* sponsored by Decatur Post 43

Blanford 140

1928	2-0	1
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Bloomington 18 (2, 1-2, 0-1-0)

1938	1-1	2
1943	0-1	

Boonville 200

1989	3-1	1
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Bristol 143 (4, 3-8, 0-0-3)

2005	1-2	3
2006	1-2	3
2008#	0-2	
2013	1-2	3

Carbon 2*

1934	0-1	
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* sponsored by Brazil Post 2

Carmel 155 (2, 0-4, 0-0-0)

1985	0-2	
1989	0-2	

Clinton 140 (3, 2-2, 1-0-0)

1929	0-1	
1930	2-0	1
1931	0-1	

Crown Point 20 (5, 1-10, 0-0-0)

1958	0-2	
1993	0-2	
2000*	1-2	
2001	0-2	
2002	0-2	

Crawfordsville 72

2013+	1-2	
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Dunkirk 227

1941	0-1	
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Participated as:

* host team

+ regional runner-up to host

3rd place team in regional

East Chicago 78&266 (3, 4-2, 1-2-0)

1948	1-1	2
1949	2-0	1
1952	1-1	2

East Chicago 266 (2, 1-4, 0-0-1)

1970	0-2	
1976	1-2	3

East Chicago Roosevelt 266

(3, 8-0, 3-0-0)

1940	2-0	1
1943	3-0	1
1945	3-0	1

East Chicago Washington 266

(8, 15-2, 6-2-0)

1932	2-0	1
1933	1-1	2
1935	2-0	1
1938	2-0	1
1941	1-1	2
1942	1-0	1
1944	3-0	1
1946	3-0	1

East Chicago 369 (2, 4-2, 1-0-1)

1961	1-2	3
1962	3-0	1

Elkhart 74-2 (2, 0-3, 0-0-0)

1947	0-1	
1964	0-2	

Evansville 8 (13, 27-16, 5-3-1)

1947	0-1	
1952	2-0	1
1958	2-2	2
1962	0-2	
1963	3-0	1
1966	4-1	1
1967	3-0	1
1976	0-2	
1985	1-2	
1986	1-2	3
1987	3-2	2
1988*	4-0	1
1991*	4-2	2

Evansville 265 (9, 18-12, 3-1-3)

1983+	1-2	3
1985*	2-2	3
1995	4-0	1
1996	2-2	3
2001	4-0	1
2002	3-0	1
2005*	0-2	
2009+	0-2	
2010	2-2	2

Fort Wayne 47 (4, 5-3, 1-1-0)

1929	2-1	
1934	1-1	2
1948	2-0	1
1949	0-1	

Floyds Knobs 42

2014	1-2	
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Frankfort 12

1970	2-2	2
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Franklin 205

1929	1-1	
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Gary 17

1928	1-1	2
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Gary 367 (2, 4-3, 1-0-1)

1979	1-2	3
1980	3-1	1

Greenfield 119

1938	0-1	
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Hammond 16

1955	1-1	2
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Hammond 126

1995	2-2	3
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Hammond 168 (5, 7-6, 2-0-1)

1950	2-0	1
1978	1-2	3
2004	0-2	
2006	1-2	
2009	3-0	1

Highland 180 (6, 4-11, 1-0-0)

1969	0-2	
1981	0-2	
1984	0-2	
1990	0-2	
1991	3-1	1
1992	1-2	

Huntington 7 (2, 1-2, 0-0-0)

1929	1-1	
1930	0-1	

Huntingburg 221 (2, 1-3, 0-1-0)

1929	0-1	
1944	1-2	2

Indianapolis 3

1928	0-1	
1929	2-2	

Indianapolis 55 (2, 1-2, 0-1-0)

1930	1-1	2
1931	0-1	

Indianapolis 133 (2, 0-2, 0-0-0)

1949	0-1	
1955	0-1	

Indianapolis 312 (2, 1-3, 0-0-1)

1952	0-1	
1966	1-2	3

Indianapolis 348

1969	2-2	2
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Indianapolis 495 (2, 4-2, 1-0-1)

1970	1-2	3
1971	3-0	1

Jasonville 172

1929	0-1	
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Jasper 147 (5, 4-5, 1-2-0)

1933	2-0	1
1937	1-1	2
1938	0-1	
1939	0-1	
1943	1-2	2

Jeffersonville 35 (6, 7-8, 0-1-2)

1928	0-1	
1929	3-0	
1954	0-1	
1957	2-2	2
1968	1-2	3
1972	1-2	3

Kokomo 6 (17, 32-26, 3-6-1)

1929	0-1	
1932	0-1	
1935	1-1	2
1946	0-1	
1972	3-1	1
1974	3-2	2
1975	1-2	3
1976	3-0	1
1978	2-2	2
1979	4-2	2
1981	3-2	2
1982*	5-1	1
1983	1-2	
1992*	0-2	
1996*	1-2	
2001	2-2	3
2014	3-2	2

Lafayette 11 (23, 35-35, 6-7-3)

1929	3-1	1
1934	2-0	1
1936	0-2	
1953	2-0	1
1954	2-0	1
1959	1-2	3
1963	0-2	
1964	2-2	2
1966	2-2	2
1967	0-2	
1968	0-2	
1977	2-2	2
1980	1-2	
1982	0-2	
1986	3-0	1
1992	3-2	2
1993	3-0	1
1997	1-2	3
1999	1-2	3
2004	2-2	2
2007	2-2	2
2009	2-2	2
2012	1-2	

LaPorte 83

1967	2-2	2
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State Tournament: Team History

Lawrenceburg 239 (5, 4-10, 0-1-2)

1959 2-2 2
1960 0-2
1961 0-2
1962 1-2 3
1963 1-2 3

Ligonier 243

1959 0-2

Logansport 60

1937 0-1

Madison 9 (18, 17-31, 1-5-1)

1948 0-1
1949 2-1 2
1956 0-1
1973 0-2
1979 0-2
1983 0-1
1988 1-2 3
1995 2-2 2
1996 0-2
1997 1-2
1998+ 2-2 2
1999 1-2
2000 4-0 1
2001 2-2 2
2002 2-2 2
2003 0-2
2007* 0-2
2010 0-2

Marion 10 (4, 4-6, 0-2-0)

1954 1-1 2
1956 0-1
1957 0-2
1980+ 3-2 2

Michigan City 37

1955 2-0 1

Milan 235

1993 0-2

Mishiwaka 161 (3, 1-6, 0-0-1)

2000 0-2
2007 1-2 3
2014 0-2

Monticello 81 (2, 2-4, 0-1-0)

1971 2-2 2
1991 0-2

Mouth Vernon 5

1935 0-1

Muncie 19 (7, 12-10, 2-1-1)

1951 0-1
1952 0-1
1986 3-2 2
1990 4-1 1
1991 0-2
1992 1-2 3
2008 4-1 1

New Albany 28

1945 0-1

Newburgh 44 (9, 24-12, 4-2-1)

1981 0-2
1982 1-2
1987* 4-1 1
1991 2-2 3
1992 3-0 1
1993 3-2 2
1997 3-2 2
2011+ 3-1 1
2014 5-0 1

Plymouth 27 (7, 11-13, 1-1-2)

2003 2-2 2
2004 5-1 1
2006 0-2
2008 1-2 3
2010* 2-2 3
2012* 0-2
2014* 1-2

Porter County 94/170 (1, 4-2, 0-1-0)

2012 4-2 2

Princeton 25 (20, 22-25, 4-3-3)

1929 0-1
1930 0-1
1931 2-0 1
1932 0-1
1936 1-1 2
1937 0-1
1940 0-1
1946 0-1
1951 1-1 2
1953 0-1
1960 4-1 1
1964 4-1 1
1965 2-2 2
1975 0-2
1978 0-2
1981* 2-2 3
1990 2-2 3
2001+ 0-2
2012 1-2 3
2013 3-0 1

Remington 280 (3, 3-6, 0-0-2)

1973 1-2 3
1984 2-2 3
2014 0-2

Richmond 65 (18, 20-24, 3-4-4)

1932 1-1 2
1933 0-1
1935 0-1
1936 1-1 3
1939 2-0 1
1945 1-2 2
1946 1-2 2
1947 3-0 1
1948 0-1
1950 0-1
1954 0-1
1957 1-2 3
1958 4-1 1
1967 1-2 3
1974 0-2
1980 0-2
1982 1-2 3
1984* 4-2 2

Rockport 254 (19, 38-28, 7-3-5)

1959 3-0 1
1961 3-1 1
1971 1-2 3
1972 0-2
1973 2-2 2
1974 3-1 1
1979 4-1 1
1980 2-2 3
1983 4-0 1
1984 0-2
1989* 2-2 3
2000 1-2 3
2004 0-2
2005 3-1 1
2006 2-2 2
2007 3-0 1
2008 2-2 2
2011 1-2
2013 2-2 3

Robertsdale 80

1939 1-1 2

Rockville 48 (2, 2-1, 1-0-0)

1939 0-1
1941 2-0 1

Russiaville 412 (2, 2-4, 0-0-1)

1987 1-2 3
1988 1-2

Shelbville 70

1929 0-2

South Bend 50 (11, 19-19, 1-5-0)

1929 3-1 2
1961 3-2 2
1962 2-2 2
1963 2-2 2
1977 3-0 1
1987 1-2
1988 0-2
1989 4-2 2
1997 0-2
2010 1-2
2011 0-2

South Bend 284 (5, 6-7, 1-1-1)

1951 0-1
1960 2-2 2
1968 3-0 1
1969 1-2 3
1971 0-2

South Bend 303

1941 0-1

South Bend 357 (13, 25-18, 4-5-1)

1937 2-0 1
1942 1-1 2
1972 3-2 2
1973 3-0 1
1974 1-2 3
1975 3-0 1
1982 2-2 2
1983 2-2 2
1986 1-2
1994 0-2
1996 3-1 1
1998 0-2
1999 3-2 2

South Haven 502

1985 3-2 2

Southport 115

1934 0-1

Southport 355 (4, 10-5, 2-2-0)

1975 2-2 2
1981 3-0 1
1984 3-1 1
1990 2-2 2

Southport 494 (2, 2-4, 0-0-2)

1964 1-2 3
1965 1-2 3

St. Leon 464 (1, 4-2, 0-1-0)

2011 4-2 2
2013 0-2

Terre Haute 40

1940 1-1 2

Terre Haute 346 (25, 58-29, 12-4-6)

1951 2-0 1
1956 2-0 1
1957 3-0 1
1960 1-2 3
1968 2-2 2
1969 3-0 1
1970 3-0 1
1977 0-2
1988 2-2 2
1993* 2-2 3
1994 5-1 1
1995+ 0-2
1997+ 3-0 1
1998 1-2 3
1999 3-0 1
2003 3-0 1
2004 2-2 3
2005 3-2 2
2006 5-1 1
2009 1-2 3
2010 3-0 1
2011 1-2 3
2012 3-1 1
2013 3-2 2
2014 2-2

Union City 158

1929 0-1

Vincennes 73 (3, 1-3, 0-1-0)

1949 0-1
1955 0-1
1956 1-1 2

Wabash 15

1994 1-2 3

Washington 121

1979+ 0-2

Whiting 80 (3, 4-5, 1-0-0)

1965 4-1 1
1966 0-2
1986+ 0-2

Finals Facts

Back-to-Back Champions

<u>Team</u>	<u>Years</u>
Lafayette 11	1953-1954
Terre Haute 346	1956-1957
Evansville 8	1966-1967
Terre Haute 346	1969-1970
Evansville 265	2001-2002

Chance to Repeat

<u>Year</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Finish</u>
1931	Clinton 140.....	semifinals
1932	Princeton 25	semifinals
1933	East Chicago 266.....	2nd
1937	Anderson 127	semifinals
1948	Richmond 65	semifinals
1949	Ft. Wayne 47	semifinals
1954	Lafayette 11.....	Champion
1957	Terre Haute 346.....	Champion
1965	Princeton 25	2nd
1966	Whiting 80.....	4th
1967	Evansville 8.....	Champion
1969	South Bend 284	3rd
1970	Terre Haute 346.....	Champion
1974	South Bend 357	3rd
1980	Rockport 254.....	3rd
1983	Kokomo 6.....	4th
1984	Rockport 254.....	4th
1991	Muncie 19	5th
1992	Highland 180.....	4th
1993	Newburgh 44.....	2nd
1995	Terre Haute 346.....	5th
1996	Evansville 265.....	3rd
1998	Terre Haute 346.....	3rd
2001	Madison 9.....	2nd
2002	Evansville 265.....	Champion
2004	Terre Haute 346.....	3rd
2006	Rockport 254.....	2nd
2008	Rockport 254.....	2 nd
2011	Terre Haute 346.....	3 rd
2013	Terre Haute 346.....	2nd

Came out of Loser's Bracket to Win Championship

<u>Year</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>1st Loss</u>
1958	Richmond 65	2nd round
1960	Princeton 25	1st round
1964	Princeton 25	1st round
1965	Whiting 65.....	2nd round
1966	Evansville 8.....	1st round
1982	Kokomo 6.....	2nd round
1990	Muncie 19	3rd round
1994	Terre Haute 346.....	2nd round
2004	Plymouth 27	3rd round
2006	Terre Haute 346.....	2nd round
2008	Muncie 19	2nd round

Came out of Loser's Bracket in Regional and State to Win Championship

<u>Year</u>	<u>Team</u>
1964	Princeton 25
1994	Terre Haute 346
2006	Terre Haute 346

In the Finals the Year Before Winning the Championship

<u>Year</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Finish</u>
1930	Clinton 140.....	quarterfinals
1931	Princeton 25	semifinals
1942	East Chicago 266.....	2nd
1947	Richmond 65.....	2nd
1949	East Chicago 78&266	2nd
1954	Lafayette 11.....	1st
1957	Terre Haute 346.....	1st
1958	Richmond 65.....	3rd
1962	East Chicago 369.....	2nd
1963	Evansville 8.....	4th
1967	Evansville 8.....	1st
1969	Terre Haute 346.....	2nd
1970	Terre Haute 346.....	1st
1971	Indianapolis 495	3rd
1973	South Bend 357.....	2nd
1974	Rockport 254.....	2nd
1975	South Bend 357.....	3rd
1976	Kokomo 6.....	3rd
1978	Beech Grove 276.....	3rd
1980	Gary 367.....	3rd
1982	Kokomo 6.....	2nd
1988	Evansville 8.....	2nd
1991	Highland 180.....	5th
1992	Newburgh 44.....	3rd
1993	Lafayette 11.....	2nd
1994	Terre Haute 346.....	3rd
1999	Terre Haute 346.....	3rd
2000	Madison 9.....	4th
2002	Evansville 265.....	1st
2004	Plymouth 27	2nd
2005	Rockport 254.....	5th
2006	Terre Haute 346.....	2nd
2007	Rockport 254.....	2nd
2009	Hammond 168.....	DNF*
2010	Terre Haute 346.....	3 rd
2012	Terre Haute 346.....	3 rd
2013	Princeton 25	3rd

* Hammond Post 168 won the Plymouth regional but could not play in the state finals.

Regional Runner-up at the Finals

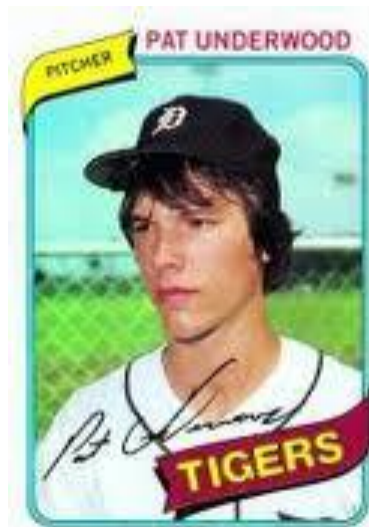
<u>Year</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Finish</u>
1979	Washington 121	5th
1980	Marion 10.....	2nd *
1983	Evansville 265.....	3rd
1986	Whiting 80	5th
1995	Terre Haute 346.....	5th
1997	Terre Haute 346.....	Champion*
1998	Madison 9.....	2nd
1999	Batesville 271.....	5th
2001	Princeton 25	5th
2002	Anderson 127	3rd
2003	Anderson 127	3rd *
2004	Hammond 168.....	4th
2009	Evansville 265.....	4 th
2011	Newburgh 44.....	1 st *

* Regional runner-up finished higher than regional champion

Most Consecutive Appearances In the Finals

<u>Streak</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Years</u>
9	Madison 9.....	1995-03
6	Terre Haute 346.....	2009-14
5	Lawrenceburg 231 .	1959-63
5	Rockport 254	2004-08
4	Princeton 25.....	1929-32
4	Anderson 127.....	1942-45
4	Richmond 65	1945-48
4	Rockport 254	1971-74
4	South Bend 357	1972-75

State Finals No-Hitters



<u>Pitcher/Team</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ed Cizewski/South Bend 272	Clinton 140, 7-0	8-6-1931
Bob Rausch/Terre Haute 40	Princeton 25, 1-0	8-4-1940
Spence Schnaitter/Madison 9	Indianapolis 133, 9-3	8-6-1949
Pat Underwood/Kokomo 6	Princeton 25, 1-0*	8-15-1975

* Nine inning game. All others were seven inning games.

Finals Facts

Extra Inning Games in the Finals

<u>Date</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Finals</u>
8/8/35	Kokomo 6 beat Richmond 65, 6-4 (9)	semifinal
8/5/39	Robertsdale 80 beat Jasper 147, 8-3 (15)	semifinal
8/8/41	Rockville 48 beat East Chicago 266, 3-2 (8)	Championship
8/2/45	East Chicago 266 beat Richmond 65, 1-0 (9)	Championship
8/10/52	Evansville 8 beat East Chicago 78 & 266, 3-0 (9)	Championship
8/8/54	Marion 10 beat Jeffersonville 35, 3-2 (11)	semifinal
8/14/59	Lafayette 11 neat Lawrenceburg 231, 7-6 (10)	1 st round
8/12/61	Rockport 254 beat East Chicago 369, 4-2 (10)	WB Final
8/13/61	Rockport 254 beat South Bend 50, 7-6 (11)	Championship
8/9/63	Evansville 8 beat Lawrenceburg 231, 5-4 (11)	1 st round
8/15/70	Terre Haute 346 beat Indianapolis 495, 3-2 (11)	WB Final
8/13/77	Beech Grove 276 beat Terre Haute 346, 6-4 (10)	Loser's Bracket
8/7/80	Gary 367 beat Richmond 5, 10-6 (14)	1 st round
8/10/80	Marion 10 beat Gary 367, 3-2 (10)	Championship (G1)
8/9/81	Kokomo 6 beat Newburgh 44, 6-5 (11)	Loser's Bracket
8/10/81	Kokomo 6 beat Princeton 25, 3-2 (14)	Loser's Bracket Final
8/13/84	Southport 355 beat Richmond 65, 7-5 (14)	Championship (G2)
8/8/91	Highland 180 beat Newburgh 44, 7-3 (10)	1 st round
8/13/93	Lafayette 11 beat Newburgh 44, 8-7 (14)	1 st round
8/14/93	Lafayette 11 beat Terre Haute 346, 7-6 (10)	WB Final
8/7/98	Beech Grove 276 beat South Bend 357, 16-15 (10)	Loser's Bracket
8/3/00	Anderson 127 beat Mishawaka 161, 6-4 (10)	1 st round
8/5/00	Rockport 254 beat Crown Point 20, 7-6 (10)	Loser's Bracket
8/11/01	Kokomo 6 beat Crown Point 20, 5-4 (10)	Loser's Bracket
8/5/04	Lafayette 11 beat Terre Haute 346, 5-4 (10)	1 st round
8/6/04	Terre Haute 346 beat Rockport 254, 5-3 (10)	Loser's Bracket
8/4/06	Terre Haute 346 beat Hammond 168, 11-10 (11)	Loser's Bracket
8/11/07	Rockport 254 beat Mishawaka 161, 6-5 (12)	WB Final
7/30/11	Newburgh44 beat Terre haute 346, 14-12 (10)	WB Final
7/31/11	St. Leon 464 beat Newburgh 44, 8-7 (10)	Championship (G1)
8/2/12	Porter County 94/170 beat Plymouth 27, 5-4 (13)	1 st round

Host Team in the tournament

<u>Year</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Finals</u>
1979	Rockport 254	Regional Champion	1st
1980	Lafayette 11	Regional Champion	4th
1981	Princeton 25	Regional runner-up	3rd
1982	Kokomo 6	Lost in sectional	1st
1983	Rockport 254	Regional Champion	1st
1984	Richmond 65	4th in Regional	2nd
1985	Evansville 265	Lost in sectional	3rd
1986	South Bend 357	Regional Champion	4th
1987	Newburgh 44	Lost in sectional	1st
1988	Evansville 8	Lost in sectional	1st
1989	Rockport 254	Lost in sectional	3rd
1990	Anderson 127	Lost in sectional	4th
1991	Evansville 8	Lost in sectional	2nd
1992	Kokomo 6	Regional runner-up	5th
1993	Terre Haute 346	4th in Regional	3rd
1994	Anderson 127	Regional runner-up	4th
1995	Evansville 265	Regional Champion	1st
1996	Kokomo 6	Lost in sectional	4th
1997	Newburgh 44	Regional Champion	2nd
1998	Anderson 127	Regional Champion	1st
1999	Madison 9	Regional Champion	4th
2000	Crown Point 20	Lost in sectional	4th
2001	Evansville 265	Regional Champion	1st
2002	Madison 9	Regional Champion	2nd
2003	Madison 9	Regional Champion	4th
2004	Plymouth 27	Regional Champion	1st
2005	Evansville 265	3rd in Regional	4th
2006	Plymouth 27	Lost in sectional	5th
2007	Madison 9	4th in Regional	4th
2008	Plymouth 27	Regional runner-up	3rd
2009	Terre Haute 346	Regional Champion	3rd
2010	Plymouth 27	4th in Regional	3rd
2011	Rockport 254	Regional Champion	4 th
2012	Plymouth 27	3 rd in Regional	5 th
2013	St. Leon 464	Regional Champion	5th
2014	Plymouth 27	5 th in Regional	6th

1-0 Games in the Finals

<u>Date</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Finals</u>
8/6/40	Terre Haute 40 beat Princeton 25, 1-0	semifinal
8/2/45	East Chicago 266 beat Richmond 65, 1-0 (9)	Championship
8/11/50	Hammond 168 beat Anderson 127, 1-0	Championship
8/17/59	Lawrenceburg 231 beat Lafayette 11, 1-0	LB Final
8/10/63	Lawrenceburg 231 beat Lafayette 11, 1-0	Loser's Bracket
8/15/75	*Kokomo 6 beat Princeton 25, 1-0	1 st Round
8/9/80	Marion 10 beat Rockport 254, 1-0	LB Final
8/11/83	Evansville 265 beat Kokomo 6, 1-0	1 st round
8/6/05	Rockport 254 beat Terre Haute 346, 1-0	WB Final

* Kokomo's Pat Underwood pitched only nine inning no-hitter in finals history

Championship Coaches

Most Championships



John Hayes
Terre Haute Wayne Newton Post 346
(7)-1994, 1997, 1999, 2003, 2006, 2010, 2012



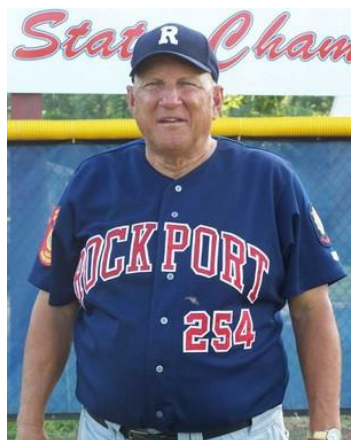
Bill Welch
Terre Haute Wayne Newton Post 346
(3)-1951, 1956, 1957

**Won
Championship
at
Two Posts**



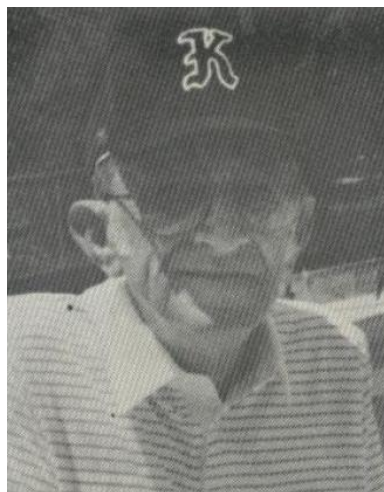
John Baratto (on Left)
Rockville-1941
East Chicago Washington 266-1946

(Shown accepting 1960 IHSAA state
championship trophy for
East Chicago Washington)



Jim Haaff
Rockport Jenkins Post 254
(5)-1974, 1979, 1983, 2005, 2007

Haaff was the first person to win a title as a
player (1959) and as a coach



Bob Ronk
Kokomo James DeArmond Golliday Post 6
(3)-1972, 1976, 1982

Coaches with Two Championships

- John Baratto 1941, 1946
- Vernon Craig 1953, 1954
- Bill Evans 1959, 1961
- Jim Pegram 1960, 1964
- Jack Colvin 1966, 1967
- George Murphy 1969, 1970
- Joe Derda 1973, 1975
- David Lee 1981, 1984
- Brian Kuester 1989, 1995
- Bob Graves 1990, 2008
- Ben Garland 2001, 2002



Pete Rucinski
East Chicago Roosevelt Post 266
(3)-1940, 1943, 1945



Brian Kuester
Boonville-1989
Evansville Pate 265-1995

National Tournament: Team History

Anderson 127 (2, 3-4, 0-1-0)

1936 0-2
1998 3-2 2

Aurora 231

1985 0-2

Beech Grove 276

1978 1-2

Blanford 140

1928 0-1

Boonville 200

1989 1-2

Clinton 140

1930 1-1 2

East Chicago 78&266

1949 2-2 2

East Chicago Roosevelt 266

(3, 6-5, 1-2-1)

1940 1-1 2
1943 1-2 3
1945 3-0 1
1-2 2 (Southeast Sectional)

East Chicago Washington 266

(6, 4-8, 0-3-1)

1932 0-1
1935 0-1 2
1938 0-1
1942 1-1 2
1944 2-2 2
1946 1-2 3

East Chicago 369

1962 1-2

Evansville 8 (5, 12-10, 1-1-0)

1952 2-2 2
1963 5-0 1
2-2 3 (World Series)
1966 0-2
1967 2-2
1988 1-2

Evansville 265 (3, 5-5, 0-1-0)

1995 0-2
2001 1-2
2002 4-1 2

Fort Wayne 47

1948 1-2 3

Gary 367 (2, 4-3, 1-0-1)

1980 1-2

Hammond 168 (2, 5-4, 0-2-0)

1950 2-2 2
2009 3-2 2

Highland 180

1991 2-2 3

Indianapolis 495

1971 1-2

Jasper 147

1933 0-2

Four-States Regional Champions

<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>
Princeton 25	1931
South Bend 357	1937
East Chicago	
Roosevelt 266	1945
Lafayette 11	1954

Kokomo 6 (4, 11-9, 1-0-1)

1972 1-2 3
1976 1-2
1980* 2-2
1982 5-1 1
2-2 (World Series)

* Participated as Regional Host

Lafayette 11 (7, 7-13, 1-0-1)

1929 0-1
1934 0-1
1953 0-2
1954 3-1 1
1-2 2 (Sectional C)
1976* 1-2
1986 2-2 3
1993 0-2

* Participated as Regional Host

Madison 9

2000 2-2 3

Michigan City 37

1955 2-2 2

Muncie 19

1990 0-2
2008 0-0

Newburgh 44 (4, 8-8, 0-1-1)

1987 2-2 3
1992 4-2 2
2011 0-2
2014 2-2

Plymouth 27

2004 2-2

Princeton 25 (4, 3-7, 1-0-0)

1931 2-0 1
0-1 (Eastern Sectional)
1960 0-2
1964 0-2
1971 1-2

Great Lakes Regional Champions

<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>
Evansville 8	1963
South Bend 284	1968
Rockport 254	1974
South Bend 50	1977
Kokomo 6	1982
Rockport 254	1984
Terre Haute 346	2006
Rockport 254	2007

Richmond 65 (4, 3-7, 0-0-1)

1939 0-1
1947 0-2
1958 1-2 3
1972* 2-2

* Participated as Regional Host

Rockport 254 (9, 25-21, 3-3-0)

1959 2-2 2
1961 0-2
1974 4-1 1
1-2 (World Series)
1979 1-2
1983 3-2 2
1984* 5-1 1
1-2 (World Series)
2005 4-2 2
2007 4-1 1
0-2 (World Series)
2008+ 0-2

* Participated as Regional Host

+ Participated as state runner-up

Rockville 48

1941 2-2 2

South Bend 50 (2, 8-2, 1-0-0)

1977 4-0 1
4-0 1 (World Series)
1988* 0-2

* Participated as Regional Host

South Bend 284

1968 5-0 1
1-2 (World Series)

South Bend 357 (4, 8-7, 1-0-2)

1937 2-0 1
0-1 (Northeast Sectional)
1973 3-2 3
1975 2-2 3
1996 1-2

Southport 355 (2, 5-4, 0-1-0)

1981 4-2 2
1984 1-2

Terre Haute 346 (16, 34-28, 1-6-2)

1951 0-2
1956 0-1
1957 2-2 2
1969 0-2
1970 3-2 2
1994 4-2 2
1995* 2-2
1997 1-2
1999 2-1
2003 2-2 3
2006 5-0 1
3-2 2 (World Series)
2010 4-2 2
2012 3-2 2
2013* 1-2
2014* 2-2 3

* Participated as Regional Host

Whiting 80

1965 1-2 3

Regional Host

Ft. Wayne 47

1929
Richmond 65

1931
Richmond 65

1933
Indianapolis

1934
East Chicago 266

1938
Princeton 25

1939
East Chicago 266

1941
East Chicago 266

1943
East Chicago 266

1950
Lawrenceburg 239

1952
Indianapolis

1956
Princeton 25

1958
Princeton 25

1959
Princeton 25

1960
Princeton 25

1961
East Chicago 266

1965
Richmond 65

1972
Lafayette 11

1976
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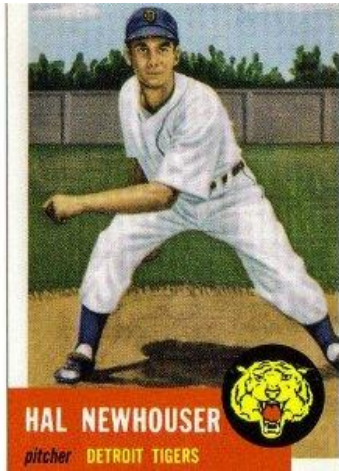
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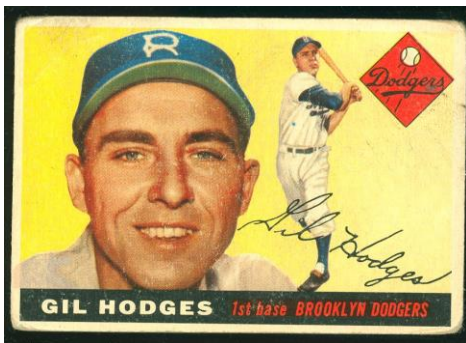
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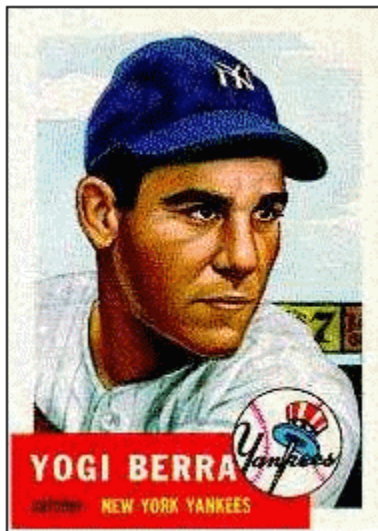
Hal Newhouser

South Bend Post 357 won the 1937 Four States Regional championship when Newhouser walked in the only run of the game in the bottom of the 10th inning.



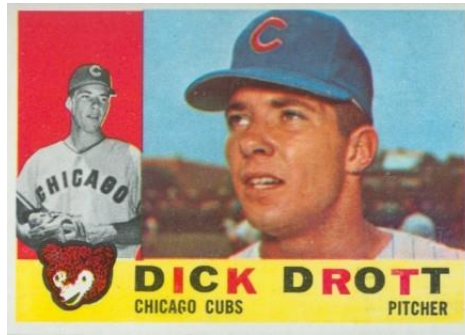
Gil Hodges

Hodges played for Princeton Post 25 in the 1941 Indiana state tournament. After an outstanding career with the Dodgers, Hodges managed the 1969 Mets to a World Series championship.



Yogi Berra

Hit for the cycle, scored four runs and drove in 10 as St. Louis Stockham Post 245 beat East Chicago Washington Post 266, 25-0, in the championship game of the 1942 Four State Regional.



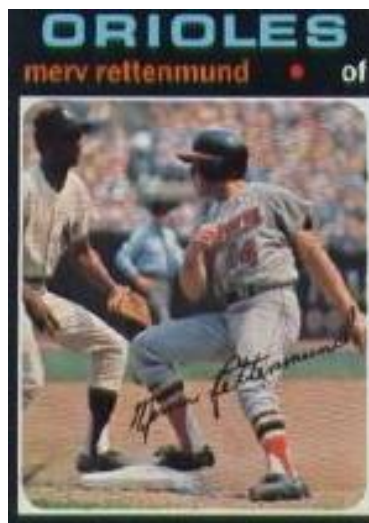
Dick Drott

Pitching for Cincinnati Bentley Post 50 Drott was the winning pitcher against Evansville Post 8 in the championship game of the 1952 Four States Regional. He was the winner in an opening round game against Lafayette Post 11 in the 1953 Four State Regional. Bentley won the national championship in 1952.



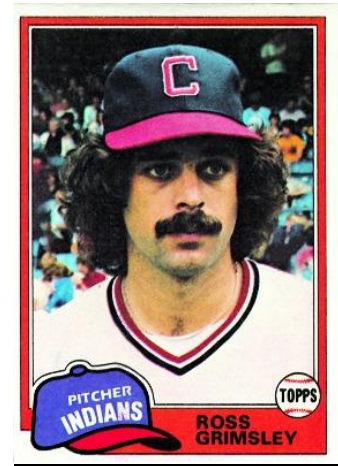
Quentin Merkel

Merkel played for Evansville Funkhouser Post 8's 1958 Indiana state runner-up team. A member of the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame, he has won over 900 games and three state championships at Evansville Memorial High School. He was also Don Mattingly's high school coach.



Merv Rettenmund

Rettenmund played for Flint MI Post 310 that eliminated Rockport Post 254 from the 1961 Great Lakes Regional.



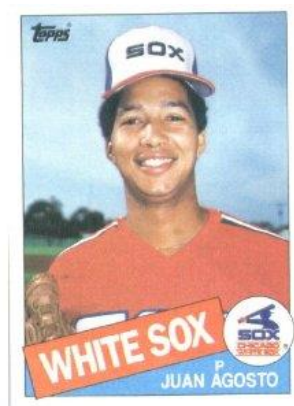
Ross Grimsley

Grimsley played for Memphis TN Post 1's national champions in 1968. Memphis beat South Bend Bendix Post 284, 3-0, in the opening round of the 1968 American Legion World Series.



Tim Stoddard

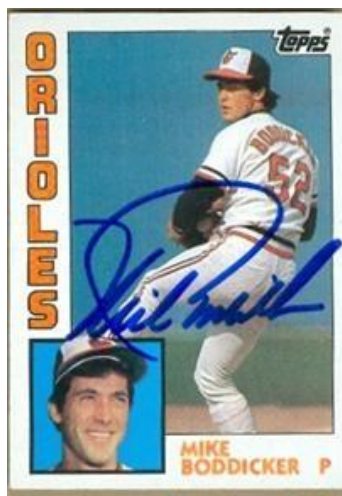
Stoddard played for East Chicago's 1970 state finalist. He was a member of East Chicago Washington's 1971 undefeated IHSAA basketball champions and played on an NCAA national basketball championship team at North Carolina State in 1974. One of Stoddard's teammate's on that 1970 team was Pete Trgovich, who also played on Washington's 1971 state champions and on an NCAA basketball national championship team as well, at UCLA in 1975.



Juan Agosto

Agosto was the winning pitcher as Rio Piedras Post 146 beat Rockport Post 254 in the opening game of the 1974 American Legion World Series. Rio Piedras went on to win the national championship, its second straight.

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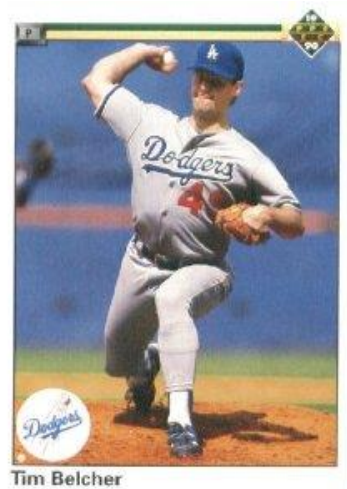
Mike Boddicker

Rockport beat Boddicker's Cedar Rapids IA Post 5, 3-0, in the loser's bracket of the 1974 ALWS. Boddicker would lead his team back to the Series in 1975 and 1976.



Brian Dorsett

Dorsett played for Terre Haute Post 346's 1977 state finalist.



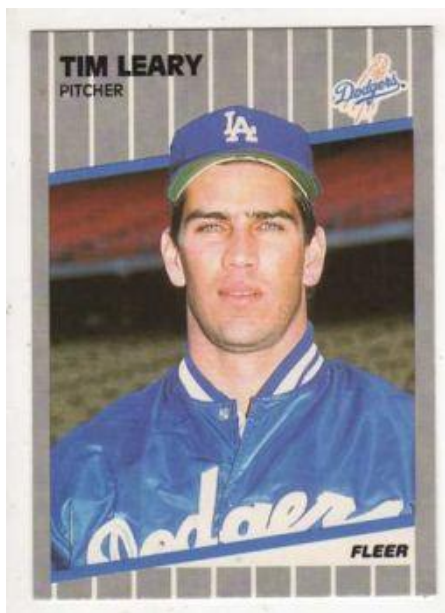
Tim Belcher

Belcher played for Ashley OH Post 518 in the 1980 Great Lakes Regional. Kokomo Post 6 beat Belcher's team, 9-4, in a winner's bracket game in the second round of the tournament.



Mark Riggins

Riggins played for Jasper Post 147 in the mid 1970's. He played in the Cardinal organization and in 1995 served as the third base coach for St. Louis. Riggins the pitching coach for the Chicago Cubs in 2011



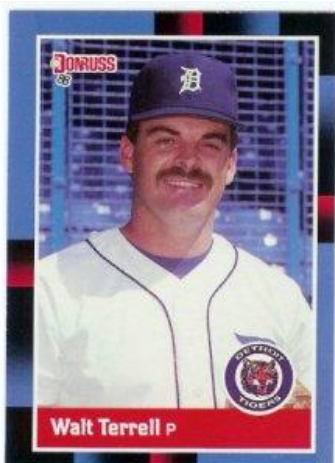
Tim Leary

Leary's Santa Monica CA Post 123 team claimed the 1976 American Legion national championship and was looking to repeat in 1977. South Bend Post 50 handed Leary's team its first loss in the 1977 World Series and then went on to claim Indiana's only national championship.



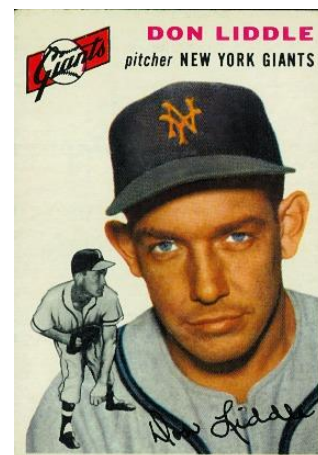
Joe Magrane

Southport Post 355 beat Magrane's Morehead KY Post 126, 10-1, in the 1981 Great Lakes Regional at Morehead KY.



Walt Terrell

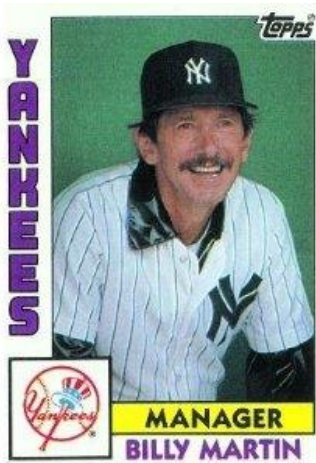
Terrell was the losing pitcher as Don Mattingly's Evansville Post 8 beat Terrell's Jeffersonville Post 35, 5-4, in the championship game of the 1976 Rockport Regional.



Don Liddle

Liddle, the speaker at the 1984 Great Lakes National Regional banquet at Rockport, introduced himself this way, "Most of you probably don't recognize my name. But you will know who I am in just a minute. I bet you have all seen Willie Mays catch in the 1954 World Series. Well, I'm the guy that threw the pitch."

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Billy Martin

Martin was the keynote speaker at the 1984 American Legion World Series in which Rockport Post 254 participated.



Scott Rolan

Rolan played American Legion baseball for Jasper Post 147 in the early 1990's.



Chad Billingsley

Billingsley's Napoleon OH Post 300 team beat Evansville Pate Post 265, 6-2, in the 2001 Great Lakes Regional. Napoleon went on to win the regional.



Bob Feller

Long an advocate of American Legion Baseball, Feller (above) throws out the first pitch at the 1974 American Legion World Series in Roseburg OR as Rockport's Scott Doerner looks on. In 2005, Feller (shown below on one of his baseball cards) was still promoting American Legion Baseball when he appeared at the Great Lakes Regional in Moline ILL.



Josh Phegley

Played for Terre Haute Wayne Newton Post 346 national runner-up team in 2006. Traded from Chicago to Oakland in December 2014.

Aaron Barrett



Played for Evansville Eugene Pate Post 265.

Department Baseball Chairmen

<u><i>Year</i></u>	<u><i>Chairman</i></u>
1925-29	<i>Robert Bushee, Ossian</i>
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1932-34	<i>Frank G. Reid, Valparaiso</i>
1934-36	<i>Coulter Montgomery, Salem</i>
1936-37	<i>Horace Booth, Lafayette (Booth resigned in August, 1937)</i> <i>Coulter Montgomery, Salem</i>
1937-38	<i>John L. Adams, Vincennes</i>
1938-39	<i>George Sarah, Anderson</i>
1939-40	<i>Guy Cornthwaite, Rockville</i>
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1941-42	<i>Jack Dolan, Hartford City</i>
1942-45	<i>George Huish, East Chicago</i>
1945-47	<i>Arlie Skelton, Boonville</i>
1947-49	<i>Steve Kollar, South Bend</i> <i>Harold Mumby, Bloomington</i>
1949-50	<i>John Adams, Huntington</i> <i>Kenneth Holtcamp, Richmond</i>
1950-53	<i>Steve Kollar, South Bend</i>
1953-55	<i>Herman Wenige, Jeffersonville</i>
1955-56	<i>Steve Kollar, South Bend</i>
1956-74	<i>Ray Smith, Indianapolis</i>
1974-75	<i>Joe Bumbleburg, Lafayette</i>
1975-92	<i>Roy Ayers, Frankfort</i>
1992-00	<i>Thomas Somerville, Hammond</i>
2000-06	<i>Joe Rivich, East Chicago</i>
2006-	<i>Owen Wells, Rockport</i>



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