

MICHIGAN CITY BOYS, PORTAGE GIRLS SUCCESSFULLY DEFEND NWI TITLES

Michigan City Claws their way from cellar to claim title



The 2014 NWI Invitational had two repeat champions for the first time in the events history, but, the teams - Michigan City boys and Portage girls - took far different paths to the title match.

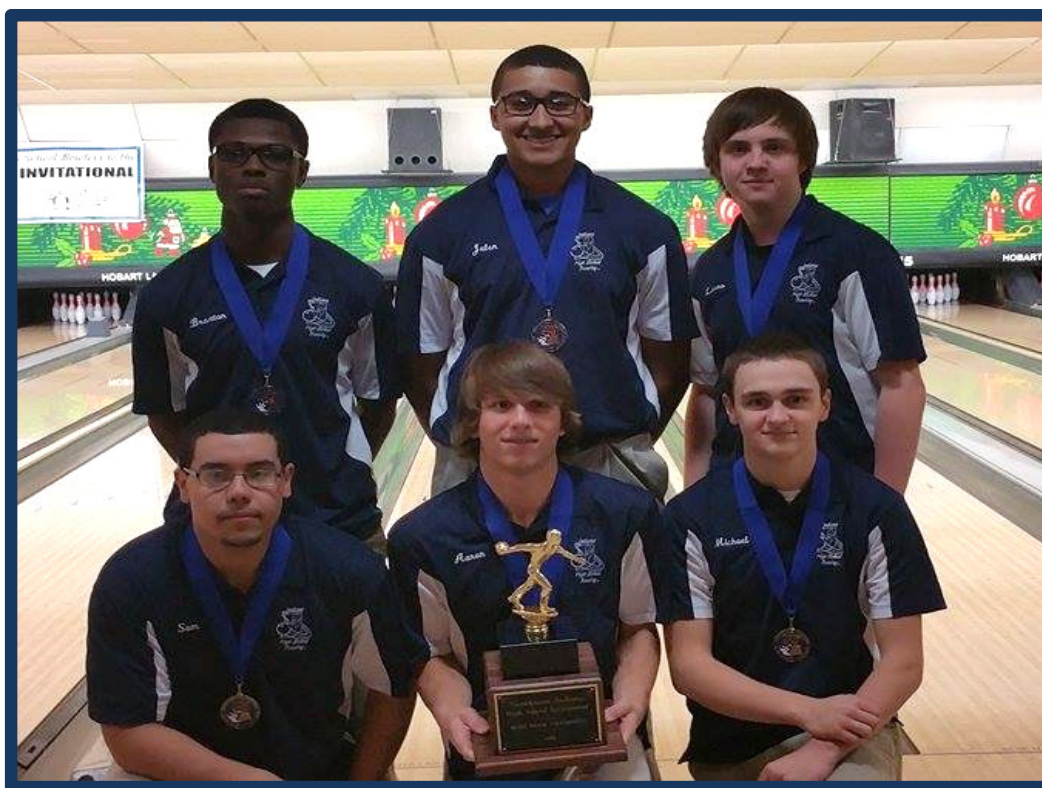
The Michigan City boys found themselves in 8th place (of 8 teams) after the two games of traditional bowling, nearly 100 pins south of the final qualifying spot held by Lake Central. The Wolves however found their stride during the three "2-game" baker matches, going 3-0 with wins over Elkhart Central, Angola, and Highland, averaging nearly 187 while tournament leaders Laporte and Elkhart Central found scoring more difficult during the baker rounds.

On the the strength of their baker performance, the Wolves jumped to third behind new tournament leaders Portage and Lake Central.

In the semi-finals, the Wolves struggled out of the gate but rebounded as they had all day with a 2-1 victory over unbeaten Greater Lake County Conference leaders Lake Central, setting up the title match with fellow Lakeshore rival Portage. Michigan City took game one 191-160 but fell to a fired up Indians squad in game two by the score of 203-185. After an open frame to start game three, the Wolves found their stride with five consecutive strikes, rolling to a big 234-167 win, claiming their third overall and second consecutive NWI Invite title.

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Michiana Central conference power Elkhart Central emerged from the consolation bracket with a lopsided 403-330 drubbing of the Quad County Conference leaders Hanover Central. Elkhart then went on to defeat Lake Central to earn the third place medals, dropping LC to fourth.

The boys field averaged 166.5 on the difficult WTBA Montreal pattern. Only Angola's Jordan Lively managed to surpass the 200 mark, with his 423 (211.5 average). Joining Lively on the boys all-tournament team were Elkhart Central teammates Walter Griffen, Garrett Moles, and Kyle Schieber, Laporte's Kole Matzke and Zach Goodrich, and Lake Central's Danny Revoir.

On the girls side, defending champions Portage relied on a strong traditional bowling performance that placed them second in the field of 8, only a few pins behind qualifying leaders Elkhart Memorial. However, after being dismantled by conference rival Chesterton in the first round of baker matches, the Indians found themselves on the outside looking in, dropping to 4th place. But the experienced Portage quintet guided by long-time coach Debbie Gossett did not panic, rebounding with a convincing win over arguably the state's historically most successful program - Lake Central 465-318. The "465" was the best set of the day by any team - boys or girls - in the field. The Indians closed out baker qualifying with a win over Laporte to secure the #2 qualifying spot and rematch with region nemesis Lake Central.

The semi-finals came down to the tenth frame in each game with Portage prevailing 172-169 and 149-145 in the best of three match. Next up, the Chargers of Elkhart Memorial, the leaders of the Michiana Central conference and tournament leaders. In yet another nail-biter, the game one was decided in the final frame with Elkhart securing a 146-144 win. Game 2 progressed in a similar fashion with both teams unable to distance themselves from the other. With the game in the balance, Portage managed to hold on with a 150-142 victory. The Indians then stormed out in Game three only to see Elkhart charge right back setting up yet another exciting finish. Reigning Indiana High School Bowler of the Year and University of Maryland Eastern Shore recruit Jackie Rhoda stepped up for Portage, cleared the demons of earlier games from her head, and tossed three outstanding shots to shut out Elkhart and secure a 165-145 win and the Indians second title in as many years.



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Chesterton emerged from the consolation bracket with a victory over Elkhart Central but then fell in the 3rd place match to Lake Central to claim the fourth place medals.

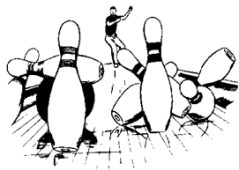


The girls field averaged 159 on the challenging WTBA Montreal pattern. Elkhart Memorial's Victoria Smith led the girls with a 418 (209 average), closely followed by her teammate, Brooklyn Schutz. Others earning all tournament honors were Lake Central's Samantha Watson, Chesterton's Becky Lohse, Laporte's Bailey Rogers, and Elkhart Central teammates Lizzy Glaser and Samantha Hughey.

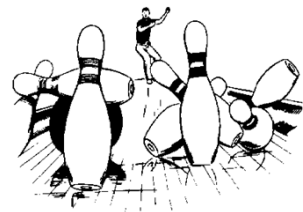


Elkhart Central Boys - 3rd

Portage Boys - 2nd



Elkhart Memorial Girls - 2nd

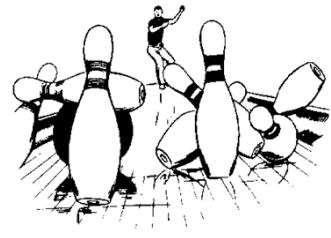


Lake Central Girls - 3rd





Lake Central Boys - 4th



Chesterton Girls - 4th



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All Tournament Team

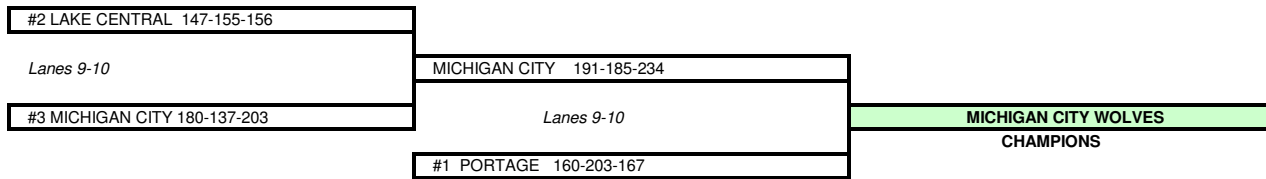


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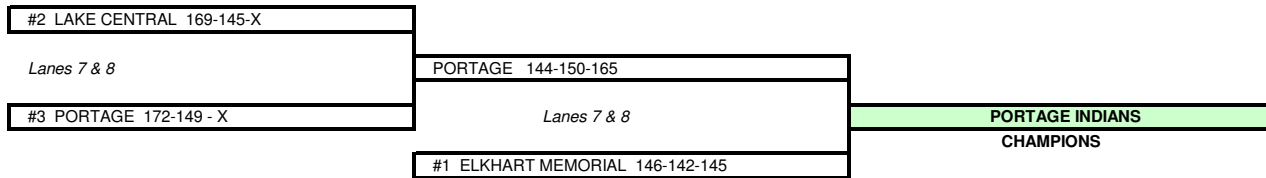


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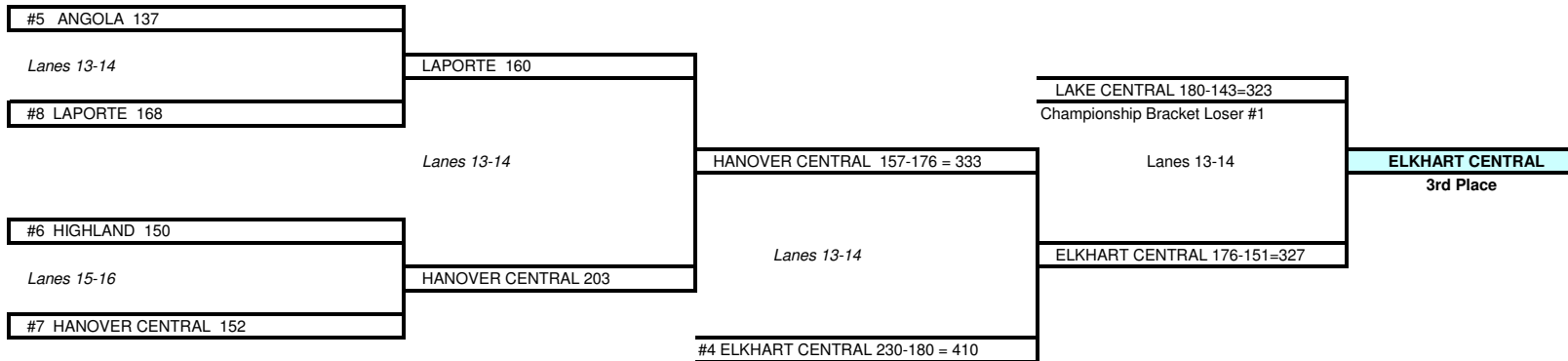
BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET



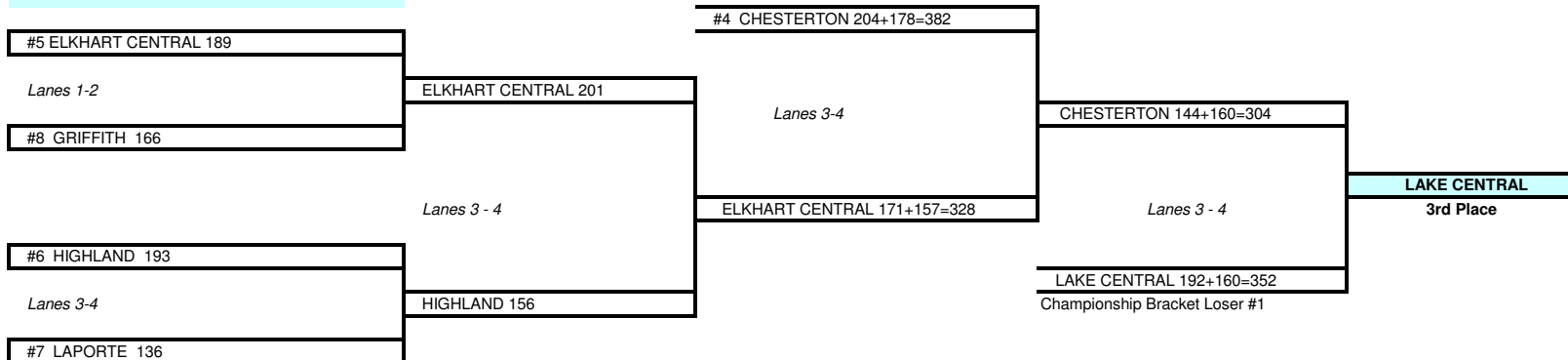
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2014 NWI INVITATIONAL - TEAM QUALIFYING STANDINGS

Rank	TEAM	CONFERENCE	GAME 1	GAME 2	Regular Total	Regular Position	Baker Match 1	Baker Match 2	Baker Match 3	OVERALL TOTAL	
GIRLS											
1	ELKHART MEMORIAL	MICHIANA CENTRAL	855	826	1,681	G1	361	383	416	2,841	
2	PORTAGE	LAKESHORE	872	773	1,645	G2	266	465	398	2,774	
3	LAKE CENTRAL	GREATER LAKE COUNTY	802	842	1,644	G3	452	318	290	2,704	
4	CHESTERTON	LAKESHORE	764	730	1,494	G7	430	308	396	2,628	
5	ELKHART CENTRAL	MICHIANA CENTRAL	747	811	1,558	G5	319	398	317	2,592	
6	HIGHLAND	GREATER LAKE COUNTY	724	835	1,559	G4	390	339	259	2,547	
7	LAPORTE	LAKESHORE	730	785	1,515	G6	316	394	278	2,503	
8	GRIFFITH	GREATER LAKE COUNTY	706	737	1,443	G8	413	293	352	2,501	
BOYS											
1	PORTAGE	LAKESHORE	792	823	1,615	B6	447	431	401	2,894	1,139
2	LAKE CENTRAL	GREATER LAKE COUNTY	799	861	1,660	B3	403	385	446	2,894	1,114
3	MICHIGAN CITY	LAKESHORE	799	776	1,575	B8	417	413	430	2,835	
4	ELKHART CENTRAL	MICHIANA CENTRAL	791	949	1,740	B1	282	404	396	2,822	
5	ANGOLA	NORTHEAST	838	786	1,624	B5	397	355	396	2,772	
6	HIGHLAND	GREATER LAKE COUNTY	845	789	1,634	B4	353	293	388	2,668	
7	HANOVER CENTRAL	QUAD COUNTY	788	813	1,601	B7	334	342	319	2,596	
8	LAPORTE	LAKESHORE	922	794	1,716	B2	244	336	260	2,556	

FIELD AVERAGE - GIRLS	155.0	158.5	156.7
FIELD AVERAGE - BOYS	164.4	164.8	164.6

169.2	166.1	154.1	159.1
164.8	169.9	174.8	166.5

2014 NWI INVITATIONAL - TEAM BAKER TOTALS

QUAL. SEED	QUAL. TOTAL	TEAM	GM1	GM2	BONUS	GM3	GM4	BONUS	GM5	GM6	BONUS	BAKER TOTAL
GIRLS												
1	1,681	ELKHART MEMORIAL	140	201	20	198	145	40	179	177	60	1,160
8	1,443	GRIFFITH	198	175	40	147	146	0	121	171	60	1,058
4	1,559	HIGHLAND	173	177	40	133	186	20	120	139	0	988
5	1,558	ELKHART CENTRAL	176	123	20	166	172	60	178	139	0	1,034
2	1,645	PORTAGE	127	139	0	202	203	60	161	177	60	1,129
7	1,494	CHESTERTON	167	203	60	163	145	0	165	171	60	1,134
3	1,644	LAKE CENTRAL	199	193	60	140	178	0	155	135	0	1,060
6	1,515	LAPORTE	170	146	0	166	168	60	157	121	0	988
BOYS												
1	1,740	ELKHART CENTRAL	155	127	0	182	162	60	147	219	30	1,082
8	1,575	MICHIGAN CITY	190	167	60	215	158	40	177	213	40	1,260
4	1,634	HIGHLAND	163	170	20	135	158	0	191	177	20	1,034
5	1,624	ANGOLA	189	168	40	170	165	20	173	193	30	1,148
2	1,716	LAPORTE	129	115	0	132	184	20	146	114	0	840
7	1,601	HANOVER CENTRAL	140	134	60	121	201	20	165	154	0	995
3	1,660	LAKE CENTRAL	158	225	20	170	175	40	204	182	60	1,234
6	1,615	PORTAGE	202	205	40	244	147	40	190	151	60	1,279
FIELD AVERAGE - GIRLS			168.8	169.6		164.4	167.9		154.5	153.8		163.1
FIELD AVERAGE - BOYS			165.8	163.9		171.1	168.8		174.1	175.4		169.8

QUALIFYING ROUND SCORES

GIRLS

ELKHART MEMORIAL	855	826	1681
BOWLER	GAME 1	GAME 2	SERIES
SCHUTZ, BRROKLYN	197	198	395
WOODWORTH, JEANNA	174	154	328
LUDLOW, ABBY	146		146
WARKENTIEN, ASHLEY	131		131
SMITH, VICTORIA	207	211	418
WOODWORTH, TREANNA		127	127
BORDERS, CHEYNNNE		136	136
LAPORTE	730	785	1515
BOWLER	GAME 1	GAME 2	SERIES
ROGERS, BAILEY	180	170	350
ROGERS, ROBY	103	134	237
BLACK, SAVANNAUGH	135	130	265
MACE, BRITTANY	135	184	319
HINES, PAYGE	177	167	344
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PORTAGE	872	773	1645
BOWLER	GAME 1	GAME 2	SERIES
KELLER, HALEY	160	137	297
ZOLLMAN, COURTNEY	191	139	330
CHAPMAN, PAIGE	170	162	332
HAMPTON, EMILY	160	181	341
RHODA, JACKIE	191	154	345
CREASY, JULIE			0
CHAMBERS, JORDAN			0
CHESTERTON	764	730	1494
BOWLER	GAME 1	GAME 2	SERIES
WATERS, HEATHER		131	131
MCCALL, GABBY			0
VOIERS, SARAH	137	153	290
LOHSE, BECKY	186	177	363
TUCKER, HEIDI	154	153	307
WILCHER, KAITLYN	145	116	261
MCCALL, ALYSSA	142		142
HIGHLAND	724	835	1559
BOWLER	GAME 1	GAME 2	SERIES
LAZANO, EMILY	163		163
TIFFANY, OLIVIA	138	177	315
WHITEHEAD, HALEY	170	133	303
RUNDNICKAS, DANNIELLE	110	169	279
NORTON, LYNDSEY	143	160	303
BUGNO, SAMANTHA		196	196
			0
GRIFFITH	706	737	1443
BOWLER	GAME 1	GAME 2	SERIES
WARD, ERICA	149	169	318
GRADY, TAYLOR	124		124
SLAYTON, LAURA	123	121	244
ALBANESE, ALLIE	144	162	306
COLLINS, KERSTEN	166	149	315
JOHNSON, SAMANTHA		136	136
			0
ELKHART CENTRAL	747	811	1558
BOWLER	GAME 1	GAME 2	SERIES
FRASER, JESSICA	180	160	340
SCHIEBER, KACI	125	184	309
WEILAND, KATIE	91	102	193
GLASER, LIZZY	191	169	360
HUGHEY, SAMANTHA	160	196	356
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LAKE CENTRAL	802	842	1644
BOWLER	GAME 1	GAME 2	SERIES
LEVANDER, LAURA	168	163	331
SELLERS, JESSICA	178		178
MOTEL, LIANA	144	145	289
BLYTHE, MADDIE	147	147	294
WATSON, SAM	165	190	355
CAMP, CHRISTINA		197	197
HEFLIN, MEGAN			0

BOYS

LAPORTE	922	794	1716
BOWLER	GAME 1	GAME 2	SERIES
LEVENDOWSKI, THOMAS			0
MOYER, CORDELL	165	137	302
MATZKE, KOLE	180	188	368
GOODRICH, ZACH	199	182	381
MACE, KYLE	207	145	352
SUROWIEC, STEVEN	171	142	313
BAKER, ZOREN			0
MICHIGAN CITY	799	776	1575
BOWLER	GAME 1	GAME 2	SERIES
HEBB, MICHAEL	159	160	319
STOCKLEY, JALEN	179	154	333
SKIBINSKI, AARON	148	149	297
WELCH JR, SAM	169	128	297
GRAMS, LUCAS	144	185	329
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PORTAGE	792	823	1615
BOWLER	GAME 1	GAME 2	SERIES
STURGILL, JAKE	136		136
SEVERSON, JEFFREY	164	170	334
CARTER, ZACH	138		138
TRENT, AUSTIN	176	174	350
SCHULTZ, AUSTIN	178	181	359
RAMOS, MICHAEL		155	155
JENNING, JUSTIN		143	143
HIGHLAND	845	789	1634
BOWLER	GAME 1	GAME 2	SERIES
BATLINER, ADAM	190	145	335
PAYNE, JON	148	155	303
BUGNO, JON	156		156
URBANZYK, TYLER	191	167	358
TROMBETTA, TYLER	160	161	321
LOZANO, JOHN		161	161
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LAKE CENTRAL	799	861	1660
BOWLER	GAME 1	GAME 2	SERIES
COBBAN, ADAM	144	182	326
DANCER, BLAKE	171	150	321
MUNSIE, JOEY	124		124
PRUITT, ANDREW		161	161
REVOIR, DANNY	173	224	397
SCHMIED, ANDY	187	144	331
			0
ANGOLA	838	786	1624
BOWLER	GAME 1	GAME 2	SERIES
WALL, ZACH	178	159	337
WALL, ALEX	123		123
BILLMAN, JACOB	168	150	318
WILLIAMS, BRETT	144	134	278
LIVELY, JORDAN	225	198	423
KUHN, DUSTIN		145	145
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ELKHART CENTRAL	791	949	1740
BOWLER	GAME 1	GAME 2	SERIES
MOLES, GARRETT	175	201	376
ROSSI, TAYLOR	162	176	338
SCHIEBER, KYLE	151	219	370
GLAXTON, THILER	122		122
GRIFFIN, WALTER	181	200	381
BALL, BRADNON		153	153
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HANOVER CENTRAL	788	813	1601
BOWLER	GAME 1	GAME 2	SERIES
MORAN, AUSTIN	146	169	315
BITNER, JOSH	160	168	328
BEEEMSTER, ALEX	134	148	282
METCALFE, ROBERT	166	170	336
METCALFE, JOHN	182	158	340
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