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The 16<sup>th</sup> season of Indiana High School Bowling came to a conclusion at Cooper's Sport Bowl in Anderson today at the State Finals Tournament. Singles and teams from across the state traveled through the snowy morning for their chance to become the 2015 IHSB Champions.

The singles competition took place in the morning session with 24 boys and 18 girls competing. Everyone bowled 3 qualifying games and then the top 4 in each division advanced to a step ladder finals. The step ladder matches were 1 game with the high score advancing to the next match.

The top 4 qualifiers for the boys were: Gavin Dunbar/McCutcheon (686), Wes Haltom/New Castle (675), Brandon Keppel/Northfield (671) and Dylan Holford/Pendleton Heights (648). In the first step ladder match, Keppel advanced with a 174-132 win over Holford. Haltom eliminated Keppel by a score of 180-149. In the championship match, Dunbar emerged as the champion with a 225-189 victory.

On the girls' side, the top 4 qualifiers were: Hannah Kaufman/Seymour (551), Kianna Sweatt/Terre Haute South (566), Sarah Voiers/Chesterton (561) and Jackie Rhoda/Portage (643). Sweatt won the first match with a 177-167 score over Kaufman. She was then eliminated by Voiers by the score of 188-232. In the championship match, Rhoda rolled the last 5 strikes to win the championship by a 222-179 margin.

In the afternoon session, 12 boys' teams and 10 girls' teams assembled to compete for the crown. The format was 2 regular team games followed by 5 baker games. After these games were totaled, the top 4 teams in each gender advanced to the step ladder finals. The step ladder for the team event consists of 2 baker games with the total pins determining who advances.

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The top 4 teams for the boys were: Lake Central (2894), Highland (2833), Angola (2813) and Madison Consolidated (2810). Angola won the first match ( $248+185=433$ ) to ( $201+186=387$ ) over Madison. They also won the second match over Highland ( $356=175+181$ ) to ( $346=168+178$ ). That set up the championship match of 2013 Champion Lake Central against first time qualifier Angola. Angola grabbed the early lead with a 193-154 win. They widened that margin with a 149-130 second game win for a 342-284 victory.

Fort Wayne Northrop led the girls' qualifying rounds with a 2700 total. They were followed by 3 time champion Lake Central (2679), Alexandria (2560) and Portage (2557). Alexandria bested Portage in the first match ( $188+166=354$ ) to ( $157-159=316$ ). Lake Central then took out Alexandria by a 326-298 total ( $191+135 - 132+166$ ). In the championship match, Lake Central led from start to finish winning their record 4<sup>th</sup> state title with a ( $182+168=350$ ) to ( $166+151=317$ ) total.

The competing teams were asked to submit a senior who excelled in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability. The tournament committee watched the nominees during the qualifying rounds and named Lizzy Glaser/Elkhart Central and Zach Wall/Angola as this year's Mental Attitude winners.

A video taping of the championship matches will be available on our website ([www.ihsb.org](http://www.ihsb.org)) in about two weeks.

The Academic All-State, All-Region, All-Tournament and All-State teams as well as the state champions will be invited to attend the Annual All-State Scholarship Tournament at Cooper's Stardust Bowl in Noblesville on March 7 @ 2pm. Final selections will be made this next week, coaches will be notified and the results will also appear on our website.

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