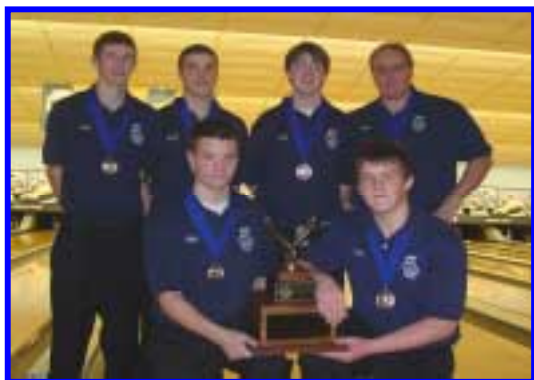


MICHIGAN CITY STANDS ATOP TALENTED HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING FIELD

Wolves use multiple comebacks to win Boone Grove Invitational

Brian Schwanke's Michigan City Wolves defeated the New Prairie Cougars 2 games to one in the championship match of the inaugural Boone Grove Invitational held at Hebron Lanes. Michigan City fell in the first game 193 - 177, but, like several times earlier in the day, managed to bounce back with wins of 168 - 154 and 167 - 147 in the exciting finale.

The 15-team field featured 6 of the state's top ten ranked teams, both the boys and girls defending state champions, six defending conference champions, the current leaders of the six conferences represented, and the current top three ranked boys teams in Northwest Indiana as well as the top ranked girls squad. Participants were Michigan City, Portage, Laporte, Chesterton (Porter-Laporte), Griffith (Duneland), Hebron, Boone Grove (Suburban), Hammond Clark, Andean, Lake Central Girls (Westlake), South Bend Clay, New Prairie, Mishawaka (Michiana West), and Elkhart Central, Elkhart Memorial (Michiana Central).



MICHIGAN CITY WOLVES



NEW PRAIRIE COUGARS

Highlights

New Prairie dominates qualifying with games of 1,030 and 934. Portage is only other team to surpass 1,000 mark with nifty 1,016 to qualify second.

Andean's Josh Hill leads all individual qualifiers with 472, followed by New Prairie's Josh Maxson (462) and Steve Praevecek (451).

Michigan City's baker match play record of 4-2 highlighted by a 231 game allows the wolves to overcome 147-pin deficit to Portage to gain the B Pool's spot in the championship round.

Hammond Clark's final baker game of 223 pushes them past Chesterton into the Championship round

Consolation Finals presented very intriguing matchup as the defending boys state champions - Griffith Panthers - faced off against the defending girls state champions - Lake Central Indians. Griffith came away with the victory 2 games to 0.

Michigan City advances to championship match when Andean opens in ninth and tenth frame of final game allowing City to win the game 141-135 and gain 20 bonus pins to edge a surging Hammond Clark squad 1,158 - 1,156. Clark rolled final baker games of 224 and 185 but gained only 40 of the 60 bonus pins as New Prairie's 211 second game was too much. Had New Prairie lost that game, they would have been on the outside looking in. Had Andean won, there would have been a different champion.

Final Standings

	Qualifying	Ch Round
1 Michigan City	2,860	1,158
2 New Prairie	3,048	1,191
3 Hammond Clark	2,953	1,156
4 Andean	2,986	943
5 Griffith	2,793	
6 Lake Central	2,568	
7 Elkhart Memorial	2,763	
8 Elkhart Central	2,552	
9 Chesterton	2,919	
10 Portage	2,814	
11 South Bend Clay	2,779	
12 Laporte	2,488	
13 Mishawaka	2,682	
14 Boone Grove	2,655	
15 Hebron	2,608	

Top 10 Individuals

1	Josh Hill (Andean)	472
2	Josh Maxson (New Prairie)	462
3	Steve Praevecek (New Prairie)	451
4	Johnny Rambo (Clark)	421
5	Zach Bucy (Chesterton)	412
6	Lynn Strohl (Boone Grove)	408
7	Craig Summers (Portage)	398
8	Steve Thornton (Andean)	395
9	Taylor Sienicki (Mishawaka)	393
10	David Wilson (Portage)	391
	Marcus Wynn (New Prairie)	391