

## FIRST TIME CHAMPIONS CROWNED AT NIELSEN HYUNDAI-KIA MICHIGAN CITY OPEN

Eaton, Skibinski Battle Difficult Conditions, Talented Field to Earn Titles

Grand Rapids Michigan native Kasey Eaton overcame a slow start that saw her sitting in 18th position after two games in the field of 29 girls with games of 199, 178, 171, and 177 to jump into the fourth qualifying position. With the field of 10 finalists being narrowed to 6 following two additional games, Eaton maintained her composure during game 8, following a game 7 in which she struggled throughout the game to secure the 5th seed in the bracket finals.

The seasoned MJMA veteran then showed her grit and versatility as she made multiple adjustments to combat the extremely challenging conditions designed for the bowlers at Lakeshore Lanes. In the quarterfinals, Eaton downed reigning Indiana High School bowler of the Year Jackie Rhoda by the score of 171-155, and it would not get any easier for her in round 2 as she was confronted by top seed and 2013 Indiana High School Bowling girls individual state champion and Valparaiso University standout Carly Larson. Eaton jumped out early and maintained the advantage throughout the game, defeating Larson 206-155, setting up the title match with Hobart youngster Maryssa Carey. Carey, the #2 seed, and riding the momentum of a top 30 finish at the 2014 Junior Gold U15 Championships in Buffalo, was unable to dial in the pocket while Eaton seemingly could not miss. In the end, Eaton prevailed 209-149 to earn her first NWIJTPA title.

In all 29 girls competed. The field average of 152 was the lowest of the season with only 8 games (of 190) surpassing the 200 mark. In addition to Eaton, Larson, Carey, and Rhoda, scholarships were also earned by Aurora Illinois' standout Jordan Newham, and Lake Central's Laura Levander.



On the boys side, hometown favorite Aaron Skibinski relied on an amazing 266 in game 4 of qualifying to land in the bracket finals where he would face Fremont Michigan's Sam Brandt.

Skibinski's road to the title match included victories over Highland senior Tyler Trombetta (189-165) and the tournament's top seed, Carmel Indiana's Grant Oehler (211-188). The title match went back and forth with both bowlers showing signs of dominance as well as vulnerability but it was Skibinski who came away with a 210-183 victory.

This was Skibinski's first NWIJTPA title. Other finalists included Lafayette Indiana's Jakob Sisk, and Highland's Adam Batliner. In all 27 boys competed on the WTBA Sydney pattern during which the field averaged 160, again the lowest field average of the season.

Despite the difficult scoring conditions that challenged the bowlers, everyone exhibited a high degree of professionalism and composure. Frustrations were at a minimum while the fight and determination was never more prevalent at an NWIJTPA event. Developing this type of mental toughness is a key to becoming a champion. The next event is October 19th at Stardust Bowl II in Merrillville.

## Girls Continue Dominance - Defeat Boys in Battle of Sexes for 4th Consecutive Time



It wasn't as easy as the past several times, but the result was the same, Girls Win!!

For the first time this season, the battle of the sexes went three games, and for the first time we had to employ the one ball sudden death tie-breaker.

Following a game 1 159-159 tie, Sam Brandt delivered a 9 count (lucky 9 count) while Eaton left a pocket split giving the boys game 1. Game 2 was all the girls 211-150 setting up the pivotal game 3.

Eaton marked in the tenth to post a 158 total for the girls which forced Brandt to strike on his final shot simply to tie and force another 1-ball rolloff, but this time Brandt was unable to answer the call, leaving 3 pins, and allowing the girls to once again claim bragging rights.

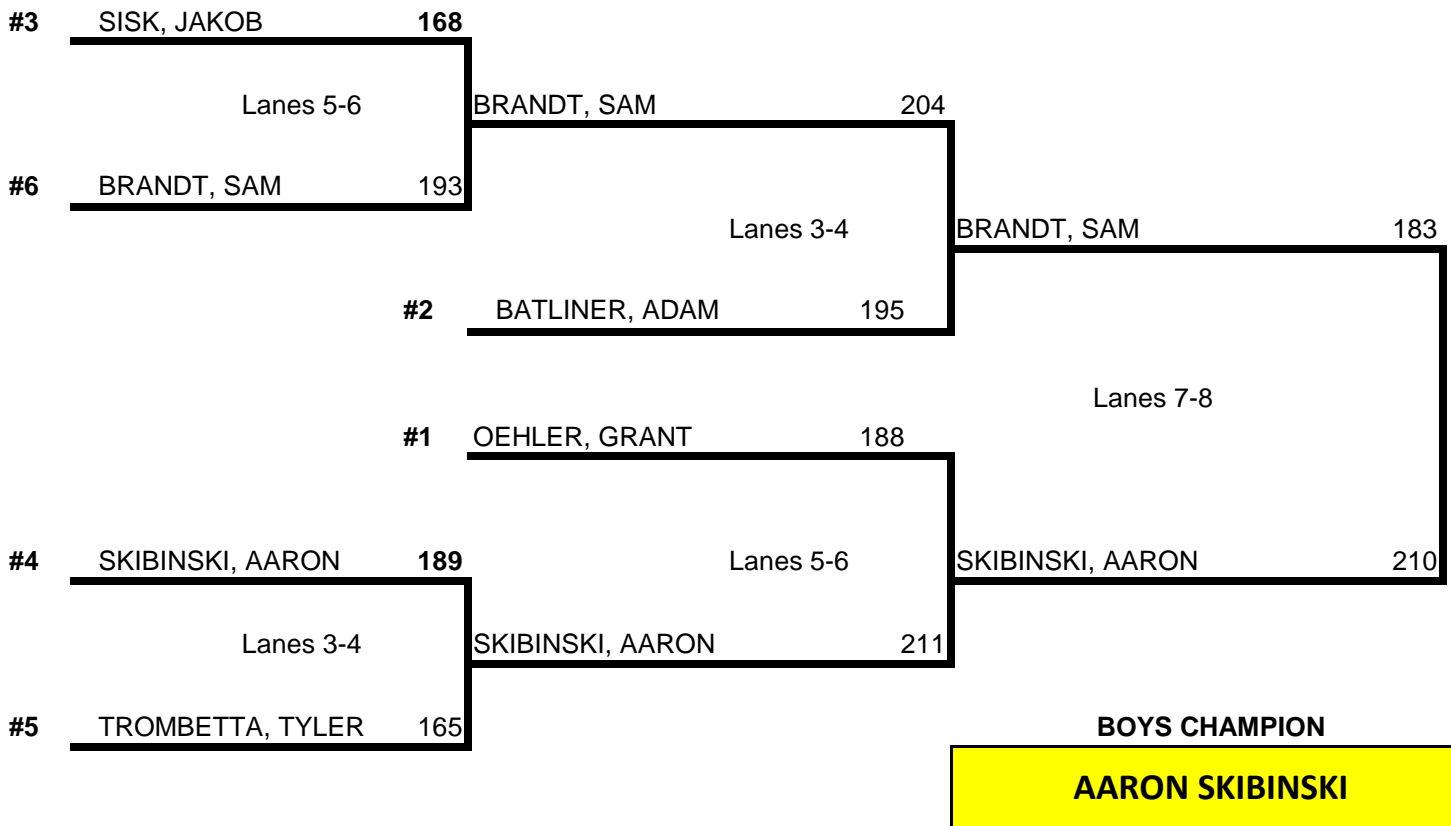
Members of the championship team included Maryssa Carey, Annalee Sisk, Carly Larson, Kasey Eaton, and Laura Levander. The girls were coached by Jimmy Kraushaar.

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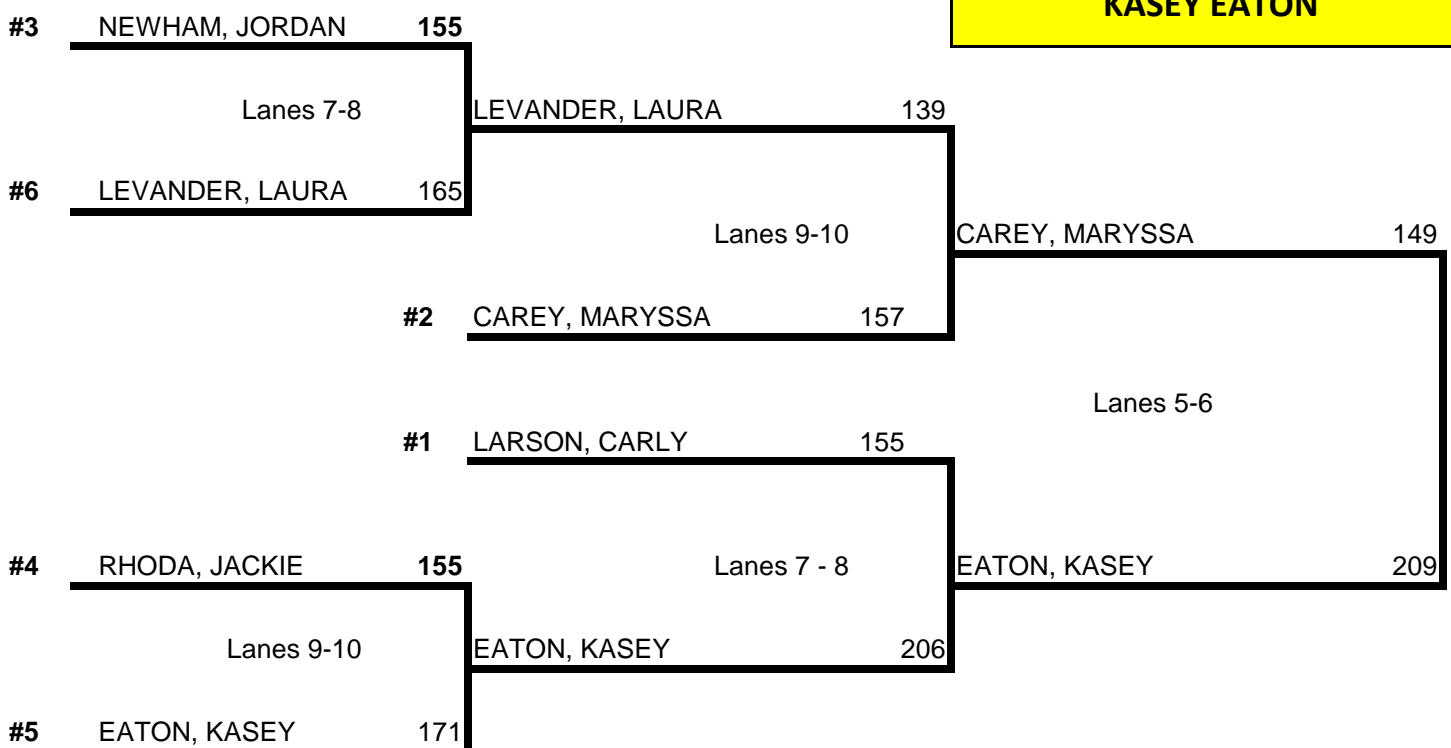
## BRACKET FINALS

SINGLE GAME MATCHES

### BOYS



### GIRLS



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1	OEHLER, GRANT	BOYS	CARMEL, IN	GOLD	U20	172	135	161	218	234	267	1,187			1,187	37.5
2	BATLINER, ADAM	BOYS	HIGHLAND, IN	GOLD	U20-AQ	203	141	188	186	234	203	1,155			1,155	36.5
3	SISK, JAKOB	BOYS	ROSSVILLE, IN	GOLD	U20-AQ	200	177	175	214	184	190	1,140	191	161	1,492	31.5
4	SKIBINSKI, AARON	BOYS	MICHIGAN CITY, IN	SILVER	NO	171	210	188	266	139	163	1,137	194	152	1,483	41.0
5	TROMBETTA, TYLER	BOYS	HIGHLAND, IN	GOLD	U20-AQ	179	150	150	163	200	163	1,005	210	211	1,426	28.5
6	BRANDT, SAM	BOYS	FREMONT, MI	NONMEM	U20-AQ	180	206	164	214	178	187	1,129	142	146	1,417	-
7	SHEPARD, JORDAN	BOYS	NOBLESVILLE, IN	GOLD	U20	153	176	175	151	182	202	1,039	184	193	1,416	27.0
8	GRAMS, LUCAS	BOYS	MICHIGAN CITY, IN	SILVER	NO	140	186	208	169	156	158	1,017	208	182	1,407	26.0
9	POWELL, SPENCER	BOYS	GRANGER, IN	GOLD	U20	132	163	241	152	202	138	1,028	188	187	1,403	26.0
10	SEVERSON, JEFFREY	BOYS	PORTAGE, IN	GOLD	U20	199	161	131	172	172	172	1,007	145	180	1,332	24.0
11	SALAS, ANTONIO	BOYS	HIGHLAND, IN	GOLD	U20-AQ	161	172	220	143	145	147	988			988	20.5
12	BUTLER, ANTHONY	BOYS	SOUTH HOLLAND, IL	GOLD	U20	156	144	174	151	176	187	988			988	20.5
13	LYKINS, DEAN	BOYS	MICHIGAN CITY, IN	SILVER	NO	165	187	160	140	161	165	978			978	19.0
14	METCALFE, JON	BOYS	DYER, IN	SILVER	NO	100	194	225	131	161	127	938			938	18.0
15	DEWEESE, JAKE	BOYS	PORTAGE, IN	NONMEM	NO	103	165	174	155	141	192	930			930	-
16	BURK, MITCHELL	BOYS	HIGHLAND, IN	NONMEM	NO	154	153	162	161	146	138	914			914	-
17	ALBANESE, CHRISTOPHER	BOYS	GRIFFITH, IN	SILVER	NO	161	165	143	135	151	148	903			903	15.0
18	MCDONALD, PATRICK	BOYS	CROWN POINT, IN	GOLD	U20	112	101	142	164	200	182	901			901	14.0
19	LOMAN, SCOTT	BOYS	WESTVILLE, IN	SILVER	NO	120	157	127	157	168	168	897			897	13.0
20	GOODRICH, ZACH	BOYS	LA PORTE, IN	SILVER	NO	165	103	99	168	142	211	888			888	12.0
21	ROSLING, LOGAN	BOYS	HIGHLAND, IN	SILVER	NO	186	144	128	161	160	107	886			886	11.0
22	CARTER, ZACH	BOYS	PORTAGE, IN	GOLD	U20	174	92	148	127	162	170	873			873	5.0
23	JACKSON, JORDAN	BOYS	LA PORTE, IN	SILVER	NO	149	156	158	147	128	128	866			866	5.0
24	CHILDRESS, MARK	BOYS	CHESTERTON, IN	GOLD	U20	151	139	153	143	121	154	861			861	5.0
25	SCHULTZ, AUSTIN	BOYS	PORTAGE, IN	GOLD	U20	131	148	133	163	141	138	854			854	5.0
26	SNUFFER, KYLE	BOYS	LA PORTE, IN	SILVER	NO	93	106	161	162	130	141	793			793	5.0
27	FREEBORN, MARTY	BOYS	DYER, IN	GOLD	U15	102	120	93	139	121	114	689			689	5.0

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1	LARSON, CARLY	GIRLS	MERRILLVILLE, IN	GOLD	U20-AQ	166	203	188	156	158	169	1,040			1,040	39.0
2	CAREY, MARYSSA	GIRLS	HOBART, IN	GOLD	U20	182	189	152	168	176	166	1,033			1,033	40.0
3	NEWHAM, JORDAN	GIRLS	AURORA, IL	GOLD	U20-AQ	176	155	149	162	172	216	1,030	202	179	1,411	34.5
4	RHODA, JACKIE	GIRLS	PORTAGE, IN	GOLD	U20-AQ	156	189	170	123	179	153	970	177	187	1,334	30.5
5	EATON, KASEY	GIRLS	WYOMING, MI	SILVER	U20-AQ	149	147	199	178	171	177	1,021	133	169	1,323	41.0
6	LEVANDER, LAURA	GIRLS	SCHERERVILLE, IN	GOLD	U20	233	132	191	88	196	175	1,015	128	164	1,307	36.0
7	SCHUTZ, BROOKLYNN	GIRLS	ELKHART, IN	SILVER	NO	157	145	168	168	177	155	970	188	148	1,306	29.0
8	TUCKER, HEIDI	GIRLS	CHESTERTON, IN	GOLD	U20-AQ	180	196	157	145	162	137	977	184	144	1,305	28.0
9	SISK, ANNALEE	GIRLS	ROSSVILLE, IN	GOLD	U20	146	158	156	172	181	144	957	176	155	1,288	27.0
10	DARLING-RAMOS, MARITZA	GIRLS	CHICAGO, IL	GOLD	U20-AQ	171	172	160	148	129	203	983	141	107	1,231	26.0
11	HEFLIN, MEGAN	GIRLS	DYER, IN	GOLD	U20	152	190	183	150	126	151	952			952	23.0
12	COLLINS, KERSTEN	GIRLS	GRIFFITH, IN	SILVER	NO	173	183	133	126	131	202	948			948	22.0
13	ROSS, ALEXANDRA	GIRLS	GREENWOOD, IN	GOLD	U20	157	139	168	133	192	156	945			945	21.0
14	DRANG, ERIN	GIRLS	KOUTS, IN	SILVER	NO	179	112	134	220	170	127	942			942	21.0
15	VOIERS, SARAH	GIRLS	CHESTERTON, IN	GOLD	U20-AQ	136	151	207	127	135	172	928			928	20.0
16	LOHSE, BECKY	GIRLS	CHESTERTON, IN	GOLD	U20	146	200	169	159	109	139	922			922	18.0
17	BLYTHE, MADDIE	GIRLS	SCHERERVILLE, IN	NONMEM	NO	148	144	156	165	150	147	910			910	-
18	HAMPTON, EMILY	GIRLS	PORTAGE, IN	SILVER	NO	124	139	172	171	131	167	904			904	15.5
19	WILSON, ANNA	GIRLS	HEBRON, IN	SILVER	NO	127	125	173	179	152	148	904			904	15.5
20	RUDNICKAS, DANIELLE	GIRLS	HIGHLAND, IN	GOLD	U20	122	161	158	191	115	150	897			897	14.0
21	WOLSKI, LAUREN	GIRLS	DARIEN, IL	GOLD	U20	150	138	147	167	137	144	883			883	13.0
22	ALBANESE, ALICIA	GIRLS	GRIFFITH, IN	SILVER	NO	135	169	116	133	137	187	877			877	12.0
23	FAUOTE, MACKENZIE	GIRLS	HUNTINGTON, IN	GOLD	U20	134	149	138	149	131	167	868			868	5.0
24	CHAPMAN, PAIGE	GIRLS	PORTAGE, IN	SILVER	NO	122	144	182	134	163	118	863			863	5.0
25	GIST, DEJA	GIRLS	HAMMOND, IN	NONMEM	NO	144	139	143	165	123	135	849			849	-
26	SELLERS, JESSICA	GIRLS	SCHERERVILLE, IN	GOLD	U20	178	166	118	131	141	95	829			829	5.0
27	LLANES, MONICA	GIRLS	HAMMOND, IN	GOLD	U20	141	100	118	109	132	118	718			718	5.0
28	KELLY, MEGAN	GIRLS	HOBART, IN	GOLD	U20	78	163	118	119	113	119	710			710	5.0
29	CREASY, JULIE	GIRLS	PORTAGE, IN	SILVER	NO	123	100	124	122	118	111	698			698	5.0

**JUNIOR GOLD QUALIFYING RESULTS - MICHIGAN CITY OPEN  
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