

# Best Finish Ever: Edwardsville Cheerleaders Bring Home Second Place From IHSA State Meet

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EDWARDSVILLE - Edwardsville's varsity cheerleaders recorded a zero deduction routine each day in the Large School IHSA Cheer Championships this weekend. The Tigers were second with a score of 95.90, just behind Chicago (Marist) with a 96.32.

Lockport Township was third with a 94.99, followed by Frankfort (Lincoln-Way West) 91.85, Huntley 91.68, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central) 89.60, Orland Park (Sandburg) 89.20, Schaumburg 88.06, Park Ridge (Maine South) 86.96 and Tinley Park (Andrew) 86.62.

The Tigers head cheer coach Anna Schuetzenhofer was ecstatic at the performance of her outstanding girls.

"The final day was their best performance ever and they had the whole arena cheering for them," the coach said. "They believed in themselves and their training and went out and made it happen.

"These girls and the coaches have worked tirelessly over the last two years for this moment."

The second-place finish was the highest finish ever for the Tigers. Last year the squad was sixth place at state.

"There is a long list of thank yous - the EHS ADs, administration and athletic trainers, EHS cheer program and families, Rick Brewer with Rics Photography, our choreographer and volunteer coaches."

The members of the Tigers team are as follows:

Maggie Bowser

Lauren Bub

Rylie Burns

Quinn David

Kate Davis

Tess Deweese

Hailey Gipson

Bella Hartman

Carley Hartman

Julianne Hendricks

Ellie Hughes

Mary Welsley James

Sanaa Johnson

Charli Jones

Karly Klette

Ashlinn Maguire

Madison McArtor

Maia Rowe

Layla Rydgig

Lexi Seymour

Claire Villalobos

Kayla Zacheis

Maddy Ziobro

The coaches are Schuetzenhofer, Zach Mittman, Marissa St. Peters and Erin Meyer.

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