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Lineup shuffle in order for IU?

Hoosiers continue winning despite games' sluggish starts

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BLOOMINGTON

Indiana coach Mike Davis thinks he may be able to get rid of the slow starts with a few lineup changes.

After the Hoosiers struggled early again Saturday before finally pulling away from Purdue, 62-49, Davis acknowledged that the Hoosiers are missing something early in games, something he wants to correct before the Hoosiers visit Iowa on Tuesday and Minnesota on Sunday.

"I think starting (Robert) Vaden at the three has really affected him," Davis said. "When he's at the four, he's really a matchup problem. I'm thinking about moving him to the four to give us some jump there."

At first glance, it looks like the

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Athlete finds inspiration close to home

IC swimmers raising money for fight against breast cancer

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Jessica Carter sought inspiration for a focus for the Indian Creek High School swimming team's spirit week fund-raiser.

She found it in Holly Harlow. Harlow, a Whiteland Community High School math teacher is more than Carter's pre-calculus tutor. She's also a close family friend. And she's a two-time breast cancer survivor.

Now, Carter, a Braves senior swimmer, has started the team's fund-raiser because of her.

For the next two weeks, the Indian Creek girls swimming team will conduct their "Rockin' for a Cure for Breast Cancer" fund-raiser.

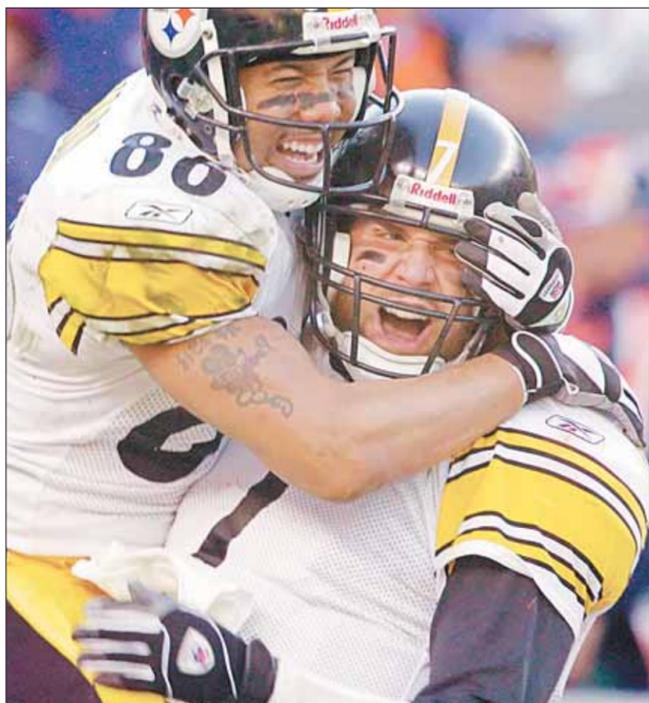
While they're decorating the school for Tuesday's senior night and next week's spirit week before sectionals, the Braves also will be collecting donations and

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CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Moving on to Motown



AP PHOTOS

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, right, celebrates his 4-yard fourth-quarter touchdown run with receiver Hines Ward in the AFC Championship game Sunday.

Road warriors: Pittsburgh dominant in Denver

By EDDIE PELLIS
The Associated Press

DENVER

Big Ben, The Bus and all those Terrible Towels sure are traveling well this postseason. Next stop, the Super Bowl, the final destination of a Pittsburgh road trip the Denver Broncos were powerless to derail.

Ben Roethlisberger had a brilliant afternoon, throwing for 275 yards and two scores, and Jerome Bettis extended his career one more game, lifting the Steelers to a dominating 34-17 victory in the AFC title game Sunday.

Bettis said, "We're going home!" as the game wore down and he celebrated on the sideline. He is, indeed, back to his hometown of Detroit for Pittsburgh's first appearance in the Super Bowl since 1995.

"I thought we could get there. It's come true," he said. "Detroit, watch out. Here we come!"

Outschemed, outplayed and pushed around all day, the Broncos (14-4) shuffled off to their locker room, heads down, after their first home loss in 10 tries this season.

"They had a great game plan," said Broncos coach Mike Shanahan, now 2-1 in AFC title games. "They played big on the road, very well-coached game, very well-played game."

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Seattle's Shaun Alexander carries the ball under the pressure of the Carolina defense during the second quarter of the their NFC Championship game Sunday in Seattle. Alexander, the league's regular-season MVP, rushed for 132 yards and two scores.

Seahawks scorch Panthers for first trip to Super Bowl

By BARRY WILNER
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SEATTLE

With their MVP back in business, a fierce defense and all the comforts of playing at home, the Seattle Seahawks had everything they needed to get to their first Super Bowl.

And they did, easily.

Shaun Alexander came back from last week's concussion to rush for a team playoff-record 132 yards and two touchdowns Sunday, and Seattle pressured Carolina stars Jake Delhomme and Steve Smith into oblivion in a 34-14 rout for the NFC championship.

The Seahawks picked off three passes in winning their 12th straight home game and shattering the fifth-seeded Panthers' stunning postseason road run.

The NFC's best team during the season, the Seahawks (15-3) will have to beat yet another wild card, the Pittsburgh Steelers, in the Super Bowl in Detroit on Feb. 5. Pittsburgh beat

Denver 34-17 earlier in the day.

"We're not done yet," quarterback Matt Hasselbeck said. "We've got another game we've got to go win."

While Alexander paced the ball-control offense, it was the defense

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SUPER BOWL XL



Seattle Seahawks vs. Pittsburgh Steelers

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TV: WRTV-Channel 6

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