

PREP BASKETBALL

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BY THE NUMBERS

Boys

Greyhounds 69 Trojans 67

CENTER GROVE — Corey Gray 4-7 1-1 11, Louis Kamo 0-2 1-2 1, Tyler Kitchel 14-24 6-8 41, Mitch Delfner 1-5 2-2 5, James Nussbaum 1-2 0-0 2, Todd Price 1-3 2-2 4, Danny Gill 0-0 0-0 0, Joey Clawson 0-1 0-0 0, Jason Kaylor 1-6, 0-0 3. **Totals:** 22-50 12-16 67.

CARMEI — Brett Finkelmeier 2-6 3-3 10, Daniel Moore 0-7 7-8 7, Jake Kelly 8-11 1-1 18, Eric Schneider 1-3 6-6 8, Tyler Kirages 7-12 2-2 16, Stuart Douglass 2-2 0-0 5, Matt Zaundtke 1-2 1-2 3, Ryan Walters 0-2 2-2 2, Ryan Murray 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 22-45 22-25 69.

CENTER GROVE 17 17 11 22 — 67

CARMEI 15 22 17 15 — 69

Three-point shooting: Center Grove 10-18 (Gray 2-2, Kamo 0-1, Kitchel 6-7, Delfner 1-3, Price 0-1, Kaylor 1-4), Carmel 3-9 (Finkelmeier 1-2, Moore 0-2, Kelly 1-2, Douglass 1-1, Walters 0-2).

Rebounds: Center Grove 15 (Kitchel 3, Gill 3), Carmel 19 (Kirages 6, Schneider 5).

Fouls: Center Grove 25 (Price and Nussbaum fouled out), Carmel 17.

Records: Center Grove 5-3, Carmel 8-2.

Reserve score: Carmel 41, Center Grove 28.

Pioneers 54 Warriors 48

MOORESVILLE — Justin Skeens 1-2 4-7 6, Trent Mossbrucker 2-7 2-3 7, Tyler Davis 5-12 3-5 13, Sean Walton 1-3 0-0 2, Chris Hawkins 4-9 5-7 13, Adam Lawson 3-6 5-8 11, Neil Brock 1-1 0-0 2. **Totals:** 17-40 19-30 58.

WHITELAND — Nick Smither 5-10 2-4 13, Marcus Hanger 3-10 0-0 7, Adam Money 2-7 1-2 6, Donovan Drake 3-9 0-0 7, Bret Moore 0-0 1-2 1, Billy Patrick 2-2 0-0 4, John Worley 2-7 0-0 4, Seth Tichenor 3-6 0-0 6, Reid Meador 0-1 0-2 0. **Totals:** 20-52 4-0 48.

MOORESVILLE 13 11 15 15 — 54

WHITELAND 14 13 13 8 — 48

Three-point shooting: Mooresville 1-6 (Mossbrucker 1-3, Davis 0-2, Walton 0-1). Whiteland 4-13 (Smither 1-2, Hanger 1-3, Money 1-2, Drake 1-5, Worley 0-1).

Rebounds: Mooresville 37 (Davis 10, Lawson 10, Hawkins 9), Whiteland 24 (Smither 4, Hanger 4, Meador 4). **Fouls:** Mooresville 13 (none fouled out), Whiteland 24 (Money, Drake fouled out).

Records: Whiteland 1-6, Mooresville 4-5.

Reserve score: Whiteland 27, Mooresville 26.

Eagles 70 Braves 34

BROWN COUNTY — David Tatham 8-12 0-0 20, Scott Cheek 5-13 6-6 17, Derek Eubanks 6-11 1-1 15, Jordan Jacobs 3-6 2-3 8, Wes Fox 2-6 3-10 7, Cori Rubadue 0-0 0-0, David Miller 0-1 0-1 0, Matt Schrimper 0-0 0-0 0, Sean Sighting 0-0 0-0 0, Ethan Scott 1-2 0-0 3, Josh Owens 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals:** 25-52 12-21 70.

INDIAN CREEK — Mark Dunn 6-12 0-0 12, Ryan Denton 1-4 0-0 2, TJ Saint 1-4 0-0 3, Brad Stropes 0-4 0-2 0, Kyle Ray 3-12 4-5 10, Logan Scott 1-6 0-2 2, Zach Poindexter 1-4 1-2 3, Kyle Bradley 0-0 0-2 0, Zack Tharpe 0-2 0-0 0, Brett Brunson 1-3 0-0 2, Michael Jordan 0-1 0-0 0, Drew Hogue 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 14-52 5-13 34.

BROWN COUNTY 15 10 26 19 — 70

INDIAN CREEK 7 15 8 4 — 34

Three-point shooting: Brown County 8-16 (Tatham 4-5, Cheek 1-3, Eubanks 2-4, Miller 0-1, Scott 1-2, Owens 0-1), Indian Creek 1-13 (Dunn 0-2, Saint 1-3, Stropes 0-2, Ray 0-3, Scott 0-1, Poindexter 0-1, Tharpe 0-1).

Rebounds: Brown County 33 (Jacobs 7), Indian Creek 35 (Dunn 11, Denton 8).

Fouls: Brown County 10, Indian Creek 15.

Records: Brown County 4-4, Indian Creek 1-7.

Reserve score: Indian Creek 46, Brown County 43.

Girls

Jets 53 Lancers 37

HAUSER — Tori Tucker 0-3 0-0 0, Katie Finke 0-4 0-0 0, Michelle Siebert 7-12 3-4 21, Amie Pope 1-4 1-2 3, Darcy Shoaf 3-6 0-2 6, Samantha Deckard 1-2 0-0 2, Audrey Wilkerson 2-6 5-7 9, Nicole Meyer 2-7 2-2 7, Laura Nading 1-4 3-4 5, Raychel Tindall 0-6 0-0 0. **Totals:** 17-54 14-21 53.

EDINBURGH — Hannah Basey 0-5 6-6 6, Kristie Smith 1-3 0-2 2, Lindsey Bowers 5-10 0-2 10, Chelsea Montgomery 2-3 1-2 5, Hilary Stinson 6-9 2-3 14, Brittany Stalets 0-0 0-0 0, Lindsay Bryant 0-2 0-0 0, Whitney Moore 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals:** 14-34 9-15 37.

HAUSER 19 9 12 13 — 53

EDINBURGH 10 2 11 14 — 37

Three-point shooting: Hauser 5-10 (Finke 0-1, Siebert 4-6, Pope 0-1, Meyer 1-2). Edinburgh 0-4 (Basey 0-2, Bowers 0-1, Moore 0-1).

Rebounds: Hauser: 27 (Siebert 4, Pope 4), Edinburgh 21 (Bowers 7, Smith 6). **Fouls:** Hauser 15, Edinburgh 13 (Smith fouled out).

Records: Edinburgh 2-9, Hauser 6-6.

Reserve score: Hauser 34, Edinburgh 5.

Woodmen 66 Space Pioneers 43

GREENWOOD — Kasey Dollens 1-4 0-0 2, Abby Collier 7-15 0-0 15, Mercedes Majors 1-1 2-4 4, Allie Osen 5-10 0-1 10, Jackie Kunz 2-4 1-1 5, Jessica Unversaw 2-5 1-4 5, Tessa Ratliff 9-11 3-3 21, Sarah Emkes 1-2 0-0 2, Jamie Unversaw 0-0 0-0 0, Natasha Simpson 0-0 0-0 0, Kristen Whalen 0-0 0-0 0, Ashley Coe 0-1 0-0 0, Ashley Deal 0-0 0-0 0, 14 Jordan Kaptian 1-1 0-0 2. **Totals:** 29-54 7-13 66.

NORTHWEST — Rasheda Fayson 1-11 1-4 4, Cierra Dotson 0-9 4-5 8, Larretha Draughon 7-15 0-0 14, Lauren Carter 0-0 0-0 0, Ashley Edwards 1-7 2-2 5, Brittany Harris 1-3 0-0 2, Naquetta Young 4-7 2-2 10, Ferdaws Chamem 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 14-52 9-13 43.

GREENWOOD 12 18 17 19 — 66

NORTHWEST 8 9 9 17 — 43

Three-point shooting: Greenwood 1-4 (Collier 1-3, Dollens 0-1), Northwest 2-14 (Edwards 1-2, Fayson 1-4, Harris 0-1, Draughon 0-2, Dotson 0-5).

Rebounds: Greenwood 35 (Collier 14, Osen 6, Kunz 5, Ratliff 5), Northwest 28 (Harris 5, Young 5, Edwards 5, Carter 5). **Fouls:** Greenwood 14 (none fouled out), Northwest 23 (Draughon fouled out).

Records: Greenwood 8-6, Northwest 5-8.

Reserve score: Greenwood 52, Northwest 25.

Friday's state scores

Boys

Anderson 95, Lapel 68
Bloomington South 51, Bloomington North 39
Carmel 69, Center Grove 67
Knightstown 63, N. Decatur 53
Kokomo 57, Logansport 54, OT
Monrovia 63, Ritter 61
Mooresville 54, Whiteland 48
Noblesville 56, McCutcheon 43
Pike 79, Perry Meridian 57
Seymour 72, S. Decatur 42
Shelbyville 53, Greensburg 33

Girls

Brebeuf 73, Tech 28
Greenwood 66, Northwest 43
Jac-Cen-Del 67, Milan 36
Hauser 53, Edinburgh 37
Northview 43, Owen Valley 42
Speedway 44, Greencastle 40

Woodmen win second straight

BY KEN SEVERSON
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INDIANAPOLIS

Before tip-off, the Greenwood girls basketball team found itself locked out of its dressing room at Northwest High School.

But the Woodmen didn't mind. Not after picking up their second straight victory with a 66-43 win Friday night.

The triumph follows Tuesday's win against Class A No. 3 Lutheran, which has the Woodmen (8-6) on a bit of a roll.

That's why the Woodmen were able to laugh off being locked out

**WOODMEN 66
SPACE PIONEERS 43**

of their dressing room, the result of one of their junior varsity players inadvertently wandering off with the key.

The mistake was somewhat appropriate on a night when the Woodmen's defense locked down the Space Pioneers' offense, limiting the hosts to 27 percent shooting from the field.

"Our zone defense did a nice job," Greenwood coach Debbie Guckenberger said. "We wanted to force them to shoot from the

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Debbie Guckenberger
Greenwood girls basketball coach on the team's win Friday

outside. They didn't hit anything until late in the game, and by then it was too late."

After falling behind early, the Woodmen displayed patience, taking the lead and then gradually building it throughout. Greenwood got a lift when

Northwest's top player, sophomore Larretha Draughon, got in early foul trouble and sat out sizable portions of the first and second halves before fouling out.

"That helped," Guckenberger said. "Having (Draughon) out for a while forced them to do something else."

As a result, Greenwood took a 30-17 halftime lead and was never seriously threatened in the second half.

Senior Abby Collier and freshman Tessa Ratliff led the way. Collier had 15 points and a game-high 14 rebounds. Ratliff led all scorers with 21 points on 9-of-11 shooting from the field.

Freshman Allie Osen also was in double-figures for the Woodmen with 10 points.

Draughon led Northwest (5-8) with 14 points. Naquetta Young had 10 off the bench for the Space Pioneers.

"This is the best game we've had against Northwest," Guckenberger said. "They beat us last year, and we found out we can play against them. The zone helped us on defense and opened it up for us on our offense."

"We'll continue using it." Greenwood's next game is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday against visiting New Palestine.

Brown County 'D' stifles Braves' center

Indian Creek senior, after scoring 10 points in first half, shut down by Eagles' zone

BY GREG DODDRIDGE
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NASHVILLE

Trailing by three points at the half, the Indian Creek High School boys basketball team planned to keep going inside to 6-foot-8 senior Mark Dunn.

But Brown County made that difficult when it started the second half with a zone designed to take away the lane.

Dunn, who had 10 points in the first half, could only manage two points in the second half as the Class 3A Eagles defeated the Class 2A Braves 70-34 on Friday night.

Indian Creek coach Rex Wilson said the Eagles' zone was the key to the game.

"At times versus the zone, we did some good," Wilson said. "But we couldn't hit shots."

The Braves made just 14 of 52 shots from the field while shooting a mere 5 of 13 from the free-throw line.

Further hurting the Braves (1-7

was Brown County's hot shooting. The Eagles (4-4) made 25 of 52 field goals overall and connected on 5 of 6 from behind the 3-point line in the third quarter. They outscored the Braves 26-8 in the third quarter and 45-12 in the second half.

"We got caught helping inside, and (the Eagles) hit 3-pointers and hurt us," Wilson said. "They sucked us in and hit 3-pointers."

Brown County's David Tatham did the most damage, hitting four 3-pointers and scoring a game-high 20 points. His teammate, Scott Cheek,

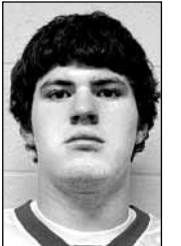
added 17 points.

Indian Creek fought back from a 10-1 Brown County lead in the first quarter and used an 8-0 run in the second quarter to stay in the game at halftime.

But Tatham and Derek Eubanks each hit two 3-pointers in the third quarter to put the game out of reach.

Dunn finished with a game-high 11 rebounds. Sophomore Kyle Ray added 10 points.

Indian Creek plays tonight at Mid-Hoosier Conference opponent South Decatur.



Indian Creek senior Mark Dunn scored 12 points on 6-of-12 shooting in the Braves' 70-34 loss Friday night to host Brown County.

Defeat knocks Lancers off track

BY STEVE MCCLURE
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Edinburgh will have to wait another day for its first conference win of the season.

The short-handed Lancers were defeated 53-37 by the visiting Hauser girls basketball team Friday night.

The Jets (6-6, 4-0) share the Mid-Hoosier Conference lead with Triton Central.

As for the Lancers (2-9, 0-4), they entered the night on a bit of a roll. They were seeking their third straight win after beating Medora and Crothersville at last week's Crothersville holiday tournament.

Unfortunately for the Lancers, they had to try to keep their momentum going with a depleted roster.

Senior center Shelby Hendersen, the team's leading rebounder, and junior forward Heather Dowell and sophomore guard Monica Gilp were ill. And senior Stephanie Knue and sophomore Abbie Weddle were dismissed from the team earlier this week because of disciplinary problems, coach Bob White said.

To compensate for the personnel shortage, Edinburgh tried to slow things down in the first half and trailed by nine at the end of the first quarter.

But the deficit swelled in the second, when the Lancers made only one field goal. Hauser led 28-12 at halftime.

Despite the loss, White found something positive.

"I'm pleased (with the effort) considering everything we were dealt that included ailments, the flu bug and discipline corrections we've had to make," White said. "We had four varsity girls out there and three reserves that played their hearts out and didn't quit."

"They showed a great amount of patience."

Hauser freshman guard Michelle Siebert led all scorers with 21 points. She made 4 of 6 3-point attempts.

For Edinburgh, junior forward Hilary Stinson led the way with 14 points. Normally a backup, Stinson earned a start Friday. Senior teammate Lindsey Bowers added 10 points and seven rebounds.

The Lancers return to action Tuesday night against visiting Indiana Deaf.



Center Grove High School junior Tyler Kitchel shoots during Friday's game at Carmel. Kitchel scored 41 points, tying the fourth-highest single-game scoring total in school history. The Trojans lost 69-67.

• Defeat

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important shot of the game he did miss because we were there.

"That's the most important part of the game."

Kitchel kept scoring through searing pain in his left shoulder, which popped out of joint twice during the game. When it happened the second time with two minutes left in the fourth quarter, he became ill but returned to finish.

"Kitchel wanted the ball," Hawkins said. "The team got him the ball. He wanted to win so badly. He was going to do whatever it took. I think he moved himself to one of the elite play-

• Warriors

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Hawkins each contributed 13 points for the Pioneers (4-5), who snapped a two-game losing streak and won their first conference game of the season.

Senior Adam Lawson added 11 points and matched Davis with a game-high 10 rebounds for the Pioneers.

Mooresville hit only 3 of 9 shots from the line during the first two quarters but went 16 of 21 in the second half.

The Warriors made only 4 of 10 free-throw attempts the entire game.

"Getting to the line has been a problem for us," Meyer said. "We've become more of a jump-shooting team."

"You can still get to the line when you're a jump-shooting team, but you have to be able to make your shots when you get there."

ers in the conference tonight."

Kitchel scored 15 of Center Grove's 17 points in the first quarter and had 23 points at end of the first half.

"I'm proud of how well we played with as much adversity as we had," Hawkins said. "We can score some points, but we need to play better defense and get tougher inside."

"With our foul situation, we couldn't do as much defensively as we'd like to do."

Junior Jake Kelly led the Greyhounds (7-1, 1-1 MIC) with 18 points. Senior Tyler Kirages added 16.

For Center Grove, sophomore Corey Graves had 11.

Center Grove is idle until the second round of the Johnson County Tournament on Jan 13. The Trojans are tournament hosts.

Senior Nick Smither led the Whiteland offense with 13 points. Juniors Marcus Hanger and Donovan Drake each added seven points. Senior Seth Tichenor and junior Adam Money contributed six points each.

The Warriors connected on only 20 of 52 shots from the field and were outrebounded 37-24.

Despite their struggles, Meyer isn't discouraged. The Warriors have been competitive against most opponents and at times appear to be close to turning a corner.

"We're not going to blow anybody out. Our conference just isn't like that," Meyer said. "But at the same time, we're not getting blown out of the games we're losing right now, either. We just need to ... work on the fundamentals, including rebounding and defense."

"We need to take a couple of steps back in order to move forward. But unfortunately, we don't have time to do that right now."

Whiteland plays again at 7:30 tonight at Westfield. The Warriors then play Indian Creek in Tuesday's second first-round game of the Johnson County Tournament at Center Grove.



Courtney Von Stein

WINTER SPORTS DIARY

Playing against strong foes will benefit Braves

We played in a holiday tournament Dec. 29.

In the morning game against Jennings County, we stepped up and played arguably the best game of our season thus far. Winning that game was a huge step in the positive direction for us and provided not only a confidence boost, but a morale boost as well.

In the championship game that night, we faced Corydon Central. They are an excellent team, and we seemed to do everything that should have been avoided. Turnovers and unforced mistakes plagued the game, and we lost by a considerable margin.

Some people may say that the Corydon Central game erased any progress that we had made against Jennings County. I disagree.

Corydon Central simply pointed out the things that we need to work on. Strong mentality and poise are two things that are vital in a tough game.

The lessons we learned against Corydon helped us against Martinsville on Thursday and will help us against Whiteland and Heritage Christian later in our season.

Overall, the holiday tournament was a good end to the 2005 half of our season.

In basketball, there is an essential pair of E's: effort and execution. They are yin and yang. Peas and carrots. Monkeys and bananas. Salt and pepper. Simply, one cannot work without the other.

In our game against Martinsville this week, we had one down pat, but that almighty other E, execution, eluded us once again.

Though it was a tough loss, I give my team credit. We have played two state-ranked opponents in the past week. We could have easily hung our heads in defeat, but we chose to continue working hard and soaked up all that could have possibly been taught to us. It may not be blatantly obvious now, but it will help us in the future tremendously.

Today, we host North Decatur to face the defending conference champion Chargers. This game begins an important stretch of our season that includes most of our conference opponents.

Last year, North Decatur beat us by one in the final few seconds to take our conference crown. It is a given that we will be seeking revenge.

Though we have had only a few ups and too many downs, I feel like this has been a good week for Lady Braves basketball. And next week can only get better!

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