

BOYS BASKETBALL: JOHNSON COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Warriors, Cubs win



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Edinburgh junior Brandon Craven, center, and Franklin senior Ben Gordon, nearest to the ball, try to stay inbounds as they fight for a loose ball during the first half of their Johnson County Boys Basketball Tournament game at Center Grove on Tuesday. The Grizzly Cubs beat the Lancers 80-41.

Long shots help Franklin cruise past Edinburgh

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Cody Long has felt comfortable behind the 3-point arc all season. Tuesday night was no exception. The Franklin Community High School senior made 4 of 5 3-point attempts and scored 14 points to help power the Grizzly Cubs to an 80-41 win against Edinburgh in the first round of the Johnson County Boys Basketball Tournament at Center Grove High School. Franklin (4-6) advances to Fri-

GRIZZLY CUBS 80

LANCERS 41

day's 6 p.m. second-round game against Greenwood (6-2). "I've been having a real good 3-point shooting year this year, especially when my teammates give me a ball in my shooting rhythm," Long said. "I just have a lot of confidence from shooting in practice with coaches telling me, 'Good shot' and 'Good job.'" Keyed by its outside shooting, Franklin rebounded from back-to-back losses. The Cubs made 10 of

14 3-point attempts (71.4 percent) and opened up their offense by getting a variety of players involved in scoring. Junior Adrian Moss led the Cubs with 15 points, while seniors Adam Miller and Ben Gordon each had nine. Junior Eric Lazzell scored nine off the bench for Franklin. Coach Dave Clark substituted players frequently throughout the game, giving the Cubs fresh bodies and added energy. He said players will need to be refreshed

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TOURNEY TIME

Johnson County Tournament At Center Grove
Tuesday's scores
Franklin 80, Edinburgh 41
Whiteland 49, Indian Creek 43
Friday's games
6 p.m. — Greenwood vs. Franklin
7:30 p.m. — Center Grove vs. Whiteland
Saturday's games
4:30 p.m. — Fifth-place game
6 p.m. — Third-place game
7:30 p.m. — Championship

Defense, clutch 3-point shot help carry Warriors past Indian Creek

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Adam Money's 3-point basket as time expired in the first half didn't win the game for Whiteland Community High School on Tuesday. But it certainly helped set the tone for the Warriors during the third and fourth quarters of their Johnson County Boys Basketball Tournament game against Indian Creek. Money's buzzer-beater gave Whiteland its first lead of the game and helped propel the Warriors to a 49-43 opening-round victory at Center Grove High School. While Whiteland (2-7) snapped a seven-

WARRIORS 49

BRAVES 43

game losing streak and defeated the Braves for the second time this season, Indian Creek (1-9) lost its third consecutive contest. "I'm not displeased with our overall effort," Braves' coach Rex Wilson said. "In fact, when they weren't scoring in transition, I thought we did a pretty good job on defense. "But when we were up 19-13 and they scored their next six points off layups, we

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Indian Creek senior Mark Dunn shoots over Whiteland junior Donovan Drake, left, and senior Seth Tichenor during the first half of their Johnson County Boys Basketball Tournament first-round game at Center Grove on Tuesday. Dunn scored a team-high 14 points as the Braves fell to the Warriors 49-43.



Colts running back Edgerrin James, right, talks with Eric Dungey, son of coach Tony Dungey, during a Jan. 1 game against the Arizona Cardinals at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

Rest gives James edge in playoffs

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Edgerrin James prefers the simplicity of hard work. He waits patiently for his blockers, uses shifty moves to make defenders miss and finishes by falling forward. Nothing outrageous. Seven seasons as the Indianapolis Colts' workhorse have not changed James' freewheeling approach to football, but experience has taught the 27-year-old how to prepare for the playoffs.



NEXT UP
Pittsburgh Steelers (12-5) at Indianapolis Colts (14-2)
Time: 1 p.m. Sunday
TV: WISH-Channel 8
Radio: WFBQ-94.7 FM

"It's just outworking everybody," James said, his gold teeth glittering. "If you work hard taking reps (in practice), then the games are easy." Few NFL players carry a heavier burden than James, the key to the Colts' high-scoring offense. He finished this season with 404 touches, the second-highest total in the NFL despite resting for

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Opportunity to build program lured Wimmer

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Rick Wimmer will be building the new Fishers High School football program from the ground up. But coaching may be a breeze compared to the whirlwind of the next few months. He doesn't have football or weight-room equipment. He doesn't have program schedules. He doesn't even have assistant coaches. Yet Wimmer relishes the rare challenge. "It's an opportunity to build a program without any previous notions or traditions," Wimmer said. "You're really starting everything, and that's a unique opportunity." After accepting the head football coaching position Monday evening at Fishers, Wimmer offered his resignation Tuesday at Greenwood Community High School. Wimmer, who came to Greenwood in 1997, guided the Woodmen to a 57-42 record and two Mid-State Conference championships in nine years. They finished 11-2 in 2005 and won their first sectional championship since 1992. Greenwood athletic director Paul Collier said



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