

Wins adding up for U of I swimmer

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Aaron Neeman, a swimmer for the University of Indianapolis, continued his outstanding freshman year with wins in the 1,000-yard freestyle and the 500 freestyle in the Greyhounds' 167-122 defeat of Wabash. The Whiteland graduate's times were 9:59.09 in the 1,000 and 4:55.30 in the 500.



NEEMAN

Whiteland

Franklin College football player **Josh Jackson**, a senior defensive lineman, is one of only 12 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference football players to be named to the All-Conference Academic Team. In order to receive this honor, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

Jennifer Patrick led the Brescia women's basketball team (1-21) in scoring and rebounding in a 62-52 loss to McKendree College. The junior shot 6 for 15 from the field, 3 for 8 from 3-point range, for 15 points, grabbed eight rebounds and had two assists and one blocked shot in 38 minutes.

Evansville women's basketball player **Megan Liffick**, who has scored in double figures in each game this year, led the Aces (10-8, 6-3) in scoring with 15 points (2 for 13, 11 for 11) in a 73-53 win against Southern Illinois. The senior had six rebounds, two assists and a blocked shot in 38 minutes.

Josh Martin made his only shot for two points in five minutes of play in Goshen's 84-80 loss to Marian. The Leafs are 13-12, 5-7.

The Eastern Illinois women swimmers defeated IUPUI 171-111. Jaguars senior **Lauren Heyde** was third of eight in the 500-yard freestyle (5:30.45), fourth of eight in the 200 freestyle (2:04.38) and seventh of eight in the 200 individual medley (2:24.22).

Huntington freshman **Adam**

COLLEGE UPDATE

Widener was a member of the 3,200 relay team that finished sixth at the University of Findlay Indoor Track and Field Invitational. The Forester runners' time qualified them for the NAIA National Championships in Johnson City, Tenn., in March.

University of Indianapolis 157-pound wrestler **Mike Horton** was 3-1 in the Monon Bell Duals at Crawfordsville. The Greyhounds were 2-2, defeating Lincoln and All Stars and losing to Mount St. Joseph and Olivet. The sophomore won on a technical fall against All Stars, 11-2 against Olivet and forfeit against Lincoln. His lone defeat was a 9-7 loss to Mount St. Joseph.



HORTON

Franklin

The College of Wooster swimmers lost 127-110 to Ohio Northern. The Fighting Scots' **Kyle Oaks** was second of 10 in the 50 freestyle (22.91) and third of 11 in the 100 freestyle (49.63). He was first for Wooster in both events.

The Denison men's swimming team lost 108-97 to Division I Duquesne. Sophomore **Dylan Wilson** was sixth of 11 in the 50 freestyle (23.23) and seventh of 12 in the 100 freestyle (50.79).

Butler sophomore swimmer **Elizabeth Shafer** finished third of seven in the 100 freestyle (58.91) and seventh of nine in the 50 freestyle (27.63) in the Bulldogs' loss to Xavier. In a loss to Ball State, she swam the 200 freestyle in 2:06.45 and the 100 backstroke in 1:11.11.

Bloomingsburg wrestler **Jesse Hasseman** finished third at 197 pounds in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Championships. He defeated a Lock Haven competitor 11-5 in the first round but fell 16-1 to a Shippensburg wrestler in the semifinals. He then won his third-place match 4-2

against an East Stroudsburg opponent. The sophomore finished fourth in the conference meet last year.

Jesse Stringer finished second of 18 high jumpers in the Ohio State Invitational indoor track and field meet with a jump of 5 feet, 7 inches.

Ryan Warrenburg won the 3,000-meter race in the six-team Arizona-California Challenge indoor track and field meet with a time of 8:43.98.

Ohio State diver **Anesa Beard** was diagnosed with a congenital heart defect that required surgery. Doctors at Ohio State University were successful Tuesday in correcting the condition. Beard is recuperating well and looks forward to diving in the near future.



BEARD

Indian Creek

The Penn State women's basketball team (9-11, 3-6) defeated Iowa 72-61 and lost 77-72 to Minnesota. **Adrienne Squire** had 11 points (3 for 6, 1 for 3, 4 for 6), five rebounds, three assists and two steals in 37 minutes against the Hawkeyes, and 15 points (5 for 12, 3 for 7, 2 for 2) and nine rebounds in 28 minutes against the Golden Gophers. She had only one turnover in the two games.

The Miami (Ohio) women's basketball team won 66-65 against Ball State and lost 77-58 to Toledo.

Kris Coner played 12 minutes in the two games and scored three points (1 for 4, 1 for 2). She had six rebounds and one blocked shot.

Competing for the University of Indianapolis in the University of Findlay Indoor Track and Field Classic, **Max Woodbury** was 16th of 25 in the high jump (5-10 $\frac{3}{4}$) and 33rd of 40 in the 55-meter hurdles (8.84).

Center Grove

Franklin College women's soccer player **Rachel Cluck** was named to the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Fall Sports All-Academic Team. In

order to qualify, a student-athlete must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Indiana University swimmer **Kevin Swander** won the 100 breaststroke (55.49) in a field of 11 competitors in the Hoosiers' 160-140 loss to Michigan. He was second of 11 in the 200 breaststroke (2:03.02) and seventh of eight in the 500 freestyle (22.20).

Blake Norman was third of seven in the 200 breaststroke (2:10.35) and sixth of eight in the 200 IM (1:59.74) in Miami's 138-105 swimming loss to Eastern Michigan. In the Red Hawks' 115-87 win against Ohio University, he was sixth of seven in the 200 freestyle (1:47.64).

The Carthage College swimmers won the Wisconsin Private Colleges Championship. **Erik Catterli** was fourth of 10 in the 1,650 freestyle (17.51.39), ninth of 12 in the 100 backstroke (1:05.96), and 15th of 18 in the 100 butterfly (1:07.40).

The University of Indianapolis men's swimming team defeated Wabash 167-122. The Little Giants **Michael Hewitt** was third of seven in the 100 butterfly (54.68), second of five in the 200 butterfly (2:02.67), and third of 10 in the 200 IM (2:03.81). He also swam on the winning 200 freestyle relay team.

Greyhounds freshman **Greg Jarvis** was fourth of 11 in the 50 freestyle (22.61), fifth of nine in the 100 freestyle (50.33) and fifth of seven in the 100 butterfly (56.93). He was a member of the winning 200 medley relay team.

The Akron women's swimming team lost 169.5-121.5 to Kenyon and 149-121 to Marshall. **Rachel Ripley** swam on the winning 200 medley relay team against Kenyon, was third of eight in the 100 backstroke (1:00.40) and ninth in the 200 backstroke (2:17.48). She was a member of two winning relay teams against the Thundering Herd, the 200 medley and the 400 freestyle, and was third of seven in the 400 IM (4:41.74) and fifth of seven in the 200 backstroke (2:16.25).

The Ball State tennis team lost 7-0 to Illinois. **Joe Epkey** lost 7-5, 6-0 at No. 2 singles. **Tony Epkey** lost 6-3, 6-4 at No. 3 singles and **Jarrod**

Epkey lost 6-3, 6-1 at No. 5. **Tony** and **Jarrod** were defeated 8-3 at No. 2 doubles, and **Joe** and his partner lost 8-6 at No. 3.

The Butler tennis team opened its season with wins against IUPUI (6-1) and Valparaiso (7-0). **Evan West** won 6-3, 6-1 at No. 2 singles against the Jaguars, and 6-3, 6-0 at No. 5 singles against the Crusaders. He won 8-2 against IUPUI and 8-5 against Valparaiso at No. 3 doubles.



WEST

The Kent State women gymnasts defeated Ball State 187.375-184.275. Cardinal freshman **Natalie Hesler** was eighth of 12, fifth for Ball State, in the beam competition (9.000) and 12th on the bars (8.125).

Indiana's **Tyler Skelton** long jumped 22.5 $\frac{1}{4}$ to finish fifth of 17 in the Indiana Open indoor track and field meet.

Mindy Robinson of the University of Indianapolis was 22nd of 44 in the women's 400-meter dash (1:05.68) at the University of Findlay Indoor Track and Field Classic. The Greyhounds **Michael Baker** was 61st of 68 in the men's 55-meter dash in 7.39.

The University of Indianapolis women's basketball team (10-9, 5-6) defeated the University of Southern Indiana 71-63 and lost 63-59 to Kentucky Wesleyan.

Deanna Thomson led the Greyhounds in rebounding with eight, had two steals and scored eight points (4 for 10) in 24 minutes in the loss. She had three rebounds, three assists, three steals and two points (1 for 2) in 22 minutes against USI.

The Mount St. Joseph women's basketball team lost 60-38 to Hanover and 73-51 to Manchester after upsetting conference leader Franklin. **Maria Eichhold** had eight points (3 for 12, 2 for 3), eight rebounds, six blocked shots

and an assist in 59 minutes in the two defeats.

Kelly James had a team-high 18 points in Toccoa Falls' 70-49 women's basketball win against Clearwater. She scored 11 in a 66-35 win against Wesleyan.

The Indiana Wesleyan men's basketball team (13-11, 7-5) defeated Bethel (75-59), Goshen (75-66) and Grace (81-77). In the overtime win against Grace, **Joel Hobson** was 5 for 6 from the field, 1 for 1 from 3-point range and 1 for 1 from the foul line for 12 points in 28 minutes. He had two rebounds. In the other two wins, he totaled 13 points (4 for 5, 5 for 6), six rebounds and three assists.

The Bethel men's basketball team (9-16, 0-11) lost 65-50 to Taylor and 75-59 to Bethel, while defeating Marygrove 93-62. In 39 minutes in the three games, **Chad Maddox** had eight points (2 for 9, 1 for 3, 3 for 4), three rebounds and two assists.

Kyle Coffey played 24 minutes in Wabash's 91-66 men's basketball win against Oberlin, grabbing two rebounds and scoring two points (1 for 5). The Little Giants are 12-7, 6-4.

Greenwood

Matt Pittman and **Jon Ensign** are members of the Asbury College men's basketball team (12-11, 3-4).

Pittman has played in all 23 games, starting seven. He is averaging 4.91 points per game in 12.6 minutes of play and has 38 rebounds, 31 assists and 19 steals. He is shooting 37 percent from the field, 25 percent from 3-point range and 54 percent from the free-throw line.

Ensign has played in 14 games and averages 9.8 minutes per contest. He is averaging 2.71 points per game and has 24 rebounds, nine assists and seven steals. He is shooting 62 percent from the field, 38 percent from behind the 3-point line, and percent on free throws.

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• Film

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watching videotape at the high school.

But that's just the start.

Each week, Franklin receives two videotapes from its opponent. Coaches make DVD copies of the tapes to take home and observe.

On Sundays, McClure watches game tape of his own team to accurately record statistics and grade performances. He then spends another two to three hours viewing film each week to keep his mind alert.

"I like to watch it a lot of different times," said McClure, who started coaching in 1975. "In the old days when you had film, you only had one copy. You had to spend hours together. It wasn't productive, and you got tired. You had a lot of different people with different specialties that they coached. Not all of it pertained to everyone.

"Today, you can make copies easily and can watch it at a time when you're fresh or not busy."

Nearly all coaches watch film. But not everyone spends as much time in front of the screen.

Prather, who has his assistant coaches edit film for him, watches a couple of hours per week. But sometimes he'll go back and selectively view raw game footage.

He looks for subtle signs or clues that might give the Grizzlies an edge.

"I look for anything unique that we don't see that often," said Prather, who is in his 23rd season as Franklin's coach. "I'm looking at what they're going to do and how we're going to counter it.

"That's what the kids need to know." Franklin Community High School girls basketball coach **Walt Raines** watches eight to 10 hours of film a week. It depends on how many games the Cubs play. "If we have two games, I usually watch

two tapes per team," Raines said. "I like to have seen a team once in person and have at least two tapes per team.

"They help us pick up tendencies on players, what they do offensively and give me an idea of how I should have my kids defend certain things."

Raines and Hensley also have players watch film in short spurts.

Raines has players watch 20 to 30 minutes before each game. Hensley tries to show Woodmen players half or three-fourths of a game tape of their opponents before game time.

"We talk to players about what they see," Hensley said. "We watch games on Friday, at the end of the week, when we've already gone through what to do and try to reinforce things. It offers them reassurance."

McClure watches four to six hours each week but admits he sometimes he watches too much.

"Sometimes I can watch so much that I can get myself psyched out," he said. "I get too technical and out-coach myself."

Some coaches, like Prather, have players watch less film. He would rather have players concentrate more on developing their own plays and skills than watching how opponents develop theirs. As a result, the Grizzlies players watch only about 15 minutes of film per game.

"My theory on this is that the major job is to get our team ready to do our thing well," Prather said. "I always tell players my idea of ideal preparation from one game to the next is to have no surprises. I don't think that amounts to watching hours upon hours upon hours of game film."

"You may be able to do that in Division I. But there's no way we can have our kids do that."

But coaches still have to watch. "I do get tired of doing it," Hensley said. "It's time-consuming. But I know it's part of the job. It has to be done.

"Other coaches are doing the same thing. If you don't do it, you're going to get behind."

• Watch

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in positions where safeties are not supposed to be. Colts quarterback **Peyton Manning** often ran down the play clock to the final second to find him, and it seemed in the AFC Championship game that Broncos quarterback **Jake Plummer** never did.

A freeze frame from that game: On a key third-and-9 play, Plummer flipped a screen pass to running back **Tatum Bell**. Blockers **Tom Nalen**, **Cooper Carlisle** and an open sideline are in front of him.

Somehow, from across the field, **Polamalu** emerges, nearly flies over the blockers and drags down **Bell** inches short of the first down.

Much like old-time Steelers fans recall great plays by **Joe Greene** and **Jack Lambert**, this generation likely will remember that play.

"You have to find him on every play," Seattle quarterback **Matt Hasselbeck** said.

Polamalu missed part of practice Thursday because of a sore ankle, an injury that was not previously disclosed. He was listed as probable and was almost certain to play.

While **Joey Porter** is the loud and nasty voice of the Steelers' defense, **Polamalu** provides its distinctive personality, its uniqueness.

He may line up as a lineman on one play, in deep coverage on another. He can blitz or cover, be a decoy or disrupt a play. He may even line up with his back to the offense, only to turn just before the snap and blitz.

"He is a mad man on the field," cornerback **Deshaea Townsend** said.

Seattle coach **Mike Holmgren's** staff has found it difficult to simulate in practice what **Polamalu** can do in a game because he does so many things.

Defensive coordinator **Dick LeBeau** seemingly finds new ways to use him every game, and it is unlikely this Sunday will be different.

"He's very motivated, very studious, and he has tremendous instincts, so that's a pretty good combination," **LeBeau** said.

FOOTBALL

DETROIT

Players' union ready for legal action in stalemate

The NFL Players Association is preparing to take the league to court if there is no immediate progress on a new contract.

NFLPA executive director **Gene Upshaw** set March 9 as the date he will begin consulting players on legal action if no deal has been reached to extend the collective bargaining agreement.

Upshaw said Thursday that the current stalemate is due more to a disagreement among the owners on revenue sharing than conflict between the league and the union.

The current contract expires after the 2007 season, but it calls for an uncapped year in '07. Without a new agreement, negotiations on individual contracts in the free-agent period that begins March 3 will be much more difficult.

"The price of poker will go up," Upshaw said at the union's Super Bowl news conference. "We can not stay in the place where we are now."

The league and the owners have been negotiating for more than a year on an extension to the contract first agreed upon in 1993.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK

Prep girls player scores 113 points in game

Never heard of **Epiphany Prince**? That's about to change.

On Wednesday, the prep star scored 113 points in a game, breaking the national girls' record of 105 by **Hall of Famer Cheryl Miller** and stirring debate about whether it was poor sportsmanship or good shooting.

Prince did it for **Murry Bergtraum High School** in a 137-32 romp against **Brandeis**.

Her team is ranked No. 2 in the nation by USA Today, and the 5-foot-9 senior guard, headed to Rutgers next season, is among the best players in the country.

Prince's performance raises the question: Should she have been given the chance to break the record? **Brandeis** coach **Vera Springer** didn't think so.

Bergtraum led 44-6 after the first quarter and 74-11 at halftime.

"It's nothing against **Epiphany**," Springer told **The New York Post**. "I have great admiration for her. This was an adult decision. Why would you do this against a team like ours?"

INDIANAPOLIS

Officials on lookout for spearing in prep games

Spearing will be penalized in high school football whether inadvertent or not.

The National Federation of State High School Associations has dropped the word "intentional" from its rule against illegal helmet contact in hopes of reducing the risk of player injury.

A committee passed the change in January, and the association's board of directors also approved it.

"It eliminates the official's burden of reading intent into a clearly unsafe act before imposing the appropriate rule infraction penalty," said **Brad Cashman**, chairman of the NFHS football rules committee.

The new rule is mandatory for all member state associations of the NFHS, which represents about 18,000 high schools and about 13 million students in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Spearing, which involves making contact with the helmet while blocking or tackling, has been illegal in high school football since 1976.

GOLF

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates

Goosen takes share of lead in Dubai first round

Retief Goosen shot an 8-under 64 Thursday to move into a three-way tie for the lead after the first round of the **Dubai Desert Classic**, with **Tiger Woods** three strokes behind.

Woods was 4 under after four holes but slowed after that and was among a half-dozen players at 5-under 67. He is tied with **Paul Casey**, **Nick Dougherty**, **Henrik Stenson**, **Niclas Fasth** and **Nick O'Hern**.

Goosen was tied for the lead with **Richard Green** and **Jamie Donaldson**, while **Jamie Lynn** and **Ross Bain** were next at 6 under. Defending champion and three-time winner **Ernie Els** shot 68.

"I got off to a pretty sweet start," said **Woods**, who remained at 4 under after nine holes, then took a clumsy bogey on No. 10.

"I thought I might be able to keep it going, but I lost a lot of momentum on 10," **Woods** added. "It's a simple birdie hole, and I make 6. I really could have put the hammer down on the back nine. But I didn't do that."

Number of injured Pacers keeps growing

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INDIANAPOLIS

With **Jermaine O'Neal** expected to be out at least another month and **Stephen Jackson** the latest on an already lengthy list of casualties, the Indiana Pacers have barely enough healthy players for even a scrimmage.

Jackson and rookie **Sarunas Jasikevicius** are the only Pacers who have played in all 44 games this season.

But **Jackson's** availability for Saturday's game against **Detroit** is questionable because of a hard fall he took in the second quarter of Indiana's 105-79 win against the **Los Angeles Lakers** on Wednesday.

Jackson was hospitalized with a bruised hip and scraped elbow, but no bones were broken. A further examination showed no fractures, and he was released from the hospital early Thursday.

O'Neal, meanwhile, is out with a groin tear. **Jeff Foster**, who missed Tuesday's game at Washington, returned Wednesday night, but **Austin Croshere** was sidelined with an elbow injury, leaving only nine healthy players.

"We're behind the eight ball in terms of our personnel that are available," coach **Rick Carlisle** said. "We're going to have to fly by the seat of our pants here and figure out enough ways to score enough points and get stops."

Having **Peja Stojakovic** helps. In just his second game since coming from Sacramento in a trade for **Ron Artest**, **Stojakovic** had 26 points and 13 rebounds in the win against the **Lakers**.

The victory snapped a six-game losing streak and evened Indiana's season record at 22-22. The Pacers also held **Kobe Bryant** to 26 points, 10 below his NBA-leading season average.

Foster and rookie **Danny Granger** also were in double figures in both scoring and rebounding, and **David Harrison** was one rebound short of another double-double.

"The energy our guys played with was exceptional. It was a much needed win for us," **Carlisle** said after the game. "This is the kind of game we talked about having to play, more up-tempo, more movement."

Two Pacers to play in Rookie Challenge

Granger and **Jasikevicius** will play in the NBA Rookie Challenge, the first time two Pacers have been chosen for the annual showdown between the league's top first- and second-year players.

The rookie game will be in **Houston** on Feb. 17, two days before the **NBA All-Star** game.

Granger, who was Indiana's first-round draft pick last summer, has started 14 of 41 games and is averaging 6.6 points and 4.5 rebounds.

Jasikevicius also has started 14 games and is averaging 8.9 points and 3.