

FC men win, add to streak

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The Franklin College men's basketball team continued its winning ways Wednesday night in impressive fashion.

The red-hot Grizzlies rolled to a 75-55 win against visiting Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference rival Manchester.

Franklin's victory was its fourth straight.

It also gave the Grizzlies (16-6, 8-3 HCAC) a two-game season sweep of the Spartans (6-15, 3-8).

In their Jan. 18 meeting, Franklin got the better of Manchester by capitalizing on points in the paint and winning the rebound battle.

The host Grizzlies won the same way this time but performed even better inside with 34 points in the paint. They also outrebounded the Spartans 43-28.

Franklin's frontcourt of senior Nick Kane and sophomores Marty Young and Brandon Ray combined for 32 points. Young and Ray had 11 each. Kane had 10.

Franklin shot 46 percent from the field, including 6 of 14 from 3-point range. Manchester struggled offensively, hitting only 22 percent in the first half and 33 percent for the game.

"I think mostly offense rebounds and great defense really got us going," Grizzlies coach Kerry Prather said. "We really went at the game hard tonight, almost too hard at times."

"This is the point at which all of that preaching about defense begins to make sense. Plus, we keep getting better at it."

Franklin led from start to finish and jumped out to a 20-7 advantage with a 8:54 remaining in the first half.

Freshman guard Dustin Marshall hit back-to-back 3-pointers to help the Grizzlies build a 34-18 halftime lead.

In the second half, Franklin increased its lead to 50-29 with a 13-6 run with 12 minutes to play. The margin grew to 25 on two occasions, as the Grizzlies were threatened the rest of the way.

Marshall led Franklin with a game-high 16 points, including three 3-point baskets.

Prather continues to be impressed with the Grizzlies' young players.

"We knew we were going to be in a position where baptism by fire was pretty much of a certainty," Prather said. "But in terms of being able to assume as much responsibility as they have, we haven't had that happen with multiple freshmen in a long, long time."

The Grizzlies solidified their hold on second place in the conference with the win, trailing Transylvania with three games remaining before the Feb. 21 start of the HCAC tournament.

Franklin's next game is Saturday at Mount St. Joseph.

FC women earn share of HCAC crown

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NORTH MANCHESTER

Franklin College struggled to put the ball in the hoop all evening but still overpowered host Manchester College 67-54 Wednesday night to clinch at least a share of the 2005-06 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference women's basketball championship.

The Grizzlies, who improved to 10-1 in the league and 19-3 overall, can sew up their third straight outright HCAC title when they host Mount St. Joseph on Saturday.

Franklin has three regular-season contests remaining. Manchester dropped to 7-4 in the conference and 15-7.

Franklin shot 36 percent from the floor and was outrebounded 41-37, but the Grizzlies took a commanding 16-1 lead in the first seven minutes and led by a dozen points at the intermission.

In the second half, Franklin led by as many as 18 points before the Spartans pulled to within 10 with 2:30 minutes to go. It was the closest Manchester would get.

The Grizzlies got balanced scoring from senior Becky Ballard with 13 points and eight rebounds, senior Lindsey Roberson with 12 points, and sophomore Kelly Snider with 10.

Junior Brittany Beehler, who is fourth in the nation among Division III players this week in assists average, contributed nine points and seven assists.

Franklin forced Manchester into 17 turnovers.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Spartans stop Boilers

Rebounds key stat in Purdue's defeat

The Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich.

Paul Davis scored 16 of his 22 points in the second half to help No. 12 Michigan State pull away from Purdue 77-52 on Wednesday night.

Maurice Ager had 16 points, Shannon Brown added 14 and Drew Neitzel II for the Spartans (18-5, 6-3 Big Ten), who outrebounded the Boilermakers 38-18 and shot 61 percent from the field in the second half.

Marcus White led Purdue (8-14, 2-9) with 14 points, while Gary Ware added 11.

Matt Kiefer, the Boilermakers' top scorer in conference play, was held to six points by Michigan State's Matt Trannon.

The Spartans won for the sixth time in seven games and moved into a second-place tie in the league. They beat Purdue for the seventh straight time at home.

The Boilermakers rallied from a 27-17 deficit late in the first half to tie it at 32. But Ager's drive gave Michigan State a 34-32 edge at the break, thanks largely to a 22-8 rebound advantage.

The Spartans took over from there with 14 of their 25 assists in the second half. Davis was 5 for 6 from the field and 6 for 6 at the line in the final 20 minutes.

In other men's action

Notre Dame 90 Rutgers 63

SOUTH BEND — Torin Francis scored 21 points, and Notre Dame shot a season-high 59 percent from the floor to beat undermanned Rutgers, matching its biggest Big East victory ever and ending a five-game losing streak.

The Irish (11-10, 2-8 Big East), who had lost the five games by a combined 11 points, made sure the Scarlet Knights (13-10, 3-7) didn't have a chance to break their hearts.

The Irish ended the first half on a 12-2 run to open a 38-26 lead, then opened the second half on a 30-15 spurt to go ahead 68-41 lead. The Irish eventually extended the lead to 79-50 on a 3-pointer by Russell Carter. Rutgers never got closer than 22 points.

Indiana State 75 Bradley 63

TERRE HAUTE — David Moss scored 22 points along with nine rebounds and six assists to lead Indiana State past Bradley.

The Sycamores (10-12, 3-11 Missouri Valley) jumped to an 11-0 lead as all five starters scored in the game's opening minutes, but Bradley rallied late in the first half to take a 31-29 lead at half time.

The Spartans then remained tight until Moss hit two free throws and assisted on a basket by Gabriel Moore to spark a 17-4 Indiana State run.

Butler 78 Cleveland State 49

INDIANAPOLIS — Bruce Horan scored 17 points and extended his consecutive-game streak for



Purdue's Matt Kiefer, right, drives against Michigan State's Paul Davis during the first half of Wednesday's Big Ten game in East Lansing, Mich. The host Spartans won 77-52.

3-pointers to 70 as Butler defeated Cleveland State.

Horan shot 5 of 8 from 3-point range, with his first coming less than 5 minutes into the game to give the Bulldogs an early 11-5 lead after teammate A.J. Graves had already hit two 3-pointers.

Butler (15-8, 8-3 Horizon League) went on a 12-3 run late in the first half and had a 34-20 advantage at halftime.

Northwestern 51 No. 18 Iowa 48

EVANSTON, Ill. — Vedran Vukusic scored 26 points and converted the go-ahead three-point play to help Northwestern upset No. 18 Iowa.

Fans stormed the court after the Wildcats beat the Big Ten-leading Hawkeyes for the fourth time in five games, a celebration that Vukusic made possible.

Vukusic drove to his right for a layup and free throw that gave the Wildcats a 49-48 lead with 29.3 seconds left, and Northwestern (11-10, 4-6) hung on for its second win in eight games.

South Carolina 71 No. 7 Florida 67

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Tre' Kelley scored 17 points, made three free throws in the final 26 sec-

onds and had a key steal down the stretch that helped South Carolina upset No. 7 Florida.

The Gamecocks ended the second-longest home winning streak in the nation at 20 games and swept the Gators for the first time since the 1997-98 season.

Florida's Lee Humphrey hit his fourth 3-pointer to make it 69-67 with about 20 seconds to play, then Kelley missed one of two free throws to give the Gators (20-3, 6-3 Southeastern Conference) a final chance.

No. 8 George Washington 81 Dayton 67

WASHINGTON — Danilo Pinnock scored 21 points and put on a one-man dunking exhibition in the second half, leading No. 8 George Washington past Dayton.

The Colonials opened with a 14-3 run and got 20 points from Pops Mensah-Bonsu and 3-pointers from six different players in their 11th straight win.

George Washington improved to 19-1, matching the 1953-54 team for the best 20-game start in school history. The Colonials also improved to 9-0 in the Atlantic 10, maintaining a commanding lead in a league in which no other team has fewer than three losses.

• Franklin

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(38-1) 7-5 at 119 pounds, scoring a two-point takedown with 19 seconds left in the overtime period.

Gallagher scored a two-point reversal with two seconds left in the third period, tying the match at five and sending it into overtime. But he missed on a shoot late in the overtime, and Freeman capitalized, getting the takedown in the middle of the mat.

"I can't describe how much it means to me to win that match," Freeman said. "It came down to me for us to get to state. I gave everything I had to win that match."

"He tried to shoot. That's what their whole team does. I know you can score from your feet, but you always have to be able to score on defense. That's what I did."

Bloomington South coach Royce DeCard breathed a sigh of relief.

"(Freeman) has been in close matches all year," he said. "He's a conditioned, gummy kid who doesn't get (shaken up). He stayed in there."

"We ended up getting a couple of swings at 130 pounds with Nick (Samaro) and at 171 pounds with Paul Young. We talked about giving ourselves an opportunity to get to state before practice. We did that in a couple of opportunities tonight."

Both coaches moved wrestlers up weight classes. DeCard shifted his middle weights around, and the Panthers earned victories at 152, 160 and 171 pounds. Young upset previously undefeated Cubs senior Michael Reese (37-1), pinning him in 4:59.

But Franklin won three straight upper-weight-class matches of its own to take a 33-23 lead. Senior Phil Glasser (189 pounds, 34-4), senior Cody Johnson (215, 39-1) and junior Calvin Johnson (275, 25-5) all earned pins, giving the Cubs the lead.

Bloomington South, though, won the three lower class weights at 103, 112 and 119 pounds.

Also winning for Franklin were sophomore Cord Dorsey (140, 28-11), sophomore Jae VanHorn (125, 29-9) and junior Donnie Nelson (145, 20-4).

Hasseman admitted there was a lot of pressure for his lower weight-class wrestlers and wished he could have some strategic moves back. His disappointment showed, not only with the loss but for his seniors, who are the first class to have not advanced to a state meet in Hasseman's 23-year career.

"This is going to leave a bad taste in my mouth," Hasseman said. "It's going to take a while to get over this."

"But I'm going to have to fast. Everything happens for a reason, so I assume there's a reason this happened. Something good will come out of it I'm sure. Maybe a younger kid will be a state champion someday."

"But it puts a finality to the dual meet. I would've liked to have coached the team for a couple more weeks."

• Hoosiers

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Killingsworth still nearly got a double-double. He had also had eight rebounds.

"He's a heck of a player, and he really draws a lot of attention," Ryan said.

Ryan credited Tucker's inside play with opening up shots for

Wisconsin's perimeter players but said Tucker's defense and rebounding still were lacking.

"I'm still looking for that perfect game," Ryan said. "I'm not trading him, though."

The Hoosiers (13-7, 5-4) made only nine of their first 32 shots and shot 29.2 percent for the game.

"They did a great job defensively against us," Davis said. "We shot a poor, poor, poor percentage, (and) they had a lot to do with it."

Indiana was 3 of 16 from 3-point range.

"They're one of the best 3-point shooting teams in the country, so we were fortunate tonight," Ryan said.

Indiana has lost four of its past five, including Saturday's loss to No. 1 Connecticut, and has fallen from its No. 9 ranking since forward D.J. White injured his foot in early January.

The Hoosiers have lost all four of their Big Ten road games.

"We're not very good on the road, and that's it," Davis said.

Killingsworth began the second half with missed layups on back-to-back possessions.

The Badgers extended their lead to 16, 45-29, after Killingsworth picked up his fourth foul and the Badgers' Joe Krabbenhoft completed a three-point play. Tucker's layup extended the lead to 18.

The Hoosiers answered with a 7-0 run, but a putback by Wisconsin's Michael Flowers made it

49-36. A subsequent foul call on Marshall Strickland brought Davis to midcourt during a timeout to argue the call.

Wisconsin had lost three straight and five of its past six going into Wednesday's game, a streak that began when key reserves Greg Stiemsma and Marcus Landry were ruled academically ineligible.

But another reserve, freshman forward Kevin Gullickson, played a key role defensively Wednesday.

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