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PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL: SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS

CG in; Warriors out

Solid play on defense lifts Trojans

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During halftime, Center Grove High School girls basketball coach Joe Lentz asked the Trojans to pick up their defense.

So they did. In an impressive defensive performance, Center Grove beat Southport 85-45 in Friday night's semifinal game in the Class 4A Greenwood Sectional.

Fifth-ranked Center Grove limited the Cardinals to four points in the third quarter points and 12 in the fourth.

"We played lazy in the first half," senior Molly Lauck said. "We kept getting beat off drives in the first half. Coach (Lentz) said to pick it up, and we did."

"We played smarter on defense." Center Grove (18-3) plays defending champion Franklin Central (17-7) at 7:30 tonight in the championship final. The Flashes beat Perry Meridian 61-44 in Friday's second sectional semifinal game.

The Trojans are bidding for their first sectional title since 2001. Four Center Grove players scored in double figures.

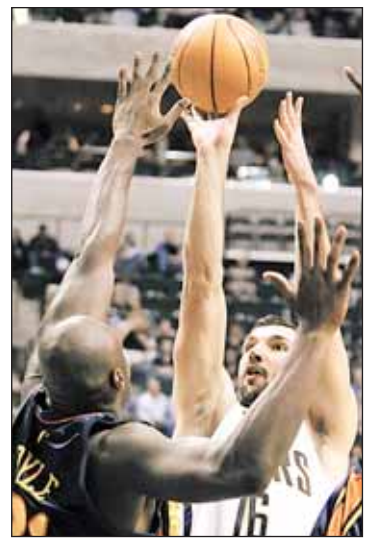
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NEXT UP

Center Grove (18-3) vs. Franklin Central (17-7) in Class 4A Greenwood Sectional final, 7:30 tonight.



Center Grove High School Jordan Price goes in for a layup during Friday's Class 4A Greenwood Sectional semifinal game against Southport. Price scored a team-high 18 points in the Trojans' 85-45 victory.



The Pacers' Peja Stojakovic puts up a shot over Golden State's Adonal Foyle during the first quarter of Friday's game in Indianapolis.

Pacers extend streak

Jackson lifts Indiana to fourth straight win

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Stephen Jackson scored 30 points, and the Indiana Pacers beat the Golden State Warriors 107-95 on Friday night for their fourth straight victory.

Peja Stojakovic had 23 points and eight rebounds, and Anthony Johnson had 23 points and six assists for Indiana.

Mickael Pietrus led the Warriors with 23 points. Jason Richardson and Baron Davis, Golden State's top two scorers, shot a combined 11 of 34 from the field. Davis finished with 19 points, and Richardson added 16.

The Warriors cut Indiana's 14-point halftime lead to one point on Pietrus' 3-pointer with 5:20 left in the game, but Johnson scored eight points in the final 4 minutes to provide the momentum the Pacers needed to pull away.

The Pacers were 9 of 18 from 3-point range and shot 52 percent overall.

Golden State has lost eight of 11. The Warriors had scored 100 or more points in four of their past five games, but shot 40 percent.

Indiana led 50-36 at halftime, but Golden State scored 39 points in the third quarter, its highest total in a quarter this season, to cut Indiana's lead to 82-75. Richardson scored 10 points in the period, Pietrus scored eight

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NEXT UP

San Antonio Spurs (39-10) at Indiana Pacers (25-22)

Time: 1 p.m. Sunday
TV: WRTV-Channel 6
Radio: WIBC-1070 AM

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



TODAY'S GAME

Iowa Hawkeyes (18-6 overall, 7-3 Big Ten) at Indiana Hoosiers (13-7, 5-4)

Time: Noon
TV: ESPN
Radio: WFBQ-94.7 FM



TODAY'S GAME

Michigan Wolverines (16-5, 6-4) at Purdue Boilermakers (8-14, 2-9)

Time: Noon
TV: WTTV-Channel 4
Radio: WNDE-1260 AM

AUTO RACING

Start your engines

Dale Earnhardt Jr. suffered through a difficult Nextel Cup season in 2005, but he's optimistic as racing gets under way at Daytona.

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Whiteland falls one shot short of nemesis Chatard

By GREG DODDRIDGE

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BEECH GROVE

Chatard High School girls basketball coach Kevin Sweeney had been talking about mental toughness all week.

His team's toughness was on display Friday night at the Class 3A Beech Grove Sectional as the No. 4 Trojans defeated No. 8 Whiteland 62-60 in a rematch of last year's sectional final, also won by the Trojans.

"I talked to our team before the game and told them that both teams were evenly matched," Sweeney said. "It's a matter of who's going to be mentally tough

when you're tired. And our team was mentally tough."

Trojans senior Beth Reed hit two free throws with less than two minutes to go in the game, and then Chatard stalled with the ball for more than a minute before Whiteland fouled.

The Trojans were able to hold on for the victory as Whiteland senior Brittany Craven was unable to get off a 3-pointer before the final buzzer.

The physical game featured 51 combined fouls, 66 free throws and four disqualified players.

Reed, playing with four fouls, scored 17 points. She put on an offensive display most of the game with Whiteland senior

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IN OTHER SECTIONAL ACTION

Edinburgh 44, Morristown 38

Down 25-11 at halftime, Edinburgh roared back to beat Morristown in the Class A sectional semifinals at Southwestern (Shelby). For more, see Page B3



Whiteland Community High School senior Jessica Huffman, center, passes the ball to a teammate during Friday's Class 3A Beech Grove Sectional semifinal game against Chatard. The Warriors lost 62-60.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE

CG swimmer looks to defend state titles

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Michelle McKeehan is focused on only one thing at today's IHSAA State Swimming and Diving championships:



Her time. State championships? She knows those will take care of themselves if her times are where she wants them to be.

McKeehan, a sophomore on the ninth-ranked Center Grove girls swim team, is the defending state champion in the 100-yard breaststroke and the 200 individual medley.

Sure, she'd like to defend her titles. But her primary objective is to simply swim fast.

"I'm going for best time," said McKeehan, who is one of 10 Center Grove state qualifiers. "Hopefully, my best time will put me up there. I can't control the other swimmers."

"All I can do is go out and swim the best that I can." Last year, McKeehan became Center Grove's first

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THE MCKEEHAN FILE

Name: Michelle McKeehan
Age: 16
School: Center Grove High School
Year: Sophomore
Parents: Amy Chase and Stu McKeehan
Siblings: Brothers Nick, 23, and Mike, 20
Hobbies: Hanging out with friends, listening to music
One thing people don't know about her: She has a fear of underwater swimming and having to hold her breath underwater. "It's always been a fear of mine. Just the fact that if I need a breath of air, that I couldn't take it right away and have to come up to the surface."



Center Grove High School sophomore Michelle McKeehan won two events at last year's IHSAA girls swimming state finals. This year's finals conclude today.

Turin athletes beware: Don't give blood to fans

By ERICA BULMAN AND JIM LITKE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SESTRIERE, Italy

An Olympic whodunit hung over the athletes' village Friday, a day after a man and a woman posing as fans but later identifying themselves as doping-control officials extracted blood and urine samples from two-time gold-medalist skier Hermann Maier.

Neither Maier nor officials on his Austrian team complained about what appeared to be a random test Thursday afternoon but rather the tactics used to gain access.

The location of the test, the athletes' village in Sestriere, was unusual.

Also odd: The woman kissed Maier on the cheek after the test because she turned out to be a real fan, said Walter Delle Karth, Maier's agent.

INSIDE

American ice dancer Jamie Silverstein is healthy again after fighting an eating disorder.

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The pair wore clothing from the Turin Organizing Committee, which conducts drug testing at the games under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee. TOROC would not comment on whether it dispatched the pair, referring all questions to the IOC.

"It would have been better for sure if they had just been normal," said Maier, who added that he has been tested more than 70 times in his career and has always been

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