

Former CG swimmer shines for U of I

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University of Indianapolis swimmer **Greg Jarvis**, a Center Grove graduate, finished third of 28 competitors in the 100-yard freestyle (47.45) and was a member of the winning 200 freestyle relay team at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships.



JARVIS

Jarvis was 10th of 32 in the 500 freestyle (22.05) and 11th of 24 in the 100 butterfly (53.74). The freshman helped the Greyhounds finish second in the seven-team meet.

Center Grove

• **J.B. Paxson** continued his torrid batting pace for the sixth-ranked Walters State baseball team by hitting his third home run of the season and two doubles in six at-bats to raise his batting average to .440 (11 for 25). The Senators (12-1) lost their first game of the season 7-4 to Southwest Tennessee Community College, but they rebounded to beat the Saluqis 2-0 and then added 15-1 and 13-1 wins against Wilkes Community College.

• Freshman **Jamie Sohn** is a member of the University of Hawaii men's swimming team. His results this season include an 11th-place finish in a 15-swimmer field in the 200-yard freestyle in a

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three-way meet with Minnesota and Wisconsin (1:48.14), a third-place finish in the 200 backstroke (1:57.31) against Arizona State, and sixth-place finishes (11 competitors) in the 500 freestyle (4:42.93) and 1,000 freestyle (9:48.28) in the Big West Shootout.

• The University of Indianapolis softball team opened its season with wins against West Georgia (4-1) and Lincoln Memorial (3-2) and a loss to Delta State (6-2). **Megan Hall** played in the outfield and was 1 for 9 at the plate in the three games.

• Indiana University sophomore **Tyler Skelton**, competing in the Hoosier Hills Indoor Track and Field Invitational, finished 25th of 38 in the 60-meter dash (7.30 seconds).

• Franklin College freshman **Lauren Patterson** was third of nine women in the 800-meter run (2:34.74) at the Rose-Hulman Indoor Track and Field Finale. Junior **Nate Starling** finished 11th of 15 in the men's shot put (36 feet, 3½ inches).

• Butler tennis player **Evan West** scored the Bulldogs' only point in a 6-1 loss to Vanderbilt with a 6-3, 6-3 win at No. 5 singles. He also won 6-3, 6-3 in a 7-0 defeat of Bradley and lost 6-4, 6-1 in a 7-0 loss to Ohio State.

• The Ball State tennis team (9-3) defeated Indiana (6-1) and Purdue (5-2) to extend its winning streak to seven. **Jarrold Epkey** won at No. 5 singles in both matches,

6-3, 6-3, against the Hoosiers and 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, against the Boiler-makers. **Joe Epkey** won 6-3, 6-1 at No. 2 against Purdue and lost 7-6, 6-4 to Indiana. **Tony Epkey** defeated his Indiana opponent 6-3, 6-4 at No. 3 and lost 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 against Purdue. Tony and Jarrod won at No. 2 doubles in both matches, and Joe split his matches at No. 1 doubles, winning against IU.

• **Stephanie Millis** lost 6-1, 6-1 at No. 5 singles in Evansville's 7-0 tennis loss to Eastern Michigan.

• **Chad Maddox** had two rebounds and one assist in 16 minutes during Bethel's 75-61 basketball loss to Marian. The Pilots are 10-20, 1-15.

• The Indiana Wesleyan men's basketball team (16-12, 10-6) won 86-41 against Spring Arbor. **Joel Hobson** had five points (2 for 4, 1 for 2) and two assists.

• The Wabash men's basketball team (16-10) lost to Earlham (78-69) in the first round of the North Coast Athletic Conference tournament. **Kyle Coffey** closed his collegiate career with 13 points (5 for 5, 3 for 3) and a team-high seven rebounds in 17 minutes. In wins against Wittenberg (51-46) and Kenyon (81-63), he had 17 points, 13 rebounds, four blocked shots, two steals and one assist in 47 minutes.

• The Mount St. Joseph women (8-18) lost to Hanover (61-38) in the first round of the Heartland Conference basketball tournament. **Maria Eichhold** led the Lions with 15 points (5 for 10, 5 for 7) in 34 minutes. In a 56-45 loss to Anderson, she had a team-high 23 points (6 for 19, 11 for 13) and

three rebounds in 33 minutes. The sophomore had 11 points, five rebounds, three blocked shots, one assist and one steal in 30 minutes in a 60-31 regular season loss to Hanover.

• The University of Indianapolis women's basketball team (11-14, 6-11) lost 59-56 to Lewis and defeated UW-Parkside 59-44. **Deanna Thomson** had 15 points (7 for 14, 1 for 4, 0 for 0), 15 rebounds, 5 steals, 4 assists and two blocked shots in 71 minutes in the two contests.

• **Natalie Hesler** finished 12th in the balance beam competition with a score of 8,600 in Ball State's gymnastics loss to Central Michigan.

Whiteland

• University of Indianapolis swimmer **Aaron Neeman** finished fifth of 18 (16:38.25) in the 1,650-yard freestyle, eighth of 17 in the 1,000 freestyle (10:02.79) and ninth of 19 in the 500 freestyle at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships. He also was a member of the winning 800 freestyle relay team. The Greyhounds were second of seven teams.

• IUPUI senior swimmer **Lauren Heyde** was 10th of 25 in the 500-yard freestyle (5:23.56), 13th of 30 in the 200 freestyle (2:01.28), and 18th of 32 in the 100 freestyle (56.09) at the Mid-Continent Conference Championships. The Jaguars were fourth of seven teams.

• Huntington College's **Adam Widener** finished 11th of 22 in the 800 meters (2:02.88) at the De-

Pauw Invitational Indoor Track and Field Meet.

• **David Inabnit** had eight points (3 for 8, 1 for 4, 1 for 2) two rebounds and two steals for Columbia College's men's basketball team (21-7, 7-3) in 17 minutes in a 93-73 win against Williams Baptist.

• Goshen's men's basketball team (13-16, 5-11) lost its ninth straight game, 61-58 to Grace. **Josh Martin** had three rebounds and two points (1 for 2) in 10 minutes.

• The Evansville women's basketball team (14-10, 10-5) won 78-73 against Creighton and lost 53-51 to Drake. **Megan Liffick** had 16 points (3 for 9, 2 for 3, 8 for 8), three rebounds, three steals and one assist in the win and a team-high 13 points (3 for 8, 1 for 3, 6 for 6) and five rebounds in the loss.

• Fourth-ranked Union University handed the Brescia women's basketball team (1-27) a 112-61 loss. **Jennifer Patrick** had five points (1 for 4, 3 for 3), five rebounds, two assists and two steals in 23 minutes for Brescia.

Greenwood

Huntington College's **Molly Andrews** finished 10th of 11 competitors in the 5,000-meter run at the DePauw Invitational Indoor Track and Field Meet. Her time was 20:07.37.

Franklin

• Bloomsburg University 197-pound wrestler **Jesse Haseman** won 7-3 in a 35-0 win against East Stroudsburg and lost 8-4 in a 21-15 loss to Lock Haven. He is 16-14 for the 11-9 Huskies.

• Franklin College's **Andy Sny-**

der finished 11th of 18 (4:51.83) and **Adam Schwartz** was 12th (4:52.44) in the mile race at the Rose-Hulman Indoor Track and Field Finale. Snyder was sixth of 16 (9:45.87), and Schwartz was ninth (9:52.98) in the 3,000 meters. Marian College's **Jessica VanVleet** finished seventh of 12 in the women's 3,000 meters in 12:17.23.

• Ohio State sophomore **Jessie Stringer** was second of seven in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 5 inches at the Scarlet and Gray Invitational in Columbus.

• Evansville swimmer **Kyle Shatto** swam in two events in the Missouri Valley Conference Championships and improved his times significantly in each event. His time in the 200-yard breaststroke was 1:02.85, almost three seconds better than his previous best; and he swam the 200 breaststroke in 2:21.06, an improvement of almost six seconds.

Indian Creek

• The Penn State women's basketball team (11-14, 5-9) lost 66-56 to Wisconsin. **Adrienne Squire** had eight points (3 for 10, 2 for 2), six rebounds and two assists in 34 minutes.

• The Miami (Ohio) women's basketball team (8-17, 3-11) defeated Ohio University 60-56 and lost 56-51 to Akron. **Kris Coner** had one point, two rebounds, one steal and one blocked shot in the two games.

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• Hype

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said. "You can't go in and expect to have success right away. I know there are going to be mistakes, but hopefully not too many."

Scouts have found little to criticize in the shifty 20-year-old running back who thrived in the spotlight at Southern California.

Late last season, the chase for the No. 1 pick was dubbed the "Reggie Bush sweepstakes." Even Houston, which has the No. 1 pick and was being pressed by fans to take hometown quarterback Vince

Young, appears to have bought into the Bush hype.

Two weeks ago, the Texans exercised an option to keep quarterback David Carr in Houston for two more seasons. If somehow Bush does slip, other teams are ready to take him.

"If Reggie is there at No. 12, we'll turn that card in," Cleveland Browns general manager Phil Savage said amid laughter. "I think if a team utilizes him in the right way, I think he can still be a Heisman winner at the pro level even if he only carries it 10 or 15 times a game.

Who wouldn't take a chance on a player some consider the most exciting runner to enter the NFL since Sanders?

Bush would rather avoid the hyste-

ria. He insists he still has much to prove, that he can excel in the NFL, that he can bulk up his slight frame, that he can be an every-down back and that he can pass block.

Bush measured in at slightly less than 6 feet and 201 pounds Thursday.

He also wants to ease any angst among scouts about his personality.

If Thursday's 20-minute interview session was any indication, Bush appears ready to take care of that issue, too.

He demonstrated a rare combination of confidence, modesty, self-deprecation and even a penchant for the business side of football.

When he stepped to the podium, Bush tried to put on an NFL combine hat that didn't fit. When a

reporter asked if his head was getting too big, Bush replied with a simple "nope" and a broad smile.

And when he was asked about doing photo shoots, like his Heisman-winning backfield mate, Matt Leinart, Bush said he'd worry about endorsements later. For now, he wants to focus on playing football.

"I don't like to compare myself with guys in the NFL who have already done so much," he said. "That's what I'm trying to do, get there."

The skill part is well documented. Last season, Bush emerged as the backbone to Southern Cal's strong offense. His amazing displays — running for 260 yards and 2 TDs against rival UCLA, piling up 513 all-purpose

yards against Fresno State, pushing Leinart across the goal line to beat Notre Dame — not only propelled Bush into the spotlight but also allowed him to run away with the Heisman. Even Leinart voted for his teammate.

In April, Bush will have another rare opportunity: Becoming the second straight player to be drafted No. 1 from Helix High School, just outside San Diego. Last year's top choice, Alex Smith of San Francisco, also went there.

Bush wants to prove a Heisman winner can be a star in the NFL.

"I know what I can do," he said. "I don't know what's happened to the other running backs, but I know I can be successful."

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Reggie Bush
Heisman Trophy winner during news conference at NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis

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