

SCOREBOARD

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Boys basketball

Saturday's results
At Center Grove
Johnson County Tournament
Fifth-place game
Indian Creek 49, Edinburgh 47
EDINBURGH — Josh Burton 2-5 0-0 5, Kevin McGaha 0-3 2-3 2, Matt Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Tyler Cook 3-6 2-4 9, Jeremy Hadley 6-11 4-4 17, Seth Henderson 2-4 4-6 8, Chris Burton 1-2 0-0 2, Corey Buck 2-2 0-0 4.
Totals: 16-32 12-17 47.
INDIAN CREEK — Strope 9, Brunson 0, Denton 5, Bradley 2, Dunn 13, Tharpe 3, Ray 11, Poindexter 5, Saint 1.
Edinburgh 18 8 9 12 — 47
Indian Creek 5 10 15 19 — 49
Three-point shooting: Edinburgh 3-8 (J. Burton 1-4, Cook 1-2, Hadley 1-2), Indian Creek 2-11 (Tharpe, Poindexter). **Rebounds:** Indian Creek 27, Edinburgh 23 (Hadley 5, Henderson 5). **Fouls:** Edinburgh 14, Indian Creek 12.
Records: Edinburgh 4-6, Indian Creek 2-7.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New Jersey	20	15	.571	—
Philadelphia	18	19	.486	3
Boston	14	23	.378	7
New York	13	23	.361	7½
Toronto	13	24	.351	8
Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	23	15	.605	—
Washington	17	19	.472	5
Orlando	13	22	.371	8½
Charlotte	11	27	.289	12
Atlanta	10	26	.278	12
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	30	5	.857	—
Cleveland	20	15	.571	10
Indiana	20	16	.556	10½
Milwaukee	19	17	.528	11½
Chicago	15	22	.405	16
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	29	9	.763	—
Dallas	28	10	.737	1
Memphis	23	13	.639	5
New Orleans	18	19	.486	10½
Houston	12	24	.333	16
Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Utah	19	18	.514	—
Minnesota	18	17	.514	—
Denver	20	19	.513	—
Seattle	15	23	.395	4½
Portland	13	24	.351	6
Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Phoenix	24	12	.667	—
L.A. Clippers	19	14	.576	3½
L.A. Lakers	20	17	.541	4½
Golden State	18	19	.486	6½
Sacramento	15	21	.417	9

Sunday's games
 Toronto 129, New York 103
 Sacramento 104, Orlando 100
 Portland 89, Cleveland 87
Monday's games
 Washington 104, Philadelphia 76
 New Orleans 107, Charlotte 92
 Minnesota 96, New York 90
 Denver 97, Chicago 94
 Atlanta 94, Houston 83
 L.A. Clippers 102, Utah 93, OT
 Detroit 94, Boston 84
New Jersey 97, Indiana 92
 Golden State 109, Seattle 93
 San Antonio 93, Memphis 83
 Dallas 114, Milwaukee 95
 Miami at L.A. Lakers, (n)
Today's games
 Toronto at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Phoenix at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

INDIANA (82)
 Granger 1-4 0-0 2, Croshere 6-9 3-3 17, Harrison 3-6 1-5 7, S.Jackson 5-16 3-6 14, An.Johnson 4-8 7-8 16, Foster 4-7 0-0 8, Jones 6-11 2-4 16, Jasikevicius 4-7 2-2 12, Gill 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-68 18-28 92.
NEW JERSEY (97)
 Jefferson 4-13 3-4 11, Collins 2-5 0-1 4, Krstic 6-11 8-10 20, Carter 8-16 7-8 24, Kidd 8-15 2-4 23, Vaughn 4-7 3-4 11, Robinson 1-3 2-4 4, Padgett 0-3 0-0 0, Murray 0-0 0-0 0, Wright 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-73 25-35 97.
Indiana 19 24 22 27 — 92
New Jersey 31 27 19 20 — 97
 3-Point Goals—Indiana 8-18 (Jasikevicius 2-2, Croshere 2-5, Jones 2-6, An.Johnson 1-2, S.Jackson 1-3), New Jersey 6-11 (Kidd 5-7, Carter 1-2, Jefferson 0-1, Padgett 0-1). Fouled Out—Harrison. Rebounds—Indiana 43 (Croshere 10), New Jersey 52 (Jefferson 10), Assists—Indiana 19 (Jasikevicius 6), New Jersey 22 (Kidd 10). Total Fouls—Indiana 31, New Jersey 19. Technical—New Jersey Defensive Three Second. A—18,813 (20,098).

NFL

Playoffs
Wild-card games
Saturday, Jan. 7
 Washington 17, Tampa Bay 10
 New England 28, Jacksonville 3
Sunday, Jan. 8
 Carolina 23, New York Giants 0
 Pittsburgh 31, Cincinnati 17
Divisional playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 14
 Seattle 20, Washington 10
 Denver 27, New England 13
Sunday, Jan. 15
Pittsburgh 21, Indianapolis 18
 Carolina 29, Chicago 21

• Pacers

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without point guard Jamaal Tinsley, who has missed several games with a torn biceps and elbow soreness. The Pacers also are missing Ron Artest, who has not played since asking to be traded last month.

After losses to San Antonio, Memphis and Dallas — the loss to the Mavericks was by 33 points — the Nets (20-15) were in no mood to take it easy on the visitors.

"It wouldn't have mattered if they only had five guys to play with," said Vince Carter, who led the Nets with 24 points. "Sometimes when a great player is not in the lineup, that's when a team is most dangerous, because you play together and you play loose. That was in our mind before the game, and our goal was to jump on them early."

With Kidd connecting from the outside and Richard Jefferson (4 for 13, 11 points, 10 rebounds) back in the lineup after missing three games with back spasms, Carter was spared the usual double- and triple-teams and scored 17 points in the first half as the Nets took a 58-43 lead. He and Kidd led a 21-8 run to close the half after Indiana cut a 31-19 lead to 37-35.

The Pacers (20-16) had five turnovers during that span and finished the half with 11, though they only had two in the second half.

"When you're missing people, your margin of error becomes much smaller," said Austin Croshere, who led Indiana with 17 points. "You have to execute things a lot better."

"We had a lot of turnovers in the first half that really cost us and opened up the game for them."

MAIN

EVENTS

TV TODAY

Men's college basketball

Illinois at Indiana, 7 p.m., ESPN
 Charlotte at St. Joseph's, 7 p.m., ESPN2
 Kentucky at Georgia, 9 p.m., ESPN
 Louisville at St. John's, 9 p.m., ESPN2

Tennis

Australian Open, early rounds, 2 p.m., ESPN2

SPECTATOR SPORTS

TODAY

Boys basketball

Lafayette Assembly at Greenwood Christian Academy, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball

Lafayette Assembly at Greenwood Christian Academy, 5:30 p.m.
 Edinburgh at South Decatur, 7:30 p.m.
 Franklin at Columbus North, 7:30 p.m.
 Indian Creek at Triton Central, 7:30 p.m.
 Southport at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington at Whiteland, 7:30 p.m.

Boys and girls swimming

Franklin at Southport, 5:30 p.m.
 Greensburg at Indian Creek, 5:30 p.m.
 Shelbyville at Greenwood, 5:30 p.m.
 Center Grove at North Central, 6 p.m.

Call us with results

Results can be called in to the Daily Journal sports department from 6 to 10 weeknights and Sunday evenings at 736-2715.
 Results also can be faxed to 736-2766.

Conference championships

Sunday's games
 Pittsburgh at Denver, 3 p.m. (WISH-Channel 8)
 Carolina at Seattle, 6:30 p.m. (WXIN-Channel 59)
Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 5
 Detroit
 AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (WRTV-Channel 6)
Pro Bowl Sunday, Feb. 12
 At Honolulu
 AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (ESPN)

NHL

Sunday's games
 Carolina 4, St. Louis 2
 New Jersey 3, Chicago 2, SO
 Nashville 5, Pittsburgh 4
Monday's games
 Boston 4, Anaheim 3, OT
 Washington 6, Phoenix 1
 Columbus 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
 Montreal 4, Dallas 2
 Vancouver 4, Pittsburgh 2
 San Jose 3, Tampa Bay 1
 Ottawa at Minnesota, (n)
 Buffalo at Edmonton, (n)
Today's games
 Carolina at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 New Jersey at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Tennis

Australian Open
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Tuesday's results
Men's singles
First round
 Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.
 Olivier Rochus (24), Belgium, def. Michael Llodra, France, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.
 Luis Horna, Peru, def. Gael Monfils (22), France, 6-4, 7-5, 6-1.
 Federico Luzzi, Italy, def. Juan Antonio Marin, Costa Rica, 6-1, 6-4, 7-5.
 Peter Luczak, Australia, def. Ivo Minar, Czech Republic, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5), 6-4.
 Paul Goldstein, United States, def. Novak Djokovic, Serbia & Montenegro, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Women's college basketball

AP top 25
 The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sunday, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:
Record Pts. Pvs.
 1. Tennessee (35) 17-0 1,138 1
 2. Duke (9) 16-0 1,108 2
 3. LSU (2) 14-0 1,064 3
 4. North Carolina 16-0 1,014 4
 5. Connecticut 15-2 918 7
 6. Maryland 14-2 915 6
 7. Ohio St. 13-2 851 8
 8. Baylor 12-2 792 5
 9. Rutgers 12-2 790 10
 10. DePaul 16-1 742 11
 11. Purdue 13-2 723 12
 12. Michigan St. 13-5 561 9
 13. Georgia 12-4 551 13
 14. Stanford 12-4 543 14
 15. Arizona St. 14-3 527 15
 16. Minnesota 11-4 495 17
 17. Oklahoma 13-4 461 16
 18. Virginia Tech 14-1 322 21
 19. Vanderbilt 13-4 251 23
 20. New Mexico 13-4 244 18
 21. Temple 12-4 165 19
 22. Boston College 12-5 154 22
 23. BYU 13-1 108 —
 24. Notre Dame 10-5 97 20
 25. George Washington 11-4 78 —
 Others receiving votes: N.C. State 75, Southern Cal 56, Missouri 53, Louisville 44, Washington 26, Utah 22, Florida 13, Texas A&M 10, Texas 9, St. John's 8, Kentucky 7, Kansas St. 3, Pittsburgh 3, UCLA 3, Iowa 2, Texas Tech 2, Indiana St. 1, Montana 1.

Men's college basketball

AP top 25
 The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sunday, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:
Record Pts. Pvs.
 1. Duke (71) 16-0 1,799 1
 2. Florida (1) 16-0 1,715 2
 3. Connecticut 14-1 1,616 4
 4. Memphis 15-2 1,490 5
 5. Texas 14-2 1,459 8
 6. Gonzaga 13-3 1,389 6
 7. Illinois 16-1 1,370 7
 8. Villanova 11-2 1,350 3
 9. Pittsburgh 14-0 1,291 12
 10. Washington 14-2 1,051 13
 11. Michigan St. 14-4 959 14
 12. West Virginia 12-3 952 16
 13. Indiana 10-3 808 9
 14. N.C. State 14-2 788 18
 15. Wisconsin 14-2 757 21
 16. George Washington 12-1 728 17
 17. Louisville 13-3 716 10
 18. UCLA 14-3 687 11
 19. Ohio St. 12-2 483 19
 20. Syracuse 15-2 423 15
 21. Boston College 12-2 333 15
 22. Maryland 12-4 260 23
 23. Iowa 13-4 250 —
 24. North Carolina 10-3 221 20
 25. Oklahoma 10-4 94 22

Jets name Pats assistant coach as new leader

NEW YORK — New England Patriots defensive coordinator Eric Mangini has accepted an offer to become the next New York Jets coach, a person familiar with the situation said Monday night.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no official announcement has been made by the team.

Mangini, who turns 35 on Thursday, becomes the youngest head coach in the NFL. He replaces Herman Edwards, who left for Kansas City after five seasons.

The Jets moved quickly to hire Mangini after interviewing former Vikings coach Mike Tice earlier in the day.

A Jets spokesman said the club had no announcements to make and declined comment.

"We haven't heard anything," New England Patriots spokesman Stacey James said.

Mangini, who has spent nearly his entire career working for Patriots coach Bill Belichick, emerged as the leading candidate for the Jets last week. Though he is young, he is regarded as one of the brightest defensive minds in the game.

He also has close ties to assistant general manager Mike Tannenbaum and was an assistant with the Jets from 1997-99, working with Belichick in the secondary. Belichick has talked Mangini out of taking coordinator jobs in the past but was unable to do the same this time.

In a strange twist, Belichick was Jets head coach for one day before changing his mind and bolting for New England in 2000. That connection didn't seem to bother New York and owner Woody Johnson, who is desperate to try and gain on the Patriots in the AFC East.

With Mangini in, defensive coordinator Donnie Henderson, offensive coordinator Mike Heimerdinger and special teams coordinator Mike Westhoff would probably be out. All three interviewed for the head coaching job.

Williams sisters

1-1 in first round

Venus bounced, Serena barely moves on

By JOHN PYE
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MELBOURNE, Australia

Serena Williams consoled her sister, telling Venus to look at it this way: She gets to go home.

A few hours later, Serena was almost ready herself to start packing for the long flight.

In danger of an early exit from the Australian Open, defending champ Serena Williams got a bit of a scare in the second set before topping 52nd-ranked Li Na of China.

Venus Williams had no such luck. The Wimbledon champion sprayed 65 unforced errors Monday in her 2-6, 6-0, 9-7 first-round loss to Bulgaria's Tszvetana Pironkova.

Serena didn't have it in her to watch the match; she said it made her too nervous. Between their matches, however, she offered Venus some comfort.

"I told her I was a bit envious that she gets to go home, so she could cheer up," Serena said. "She said 'You're not really envious' and I'm like, 'Nah.' She laughed at least." Serena added, laughing. "By no means am I envious. I was just trying to get her to cheer up, that's all. I don't want to go home."

Serena won 6-3, 6-7 (1), 6-2 and maintained her record of never losing in the first round of a Grand Slam tournament.

After losing the tiebreaker in the second set, Serena was broken to open the third. With Li ripping forehand winners, Serena was two points from falling behind 2-0. Then the prospect of joining Venus on the sidelines sparked a resurgence.

"I just got angry that I was in the situation," Serena said.

Her victory meant Jennifer Capriati remains the only woman to lose in the first round of her title defense at the Australian Open. She won in 2002 and lost in the first round in '03.

Serena, on a 15-match winning streak at Melbourne Park after winning the title in 2003 and '05 and skipping the '04 tournament, will play Camille Pin in the next round.

Pironkova, an 18-year-old Bulgarian ranked No. 94 entering the tournament, will play American Laura Granville. She shrugged off her upset of Venus Williams, whom she idolized from matches on TV.



AP PHOTO

Tszvetana Pironkova reacts to a play during her match against Venus Williams at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne, Australia, on Monday. Pironkova upset Williams in the first round 6-2, 0-6, 7-9.

"It's just one match that I won," Pironkova said. "I don't think I should celebrate."

Top-ranked Lindsay Davenport, 2004 Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova and French Open winner Justine Henin-Hardenne were among 10 seeded women to advance. Six lost, including No. 9 Elena Dementieva in addition to No. 10 Venus Williams.

Among the men, No. 2-seeded Andy Roddick, his big serve producing only seven aces, downed Michael Lammner of Switzerland 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 in the first round. Masters Cup champion David Nalbandian had some difficulty before overcoming Thai qualifier Danai Udomchoke 6-2, 6-2, 1-6, 6-7 (4), 6-1.

Other men advancing were No. 7 Ivan Ljubicic, No. 8 Gaston Gaudio, No. 11 David Ferrer, No. 13 Robby Ginepri, No. 17 Radek Stepanek, No. 18 Mario Ancic and No. 20 James Blake. Taylor Dent, Carlos Moya and Tim Henman were the major casualties.

If the seedings hold, Roddick gets Nalbandian in the semifinals and top-ranked Roger Federer in the final.

MONDAY'S NBA ROUNDUP

The Associated Press

Pistons 94

Celtics 84

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Rasheed Wallace scored 18 of his 23 points in third quarter, and the Detroit Pistons coasted to a victory against Boston.

The Pistons have won 15 of 17.
 Paul Pierce scored 21 points, and Delonte West had 20 for the Celtics, who have lost five of six to fall nine games under .500.
 Boston's Ricky Davis was held scoreless.

Wizards 104

76ers 76

WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas had 22 points and a season-high 12 assists to help Washington hold Philadelphia to its lowest point total of the season.

Caron Butler led the Wizards with 23 points, and Antawn Jamison added 21 points and 10 rebounds for his 16th double-double of the season as Washington won a season-high fourth straight game.

Andre Iguodala scored 18 points to lead the Sixers, who set season-lows for points, field goals made (26) and field-goal percentage (33.3).

Timberwolves 96

Knicks 90

NEW YORK — Troy Hudson scored 10 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter, including a clinching 3-pointer with 7.3 seconds left, as Minnesota held off the Knicks.

Wally Szczerbiak and Kevin Garnett each scored 24 points for the Timberwolves, who seemed to be in control after building a 19-point lead in the third quarter.

But the Knicks nearly rallied in the fourth, despite having to play much of the final period without leading scorer Stephen Marbury, who left in the fourth when he collided with Szczerbiak.

Hornets 107

Bobcats 92

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Chris Paul had 24 points, seven rebounds and six assists to lead New Orleans.

David West added 22 points and 11 rebounds for the Hornets, who earned their 18th win, matching their victory total from last season. They also improved to 3-1 in two seasons against Charlotte, where they played from 1988-2002 before moving to New Orleans.

Gerald Wallace had 19 points, seven rebounds and tied his career-high with six blocks to lead the injury-plagued Bobcats.

Hawks 94

Rockets 83

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Hawks took advantage of Tracy McGrady's absence to beat the short-handed Houston Rockets, ending a four-game losing streak.

The Rockets suffered their sixth straight loss, including the past four without McGrady, who continues to recover from back spasms.

Al Harrington led Atlanta with 28 points, and Joe Johnson added.

Nuggets 97

Bulls 94

CHICAGO — Carmelo Anthony scored 39 points, and Kenyon Martin added 22 points and 14 rebounds to lead Denver past the Bulls.