

SUNDAY'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

The Associated Press

WOMEN

Indiana 63 No. 10 Purdue 61, OT

WEST LAFAYETTE — Cyndi Valentin hit a tying 3-pointer with 5 seconds left in regulation and a pair of free throws with 3 seconds to go in overtime, giving Indiana an upset of No. 10 Purdue and knocking the Boilermakers out of first place in the Big Ten.

Valentin led the Hoosiers with 25 points and overshadowed the career-high 32 by Purdue's Katie Gearlds.

It was the third straight overtime game between the in-state rivals and snapped Purdue's six-game winning streak against the Hoosiers (15-10, 9-5 Big Ten).

A 3-pointer by Valentin gave Indiana a 50-47 lead late in regulation, but Gearlds brought the Boilermakers (21-4, 12-2) within one with a pair of free throws. Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton followed with two baskets for a 53-50 lead.

Purdue still led 55-52 after two free throws by Gearlds, but Valentin hit another 3-pointer on the run to send the game into overtime.

There were three more ties in the extra period, the last on a layup by Gearlds with 4 seconds left. But Valentin was fouled on the inbounds play and sank the winning free throws.

Nikki Smith added 12 points for Indiana, all on 3-pointers.

Wisdom-Hylton scored 14 for Purdue.

The game marked a homecoming for first-year Indiana coach Sharon Versyp, who left Purdue in 1988 second in career points and assists. Versyp returned to Mackey Arena for the first time as an opposing coach, and her Hoosiers used a 15-4 run to take a five-point lead midway through the opening period.

Indiana widened its lead to 28-21 six minutes later, but it didn't last long.

The first of four 3-pointers by Gearlds started a 13-0 streak for the Boilermakers spanning halftime.

A steal by Gearlds and fast-break layup and a free throw by Aya Traore brought Purdue within one point with 2 minutes left in the first half. Gearlds' second 3-pointer a half-minute later put the Boilermakers back into the lead, and after an Indiana turnover, Wisdom-Hylton scored for a 32-28 lead at the break.

The loss dropped Purdue a half-game behind No. 6 Ohio State in the conference race. The Buckeyes and Boilermakers will play in Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday.

Evansville 78 Creighton 73

OMAHA, Neb. — Ashli Senff made two free throws with 1:14 left to give Evansville the lead for good Sunday in a victory against Creighton, spoiling Angie Janis' 29-point performance and giving the Bluejays' 10th loss in a row.

The Purple Aces (14-10, 10-5 Missouri Valley Conference) led by as



Purdue's Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton, left, walks past the Hoosiers as they celebrate their 63-61 overtime win Sunday.

many as 13 points in the second half, but Creighton (6-17, 4-10) outscored them 27-14 over a nine-minute span to tie it at 66.

Michelle Kaus' 3-pointer gave Creighton a 71-68 lead with 3:54 left. But Olivia Grant and Courtney Felke each hit jumpers and the Purple Aces made 6 of 6 free throws to finish the game to secure the win.

Felke led Evansville with 18 points, while Megan Liffick added 16. Kanika Rogers had her first double-double with a career-high 12 points and 12 rebounds. Grant added eight points and eight rebounds.

Janis, who made 12 of 23 shots, added eight rebounds and committed no turnovers in 37 minutes. Ally Thrall added 17 points for the Bluejays.

No. 1 Duke 99 Miami 93, 2OT

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Monique Currie scored 15 of her 43 points in the second overtime to help top-ranked Duke avoid an upset with a win against Miami.

Currie's 3-pointer with 3:30 remaining in the second overtime put the Blue Devils (24-1, 12-1) ahead for good 83-80. She also was 10-for-10 on free throws in the final 1:33 to secure the victory.

Miami's Albrex Grimsley hit a short jumper with 31 seconds in the first overtime to tie the game at 78.

Lindsey Harding's turnover with 11 seconds remaining gave Miami (15-11, 5-8) one last chance to win in the first

overtime, but Chante Black blocked Renee Taylor's drive with one second left.

The Hurricanes had been down 73-70 with 3.6 seconds left in regulation before Tamara James hit three free throws to tie the game. James retrieved Katie Hayek's missed 3-pointer and was fouled by Wanisha Smith as she attempted a 3-point shot.

No. 7 Rutgers 60 Syracuse 43

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — The Rutgers women's basketball team finally had an easy victory.

Michelle Campbell and Cappie Pondexter each scored 13 points to help No. 7 Rutgers beat Syracuse 60-43 on Sunday for its ninth straight win.

Matee Ajavon and Essence Carson had 11 each and Kia Vaughn added 10 for Rutgers (21-3, 13-0 Big East), which has won 21 straight conference games dating back to last season.

"It almost seemed too easy," Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer said. Rutgers took a 4-0 lead and never looked back as Syracuse was overwhelmed by the defensive pressure by the Scarlet Knights.

Rutgers opened a 15-point lead with 6:36 left in the first half and had a double-digit lead the rest of the game.

"We would get in the gap and then kick it out 15 feet, and that's nice because you're sharing the ball," Stringer said. "But what we were trying to do was put the game away earlier, so we understood how you do put a game away."

Jenny Eckhart had 11 for Syracuse (9-15, 2-11).

The Scarlet Knights go on the road to Marquette and Pittsburgh this week, before hosting No. 8 Connecticut next Monday night in the regular-season finale.

Campbell, who went over the 1,000 career points mark early in the first half, also had eight rebounds.

MEN

No. 2 Duke 92 Miami 71

DURHAM, N.C. — J.J. Redick now stands alone among Duke's all-time greatest scorers.

The senior sharpshooter scored 30 points to set the program's career scoring mark and help the second-ranked Blue Devils beat Miami, a win that could vault them back to the No. 1 ranking.

Redick finished 10 for 15 from the field and hit six 3-pointers for the Blue Devils (25-1, 13-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), passing assistant coach Johnny Dawkins by one point on the all-time list with 2,557 points. That also moved Redick into second place in the ACC career lists, 30 points behind Wake Forest's Dickie Hemric.

Shelden Williams added 17 points and 15 rebounds for Duke, which could move up in the rankings after top-ranked Connecticut's loss to Villanova earlier in the week. The Blue Devils were ranked No. 1 through the first 11 polls before falling to No. 2 after an 87-84 loss at Georgetown on Jan. 21.

• Cold

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

Illinois' 62-60 loss to the Hoosiers on Jan. 17. In the rematch, he was 7 for 11 from the field, 4 for 4 from the free-throw line and had four dunks on his way to his ninth double-double of the season.

"I wanted to come out with energy," he said. "Everybody made good passes to me, got me open, screened well. I just had to make layups."

Illinois coach Bruce Weber said he knew the Illini would have to jump out to a quick lead to take away any motivational edge the Hoosiers might have had after Davis' announcement on Thursday.

After four early lead changes, the Illini put together a 22-4 run to turn a 6-5 deficit into the 27-10 lead.

"We did that. We got the crowd in," Weber said. "I thought we continued it throughout the first half."

Illinois kept pace in the Big Ten, one of four teams with four losses at the top of the standings. Indiana (13-10, 5-7) now has lost seven of its last eight.

Indiana switched to a 1-3-1 zone and cut Illinois' 13-point halftime lead to 41-31 with 16:45 to go, but the Illini responded with a 7-0 run capped by Augustine's dunk off a bounce pass from Dee Brown in the lane. He converted a three-point play to make it 48-31.

Augustine went to the bench with his fourth foul with 7:38 to play and the Hoosiers had a chance to climb back into the game when Brown left with his fourth with 5:11 left. They closed to within 11 on Roderick Wilmont's jumper with 4:07 to go but Warren Carter answered and the Illini kept Indiana off the scoreboard until Brown and Augustine came back with 3:44 to go.

"When they're on the bench, obviously it hurts us," Brian Randle said. "But at the same time, for the young guys to step up and keep their composure, it's huge."



AP PHOTOS

Indiana's Marco Killingsworth, left, has his shot blocked by Illinois' James Augustine in the second half of their game Sunday in Champaign, Ill. Augustine was called for a foul on the play.

Augustine fouled out with 1:19 to go when he clipped Indiana's Marco Killingsworth, who converted a three-point play to make it 65-55. But the Hoosiers could get no closer.

Randle scored 12 points for Illinois, including a driving first-half dunk that brought the orange-clad Assembly Hall crowd to its feet.

"I guess it just comes when it comes," he said, trying to explain the high-flying move. "It's not one of those things you plan."

Brown had 10 points and four assists, and Carter added had nine points.

Killingsworth led the Hoosiers with 15 points, and Wilmont scored 10.

Davis said he thinks his team can play more relaxed now that the distraction surrounding his job status is resolved. So does Wilmont.

"It's not a distraction anymore," Wilmont said. "Now we know what the deal is. We can go out there and just play like we've been doing."

Illinois' early run began when Augustine hit a 15-foot jumper with 17:45 to go. Then Rich McBride hit a 3-pointer, Shaun Pruitt had a putback and Warren Carter's layup ended a 9-0 spurt.



Indiana coach Mike Davis talks to Hoosiers guard Robert Vaden during a timeout in the second half of IU's loss Sunday at Illinois.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FC defense too much for HCAC foe Hanover

Grizzlies finish regular season winning six of seven

By Kirk Stelsel

DAILY JOURNAL SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Franklin College men's basketball team finished its regular season on a high note Saturday with an 89-77 win at home against conference rival Hanover.

Franklin (18-7) will host Anderson on Tuesday in the first round of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament.

Defense was key for Franklin as the Grizzlies held Hanover (16-9) to just 26 percent shooting in the first half and 35 percent on the day.

"We have been pretty good offensively for a while, but to become a really good team we had to become better defensively," coach Kerry Prather said.

"I can't tell you how pleased I am that the progress has been so good in the positive direction."

The Grizzlies, who won six of

"There are two things that go hand-in-hand, depth and chemistry, and I don't know that we have had any better team in terms of chemistry."

Kerry Prather
Franklin College men's basketball coach

their final seven games to finish the regular season, have used a relatively inexperienced starting lineup — including a freshman and two sophomores — all season. Focusing on youth proved fruitful for the Grizzlies, as they finished second in the HCAC and will enter tournament play as the No. 2 seed.

"There are two things that go hand-in-hand, depth and chemistry, and I don't know that we have had any better team in terms of chemistry," Prather said. "We have good post play, good perimeter play, and we are incredibly unselfish in both.

"We also can run through 10 guys successfully, giving us depth."

Franklin sophomore Brandon Ray led all players in points and rebounds, 22 and 11 respectively, for the second straight game. He had 27 minutes of play time.

Grizzlies' freshman Jace Redman followed behind with 18 points, and senior Nick Kane added 17.

"I think we are playing good, we won six of the last seven we played, and even in the Transylvania game I think we played well," Kane said. "We have picked up our defense a lot too."

FC women rally for two-point victory

Special to the Daily Journal

HANOVER

The Grizzlies rallied from a four-point deficit in the final four minutes to edge host women's basketball rival Hanover College 59-57 in the regular season finale for both schools Saturday.

After giving up the lead on a jump shot by the Panthers' Angela Newkirk with 12 minutes to go, Franklin fell behind by as many as five points before tying Hanover at 55-55 with 3:20 left. Consecutive lay-ups by senior forward Leslie Mehrlich and

junior point guard Brittany Beehler evened the score.

The Grizzlies then wrested away the decision with baskets by Mehrlich and sophomore Jennifer Redicker to gain a season series sweep of the Panthers and claim their eighth consecutive victory overall.

Franklin, which finished the regular season at 13-1 in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference and 22-3 overall, will be the top seed in the annual league tournament, which begins Tuesday. Hanover dropped to 9-5 in the HCAC and 15-9 in all contests.

Franklin overcame a four-point deficit late in the opening half as senior Becky Ballard hit two straight jump shots, and freshman Allison Lewis knocked down a 3-point basket to help push the Grizzlies to a 33-32 advantage at intermission.

Ballard paced Franklin with 15 points and five rebounds. Senior Lindsey Roberson and sophomore Kelly Snider added 11 points each.

Hanover was led by Newkirk, a senior forward, who tallied a game-high 28 points, reaching the 1,000-point mark for her career.

Kick your plans into high gear.



Shift to Club 53 Checking.

Fifth Third Club 53[®] Checking

Now that you're 50 it's time to kick your checking account into high gear with Club 53 from Fifth Third Bank. Earn interest on your balance and get free Internet Banking and Bill Payment... even your Club 53 checks are free! Plus many more great benefits like bonus CD rates, free travelers checks and more. So if you've turned 50, join the club...Club 53 from Fifth Third Bank.

Fifth Third Bank
Working Hard To Be The Only Bank You'll Ever Need.™

WALK-IN Over 80 Central Indiana locations
CALL 1-800-579-5353 | VISIT www.53.com

Minimum \$50 deposit to open account. Accounts closed within six months will be charged \$25. Fifth Third and Fifth Third Bank are registered service marks of Fifth Third Bancorp. Member FDIC. FDJ

Visit us online at www.thejournalnet.com.