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FRIDAY'S SCORES

Prep boys basketball	
Center Grove	81
Ben Davis	69
Greenwood	72
Columbus North	55
Franklin	58
Mooreville	40
Plainfield	69
Whiteland	65
Southwestern (Shelby)	49
Indian Creek	48
Edinburgh	74
Eminence	55
NBA	
Minnesota	90
Indiana	85
Milwaukee	118
Atlanta	102
Washington	110
New Orleans	99
Philadelphia	89
Memphis	86
Boston	99
New Jersey	96
Orlando	104
Charlotte	93
San Antonio	101
Miami	94
Houston at Chicago	(n)
Utah at Denver	(n)
Toronto at Seattle	(n)
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix	(n)
Dallas at L.A. Clippers	(n)
Cleveland at Golden State	(n)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



TODAY'S GAME
Purdue Boilermakers
 (7-9 overall, 1-4 in the Big Ten)
at Indiana Hoosiers (11-3, 3-1)
Time: 2:35 p.m. today
TV: WTTV-Channel 4
Radio: WFBQ-94.7 FM, WNDE-1260 AM
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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Statement game

Trojans make their case with conference win

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Todd Price and Tyler Kitchel ran into the locker room after the game. The Center Grove boys basketball players whooped and waved their hands in excitement just before opening the door and greeting the rest of their teammates with more yelling. The Trojans had made their point: They're a force to be reckoned with in the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference. Kitchel scored a game-high 30 points, Price had 23, and sophomore Corey Gray had 13 in an 81-69 win Friday night against visiting Ben Davis.

"It's a MIC game, and we wanted to make a point in the MIC that we can play," said Price, a senior. "I think we came out in the first half a little intimidated, and in the second half we kept getting stop after stop."

Center Grove (8-3, 2-1 MIC) has won three straight games. After winning the Johnson County Tournament last weekend, the Trojans are building momentum.

Ben Davis had beaten Center Grove four out of the past five games the two teams had played. But the Trojans attacked the basket all night and had their top two players step up throughout the game to secure the win.

"This was a huge win for us," Center Grove coach Cliff Hawkins said. "We needed to get up on the top side of the MIC and finally show that we're not backing down. (Ben Davis is) very, very athletic. It was a game where we won with our smartness, shooting ability and strength."

The Trojans, who trailed the entire first half and for six minutes of the third quarter, rallied behind Price and Kitchel.

Center Grove established an early inside presence with Price.

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Center Grove High School junior Tyler Kitchel, right, shoots over Ben Davis senior Clark Williams during Friday's game at Center Grove. For more photos from the game, visit www.thejournalnet.com.

INSIDE: FULL NIGHT OF BOYS BASKETBALL

In addition to the Center Grove-Ben Davis game, here's what happened in games involving Johnson County schools Friday:

Greenwood 72 Columbus North 55
 Matt Aleo scored a game-high 22 points as Greenwood improved to 8-3 with a victory against visiting Columbus North. The Woodmen will go for back-to-back wins when they visit Perry Meridian on Tuesday.

Franklin 58 Mooreville 40
 Franklin climbed within a game of .500 by downing host Mooreville. Cody Long hit 8 of 9 field-goal attempts and scored 22 points to lead the Grizzly Cubs (6-7). Franklin was 9 of 16 from 3-point range.

Plainfield 69 Whiteland 65
 The Warriors fell to 2-10, but not without giving host Plainfield all it could handle. The game was tied going into the final quarter, when the teams combined for 44 points. Marcus Hanger scored 13 points to lead Whiteland.

Indian Creek 49 Southwestern (Shelby) 48
 Ryan Denton's last-second shot gave Indian Creek a thrilling Mid-Hoosier Conference victory against visiting Southwestern. Denton had a team-high 17 points for the Braves, who improved to 3-9 overall this season.

Edinburgh 74 Eminence 55
 Brandon Cravens scored a game-high 23 points as Edinburgh improved to 5-6. The Lancers took control by outscoring the Eels 19-7 in the third quarter.

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TODAY'S GAMES

BOYS	
Center Grove at Brownsburg,	7:30 p.m.
Edinburgh at Crothersville,	7:30 p.m.
Speedway at Whiteland,	7:30 p.m.
GIRLS	
Southwestern (Shelby) at Indian Creek,	12:30 p.m.
Center Grove at Ben Davis,	1:30 p.m.
Whiteland at Roncalli,	12:30 p.m.
Franklin at Mooreville,	7:30 p.m.

Wolves' fast start overcomes Pacers

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

Wally Szczerbiak scored 20 points, and Eddie Griffin had 17 points, 14 rebounds and six blocks to lead the Minnesota Timberwolves past the Indiana Pacers 90-85 on Friday night.

The Timberwolves were nearly perfect in the first quarter and finally got the balance coach Dwane Casey has been looking for in their fourth victory in five games.

Minnesota shot 75 percent in the first period and had all five starters finish in double figures. Kevin Garnett added 17 points

and eight rebounds, and Szczerbiak was 12 for 12 on free throws. Fred Jones scored 19 points, and Austin Croshere added 18 points and six rebounds for the Pacers, who shot 39 percent and desperately missed star forward Jermaine O'Neal.

Griffin has struggled mightily shooting the ball for most of the season but was 7 for 11 on Friday night, and Marko Jaric had 13 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

Griffin set the tone early, shooting 4 for 5 in the first quarter for eight points and adding

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Minnesota Timberwolves forward Mark Madsen, left, takes a rebound from Indiana Pacers forward Jeff Foster during the second quarter of Friday's NBA game in Minneapolis.

Colts raise prices, but not for all seats

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis Colts ticket prices will increase except for three sections of upper-level seats in the RCA Dome.

Coming off a franchise-record 14 victories in the regular season and a loss to Pittsburgh in the divisional playoffs last week, the Colts announced the new prices Friday.

Tickets will range from \$19 for end-zone seats in the top 10 rows of the upper level to \$179 for lower-level seats between the 30-yard lines.

"Rising prices are a fact of life in the business world, but we aim to keep our product affordable," Colts vice president Pete Ward said. "These increases will allow us to remain in the bottom half of the league in average ticket price."

Tickets selling for \$19, \$39 (upper level corners, rows 21-30) and \$49 (upper level corners and end zones, rows 10-20), which account for about 25 percent of the seats in the 60,000-seat stadium, were unchanged from last season.

The most expensive tickets will be \$15 more than last year. The other ticket increases are from \$89 to \$99, \$70 to \$75, and \$55 to \$59.

THE PRICE OF SUCCESS

Some of the ticket prices for Indianapolis Colts home games have been raised for next season. Here's a look at the cost of tickets this past season and the cost for the same seats next season:

2005	2006	Increase
\$19	\$19	0%
\$39	\$39	0%
\$49	\$49	0%
\$55	\$59	7.27%
\$70	\$75	7.14%
\$89	\$99	11.24%
\$164	\$179	9.15%

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