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Whiteland picks up ugly victory

Warriors overcome series of mistakes for double-digit win against Triton Central

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FAIRLAND

As wins go, it wasn't the Whiteland boys basketball team's finest.

But coach **WARRIORS 44** Stacy Meyer **TIGERS 27** will take it.

Especially when the Warriors are on a winning streak. Whiteland overcame some poor

shooting, hasty decisions and lethargic play for a 44-27 win Friday night at Triton Central.

Whiteland (5-11), which had lost 11 of 12 at one stretch this season, has now won three straight.

"We were lackadaisical and didn't get on defense," Meyer said. "Triton Central beat us to loose balls and beat us in every hustle play there was."

"They were better than their record indicated."

But not better on the scoreboard.

The Tigers (1-14) might have outshouted the Warriors, but they couldn't match Whiteland's offensive output.

Then again, scoring points has been a seasonlong problem for Triton Central. They've reached 40 points only three times all year.

Whiteland didn't exactly light up the scoreboard and frequently hurt itself with turnovers when

trying to force the ball inside. The Warriors shot only 31 percent from the field but still did enough right to win.

"Early on we were too anxious and weren't making good decisions and missing easy shots," Meyer said. "But I'm very pleased with the team, as we didn't give up and kept making plays."

Senior Nick Smither led the Warriors with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Triton Central had no players in double figures. Kyle Schilling and Justin Ratliff had seven points each.

As the Warriors' win total grows, so does their confidence.

"The guys are coming together and are getting over the hump," Smither said. "We have to play smarter, but we're gaining experience, and we'll get better as the season goes on."

Whiteland plays again tonight against visiting Mount Vernon.



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Center Grove junior Louis Kamo prepares to take a free-throw shot during the Trojans' game Friday against Warren Central.

Woodmen spread the wealth for 11th win

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BEECH GROVE

The outcome of Friday night's game was typical of this season for Greenwood Community High School boys basketball **WOODMEN 64**

team. But the **HORNETS 39** means by which the Woodmen recorded their 11th win of the season was somewhat unusual.

Greenwood, a strong perimeter-shooting team that has grown

accustomed to not earning many free-throw opportunities, managed only two 3-pointers and connected on 16 of 21 shots from the free-throw line while topping Beech Grove 64-39.

The Woodmen also managed to win their third consecutive game despite being forced to rely more heavily on their bench than in previous games.

Thirteen different players saw action for Greenwood (11-4), and of those, nine scored.

"We have very unselfish players," coach Bruce Hensley said. "Tonight we got into deep foul trouble early and had to go to

our bench." We always know we can rely on (Adrian) Kellams and (Jeff) Geoghegan when they come in, but I felt we also received good minutes from (Ian) McLaughlin and (Nick) Baughman, especially in the first half.

Despite foul problems, the Woodmen survived a second-quarter Beech Grove rally that saw the Hornets (4-10) carve a 15-point deficit in half with eight unanswered points.

However, 57 percent shooting from the field during the first two quarters helped Greenwood build a 30-22 halftime advantage.

"We had a lot of empty possessions and some turnovers during that second quarter, and that allowed them to get back into the game," Hensley said.

"We had an obvious advantage with A.J. (Edds) in the middle, and once we started using him, it opened up other opportunities."

Edds connected on 9 of 10 shots overall and led all scorers with 23 points. He also managed four rebounds.

Senior Matt Allee added 10 points, while senior Evan Checkeye chipped in with nine.

The Hornets, who made only 11

of their 32 shots from the field, were led in scoring by junior Chad Barkdull, who finished with 12 points. Barkdull was the only Beech Grove player with double-figure scoring.

Despite the win, Hensley realizes his team must play better when its hosts rival Center Grove at 7:30 tonight.

"Center Grove is a very good offensive team," he said. "We're going to have to be more disciplined in how we defend, and we're going to have to handle the ball better than we did tonight."

"This is going to be a big game for us."

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"Our ball handling was not good," Hawkins said. "We don't have the fortitude to win a ballgame. We have guys just playing ball. We need to get tougher on defense."



Junior Tyler Kitchel scored 26 points in Center Grove's 82-80 loss Friday night to Warren Central.

Center Grove senior **Todd Price** led all scorers with 30 points. He fouled out in the second overtime.

Price forced the first overtime when he made a 3-pointer with less than six seconds remaining. Kitchel added 26 points but struggled from the field. He made 7 of 27 shots and only 2 of 15 3-point attempts.



Senior Todd Price led the Trojans with 30 points.

But Kitchel did hit all 10 of his free throws.

Warren Central (12-4, 3-3 MIC) was led by senior David Smith, who scored 22 points. Senior Kendall Harvey had 19, senior Marcus Thomas had 15, and sophomore Walter Offutt added 12 points.

Warriors coach Scott Heady was just thankful to get the win, especially after his team made only 17 of 30 free-throw attempts.

"We led the entire game and played well," Heady said. "(Center Grove) hit some tough shots, and we missed our free throws. For that to happen, it says a lot about the toughness of our kids."

"It's a good win against a quality team on the road, especially after last week when we played (No. 1) Lawrence North and (No. 7) North Central. It's a good morale boost."

Hawkins, meanwhile, didn't have any answers after the game. Center Grove plays at Greenwood tonight, so the Trojans don't have much time to regroup.

"The best thing to do now is to drink Gatorade, eat bananas and get plenty of rest," Hawkins said. "I'm pleased with our effort, but I'm not pleased with our turnovers and lack of ability to get a stop."

Late surge falls short as Braves lose to Artesians

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Coach Rex Wilson noticed a different level of intensity in the Indian Creek boys basketball team.

He liked what he **ARTESIANS 60**

saw. **BRAVES 49** Although Class 4A Martinsville defeated the host 2A Braves 60-49 on Friday night, Wilson had reason to applaud his team.

The Braves (4-11) trailed by 17 at one point but trimmed the deficit to 47-39 with five minutes to play.

Although the Braves got no closer, the fact they got back in contention was a positive sign.

"I'm not displeased with the effort. We played pretty well for the most part."

Rex Wilson
Indian Creek boys basketball coach

"I told the kids after the game that I was proud of their effort, heart and hustle," Wilson said. "They played with effort, heart and hustle for 32 minutes."

After leading by nine at halftime, the Artesians (9-6) only outscored the Braves 34-32 in the second half.

Wilson was pleased with how his team slowed Martinsville's transition game, kept the rebounding relatively even and

was patient on offense.

"We worked the week before on stopping Martinsville's transition game, especially since we are not a quick team," Wilson said. "And we stopped them for the most part. We tried to preach offensive patience. "For the most part, we have done that better recently. And we did it tonight."

The Artesians used their speed to their advantage late in the game to repel Indian Creek's comeback attempt.

Martinsville's Chad McGathey triggered one of the critical plays during rally when he rebounded a Zach Poindexter miss and passed the ball to 6-foot-6 Ryan Sighting, who was fouled as he made his shot.

Sighting made the ensuing free throw to swing momentum back in Martinsville's direction.

The Artesians increased the lead to 15 and kept it in double figures the rest of the way.

Martinsville shot 50 percent (23 of 46) from the field, but Wilson was pleased his team's defensive effort.

"We took lots of cuts away from Martinsville," Wilson said. "We battled away. I'm not displeased with the effort. We played pretty well for the most part."

Indian Creek shot 19 of 40 from the field. Senior Mark Dunn led the way with a game-high 20 points, including 19 in the second half. Junior Kyle Ray added 13 points for the Braves.

Sighting led Martinsville with 14 points. Scott Davis added 11.

Indian Creek plays again tonight against visiting county and Mid-Hoosier Conference rival Edinburgh.

Lancers end regular season with loss to top-ranked Saints

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There's something to be said for saving the best for last.

But for the Edinburgh Community High School girls basketball team, the age-old saying did not come true Friday night when the **LANCERS 29**

Lancers ended their regular season with a 60-29 loss to Class A No. 1-ranked Lutheran.

The loss capped a rough regular season for the Lancers, whose record stands at 4-16. The Saints improved their record to 16-3.

Senior Kristie Smith led the Lancers, scoring 13 points and pulling down eight rebounds. The Saints were led by Indiana

It's sectional time

With the regular season completed, Johnson County's girls basketball teams now set their sights on next week's sectionals. For a preview of the first round of the state tournament, see Tuesday's edition of the Daily Journal.

All-Stars candidate Laura Bugher, who had 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Despite the difficult game, Edinburgh coach Bob White maintained a positive attitude.

"I thought we did well three-fourths of the game," White said. "I'm pretty pleased overall."

Looking ahead, White also is pleased with his team's sectional draw. The

Lancers drew a first-round bye and will play Morrystown, a team they beat earlier this season 49-33.

"We couldn't ask for a better draw," White said.

According to White, Edinburgh matches up well against Morrystown, though the Yellow Jackets do have a little more height.

"They're similar to us," White said. "Like us, they don't have a very deep bench."

When the two teams face each other again next Friday, Edinburgh's bench will be even shorter than it was the first time the two teams met. Gone is 6-1 senior Shelby Henderson, who is sidelined due to an injury.

Because of the size difference, White knows his Lancers will need to work on blocking out and hitting shots to pull off a repeat victory.

"We've got to get shooting consistency

and control of the boards," White said. "It's as simple as that."

Because there are only five teams in the sectional, a win against the Yellow Jackets would place the Lancers in the sectional championship game.

Though they want to take one game at a time, the Lancers know that only a single game stands between them and the championship game.

"They know that, and they're a little nervous. But we need to worry about Morrystown first," White said.

Edinburgh senior Hannah Basey admitted she was excited about the possibility of competing for a sectional title.

"It's a pretty big deal, but we're not overconfident about it," Basey said.

Edinburgh will face Morrystown at 6 p.m. Friday at Southwestern (Shelby).

BY THE NUMBERS

Boys	
Warriors	82
Trojans	80
WARREN CENTRAL — Zach Wright 0-1 0-0, Marcus Thomas 6-20 0-2 15, David Lane 1-2 1-2 4, Kendall Harvey 5-16 6-8 19, David Smith 7-16 8-22, Walter Offutt 5-13 1-6 12, Jason Clardy 0-0 0-0 0, Travis Buggs 0-0 0-0 0, Antwone Rogers 1-3 2-2 4, Josh Jones 2-3 0-2 4. Totals: 27-73 17-30 82.	
CENTER GROVE — Corey Gray 3-6 0-0 7, Louis Kamo 1-5 3-4 5, Tyler Kitchel 7-27 10-26, Mitch Deffner 1-4 1-2 3, Todd Price 10-23 8-11 30, Danny Gill 1-3 1-2 4, James Nussbaum 1-1 0-0 2, Eric Hazelbaker 0-0 0-0 0, Joey Clawson 0-2 0-0 0, Jason Kayler 1-2 0-3. Totals: 25-73 23-28 80.	
W. CENTRAL (12-5) 14 18 14 14 8 8 6 — 82 C. GROVE (9-6) 15 7 14 24 8 8 — 80	
Three-point shooting: Warren Central 4-18 (Thomas 2-9, Lane 0-1, Harvey 1-2, Smith 0-2, Offutt 1-4), Center Grove 6-25 (Gray 1-3, Kamo 0-1, Kitchel 2-15, Price 2-4, Gill 1-2)	
Rebounds: Warren Central 32 (Harvey 7, Offutt 5), Center Grove 36 (Price 8, Kitchel 7, Kamo 6). Fouls: Warren Central 22 (Wright, Smith and Offutt fouled out), Center Grove 21 (Deffner and Price fouled out)	
Reserve score: Warren Central 60, Center Grove 51.	
Woodmen	64
Hornets	39
GREENWOOD — Corbin Mitchell 0-0 3-4 3, Jeff Geoghegan 2-3 0-0 4, Robbie Newbold 3-7 0-0 7, Daniel Lipp 0-2 2-2, John Pifer 2-4 0-0 4, Patrick Kinman 0-0 0-0 0, Evan Checkeye 4 0-0 0 9, A. Jicks 9-10 5-7 23, Ryan Mathis 0 0 0-0 0, Nick Baughman 0-1 0-0 0, Adrian Kellams 1-3 0-0 2, Ian McLaughlin 0-0 0-0 0, Matt Allee 2-6 6-8 10. Totals: 23-42 16-21 64.	
BEECH GROVE — David Sanders 1-2 1-1 3, Kellen Brown 0-2 0-0 0, JD McClary 1-1 0-0 2, Chad Barkdull 2-8 6-8 12, John Hart 1-2 0-0 3.	

ARTESIANS — Scott Davis 5-11 0-0 11, David Thacker 3-11 2-2 9, Eddie Thiebe 4-4 0-2 8, Tom Fox 3-6 1-2 8, Ryan Sighting 5-7 4-5 14, Darren Fabert 0-1 0-0 0, Spencer Adams 1-1 1-2 3, Chad McGathey 0-2 0-0 0, Josh Dishroon 2-3 2-2 7. Totals: 23-46 10-15 60.	
INDIAN CREEK — Mark Dunn 8-12 4-5 20, Ryan Denton 2-7 2-2 6, TJ Saint 2-4 0-0 6, Kyle Ray 5-11 2-3 13, Logan Scott 1-3 0-1 2, Brad Stropes 0-0 0-0 0, Zack Tharpe 1-1 0-0 2, Zach Poindexter 0-1 0-0 0, Kyle Bradley 0-1 0-0 0, Brett Brunson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 19-40 8-11 49.	
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Rebounds: Martinsville 22 (Sighting 3, Fabert 3), Indian Creek 24 (Dunn 4, Ray 4, Tharpe 4). Fouls: Martinsville 14, Indian Creek 13.	
Reserve score: Martinsville 44, Indian Creek 33.	

SAINTS — Hannah Basey 3-9 0-3 8, Heather Dowell 0-7 2-2 2, Lindsey Bowers 2-6 0-0 4, Hilary Stinson 0-3 3-3 3, Kristie Smith 6-12 0-0 13, Chelsea Montgomery 0-0	
FRIDAY'S STATE SCORES Boys	
Anderson 68, Logansport 59 Argos 54, Caston 50 Arlington 82, Tech 70 Barr-Reeve 61, Springs Valley 55 Batesville 50, S. Dearborn 39 Bedford N. Lawrence 54, Floyd Central 51 Ben Davis 66, Terre Haute South 42 Bethany Christian 56, Elkhart Christian 42 Bethesda Christian 66, Cascade 48 Bloomington North 50, Lawrence Central 49 Bloomington South 65, Franklin Central 48 Borden 53, Madison Shawe 47 Bremen 33, Jimtown 30 Brownstown 60, Clarksville 45 Cambridge City 58, Union City 56 Chatard 59, University 47 Clinton Prairie 50, Sheridan 44 Columbus East 49, Jennings Co. 47 Connorsville 83, Muncie South 72 Crawfordsville 49, Western Boone 41 Edgewood 49, Brown Co. 46 Elwood 66, Eastern (Howard) 63 E. Central 58, Lawrenceburg 45 Ev. Bosse 78, Jasper 59 Eastern (Greene) 59, White River Valley 33 Eastern Hancock 58, Tri High 33 Eastern Pekin 60, Corydon 59	
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Saints 60 Lancers 29	

Fairfield 111, Howe Military 14 Franklin Co. 52, N. Decatur 35 Frankton 81, Mississinewa 52 Ft. Wayne Wayne 67, Wayen Luers 58 Glenn 57, Culver 44 Greensburg 42, Rushville 30 Greenwood 64, Beech Grove 39 Hamilton Southeastern 77, New Palestine 47 Hauser 79, Southwestern (Shelby) 61 Huntington North 47, New Castle 45 Jac-Cen-Del 57, S. Decatur 45 Jay Co. 53, Eastbrook 45 Jeffersonville 81, Ev. Reitz 65 Lafayette Jeff 66, Avon 48 Lakeland 65, Churubusco 30 Lanesville 49, New Washington 29 Lapel 47, Mt. Vernon 39 Linton 69, Eminence 33 Manual 74, Broad Ripple 71 Martinsville 60, Indian Creek 49 Mishawaka 47, Mishawaka Marian 37 Monroe Central 57, Winchester 54 Morrystown 62, Oldenburg Academy 36 Muncie Central 52, Kokomo 49 N. Central 72, Terre Haute North 40 N. Harrison 51, Crawford Co. 45 N. Judson 60, Winamac 53 N. Miami 69, Culver Military 53 New Albany 55, Providence 48 Noblesville 55, Lafayette Harrison 39 Northfield 32, Manchester 29 Northview 60, Mooresville 39 Northwestern 63, Tipton 56 Orleans 52, Paoli 26 Penn 56, S. Bend Riley 46 Perry Meridian 58, Southport 55, OT Peru 47, Cass 37 Pike 100, Columbus North 52 Plymouth 50, Goshen 30 Richmond 90, Plainfield 88, 2OT Rockville 55, Fountain Central 48 Roncalli 69, Ritter 49	
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