

Franklin falls, but not before three OTs

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For four quarters and two overtimes, the Franklin Community High School boys basketball team hung with Decatur Central. **HAWKS 92**
CUBS 87

But in the third overtime, the Hawks were just a little bit stronger than the Grizzly Cubs. In a rematch of last year's sectional final, Decatur Central defeated Franklin 92-87 Tuesday night in triple overtime.

Franklin junior Adrian Moss had a game-high 33 points on 13-of-23 shooting. But the Cubs were not able to muster enough energy at the end to steal a win.

"We had our chances, and our kids fought hard and made plays, especially hitting big free throws," Franklin coach Dave Clark said. "But we got kind of worn down at the end, and that affected us."

"Physically, we were worn down, but so were they. We just got a little more tired."

Moss hit two free throws and tied the game at 84 with 1:40 remaining in the third overtime. But the Hawks hit 6 of 8 free throws down the stretch to win.

Despite the loss, Clark applauded Moss' play and decision-making throughout the game.

"It was a good game for him," Clark said. "He's been struggling a bit. This was a little bit of a breakout game for him."

The Cubs (3-5) had their best

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Greenwood girls get past host Lutheran

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The Greenwood girls basketball team knows the disappointment of losing close games. **WOODMEN 48**

Now the **SAINTS 46** know the thrill of winning in overtime.

Sparked by senior Abby Collier and some poised play from a trio of freshmen, the visiting Woodmen beat Class A No. 3 Lutheran 48-46 Wednesday night in overtime.

For Greenwood, the timing couldn't have been better. The Woodmen had lost five of their past six games and two straight heading in.

"We had to win this game for our confidence," Greenwood coach Debbie Guckenberger said. "We were in this situation once before (a 52-46 overtime loss to Franklin) and didn't win, but the girls made sure they did the job."

Lutheran (9-3), which had been beating teams by an average of

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— Jim Naumovich, on becoming Great Lakes Valley Conference commissioner



Jim Naumovich of Greenwood is commissioner of the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The conference, based in Indianapolis, has 14 member schools, including the University of Indianapolis, St. Joseph's and Southern Indiana.

In a league of his own

Greenwood man leader of college conference

STORY BY JOHN GROTH • PHOTO BY SCOTT ROBERSON

What doesn't Jim Naumovich do? When he's not organizing athletic schedules or planning championships, Naumovich is balancing budgets, securing corporate sponsors or visiting universities throughout the Midwest.

As NCAA Division II Great Lakes Valley Conference commissioner, he has a packed agenda. But now his schedule is about to get even more frenetic.

"From January through June, it's the most hectic time of the year, in terms of conference championships and the terms of the amount of travel involved," said Naumovich, a Greenwood resident. "There's always an upcoming

meeting or upcoming championship that I have to work on and get done in advance."

"Part of the real attraction of the position is you do a lot of different things. One of the real pluses of it was the opportunity to do so many different things on a daily basis."

Naumovich, in his sixth year as GLVC commissioner, is enjoying a successful tenure. Under his direction, he has helped the conference grow in both size and status.

This school year, the conference added three new member schools, giving it 14 members. In the fall of 2005, Drury University, the University of Missouri-Rolla and Rockhurst University joined such Indiana schools as the University of

Indianapolis, St. Joseph's University and the University of Southern Indiana in the GLVC.

With the additions, the GLVC is tied with the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Pennsylvania Athletic Conference as the fifth-largest NCAA Division II conferences. The Great Lakes Valley Conference now features schools in five Midwestern states: Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri and Wisconsin.

"With all three schools, they're academically all outstanding institutions," said Naumovich, who worked at Quincy University for 15 years before becoming GLVC commissioner. "All three also had solid

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THE NAUMOVICH FILE

Name: Jim Naumovich
Age: 42
Occupation: Great Lakes Valley Conference Commissioner
Wife: Carolyn
Children: Meg, 12; Colleen, 11; Drew, 9; and Jack, 4
Residence: Greenwood
High school: Griffin High School, Springfield, Ill.

College: 1985 graduate of Quincy (Ill.) University, where he majored in communications
Hobbies: Golf, exercise, softball, listening to music and cooking
One thing people don't know about him: He was a lead singer of a cover band in high school and college

Career history
1985-87: Quincy University director of alumni
1987-91: Quincy sports information director
1991-92: Quincy director of public relations
1992-2000: Quincy athletic director
2000-present: Great Lakes Valley Conference Commissioner

IU wins Big Ten opener

Hoosiers' Vaden scores 17 in win against Wolverines

The Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON

Indiana's biggest problem with Robert Vaden is getting him to shoot.

Vaden scored 17 points, all in the second half, and extended his school record to 12 consecutive 3-pointers as the 16th-ranked Hoosiers pulled away in the closing minutes to a 70-63 victory against visiting Michigan on Tuesday night.

"When the offense is going bad, or the defense, or something's needed to pick the guys up, whether it's a big rebound, an assist or even score some points, I just try to do whatever I'm needed to do," the sophomore guard said.

He took only one shot in the first half but was 7 of 9 in the second half, boosting his season field-goal shooting to 53.8 percent. He also had team highs with six rebounds, four assists and five turnovers.

The Hoosiers (9-2, 1-0 Big Ten) led 54-45 after consecutive 3-pointers by Roderick Wilmont. But two straight baskets by Daniel Horton started a 10-1 run for the Wolverines (10-2, 0-1) that tied the game

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AP PHOTO

Indiana's Robert Vaden, right, is fouled by Michigan's Courtney Sims as he goes up for a shot during the second half of Tuesday's game in Bloomington.

Sorgi ready just in case

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Jim Sorgi lacks Peyton Manning's size, arm strength, field awareness, preparation obsession and football IQ.

But the second-year pro does share one quality with the Indianapolis Colts' All-Pro quarterback: Poise.

Sorgi demonstrated it again and again during Sunday's 17-13 win against the Arizona Cardinals.

Taking all but three snaps in relief of Manning, Sorgi not only led Indianapolis (14-2) to an emotional win, he proved that the offense won't necessarily fall apart if he has to direct it.

That's somewhat comforting for the Colts, who would like to think their season won't tank in the event the unthinkable ever occurs: Manning goes down with an injury.

Incredibly, in seven seasons, it has never happened. But if it does, Sorgi insists he can shoulder

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