

# PREP BASKETBALL

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## BY THE NUMBERS

**Panthers 89**  
**Trojans 69**

**NORTH CENTRAL** — Eric Gordon 9-23 9-11 26, Brandon Malone 3-9 0-0 7, Jordan Campbell 6-12 2-2 18, Darryl Finkton 4-9 7-10 15, Adnan Hodzic 6-10 3-3 15, Justin Latimore 1-1 0-0 3, Jay Hamas 1-3 1-3 3, LaJuan Barlow 0-1 0-0 0, Darquan McCain 0-1 0-0 0, Spencer Fort 1-1 0-0 2. **Totals:** 30-70 22-29 89.

**CENTER GROVE** — Louis Kamo 0-4 0-0 0, Tyler Kitchel 6-22 4-6 20, Joey Clawson 1-3 1-2 4, Mitch Deffner 4-6 0-0 8, Todd Price 6-17 4-5 16, Corey Gray 1-7 4-4 6, Danny Gill 0-0 0-0 0, Jason Kaylor 5-10 0-0 15, James Nussbaum 0-1 0-0 0, Eric Hazelbaker 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 22-70 13-17 69.

**N. CENTRAL (17-3)** 23 19 23 24 — **89**  
**C. GROVE (11-8)** 21 19 11 18 — **69**

**Three-point shooting:** North Central 7-24 (Gordon 1-8, Malone 1-4, Campbell 4-7, Finkton 0-2, Latimore 1-1, Hamas 0-2), Center Grove 10-33 (Kamo 0-1, Kitchel 4-12, Clawson 1-2, Price 0-6, Gray 0-2, Kaylor 5-10).  
**Rebounds:** North Central 42 (Finkton 10, Gordon 7, Hodzic 7, Campbell 6, Malone 5), Center Grove 33 (Kitchel 10, Deffner 6).  
**Fouls:** North Central 16, Center Grove 24 (Price and Kaylor fouled out). **Technical fouls:** Center Grove coach Cliff Hawkins, North Central coach Doug Mitchell.  
**Reserve score:** North Central 53, Center Grove 33.

**Woodmen 67**  
**Hawks 62**

**DECATUR CENTRAL** — DeJon Gary 5-5 0-0 10, Devon Dumes 5-18 5-7 18, Brandon Townsend 0-1 0-0 0, Derrek Staton 1-1 0-0 2, Josh Greenwood 0-0 0-0 0, Philip Cash 1-2 0-0 3, Drew Ham 1-8 2-3 5, Alex Middleton 7-13 5-6 19, Darvel Reed 2-4 1-2 5. **Totals:** 22-52 13-18 62.

**GREENWOOD** — Jeff Geoghegan 2-4 2-4 7, Robbie Newbold 0-3 0-0 0, John Pflifer 4-6 1-4 9, Evan Checkey 3-7 0-0 7, A. J. Edds 4-7 5-8 13, Adrian Kellams 2-4 2-2 7, Matt Allee 7-16 8-10 24. **Totals:** 22-47 18-28 67.

**D. CENTRAL (9-9)** 9 15 17 21 — **62**  
**GREENWOOD (15-4)** 12 22 10 21 — **67**

**Three-point shooting:** Decatur Central 5-16 (Dumes 3-7, Townsend 0-1, Cash 1-1, Ham 1-5, Middleton 0-2), Greenwood 5-13 (Geoghegan 1-2, Newbold 0-3, Checkey 1-1, Kellams 1-2, Allee 2-5).  
**Rebounds:** Decatur Central 31 (Dumes 7, Ham 6, Middleton 6), Greenwood 14 (Edds 10, Edds 9).  
**Fouls:** Decatur Central 23 (Staton fouled out), Greenwood 14 (none fouled out).  
**Reserve score:** Greenwood 41, Decatur Central 34.

**Lancers 54**  
**Cougars 53**

**SOUTH DECATUR** — Jason Wenning 6-9 4-7 16, Jared Bengt 2-7 10-12 14, Justin Fry 4-8 3-4 11, Tyler Mote 4-7 1-1 9, Chris Parker 1-1 0-1 2, Jonathan Huffmeyer 0-0 1-2 1, Sy MacTavish 0-0 0-0 0, John Evans 0-6 0-0 0, Dustin Snyder 0-0 0-0 0, Devin Butler 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 17-39 19-27 53.

**EDINBURGH** — Jeremy Hadley 7-11 0-2 16, Brandon Cravens 6-11 2-4 14, Seth Henderson 3-5 0-0 6, Tyler Cook 3-6 0-0 6, Corey Buck 2-6 1-2 5, Josh Burton 1-4 2-2 5, Chris Burton 1-2 0-0 2, Kevin McGaha 0-1 0-0 0, Matt Smith 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 23-46 5-10 54.

**S. DECATUR (5-13)** 11 5 20 17 — **53**  
**EDINBURGH (8-10)** 13 9 17 15 — **54**

**Three-point shooting:** South Decatur 0-5 (Evans 0-3, Mote 0-1, Butler 0-1), Edinburgh 3-10 (Hadley 2-4, Josh Burton 1-3, Cook 0-1, Cravens 0-1, McGaha 0-1).  
**Rebounds:** South Decatur 26 (Wenning 11, Bengt 5), Edinburgh 25 (Cook 5, Chris Burton 5).  
**Fouls:** South Decatur 17 (none fouled out), Edinburgh 20 (Cravens fouled out).  
**Reserve score:** South Decatur 45, Edinburgh 35.

**Warriors 75**  
**Continental 69**

**WASHINGTON** — Justin Keys 11-18, 3-8 25, Ramone Hogue 5-19 6-6 18, Antwone Gildon 3-5 3-4 10, Doug Smotherman 1-7 0-0 3, Pedro Ramirez 1-4 0-1 3, Frankie Delaparra 1-1 1-2 3, Antjuan Hutchinson 1-2 1-1 3, Phillip Killebrew, Robert Napier 0-0 2-2 2. **Totals:** 24-58 16-24 69.

**WHITELAND** — Marcus Hanger 8-16 6-6 25, Reid Meador 6-7 2-4 14, John Worley 2-4 6-6 11, Seth Tichenor 4-5 0-0 8, Donovan Drake 2-2 2-4 7, Billy Patrick 2-3 0-0 6, Adam Money 2-7 0-1 4. **Totals:** 26-45 16-21 75.

**WASHINGTON (4-12)** 9 24 9 27 — **69**  
**WHITELAND (7-12)** 18 17 24 16 — **75**

**Three-point shooting:** Washington 5-17 (Hogue 2-7, Smotherman 1-4, Ramirez 1-2, Gildon 1-3, Hutchinson 0-1), Whiteland 7-11 (Hanger 3-5, Billy Patrick 2-2, Worley 1-1, Drake 1-1, Money 0-2).  
**Rebounds:** Washington 31 (Keys 14, Killebrew 5), Whiteland 24 (Money 5).  
**Fouls:** Washington 20 (Ramirez 5), Whiteland 19 (Money 5).  
**Reserve score:** Whiteland 48, Washington 41.

**Eagles 50**  
**Braves 49**

**BROWN COUNTY** — David Tatham 5-10 1-2 13, Scott Cheek 3-12 2-2 10, Derek Eubanks 4-9 3-7 12, Cori Rubadue 1-4 0-0 2, Jordan Jacobs 2-3 0-0 4, Wes Fox 3-7 1-1 7, Matt Schrimper 1-1 0-0 2, David Miller 0-1 0-0 0, Jason Bright 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 19-48 7-12 50.

**INDIAN CREEK** — Kyle Ray 4-11 0-0 8, T.J. Saint 1-2 0-0 3, Logan Scott 4-8 2-4 10, Ryan Denton 3-4 3-4 9, Mark Dunn 6-9 3-4 15, Zach Poindexter 0-1 0-0 0, Zack Tharpe 2-2 0-0 4, Brad Strobes 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 20-37 8-12 49.

**B. COUNTY (9-10)** 12 15 10 13 — **50**  
**I. CREEK (5-13)** 11 10 14 14 — **49**

**Three-point shooting:** Brown County 5-15 (Tatham 2-4, Cheek 2-5, Eubanks 1-5, Miller 0-1), Indian Creek 1-2 (Saint 1-2).  
**Rebounds:** Brown County 13 (Fox 6), Indian Creek 30 (Dunn 11, Denton 8, Ray 7).  
**Fouls:** Brown County 17 (Fox fouled out), Indian Creek 15.  
**Reserve score:** Indian Creek 57, Brown County 40.

**Grizzly Cubs 81**  
**Quakers 60**

**PLAINFIELD** — Craig Ray 2-5 0-2 4, Jameson Wheeler 0-6 0-2 0, Tyrn Fakes 1-3 0-0 2, Patrick Faris 1-8 2-2 5, Jason Smeathers 8-15 2-3 22, Jake Dunn 1-4 4-7 6, Robbie Cunningham 2-6 0-0 4, Grant Tolver 2-3 6-6 10, Nathan Ellis 1-5 1-2 4, Brock Cox 0-3 0-0 0, Blake Metcalf 0-0 0-0 0, Craig Aldridge 0-2 0-0 0, Michael Uberto 1-1 1-2 3. **Totals:** 19-61 16-26 60.

**FRANKLIN** — Adam Miller 2-5 1-2 7, Patrick Woods 4-4 2-2 11, Adrian Moss 11-17 4-6 27, Ben Gordon 8-10 2-2 21, Brandon Foster 4-5 0-0 8, Joe Pittman 0-0 0-0 0, Eric Lazzell 2-4 0-2 4, Ranon Madison 0-0 0-0 0, Adrian Henry 0-2 0-0 0, Chris Hawkins 1-3 1-1 3, Jordan King 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 32-50 10-15 81.

**PLAINFIELD (7-12)** 14 16 10 20 — **60**  
**FRANKLIN (9-10)** 21 13 27 20 — **81**

**Three-point shooting:** Franklin 7-15 (Miller 2-4, Woods 1-1, Moss 1-2, Gordon 3-5, Lazzell 0-1, Hawkins 0-2), Plainfield 6-29 (Wheeler 0-4, Faris 1-6, Smeathers 4-11, Tolver 0-1, Ellis 1-5, Cox 0-1, Aldridge 0-1).  
**Rebounds:** Franklin 33 (Gordon 9), Plainfield 33 (Cunningham 5).  
**Fouls:** Franklin 23, Plainfield 16.  
**Reserve score:** Plainfield 52, Franklin 45.

# Whiteland withstands scares

By JOE SKEEL  
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The Whiteland Community High School boys' basketball team had its fair share of precarious moments Friday against visiting Washington.

But the small scares weren't enough to keep the Warriors from winning their fifth game in their past six contests.

The Warriors started the game hot and began the second half in the same fashion to earn a 75-69 victory.

Should the two teams meet again in section action, however, Warriors coach Stacy Meyer warned his squad that it will be a different game.

Meyer fears that another meet-

**WARRIORS 75**  
**CONTINENTALS 69**

ing against the Continentals could feature opponents that only marginally resemble the team that pushed Whiteland on Friday.

The Continentals played without two of their top players, Vincent Akers and David Hicks.

The Warriors started the game hot and began the second half in the same fashion to earn a 75-69 victory.

Both are expected to return in time for sectionals, Washington coach Corey Greenwood said.

"We talked about (the matchup) after the game," Meyer said. "If we were to draw Washington or have to play them in the sectionals, it's going to be a totally different game."

Whiteland also will be a slightly different team come sectional time. Starting forward Nick Smither missed Friday's game for disciplinary reasons. He will return for the season finale against Beech Grove next week.

The Warriors (7-12) took advantage of the depleted Continentals, jumping out to an 18-9 lead after the first quarter. Washington (4-12) managed just two field goals in the opening period, the first coming five minutes into the game.

Whiteland maintained its lead

through the first five minutes of the second quarter, but the Continentals put together a 13-4 run, aided by a four-point possession, to cut the Warriors' lead to 35-33 at the half.

Like the beginning of the contest, Whiteland held Washington to just two field goals in the third quarter as it built a 17-point lead by the end of the third quarter. With the Continentals in a press for much of the period, the Warriors hit 9 of 17 shots, including three consecutive 3-pointers.

But the fourth quarter played out much like the second, with Washington making a run and pulling to within 71-66 with just more than one minute remaining. But they would get no closer. Meyer was pleased with the

win and happy the way his team hung together when things got rough down the stretch.

"I give our kids credit for regrouping and getting the game back in control," Meyer said. "I hope they learn from it, because we are going to have close games like this in the sectional."

Junior guard Marcus Hanger led the way for Whiteland with 25 points. Junior center Reid Meador tossed in 14 points and grabbed six rebounds. His effort drew praise from Greenwood.

Senior forward Justin Keys was the only constant threat for the Continentals, scoring 25 points and grabbing a game-high 14 rebounds.

Whiteland visits Connersville at 7:30 tonight.

# Cubs capitalize as Quakers misfire

By GREG DODDRIDGE  
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The Plainfield High School boys basketball team's style played right into the hands of Franklin.

So the Grizzly Cubs took advantage, especially senior Ben Gordon and junior Adrian Moss, in an 81-60 Mid-State Conference victory on Friday.

The Quakers proved to be a 3-point shooting team that took the long-range shot to the extreme as they put up almost one 3-pointer per minute against Franklin.

But Plainfield faced a big problem when their long range shots failed to

**GRIZZLY CUBS 81**  
**QUAKERS 60**

hit their targets. Franklin, however, found ways to score on transition shots.

The Grizzly Cubs shot 64 percent (32 of 50) from the field, including 7 of 15 from behind the 3-point line.

Franklin (9-10) picked up its second win in a row to put the team one game shy of .500. The Cubs also clinched second in the conference standings behind league champion Greenwood.

"There for a while the game looked like a track meet," Franklin coach Dave Clark said.

Plainfield (7-12) shot just 6 of 29 from behind the 3-point line and 19 of 61 from the field. Most of the time, Franklin was able to get easy buckets in transition.

Moss led the way for Franklin, scoring a game-high 27 points on 11-of-17 shooting.

Gordon had an even better shooting night. He shot 8 of 10 from the field, hitting 3 of 5 3-pointers and scoring 21 points. He also grabbed a game-high nine rebounds.

"We felt that we could push the ball on Plainfield," Clark said. "We thought the Quakers were a little slow getting back on defense. We knew they would push back on offense, so

we decided to push on them."

After Gordon hit a 3-pointer late in the second quarter to give Franklin a 34-21 lead, Plainfield rattled off nine straight points to pull within four at halftime.

But Franklin outscored the Quakers 27-10 in the decisive third quarter, during which Gordon and Moss combined for 16 points.

Sophomore Jason Smeathers led Plainfield with 22 points on 8-of-15 shooting.

For Franklin, junior Patrick Woods had 11 points on 4-of-4 shooting. Junior Brandon Foster added eight points.

Franklin hosts Martinsville at 7:30 tonight for Senior Night.



Franklin junior Adrian Moss scored 27 points Friday night to help the Grizzly Cubs in an 81-60 rout of Mid-State Conference rival Plainfield.

# Late free throw spells defeat for Indian Creek

By KEN SEVERSON  
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A foul in the waning seconds of a tie game turned out to be heart-breaking for the Indian Creek boys basketball team

**EAGLES 50**  
**BRAVES 49**

Friday. Brown County junior Derek Eubanks hit one free throw with 3 seconds left to give the visiting Eagles a 50-49 win against the Braves.

"It happens," Indian Creek coach Rex Wilson said of the late

foul. "The kids are in a hectic situation, are playing hard. We'll deal with it, learn from it, and hopefully it won't happen again."

Considering the result the first time the Braves played Brown County, a 70-34 loss by the Braves in January, Indian Creek has improved in the past month. Brown County coach Mark White noticed the improvement.

"We didn't have a lot of energy tonight, which is why we couldn't extend our lead at all," White said. "Indian Creek was a lot more patient (tonight) than the last time, and they played a great game."

"This wasn't our best win." At points in the game, both teams scored in spurts.

Indian Creek (5-13) raced out to a 7-0 lead, but the Eagles immediately countered with eight straight of their own.

Brown County managed a 10-point lead early in the first half, but the Braves cut that to six before making things more interesting in the second half.

In the second half, the score was tied four times.

Indian Creek took the lead 49-48 on a jumper from senior Mark Dunn with 2:05 left. Unfor-

tunately for the Braves, that would be their final points.

A missed free throw, a missed shot and the foul turned out costly.

"The loss hurts, but defensively we played very well and have steadily improved all season," Wilson said. "I have no problem with how hard we played, but we'll have to see how we rebound from this. This was a missed opportunity."

Dunn led all scorers with 15 points and 11 rebounds. Junior Logan Scott added 10 points.

Brown County (9-10) was led by junior guard David Tatham's

13 points. Eubanks added 12, while senior Scott Cheek had 10.

One bit of good news for Indian Creek was the IHSA awarded the school the Sportsmanship Award for 2004-05. The honor was celebrated before Friday's game.

"This was a community award for a wonderful year," Indian Creek athletic director Tim Robison said. "A year of good sportsmanship from the athletes, students, parents and fans. This is something the community can be proud of."

Indian Creek will host Greenwood at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

## • Trojans

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"We weren't able to sustain what we had to do tonight, mentally and physically," Hawkins said. "I think we made a small statement this year."

"But we intend to make another statement next year, that we're going to improve. This is probably the best team in the state, if not the second-best. We're getting there. But I think we just don't realize how much work we have to do."

North Central's starters were too much for the Trojans to handle. Besides Gordon, senior Jordan Campbell scored 18 points, senior Darryl Finkton had 15 and junior Adnan Hodzic had 15 points.

North Central coach Doug Mitchell told the Panthers at halftime to play better defense. And they listened.

"I didn't think we were going to give (up) 40 more points in the second half," Mitchell said. "We stopped their dribble penetration. But the best thing was we kept our focus. We pounded the ball inside the second half and didn't settle for outside shots."

Despite the loss, Hawkins said he believes Friday's game will help the Trojans in the long run.

"We know people in our sectional don't play teams like this. We know we play a demanding



Center Grove senior Todd Price puts up a shot during the first half of Friday's Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference game against visiting North Central.

schedule, and that gives us confidence heading into the tournament," Hawkins said.

Center Grove struggled with shooting. The Trojans made just 22 of 70 (31.4 percent) field-goal attempts and went 10 of 31 (32.2 percent) from 3-point range. Hawkins added the Trojans need to work on fundamentals, like dribbling and

shooting, for future games.

"We need to get better at all our fundamental skills, taking care of the ball and playing defense," Hawkins said.

Center Grove's next game is next Friday night against Lawrence Central at 7:30 p.m. The Trojans will honor their four seniors on Senior Night.



Greenwood senior A.J. Edds looks to go up for a shot during Friday's game against Decatur Central.

## • Streak

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and Jeff Geoghegan secured the victory for the Woodmen in the game's final seconds.

Allee, who led both teams in scoring with 24 points, hit 8 of 10 free throws in the second half and finished with a game-high 10 rebounds.

"We've talked about it all season, and the same held true tonight. Matt is really a hard match-up," Hensley said. "He can play inside or outside. He is key to a lot of things we do."

"I'm glad he's wearing our jersey."

The Hawks hoped to shut down Greenwood's inside game, which would have put much of the scoring pressure on Allee.

Decatur Central relied heavily on 6-foot-7, 240-pound junior Darvel Reed to prevent the Woodmen from working the ball inside the paint to senior A.J. Edds while on offense.

The tactic worked during the game's opening minute, but Reed picked up his second personal foul early in the second quarter and taken out of the game.

With Reed on the bench, Greenwood consistently attacked the Hawks' post defense by working the

ball inside to Edds, who often made an easy field goal or found himself at the free-throw line.

Edds finished the game with 13 points and nine rebounds.

Senior Devon Dumes led the Hawks with 18 points but connected on only 5 of his 18 shots from the field.

"Dumes was our main focal point on defense. We didn't want him to get into a rhythm," Hensley said.

"For the most part, we defended the way we wanted to tonight. We switched between zone, man and box and one.

"It's hard to defend out of a zone." Despite a long-running winning streak and the fact that Green-

wood has secured the Mid-State Conference title with two regular-season contests remaining before sectional competition, Hensley plans, for the most part, to approach next week's games at Indian Creek on Tuesday and at home against New Palestine on Friday just as he has all other games this season.

"You have to keep playing the way you've been playing all year," he said. "You can't really worry about injuries at this point. Injuries can happen in practice. We may cut back a little on our practice time, but the same level of focus and preparation is certainly going to be there."