

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL: IHSAA SECTIONALS

# Warriors, Braves win

## Smither helps Whiteland hold on, top Chatard

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The Whiteland boys basketball team upped the tempo of their opening game against Chatard in the Class 3A Whiteland Sectional on **WARRIORS 55** Tuesday night.

The Warriors quickened the pace in the second half to pull away from the Trojans during the third quarter. Then, they sealed the 55-50 victory with clutch free-throw shooting in the fourth quarter.

With the victory, Whiteland (8-14) earns a spot in the semifinals against Roncalli at 6 p.m. Friday.

The Warriors grabbed an 18-14 lead at the end of the first quarter. However, the Trojans opened the second quarter with a 12-0 run in the first five minutes.

Whiteland managed only four points during the quarter to fall behind 28-22 at halftime.

Senior forward Nick Smither, facing the possibility of playing in his final high school game, responded by scoring all 13 of the Warriors' third-quarter points.

"Coach (Stacy Meyer) just told us we need to do a better job rebounding in the second half," Smither said of his second-half surge. "It's just a mind-set. I have to get rebounds."

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### TONIGHT'S GAMES

Tonight's boys basketball sectional games involving Johnson County teams:

**Class 4A**

**At Southport**

Franklin vs. Decatur Central, 6 p.m.  
Greenwood vs. Franklin Central, 7:30 p.m.



Whiteland senior John Worley, left, shoots in front of Chatard senior David Schieders during the first half of Tuesday's Class 3A sectional game at Whiteland. The host Warriors downed the Trojans 55-50.

## Three-pointer gives Indian Creek momentum for comeback victory

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Mark Dunn didn't want to consider that he might be playing in his final high school basketball game.

That might explain why the Indian Creek High School senior hit arguably the biggest 3-point basket of his career during Tuesday night's Class 2A sectional opener against visiting Park Tudor.

Dunn's shot from NBA range with two seconds left in regulation not only forced overtime, it gave the Braves momentum for a 65-60 win.

Indian Creek closed the fourth quarter on a 12-4 run, then outscored the Panthers 6-1 in overtime to earn the win.

With the victory, the Braves (6-15) advance to Friday's 6 p.m. semifinal against No. 8 Heritage Christian (15-5).

Heritage Christian beat Speedway 66-36 in Tuesday's second first-round game.

**BRAVES 65**  
**PANTHERS 60**

### IN OTHER ACTION

**Morristown 67**  
**Edinburgh 30**

Edinburgh's season ended with a loss to Mid-Hoosier Conference rival Morristown in the first round of the Class A Edinburgh Sectional. Corey Buck, Tyler Cook and Brandon Cravens scored six points each to lead the Lancers, who finished the season 8-13.

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"This might only be our sixth win of the season," Dunn said, "but it's our most important."

The same goes for Dunn's 3-pointer, which came after he rebounded a missed 3-point shot by junior teammate Kyle Ray.

Dunn briefly contemplated passing to freshman teammate Zach Tharpe. But with time running out, he made what he

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Indian Creek junior Kyle Ray, center, makes his way through Park Tudor defenders during Tuesday's Class 2A sectional game at Indian Creek. The Braves won 65-60 in overtime.

# FC women hunger for NCAA title

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They're an upset group of Grizzlies.

The Franklin College women's basketball team has advanced to the NCAA Division III Tournament. But they didn't advance the way they expected.

And that has senior Leslie Mehrlich a bit riled.

"I feel sorry for Capital (University) this week because we're going to take out a lot of our aggression on them," said Mehrlich, a center/forward. "(We're) going to bring some fire to that game."

Franklin (24-4) travels to No. 11 Capital University (25-3) Friday for a 7:30 p.m. first-round tournament game in Columbus, Ohio. The winner plays Saturday against the opening-game winner between Hope College (27-1) and Denison University (22-6).

Capital is the automatic qualifier from the Ohio Athletic Conference. Franklin was awarded an at-large berth Monday.

That's not how Grizzlies wanted to get into the postseason.

Manchester College (20-7) upset top-seeded Franklin 67-65 in Saturday's final of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament.

As a result, the Spartans

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### IF YOU GO

**Who:** Franklin College (24-4) vs. Capital University (25-3)

**What:** First-round NCAA Division III Tournament game

**Where:** The Capital Center in Columbus, Ohio

**When:** Friday

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Tickets:** \$6 for adults; \$3 for students and senior citizens; children 2 and younger free

**Directions:** Travel east on Interstate 70. Exit at the Main Street/Bexley exit. An exit ramp will merge onto Alum Creek Drive and dead end at Main Street.

Turn right onto Main Street and go east to Pleasant Ridge Drive.

Turn right on Pleasant Ridge; the Capital Center will be on your left. Proceed to Mound Street and park in the large parking lot south of Mound Street. The main entrance to the stadium is on Mound Street.

## Stadium deal shows Colts know what's in a name: money

Lucas Oil Field. Is that a garage or a football stadium? It sounds like a garage.

Let's hope it's not the name of the Indianapolis Colts' new stadium.

We'll find out today, when the Colts are expected to announce a deal with a California-based automotive oil manufacturer for naming rights of the new facility.

Lucas Oil Products has apparently agreed to a multiyear, multimillion-dollar agreement for the stadium to sport some semblance of its name.

One local television station has reported that the new 63,000-seat, retractable roof facility will be called Lucas Oil Stadium. Other reports say it will be named Lucas Oil Field. Or perhaps just Lucas Field.

Either way, my reaction is: Yuck. It's no surprise that the \$500 million stadium will bear a corporate name. But it's disappointing that it has to be so bland and have absolutely nothing in common with the city or the team.

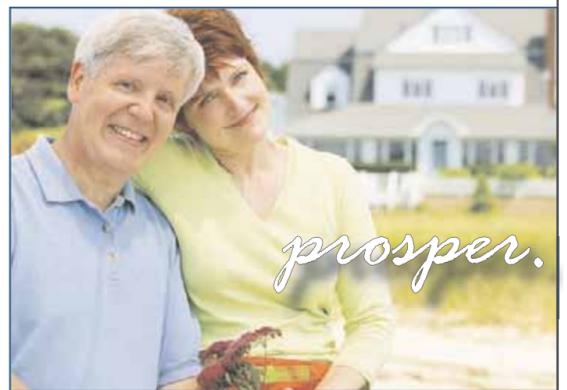
Lucas Oil Stadium? Lucas Oil Field? Lucas Field? Where is the Colts' or the city's identity in any of those names?

Then again, that is nature of the business these days. What does Qualcomm Stadium say about San Diego? Or Gillette Stadium say about New England?

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