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### COLLEGE BASKETBALL



**TODAY'S GAME**  
**Connecticut Huskies (19-1) at Indiana Hoosiers (13-5)**  
 Time: 1 p.m.  
 TV: WISH-Channel 8  
 Radio: WFBQ-94.7 FM



**TODAY'S GAME**  
**Wisconsin Badgers (15-6 overall, 5-3 Big Ten) at Purdue Boilermakers (7-13, 1-8)**  
 Time: 8 p.m.  
 TV: WTTV-Channel 4  
 Radio: WNDE-1260 AM

### NBA

#### Focus on the court

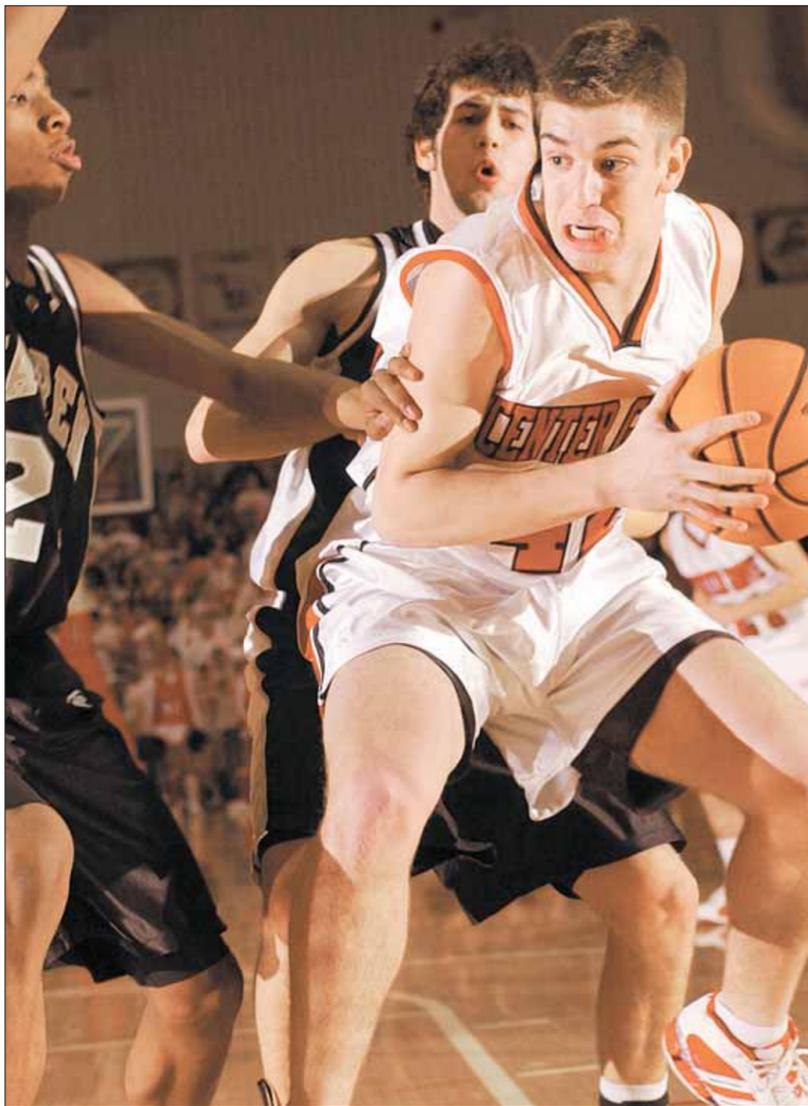
The Indiana Pacers will host the Detroit Pistons at 8 tonight, and after the trade of Ron Artest to the Sacramento Kings, there should be less talk of the 2004 brawl in Auburn Hills.



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### PREP BASKETBALL

# Working overtime



Center Grove senior Joey Clawson looks to go up for a shot during Friday's Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference game against visiting Warren Central.

### IN OTHER GAMES

**Boys**  
**Greenwood 64**  
**Beech Grove 39**  
 Senior A.J. Edds hit 9 of his 10 field-goal attempts and scored a game-high 23 points to lead visiting Greenwood past Beech Grove. The Woodmen outscored the Hornets 19-7 in the final quarter to improve to 11-4 this season.

**Whiteland 44**  
**Triton Central 27**  
 Visiting Whiteland survived poor shooting to beat Triton Central and improve to 5-11 this season. Nick Smither had 13 points to lead the Warriors, who hit just 15 of 49 shots from the field.

**Martinsville 60**  
**Indian Creek 49**  
 Mark Dunn scored 20 points, and Kyle Ray added 13, but it wasn't enough to carry Indian Creek past visiting Martinsville in a nonconference game. The Braves dropped to 4-11 this season.

**Girls**  
**Lutheran 60**  
**Edinburgh 29**  
 Visiting Edinburgh was no match for the Class A No. 1-ranked Saints. Kristie Smith scored 13 points to lead the Lancers, who finished the regular season with a 4-16 record.

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### TODAY'S GAMES

**Boys**  
 Center Grove at Whiteland  
 Edinburgh at Indian Creek  
 Franklin at Columbus East  
 Mount Vernon at Whiteland  
 All games at 7:30 p.m.

## Warriors edge Trojans in three extra periods

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**WARRIORS 82**  
**TROJANS 80**

While sitting on the bench, Josh Jones had been daydreaming about making a game-winning shot. As fate would have it, his dream came true.

Jones' layup with 2.6 second left in triple overtime gave visiting Warren Central an 82-80 win Friday night against Metropolitan Interscholastic rival Center Grove.

Jones' layup spoiled Center Grove's comeback attempt. The Trojans had rallied from a 12-point fourth-quarter deficit to force overtime.

The Trojans (9-6, 2-3 MIC) had a chance to win at the end of the third overtime, but junior Tyler Kitchel's running 3-point attempt fell short of the basket.

"I saw my point guard (junior Antwone Rogers) was in trouble," said Jones, who scored just four points the entire game. "I saw he messed up, and we made eye contact. He passed it to me, and I shot the ball."

"I just found a hole."  
 Center Grove coach Cliff Haw-

kins said the Trojans cost themselves the game, committing too many turnovers and not playing tough enough on defense.

The Trojans, who have lost three of their past four games, had a five-point lead in the second overtime but couldn't finish off the Warriors (12-4, 3-3 MIC).

Center Grove missed two chances to win just before the second overtime expired. Kitchel missed a 3-point attempt with six seconds remaining, and Louis Kamo's rebound tip grazed the front of the rim.

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

Cliff Hawkins  
 Center Grove boys basketball coach

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# Franklin wrestlers excel even in practice

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Franklin Community High School wrestlers Michael Reese, Brad Gallagher and Cody Johnson have trouble finding practice partners.

When the three undefeated seniors step into the wrestling circle, potential drill partners often scatter in different directions.

As a result, coach Bob Hasseman sometimes has to assign other Grizzly Cubs wrestlers to practice against the unbeaten trio. It's an assignment no one seems to want.



From left, Franklin Community High School wrestlers Brad Gallagher, Cody Johnson and Michael Reese enter today's individual regional at Mooresville High School with unbeaten records this season.

"It's all because we go as hard as we can every day," said Johnson, who is 36-0 at 215 pounds. "We all keep moving the whole time and push real hard. Sometimes, guys don't like that. "But that's what you've got to do to win. We always try to do that." Johnson & Co. will try to keep winning today at the Mooresville

Individual Regional, where the sixth-ranked Cubs (25-1) are represented by 13 wrestlers.

The top three in each weight class will advance to the Feb. 11 semistate at Evansville Reitz.

Today marks the first time in Hasseman's 19 years at Franklin that the Cubs have had three undefeated wrestlers so deep into the

postseason. Gallagher is 35-0 at 119 pounds; Reese is 34-0 at 160.

"I think it's great," Hasseman said. "It's kind of a rarity. Sometimes you have just one. A lot of years, you don't have any kids that are undefeated. These guys really wrestle well."

"You don't hear much about them being undefeated. They go about their work and do their job. They work hard in practice. That's one of the reasons they are undefeated."

Gallagher, Reese and Johnson agree that hard work is a key to their success. But they also credit Hasseman's approach to conducting practice for their development.

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## Cubs' coach getting proper sendoff

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Today does not mark the end of Kurt Hass' distinguished coaching career at Franklin Community High School.

But it does signal the final time he'll coach the Grizzly Cubs girls swimming and diving team in the sectional.

For Hass, it's a bittersweet day.

"Sure, I've been doing it for a long time," said Hass, who is retiring at the end of the season. He's coached boys and girls swimming at the school for 33 years but has been especially successful with the girls program.

His accomplishments with the girls

### IF YOU GO

**What:** IHSAA girls swimming and diving sectional  
**When:** Today. Diving trials at 9 a.m.; consolation and finals in all events, 2 p.m.  
**Where:** Indian Creek High School  
**Admission:** Single session, \$4; all-session ticket, \$7

include 17 Mid-State Conference team championships; a state-record six IHSAA state diving champions; countless state meet swimming and diving qualifiers; and winning records almost every season.

Little wonder he'll miss coaching the girls after today's final sectional go-round.

"Certainly, the history with the girls has been good and rewarding," said Hass, whose coaching career won't end until after the boys season. "Yeah, there's certainly some nostalgia."

"I don't know how you can put the time and effort into something that I've put into this program and not have that. I don't know how that could happen."

Hass knows this much heading into today's sectional final: The Cubs are

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Franklin Community High School senior swimmer Greta Hass practices at the school Thursday. The Grizzly Cubs will compete in today's Indian Creek sectional finals. Their coach, Kurt Hass, will retire at the end of the boys swimming season.

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# NFL's ideal teams

## Seahawks trying to mirror way Steelers operate

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**G**o ahead, dive headfirst into free agency. Spend big bucks

on big names. See how close to the salary cap ceiling you can get without bumping your head. Mortgage the future for a shot at a championship now. In the NFL, that approach rarely works. Almost never, in fact. Tim Ruskell prefers another method: Do what the Pittsburgh Steelers do. The Seattle Seahawks' director of football operations doesn't have to search long for the NFL's most stable, best-run organization. He simply points to the other team in the Super Bowl. Then he tries to emulate it. "Look at the Steelers," Ruskell says. "What a model for all of us. The way they do it, that's the way to do it. Get good people, a philosophy that works, and stick with it. Even in down years, hang with it. Stay strong. "If you believe in your plan and the players you brought in and your overall philosophy, you have to hang with it."

Pittsburgh has done that for decades. Back in 1969, the Steelers hired Chuck Noll as coach and began a series of drafts that formed perhaps the greatest dynasty in NFL history: four Super Bowl wins in six seasons.

Joe Greene, L.C. Greenwood, Terry Bradshaw, Mel Blount, Jack Ham, Franco Harris, Lynn Swann, Jack Lambert, John Stallworth, a seemingly endless supply of superb choices. The Hall of Fame

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**SUPER BOWL**  
**Seattle Seahawks vs. Pittsburgh Steelers**  
 Time: 6 p.m. Sunday  
 TV: WRTV-Channel 6

## James says Colts don't want him

The Associated Press

**INDIANAPOLIS**  
 The way Edgerrin James sees it, the Indianapolis Colts aren't interested in signing him to a new contract.

Colts president Bill Polian, however, says no decisions have been made yet on which of the team's potential free agents he'll try to keep on the roster.

James, the franchise's career rushing leader and two-time NFL rushing champion, will play in the Pro Bowl for the fourth time this month and become an unrestricted free agent in March.

"You can read between the lines, and from the things I'm hearing, nothing's going to happen," James said. "And that's crazy, man."

"I'm part of the solution, I'm not part of the problem."



JAMES

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