

## LOCAL

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## FC's Roberson named co-MVP in conference

Franklin College senior guard Lindsey Roberson has been voted co-MVP of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, the league announced Thursday.

Roberson shares the honor with senior forward Meghann Savard of Defiance.

Roberson was the HCAC's top scorer with 16.8 points per game. She also averaged 7.6 rebounds, 2.4 assists and a league-high 2.5 3-point baskets per game.

A three-time member of the all-FCAC team, Roberson was the league's MVP last season.

Joining Roberson on this year's all-FCAC team are senior teammates Becky Ballard and Leslie

Merhlich. Junior Brittany Beehler earned honorable mention.

Franklin plays tonight at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, in a first-round NCAA Division III Tournament game.

## HIGH SCHOOL

## Two Greenwood athletes make college choices

Greenwood Community High School seniors MaryAnn Wisner and Ross Hayden have accepted scholarships, the school's athletic department has announced.

Wiser, a swimmer, will continue her career at Ohio State University. Hayden will play football at Taylor, an NAIA school in northeastern Indiana.

A four-year MVP and three-time captain on the Greenwood swimming and diving team, Wiser swims sprints and middle-distance freestyle events.

Hayden, a 6-foot-3, 275-pound offensive lineman, was a two-year starter for the Woodmen.



ROBERSON

## BASKETBALL

## RICHMOND

## Ohio man charged with attacking coach in game

An Ohio man faces a battery charge for reportedly attacking an elementary school girls basketball coach during a game.

Ray A. Lloyd jumped from the stands at Northeastern Elementary School on Feb. 25 and repeatedly struck coach Ensel Moore, leaving Moore with a large bump on the top of his head, according to court documents filed Wednesday.

Lloyd told officers that Moore, a coach at Centerville Elementary School, had made derogatory comments about his daughter, who was playing for Northeastern, but said he could not recall what those comments were, according to a probable cause affidavit.

The 39-year-old Englewood, Ohio, man faces one count of battery for the attack at the school in Fountain City, about 70 miles east of Indianapolis.

Four witnesses told police that Lloyd repeatedly hit Moore until people jumped from the stands and halted the attack.

## MIAMI

## Wade accepts invitation to try out for U.S. team

Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade wants another shot at a gold medal.

Wade said he has accepted an invitation to try out for the U.S. basketball team that will compete at the world championships and the 2008 Olympics.

USA basketball director Jerry Colangelo is expected to reveal the 25-man roster Sunday.

Wade was on the 2004 team that won a bronze medal in Athens.

"I can honestly say if I had gotten (the gold) the first time, it probably would have been a different scenario this time around," he said.

Shaquille O'Neal also has been invited to play, but Wade doesn't expect his Heat teammate to try out for the team.

"I'm not going to try to convince him," Wade said. "It's going to be hard to convince him anyway, with a new baby on the way. I just wanted to make my decision before him, so if that helped him any ..."

## GOLF



Tiger Woods chips onto the seventh green during the first round of the Ford Championship at Doral in Doral, Fla., on Thursday. Woods is the early leader.

## MIAMI

## Woods leads Mickelson by one shot at Doral

Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson continued their duel at opposite ends of Doral on Thursday, and the outcome didn't change.

Woods still was one shot better.

In a balmy start to the Florida swing, Woods again reached the 603-yard 12th hole in two shots and ran off a string of birdies along the back nine of the Blue Monster for an 8-under 64 that put him atop the leaderboard by one shot over Phil Mickelson and four others in the Ford Championship at Doral.

Woods won last year in a scintillating showdown between golf's two biggest personalities, with

Woods pulling ahead on a 30-foot birdie putt at No. 17 and Mickelson lipping out a birdie chip on the final hole.

They teed off at the same time Thursday, but on opposite nines.

They were together only on the leaderboard.

Woods got off to a hot start on a tropical afternoon with birdies on three of his first four holes, including a tee shot to within a foot on the 222-yard fourth hole. Mickelson made three straight birdies around the turn.

On No. 14, Woods earned one of three straight birdies that shot him to the top of the leaderboard. His 64 was his best score in the first round on the PGA Tour since a 63 in the 2003 Western Open, which he went on to win by five.

## BASEBALL

## SARASOTA, Fla.

## Reds pitching coach reveals he has cancer

Cincinnati Reds pitching coach Vern Ruhle has cancer but plans to work while getting treatment.

The 55-year-old Ruhle informed Reds players on Thursday, before the club opened its spring training schedule against the Detroit Tigers in Lakeland, Fla. He didn't disclose the type of cancer he has but said doctors expect him to make a full recovery.

"My doctors feel that they've caught it at an early stage and it is very treatable," Ruhle said in a statement.

Ruhle declined to comment beyond his statement.

## SANTA ANA, Calif.

## Ruling means Angels won't be changing name

A judge rejected a request Thursday by the city of Anaheim to force the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim to change their name back to the Anaheim Angels.

Orange County Superior Court Judge Peter J. Polos ruled he had no authority to reverse the ruling of a jury that three weeks ago decided in the team's favor. The jury found that the Angels didn't breach a contract with the city when owner Arte Moreno changed their name in January 2005.

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Chavez said Anaheim has yet to decide whether to appeal the case.

## For Irish, it's must-win time

## Notre Dame needs victory to get into Big East Tournament

By TOM COYNE

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## SOUTH BEND

Notre Dame men's basketball coach Mike Brey likes the simplicity of the formula facing the Irish to qualify for next week's Big East tournament: Beat DePaul on Saturday, and they are in.

"There's no other outside forces at work here," he said. "It comes down to a one-game shot on Saturday."

The Irish (14-12, 5-10) can finish 11th or 12th in the league depending on the outcome of games during the next few days. If they finish 12th, they would play the fifth seed at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the first round of the tournament. If they finish 11th, they would face the No. 6 team at 9 p.m.

But Brey doesn't want the Irish to be thinking about that. He jokingly scolded a reporter who asked him whether he thought other teams might think the Irish might be a scary team to face in the tournament.

"Don't you start talking about New York yet," he said. "We are a scary team, period. We are a scary team to people, but I can't look that far ahead."

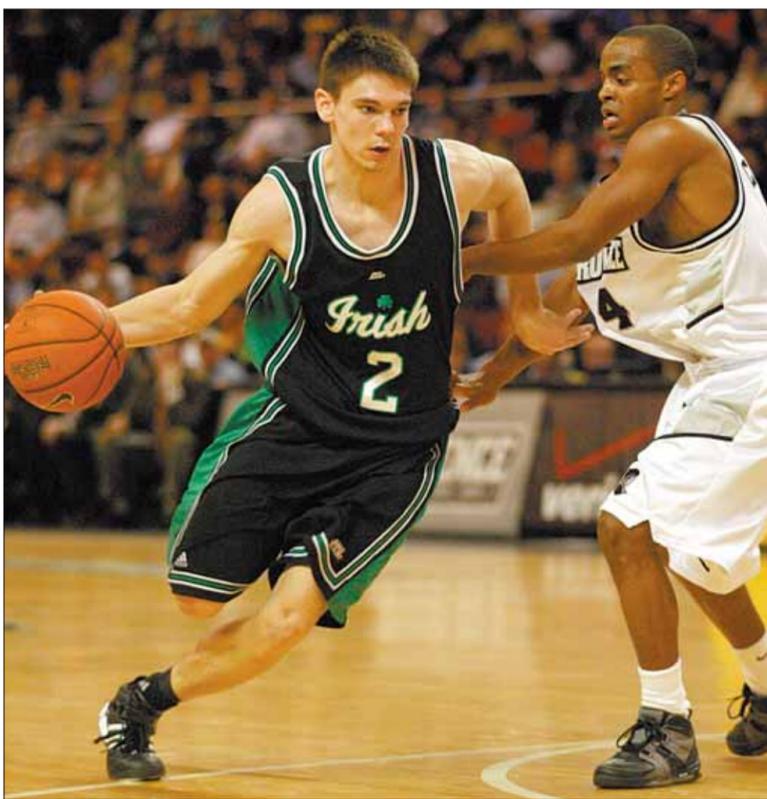
His focus is squarely on DePaul, which beat the Irish 73-67 in early January.

"They scare the heck out of me, and they already beat us," Brey said. "What DePaul did to us out of the gate at Allstate (Arena), they had the whip on us in the first 20 minutes."

Brey is worried the Irish could see a repeat of their most recent home game, an 80-72 loss to Marquette on Saturday.

In beating Providence 82-75 on the road Wednesday, Brey said the Irish were a lot more loose, even when the Friars made a late run.

"I thought we did a great job of responding fearlessly in a situation like that," he said. "I think there was a little bit more of 'Take it' instead of 'Can we get it?'"



Notre Dame's Chris Quinn, left, drives past Providence's Sharaud Curry during a Big East game in Providence, R.I., on Wednesday. Notre Dame must beat DePaul on Saturday to qualify for the league tourney.

So how does Brey plan on keeping the Irish loose heading into Saturday, with the added pressure of it being the final regular-season home game for seniors?

"I'm going to dress like Barry Bonds for the game and keep these guys really loose," Brey said, referring to the San Francisco Giants slugger dressing up as Paula Abdul at spring training.

Brey hopes the Irish adopt the attitude of going for it.

"As long as we're in an attack frame of mind, not looking over our shoulder," he said.

So what happens if the Irish get caught looking over their shoulder and lose? Brey said the Irish could still somehow make the conference tournament.

"But man, a lot of stars would have to line up," he said.

That math is simply too complicated. Brey wants to keep it simple: Win, and the Irish are in.

## ● Trojans

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senior center Todd Price said "Around here, Center Grove boys basketball isn't known as something prestigious. But we're trying to be the team that changes everything and changes everybody's (perception) of Center Grove basketball."

"We want to show them that we're not just a joke anymore, that we can win. We're a tough team, and we could win the sectional."

Sailing hasn't been smooth the entire way, but Hawkins shares the team's optimism and likes the Trojans' season-long progress.

Even in defeat, they learned lessons along the way against a difficult Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference schedule that included No. 1-ranked, two-time defending state champion Lawrence North and No. 6 North Central.

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ued to improve," said Hawkins, who is winding down his second season. "That's an easy thing to say and a very hard thing to do."

Specifically, Hawkins says, the Trojans are a better-conditioned, more-skilled, mentally tougher team than they were a year ago.

Moreover, they're hungrier than ever for a sectional breakthrough.

Center Grove has lost four straight sectional openers and eight of its past nine. Its most recent postseason victory was in 2001 against Columbus North.

But for the Trojans, who drew a first-round bye, winning their opener isn't the goal. Winning the tournament is, and not just for their personal satisfaction.

## ● NFL

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There are two years left on the labor agreement first signed in 1993 and extended continually before the deadline.

But unless there is an agreement, there will be no salary cap in 2007, which could create big-spend "haves" and low-revenue "have-nots," a situation that has prevailed in other sports such as baseball.

That also has traps for teams and players: A player would be eligible for free agency only after six years instead of the current four; there would be no salary minimum; and annual raises would be limited to 30 percent.

That is complicated by an internal dispute over revenue sharing between big- and small-money teams, a battle that has accelerated as outside revenue has increased from sources from stadium naming rights to local radio. That money is expected to be included in the new labor contract for the first time.

Upshaw contends that internal dispute should be settled before the labor agreement is reached, but the owners didn't even discuss it Thursday.

"Sure, we should discuss it," said Buffalo owner Ralph Wilson, one of the have-nots. "But we didn't."

The three-day respite gave a lot of club officials a little relief.

"Whatever the rules are, we'll follow them," said Tennessee general manager Floyd Reese, who spent the past three days trying to cut an estimated \$18 million from the team's payroll. "I personally think it's healthier for the league to have a cap, but that's my opinion."

The ramifications of a low cap and a lot of players on the market — the likely situation if there is no

## McNair gets one more season as Tennessee's QB

The Associated Press

## NASHVILLE, Tenn.

The Tennessee Titans decided Thursday they will pay a \$1 million

fee to keep quarterback Steve McNair this season but allow him to become a free agent after this season.

Tennessee won't have to pay a \$50 million option that would have extended McNair's contract through 2009, the quarterback's agent said Thursday. Still, the agent estimated McNair will take up more than a quarter of the team's salary cap space.

The future of the NFL's 2003 co-MVP had been in doubt with the Titans facing pressure to get under the cap by Thursday.

Titans general manager Floyd Reese said they will keep trying to negotiate a new deal with McNair that gives them more room under the salary cap.



MCNAIR

agreement — go beyond free agency. If there is no deal by Monday, cap problems will make it hard for teams to sign their draft picks, especially the high ones.

"We can always find creative ways to do things," said Leigh Steinberg, the agent for Southern California quarterback Matt Leinart, expected to be chosen no later than third in the draft.

"But I hope by draft time we will be beyond that. As teams peer into the abyss, as they peer into the apocalypse, sanity will return."

## ● Colts

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June and Mathis can still negotiate with other teams, but by making the offers, the Colts could match any deal they sign. If the Colts choose not to match the deal, they would receive a draft choice as compensation from the other team.

In his second season as a starter, June blossomed. The converted safety recorded 109 tackles, third most on the team, and intercepted a team-high five passes, which helped him earn his first Pro Bowl selection.

The two moves Thursday were the latest intended to shore up the Colts' defense, which was faster and better last season.

On Wednesday, the Colts agreed to a multiyear deal with Gary Brackett, another starting linebacker and their leading tackler last season with 131 tackles.

David Thornton, the third member of the Colts' linebackers, still is set to become an unrestricted free agent Monday. Brian Mackler, who represents both June and Thornton, said there was no update on Thornton.

The Colts also signed defensive lineman Raheem Brock to a five-year deal Saturday.

The Colts, who are \$6 million to \$10 million over the NFL salary cap of \$94.5 million, also reportedly lost an arbitration ruling that would have helped them get underneath the cap.

An Indianapolis newspaper reported Thursday that the ruling prevents the Colts from converting roster bonuses totaling about \$19 million into signing bonuses for Peyton Manning and Marvin Harrison. Had the Colts won the ruling, they could have cleared enough room to be in compliance with league rules by putting the money into signing bonuses.

Instead, team president Bill Polian faces tougher decisions about releasing veteran players. Agents for defensive tackles Corey Simon and Montae Reagar and receiver Brandon Stokley, who all have base salaries of at least \$1.5 million next year, said the Colts had given them no indication whether their players might be cut.

The Colts have been one of the league's most active teams in locking up free agents despite not having a new collective bargaining agreement in place. Wide receiver Reggie Wayne is among the players the Colts have signed.

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