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Woodmen go the distance in victory

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Visiting Columbus North was determined to play a perimeter game against Greenwood Community High School on Friday night, and the Woodmen were more than happy to oblige.

Greenwood (8-3) connected on 10 of 16 3-point attempts, including 7 of 11 in the first half, and easily defeated the Bull Dogs 72-55.

Senior Matt Allee, one of four Woodmen seniors to score in double figures, hit nine of his 15 shots from the field, including 3 of 4 from 3-point range.

Robbie Newbold and Evan Checkey added 15 each, and A.J. Edds contributed 10 points.

"We shot the ball very well, and we took good shots," said Greenwood coach Bruce Hensley. "Our guys are seniors. They know how to play well."

Columbus North (2-10) quickly

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erased a 14-point halftime deficit by rattling off seven unanswered points early in the third quarter.

But the Woodmen answered with a run of their own which was ignited by Newbold when he sank his first 3-point shot of the game on Greenwood's third possession of the second half.

The Bull Dogs never seriously challenged again.

"We knew they would change their defense on us in the second half, and for the first couple of minutes, we didn't respond very well," Hensley said. "They do a lot of changing on defense, but we were ready for everything they did."

The Woodmen were almost as equally impressive on the boards as they were offensively.

Greenwood posted 33 rebounds, including 13 on offense while lim-

iting Columbus North to 18. Allee topped all rebounders with nine, while Edds chipped in with seven.

"Having A.J. back certainly helps us on both sides of the ball," Hensley said. "He's our strongest post player, and he gives us a lot of depth. But all of our guys are contributors."

Senior Justin Gast hit 7 of his 8 field-goal attempts and led the Bull Dogs in scoring with 14 points. Senior Zach Sweeney added 13 points.

"Against a team like Columbus North, you can't lose your focus," Hensley added. "We had a few mental breakdowns, but overall, we played them pretty good on defense."

"They made some tough shots." The Woodmen hit 16 of 25 field-goal attempts in the opening half, while the Bull Dogs were 11 of 24.

Greenwood returns to action Tuesday with a road game at Perry Meridian.



STAFF PHOTO BY MATT OOLEY/mooley@thejournalnet.com
Greenwood Community High School senior Jeff Geoghegan goes up for a shot during Friday's game against visiting Columbus North.

Long paces Cubs Franklin evens conference mark

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MOORESVILLE
Cody Long is comfortable shooting perimeter shots for the Franklin Community High School boys basketball team. **CUBS 58**

That's because his **PIONEERS 40** teammates have helped enable the senior guard to become an efficient shooter.

Showcasing his abilities, Long made all three of his 3-point attempts Friday night to help power the Grizzly Cubs to a 58-40 win against host Mid-State Conference rival Mooresville.

Long finished with a team-high 22 points in helping the Cubs vanquish Mooresville for the first time since 2002.

Rebounding from a 67-64 loss to Center Grove in the championship game of the Johnson County Boys Basketball Tournament on Jan. 14, Franklin notched its second conference win of the season to stay tied for first in the standings.

Franklin (6-7, 2-0 Mid-State) made 9 of 16 3-pointers and shot 22 of 39 from the field against the Pioneers (4-9, 1-3).

Long credits his accurate shooting to a combination of teammate contributions: junior point guard Adrian Moss' effective dribble penetration; senior guard Adam Miller's ability to draw defenders away; and senior forward Ben Gordon's rebounding skills.

"I don't feel too bad shooting with Gordon under the basket to rebound," Long said.

Gordon, who averages 13 rebounds a game, had only three against the Pioneers. But he made all four of his field-goal attempts and finished with 10 points.

Miller also had a solid shooting performance, scoring 15 points on a 5-of-10 effort from the field, which included three 3-pointers.

Franklin made four 3-pointers in the first quarter but led by just two, at 14-12, at the end of the period. But the Cubs played stifling defense the rest of the game.

Mooresville was just 13 of 36 from the field.

Moss played a major role in the defensive effort. He didn't start because Franklin coach Dave Clark wanted to go with a taller lineup to counter Mooresville's height advantage, which includes 6-6 Adam Lawson.

Chris Hawkins, a 6-foot-5 senior, started instead of 5-9 Moss.

But it didn't take long for Moss to make his presence felt.

With pass deflections, steals and blocks, Moss helped Franklin convert its pressuring defense into its transition game.

"We needed to get an up-tempo game from our defense because Mooresville wanted to slow the game down," said Clark, adding that Moss' energy gave Franklin's defense a lift late in the game.

"I think that (Friday night) was the first game where we played 100 percent, good, solid defense," Long said.

Moss had five points. Lawson led Mooresville with 15.

Franklin's next game is Tuesday night at Brown County.

Warriors cool after hot start in loss to Quakers

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PLAINFIELD
Usually the team in control ends up with a win.

Unfortunately that wasn't the case for the Whiteland Community High School boys basketball team during Friday night's game against visiting Mid-State Conference rival Plainfield.

A quick start and spirited finish by the Warriors wasn't enough to overcome Plainfield's pressure defense or its timely shooting.

The result was a 69-65 loss,

QUAKERS 69
WARRIORS 65

Whiteland's third straight.

Plainfield, meanwhile, won its fourth in a row and kept alive its bid for the conference title.

For the most part, Whiteland coach Stacy Meyer applauded the Warriors' play. But he was disappointed by the outcome.

"I felt we controlled the majority of the game, but we started missing some easy shots toward the end," Meyer said. "(Plainfield's) press wore on us, and we have to knock down the shots late in the game."

"Early on we did, but we have to do that later on."

Whiteland was streaky most of the night.

After the Warriors jumped out to an 8-0 lead, the Quakers closed the gap to one before the Warriors scored seven unanswered points.

Whiteland then suffered a big blow when 6-foot-8 junior center Reid Meador went down with a leg injury. He left the game and did not return.

"He rolled his ankle," Meyer said. "Ultimately that hurt us on our defensive rebounds because (Plainfield) capitalized with

some put-backs."

Even without their tallest player, the Warriors increased their lead to 10 in the first half. But the Quakers gradually wore Whiteland down with their press.

Plainfield coach Dana Greene kept his lineup fresh by shuffling players throughout game. Fourteen different players saw action.

Plainfield gained momentum in the second half and took a nine-point lead late in the fourth quarter. But Whiteland climbed within two with 46 seconds to play.

A pair of free throws by sophomore guard Jameson Wheeler with 28 seconds left sealed the win

for Plainfield (6-7, 2-0 Mid-State).

"We played well, and that was the hardest we've played in a few weeks," Meyer said. "We were unselfish, but we're upset that we let one get away."

Whiteland (2-10, 0-4) had four players in double figures. Junior Marcus Hanger led the way with 13. Seniors Bret Moore and John Worley had 12 each. Senior Nick Smither added 11.

Senior Robbie Cunningham led Plainfield with 14 points. Senior Pat Faris and junior Craig Ray had 10 each.

Whiteland hosts Speedway at 7:30 tonight.

Denton plays hero as Braves win first conference game

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A last-second shot by senior forward Ryan Denton gave the Indian Creek boys basketball team two things it hasn't had all season: back-to-back wins and a victory in the Mid-Hoosier Conference.

Denton's basket as time expired lifted the host Braves to a 49-48 victory against Southwestern (Shelby) on Friday night.

With the win, the Braves improved to 3-9 overall and 1-3 in the conference.

Denton's basket was especially timely in light of the fact Indian Creek let a nine-point second-half lead slip away.

Down 34-25 with just more than

BRAVES 49
SPARTANS 48

a minute to play in the third quarter, the Spartans went on a 16-6 run to take the lead 41-40 with 5:16 to play.

The teams traded baskets before the Braves found themselves clinging to a 47-46 lead and junior Logan Scott at the free-throw line with 24 seconds left.

Scott missed the front-end of the one-and-one. Denton tracked down the rebound and was fouled, sending him to the line for a chance to put the game away.

But Denton, too, missed the first shot. Southwestern grabbed the rebound and had a chance to

take the lead with 10 seconds left when guard Randy Cox was fouled and went to the line.

Cox missed both free throws, but his second miss went off the hands of Indian Creek senior Mark Dunn, giving possession back to the Spartans.

On the inbound play, Cox again drove the lane and was fouled. This time he hit both free throws to give his team a 48-47 lead with only 7 seconds left in the game.

With no timeouts left, Indian Creek quickly inbounded the ball to junior guard Zach Poindexter, who raced up the left sideline, drawing three Spartan defenders as he neared the 3-point line.

That's when Denton drifted to the left baseline, allowing

Poindexter to find him for the game-winning shot from 15 feet.

"That was a first," Denton said of his game-winning shot. "That was crazy. I got a great pass from Zach, and I just happened to hit it."

"It was all luck. I was glad I could hit it and lead my team to victory."

Denton finished with a team-high 17 points. He also had six rebounds.

Indian Creek coach Rex Wilson was pleased with the win but not with the way the Braves had to hold on for it.

"Don't get me wrong, I'm very happy that we won," Wilson said. "In the last timeout, I had told them to win this despite themselves. We missed two one-and-

ones and gave up an offensive rebound off a free throw."

Dunn, typically the Braves' offensive focus, had only three points in the first half. But he regrouped in the second half and finished with 13 points and 12 rebounds.

The Braves hope to use the victory as a rallying point for the remainder of the season. They play at Monrovia next Friday and host conference rival Triton Central the following night.

"We have a stretch of games here that we need to get on a roll," Wilson said. "That's two games that hopefully we can get."

"That would give us four wins in a row, and we need to get on a roll."

Edinburgh snaps losing streak with blowout of visiting Eminence

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Fast starts don't necessarily guarantee wins, but they sure help.

Edinburgh junior center Brandon Cravens found his scoring hand in the opening minutes as he scored seven quick points to set the tone for the Lancers.

As a result, Edinburgh cruised to a 74-55 win against the visiting Eels.

The victory halts a two-game losing streak for the Lancers (5-6), who already have exceeded

LANCERS 74
EELS 55

their win total from last season, when they were 4-17.

Cravens led all scorers with 23 points on 8-of-15 shooting from the field. He had three 3-pointers and grabbed six rebounds.

Despite the wide victory margin, Eminence made things interesting in the first half with a full-court press that forced seven turnovers. Those errors brought the Eels back from a 9-2 deficit.

They closed to 17-14 by the end of the period.

Cravens and sophomore Josh Burton hit back-to-back 3-pointers in the second quarter to increase the Lancers' lead to 29-20. But the Eels closed the half on a 9-0 run, forging a 29-29 halftime tie.

But Edinburgh came out reenergized in the third quarter and went to an up-tempo game the Eels couldn't match.

With 3:40 left in the quarter, the Lancers built their lead to 42-30.

"When they were out pressuring

us, we were able to move the ball," Edinburgh coach Steve Todd said. "And I told our guys that when they were trapping, we had to move to the basket, and that was opening things up for us."

With a 12-point advantage heading to the final period, Edinburgh never lost intensity. The Eels grew tired and were forced to foul.

Eminence made one final charge with 5:32 remaining, scoring eight straight points at one stretch. But the Lancers regrouped to seal the 19-point victory.

Senior guard Tyler Cook had 15

points for the Lancers. Senior teammate Corey Buck had 10 points and seven rebounds.

Sophomore center Seth Henderson had seven points and seven rebounds off the bench for Edinburgh.

Eminence (4-9) was 20 of 52 from field, including 3 of 15 on 3-point tries.

Sophomore Bobby Stinson and junior Tyler Adkisson each had 11 points for the Eels. Adkisson also had 11 rebounds.

Edinburgh plays again at 7:30 tonight at Crothersville.

BY THE NUMBERS

Quakers 69
Warriors 65

WHITELAND — Nick Smither 3-8 3-4 11, Marcus Hanger 4-11 3-5 13, Adam Money 3-9 2-2 9, Bret Moore 4-7 1-2 12, John Worley 5-8 2-2 12, Reid Meador 0-0 0-0 0, Donovan Drake 1-4 0-0 3, Seth Tichenor 1-2 2-4 4, Cam Richards 0-0 0-0 0, Billy Patrick 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals:** 21-50 13-19 65.

PLAINFIELD — Craig Ray 5-9 0-3 10, Jameson Wheeler 2-4 3-6 8, Tyrone Fakes 0-2 1-2 1, Pat Faris 3-8 2-2 10, Robbie Cunningham 3-7 8-10 14, Nathan Ellis 2-4 1-1 5, Jake Dunn 3-4 1-3 7, Jason Smeathers 1-5 2-2 5, Grant Toliver 1-1 2-4 4, Blake Metcalf 0-1 1-2 1, Zane Fakes 0-0 0-0 0, Michael Uberto 1-1 0-0 2, Brock Cox 0-0 0-0 0, Blake Cox 1-1 0-1 2. **Totals:** 22-47 21-36 65.

WHITELAND 15 15 20 — 65
PLAINFIELD 10 15 20 — 69

Three-point shooting: Whiteland 9-24 (Moore 3-6, Smither 2-4, Hanger 2-8, Drake 1-1, Money 1-4, Worley 0-1), Plainfield 4-13 (Faris 2-4, Wheeler 1-2, Smeathers 1-5, Ellis 0-2).

Rebounds: Whiteland 20 (Smither 9, Money 5), Plainfield 30 (Cunningham 7). Fouls: Whiteland 24 (Money, Drake fouled out), Plainfield 16. **Records:** Whiteland 2-10, Plainfield 6-7. **Reserve score:** Plainfield 51, Whiteland 35.

Woodmen 72
Bull Dogs 55

COLUMBUS NORTH — Blake Hanger 1-1 0-0 2, Zach Sweeney 5-14 0-3 13, Josh Glasgow 3-3 1-2 7, Jake Perry 2-3 0-0 4, Justin Gast 7-8 0-0 14, Bobby Hayes 3-11 2-4 10, Ben Oren 2-3 1-1 5, Keaton Shultz 0-0 0-0 0, Mike Davis 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 23-43 4-10 55.

GREENWOOD — Jeff Geoghegan 1-3 2-2 4, Robbie Newbold 5-7 2-2 15, John Pflifer 1-4 1-2 3, Evan Checkey 5-9 2-3 15, A. J. Edds 5-6 0-0 10, Adrian Kellams 1-2 0-0 3, Matt Allee 9-15 1-3 22. **Totals:** 27-46 8-12 72.

COL. NORTH 13 13 13 — 55
GREENWOOD 21 19 16 — 72

Three-point shooting: Columbus North 5-13 (Sweeney 3-6, Gast 0-1, Hayes 2-6), Greenwood 10-16 (Newbold 3-4, Checkey 3-6, Kellams 1-2, Allee 3-4).

Rebounds: Columbus North 18 (Sweeney 4, Hayes 3), Greenwood 33 (Allee 9, Edds 7). Fouls: Columbus North 18 (Glasgow fouled out), Greenwood 11 (none fouled out). **Records:** Greenwood 8-3, Columbus North 2-10. **Reserve score:** Columbus North 40, Greenwood 29.

Trojans 81
Giants 69

BEN DAVIS — Kurtis Asberry 0-1 0-0 0, Rodriguez Sherman 4-13 1-2 10, Jonathon Tate 6-8 0-0 12, Marcus Jackson 2-10 4-5 8, Clark Williams 3-16 3-3 11, Jordan Horner 0-5 0-0 0, Tedrick Hardy 1-1 0-0 2, Robert Glenn 3-3 4-4 10, T.J. Burnett 3-7 0-0 7, Ben Gomes 3-6 0-0 9. **Totals:** 25-70 12-14 69.

CENTER GROVE — Corey Gray 5-11 2-3 13, Louis Kamo 1-3 2-2 4, Tyler Kitchel 9-19 8-30, Mitch Deffner 0-2 5-7 5, Todd Price 10-23 2-5 23, James Nussbaum 1-2 0-1 2, Joey Clawson 0-0 0-0 0, Danny Gill 1-1 0-0 2, Eric Hazelbaker 0-0 0-0 0, Jason Kaylor 1-1 0-0 2, Derek Hensley 0-0 0-0 0, Justin Quinnette 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 28-62 19-26 81.

BEN DAVIS 17 22 13 17 — 69
CENTER GROVE 21 14 20 26 — 81

Three-point shooting: Ben Davis 5-22 (Sherman 1-4, Jackson 0-3, Williams 0-5, Burnett 1-4, Gomes 3-6), Center Grove 6-14 (Gray 1-3, Kitchel 4-7, Price 1-4).

Rebounds: Ben Davis 32 (Sherman 6, Jackson 6, Williams 6), Center Grove 26 (Price 6). Fouls: Ben Davis 25 (Jackson fouled out), Center Grove 18. **Records:** Center Grove 8-3, Ben Davis 6-4. **Reserve score:** Ben Davis 46, Center Grove 37.

Lancers 74
Eels 55

EMINENCE — Cameron Ford 0-0 0-0 0, Aaron Moss 3-17 4-10 10, Brian Whaley 2-10 2-3 9, Elliott Lockwood 2-6 1-2 5, Tyler Adkisson 4-8 1-4 11, Evan Buis 2-3 1-2 5, Dustin Brown 2-4 0-0 4, Bobby Slinson 5-14 1-3 11. **Totals:** 20-52 11-24 57.

EDINBURGH — Josh Burton 2-8 2-3 7, Tyler Cook 4-5 6-10 15, Jeremy Hadley 3-4 0-8 30, Mitch Deffner 0-2 5-7 5, Todd Price 10-23 2-5 23, James Nussbaum 1-2 0-1 2, Joey Clawson 0-0 0-0 0, Danny Gill 1-1 0-0 2, Eric Hazelbaker 0-0 0-0 0, Jason Kaylor 1-1 0-0 2, Derek Hensley 0-0 0-0 0, Justin Quinnette 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 23-51 27-74.

EDINBURGH 14 15 7 19 — 55
EDINBURGH 17 12 19 26 — 74

Three-point shooting: Eminence 3-15 (Moss 0-2, Whaley 1-7, Adkisson 1-4, Buis 1-2), Edinburgh 7-12 (J. Burton 1-2, Cook 1-1, Hadley 2-2, Cravens 3-5, McGaha 0-2).

Rebounds: Eminence 32 (Adkisson 11), Edinburgh 32 (Henderson 7, Buck 7, Cravens 6). Fouls: Eminence 25, Edinburgh 13. **Records:** Edinburgh 5-6, Eminence 4-9. **Reserve score:** Edinburgh 43, Eminence 32.

Grizzly Cubs 58
Pioneers 40

FRANKLIN — Adam Miller 5-10 2-2 15, Cody Long 8-9 3-3 22, Chris Hawkins 0-3 0-0 0, Ben Gordon 4-4 0-0 10, Brandon Foster 0-0 0-0 0, Adrian Moss 2-6 0-0 5, Jordan King 0-2 0-0 0, Eric Lazzell 2-4 0-0 4, Joe Pittman 0-0 0-0 0, Ranon Madison 0-0 0-0 0, Adrian Henry 1-1 0-0 2. **Totals:** 22-39 5-5 58.

MOORESVILLE — Justin Skeens 0-1 1-2 1, Trent Mossbrucker 3-11 2-4 10, Tyler Davis 1-8 0-0 2, Adam Lawson 7-11 15, Neil Brock 1-1 2-2 4, Ryan Ruble 1-2 2-2 5, Chris Hawkins 0-2 3-4 3, Sean Walton 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 13-36 10-14 40.

FRANKLIN 14 14 18 12 — 58
MOORESVILLE 12 7 8 13 — 40

Three-point shooting: Franklin 9-16 (Miller 3-7, Long 3-3, Hawkins 0-2, Gordon 2-2, Moss 1-2), Mooresville 4-13 (Skeens 0-1, Mossbrucker 2-5, Davis 0-4, Lawson 1-1, Ruble 1-2).

Rebounds: Franklin 21 (Miller 6), Mooresville 20 (Lawson 7). Fouls: Franklin 18, Mooresville 9. **Records:** Franklin 6-7, Mooresville 4-9. **Reserve score:** Mooresville 45, Franklin 44.

Braves 49
Spartans 48

SOUTHWESTERN — Clayton Napier 8-21 0-0 20, Troy Baute 4-5 0-0 8, Dusty Kincaid 3-9 0-2 6, Randy Cox 0-7 6-8 6, Brady Phelps 2-6 0-0 5, Dustin Simpson 1-2 0-0 3, Justin Lain 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 18-50 6-10 48.

INDIAN CREEK — Ryan Denton 7-12 3-5 17, Mark Dunn 5-14 3-4 13, Kyle Ray 4-12 1-2 9, Logan Scott 2-3 0-1 4, T.J. Saint 1-3 0-0 2, Brad Stropes 1-2 0-0 2, Zach Tharpe 1-3 0-0 2, Zach Poindexter 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals:** 21-50 7-12 49.

SOUTHWESTERN 12 8 17 — 48
INDIAN CREEK 5 18 13 13 — 49

Three-point shooting: Southwestern 6-22 (Napier 4-12, Phelps