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Indiana's Marshall Strickland, right, puts up a shot over Purdue's Gary Ware during the first half of Wednesday's game in West Lafayette.

IU gets big win on road

Purdue can't stop surging Hoosiers

The Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE

Marshall Strickland scored 10 of his 16 points in the second half to help Indiana beat Purdue 70-59 on Wednesday night for its third straight win.

Robert Vaden added 11 points and 12 rebounds for Indiana (16-10, 8-7 Big Ten), which might have saved its NCAA Tournament hopes with the victory.

Gary Ware led Purdue (9-17, 3-12) with 16 points and Matt Kiefer added 13 in the Boilermakers' third straight loss.

Indiana shot 71 percent in the second half after shooting 27 percent in the first.

A late 3-point barrage by Indiana doomed the Boilermakers. Indiana led 51-48 with 5:30 left, but two 3-pointers by Vaden sandwiched around an NBA-range 3-pointer by Strickland gave Indiana a 62-53 lead with 1:45 remaining. The Hoosiers went 6 of 9 from beyond the arc in the second half.

The Hoosiers won their fourth in a row in the series. Indiana won the first meeting this season 62-49 in Bloomington.

Purdue made four of its first six shots to take an 8-2 lead and force an Indiana timeout. The Hoosiers responded with a 16-5 run to take an 18-13 lead.

Purdue answered Indiana's

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STANDINGS

The Big Ten men's basketball standings:

Team	Conf. W-L	All W-L
Ohio State	11-4	22-4
Illinois	10-5	24-5
Iowa	10-5	21-8
Wisconsin	9-5	19-8
Michigan	8-7	18-8
Indiana	8-7	16-10
Michigan State	7-7	19-9
Penn State	6-10	14-13
Minnesota	5-10	14-12
Northwestern	5-10	13-14
Purdue	3-12	9-17

Wednesday's games

Indiana 70, Purdue 59
Ohio State 56, Northwestern 53
Iowa 65, Penn State 38

Today's game

Wisconsin at Michigan State, 7 p.m., ESPN

Saturday's games

Indiana at Michigan, 2:30 p.m., WTTV-Channel 4
Minnesota at Northwestern, 7 p.m.
Wisconsin at Iowa, TBA
Illinois at Michigan State, TBA

Sunday's game

Purdue at Ohio State, noon, WTTV-Channel 4

PREP BASKETBALL: BOYS SECTIONALS

Cubs advance; Woodmen done



Franklin's Eric Lazzell, left, drives past a Decatur Central defender during Wednesday's game.

WHEN THEY PLAY

The sectional schedule for Johnson County teams:



Class 4A At Southport

6 p.m. Friday
Center Grove (12-8) vs. Southport (6-15)

7:30 p.m. Friday
Franklin (12-10) vs. Franklin Central (15-7)



Class 3A At Whiteland

6 p.m. Friday
Roncalli (12-8) vs. Whiteland (8-14)



Class 2A At Indian Creek

6 p.m. Friday
Indian Creek (6-15) vs. Heritage Christian (15-5)

Defensive effort gives Franklin boost

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INDIANAPOLIS

Franklin's Patrick Woods needed one play to learn how to defend Decatur Central's Devon Dumes, the Hawks' leading scorer this season.

Woods' defensive effort against Dumes, who averages nearly 25 points per game, helped Franklin earn a 76-68 win against the defending champion Hawks on Wednesday night in a first-round Class 4A boys basketball sectional game at Southport.

With the victory, Franklin (12-10) advances to Friday's 7:30 p.m. semifinal against Franklin Central. Coming off the bench late in the first quarter for

the Grizzly Cubs, Woods limited Dumes to 15 points. The Hawks' standout made only 6 of 23 attempts from the field and was only 8 of 22 from the foul line.

Woods, a junior, was burned for a basket by Dumes as soon as he entered the game. But Woods didn't give up much defensive ground the rest of the way. "I got his moves down and stopped him," Woods said. "Dumes didn't do much after that."

Franklin spent much of the week in practice scheming ways to slow Dumes, who scorched the Cubs for 29 points during a 92-87 triple overtime win Jan. 3.

Cubs senior Ben Gordon attributed Dumes' poor shooting night to Woods' dedication to analyzing Dumes' plays.

"Pat plays strong defense," Gordon said. "He watches film and has been working on stopping

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Final quarter proves downfall of Greenwood



Greenwood's Matt Allee, left, drives around Franklin Central's Preston Hopper during Wednesday's sectional game at Southport.

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Of the 88 quarters the Greenwood boys basketball team played this year, the one the Woodmen won't forget is the final one.

Greenwood controlled most of Wednesday night's Class 4A first-round sectional game against Franklin Central, leading by as many as seven points in the fourth quarter.

But the Flashes tightened up their defense, forced Greenwood's offense into confusion and ran away with a 47-39 victory at Southport.

The Flashes (15-7) advance to Friday's 7:30 p.m. semifinal against Franklin.

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WOODMEN 39

Trailing 33-26 two minutes into the final period, Franklin Central began trapping Greenwood's guards on the perimeter. The Woodmen, unable to beat the trap, hit just two field goals while committing six turnovers during the final six minutes.

But what really frustrated Greenwood (17-5) coach Bruce Hensley most was the fact that his team knew what was coming defensively. But the Woodmen didn't respond.

"We saw it on film," Hensley said. "We talked about what would happen when we got the

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An artist's rendering of Lucas Oil Stadium is part of a backdrop for a news conference announcing the naming rights for the Colts' future home in Indianapolis on Wednesday.

Colts like oil firm's state ties

Lucas Oil Stadium has nice ring, founder says

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When Forrest Lucas sponsored an Indy car, he never expected he'd match the thrill.

But Wednesday afternoon, he didn't just equal the experience, he topped it.

In what Lucas called "the worst-kept secret in the world," the Indianapolis Colts announced that Lucas Oil Products Inc. had purchased the right to name the team's new downtown stadium Lucas Oil Stadium.

Under the 20-year, \$121.5 million dollar agreement, Lucas Oil will pay an average of \$6.1 million per year starting in 2008.

That's the year the 63,000-seat, retractable roof stadium is scheduled to open. RCA pays \$1.3 million per year for naming rights for the RCA Dome.

An Indianapolis native, Lucas, president and CEO of the California-based firm, said that striking the deal with the Colts easily tops the excitement of sponsoring an Indy car.

"I thought the (Indy car) opportunity was just about as big as you could get," Lucas said at a festive news conference at the Colts' indoor practice facility that featured rock music and streamers.

He said he wanted to keep

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ABOUT LUCAS OIL

A look at Lucas Oil Products, the company that is paying to have its name on the new home of the Indianapolis Colts

- Was founded in 1989 by Indiana natives Forrest and Charlotte Lucas
- Produces automotive lubricants and additives
- The company's primary production plant is in Corydon; its corporate headquarters are in Corona, Calif.
- Lucas Oil is best known for its support of auto racing. The Lucases' son, Morgan Lucas, drives a Top Fuel dragster in the National Hot Rod Association

Volunteers at heart of events

Indy hosting Big Ten, Final Four

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His vacations aren't spent relaxing on a beach. Or traveling across the country. Or even resting at home. Instead, Troy Miller volunteers his vacation time away, all for the sake of the Big Ten women's and men's basketball tournaments.

But the Indianapolis resident doesn't sacrifice only a day or two of vacation time. Instead, he takes an entire week off from his full-time job as head of a medical staffing firm.

"I work more for these two tournaments than I do in a (normal work) week," said Miller, 39. "We do mundane things like team laundry. We do the behind-the-scenes stuff that has to happen, the stuff that people don't even know exists."

"It's a release. It gives me an opportunity to do what I did when I first got started."

Miller is one of more than 300 volunteers helping

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Supercross show could be big draw for Yamaha dealer

The Indianapolis area isn't exactly a hot market for supercross and motocross bikes and equipment. A lack of tracks in Indiana has limited growth in a sport that is blossoming elsewhere in the Midwest and United States.

But that doesn't mean there aren't fans of professional supercross (usually contested on shorter, tighter stadium tracks) and motocross racing (usually contested on more wide-open, outdoor tracks) in the area.



Jeff Decker

FULL THROTTLE

In fact, when the Amp'd Mobile World Supercross GP/Amp'd Mobile AMA Supercross Series comes to the RCA Dome on

Saturday, more than 50,000 fans are likely to be on hand.

That fan base is one of the reasons Bill Starkey, owner of Flat Out Motorsports in Greenwood, wanted to associate his new business with the annual dirt-bike event in Indianapolis.

Flat Out Motorsports, 1001 U.S. 31 South in Greenwood, will host a supercross party from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday.

The event will include an

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IF YOU GO

What: Amp'd Mobile World Supercross GP/Amp'd Mobile AMA Supercross Series

When: Saturday. Gates open at 12:30 p.m. The main event races start at 7 p.m.

Where: RCA Dome in Indianapolis
Admission: \$10 to \$35; all seats \$2 more on race day. Tickets are available at the RCA Dome box office, Ticketmaster outlets, local Yamaha dealers and Karma Records locations.



Riders Chad Reed, left, and Ricky Carmichael battle for position during a recent Amp'd Mobile World Supercross GP/Amp'd Mobile AMA Supercross Series race.

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