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Purdue's injury list growing

Minnoy ousted early in defeat at Northwestern

The Associated Press

EVANSTON, Ill.

Tim Doyle's "old man game" has never been better than it was Wednesday night. Everything was working for him: the old-school jumper, the slow up-and-under in the post, the turnaround hook.

Doyle scored a career-high 20 points to complement Vedran Vukusic's 28 as the Wildcats defeated shorthanded Purdue 66-53 in the Big Ten opener for both teams.

Doyle, a junior guard who transferred from St. John's, hit 8 of 11 shots and added five assists and four rebounds.

"I look like a mailman, like the average Joe," Doyle said. "I roll up my shorts, I comb my hair funny. I pull my socks over my ankle brace. And that's all an advantage for me."

In a game featuring two teams expected to finish at the bottom of the Big Ten, Purdue (6-6, 0-1) took an early hit when freshman forward Nate Minnoy went down with a right knee injury early in the first half.



Purdue's Matt Kiefer, right, goes up for a shot as Northwestern's Vince Scott defends during the first half of Wednesday's Big Ten game in Evanston, Ill.

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Colts glad defenders are healthy

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Cato June, Montae Reagor and Robert Mathis were elated to get back on the practice field Wednesday after a couple of weeks off.

Raheem Brock was glad to have some of his defensive linemen back in the rotation.

Even quarterback Peyton Manning was glad to see his Indianapolis Colts teammates on the other side of the ball come flying at him during Wednesday's practice.

"You always like any chance to go against the starting defense," Manning said. "Especially in the two-minute drill, that's where you can really simulate speed by playing against a Dwight Freeney or a Bob Sanders."

"It's the best possible work you can have."

Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy expects all of his active players to be healthy and ready to go when the Colts host their AFC divisional playoff game Jan. 15.

The Colts (14-2) captured a bye and the AFC's top seed by ripping off 13 consecutive victories to begin the season.

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Shots finally fall for CG in victory at Whiteland

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After Center Grove missed all of its first-half 3-point attempts, coach Joe Lentz told players to have more patience in the second half.

The Trojans listened. **TROJANS 52**

In a rematch of the Johnson County Girls Basketball Tournament final, Center Grove made 5 of 8 3-point attempts in the second half during a 52-43 win Wednesday night at Class 3A No. 9 Whiteland.

Center Grove (10-2), which is on the cusp of cracking the 4A state poll with eight straight wins, is now 2-0 against the Warriors (10-2) this season.

"(Lentz) told us at halftime to keep shooting and the shots would fall," said Center Grove senior Traci Lippold, who made the biggest 3-pointer of the night 33 seconds into the fourth quarter.

Lippold's shot bounced high off the rim

Getting kicks inside

Young players can stay sharp during winter months

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SOCCER

David Tressler is always looking for an edge on the soccer field. He wants to become quicker and make fast decisions.

That's why he plays indoors during the cold winter months.

Inside, players kick shots harder, passes arrive faster and balls carom off walls and are deflected from various angles.

The more Tressler plays indoors, the more he learns and the faster he moves.

"It's made me smarter and made me think quicker," said Tressler, a Franklin Community High School sophomore.

He plays on the Grizzly Cubs' varsity team and has competed in indoor leagues for five years.

"It's quicker than outdoor," Tressler said. "You've got to think quicker. I got to know where my teammates were going to be and where (the ball) is going to."

"My game is tuned up better."

During Indiana's winter months, it's typically too cold to play soccer outdoors. But that doesn't mean athletes can't play.

Many high school players are migrating to indoor soccer during the offseason.

Compared to the outdoor game, indoor soccer is faster paced and is played on a smaller field, which is usually about the size of a basketball court.

All four sides are lined with walls, which are in play. There is no out-of-bounds. Goals also are smaller, and indoor teams have fewer players on the field than outdoor teams.

At Indy Indoor Sports Park in Indianapolis, indoor soccer leagues games are played every day. Brent Plunkett, facility manager and basketball director, said the park has 90 youth and 60 adult indoor soccer teams this winter.

Each team has about 12 players and plays with six or seven on the field. The number of players on the field varies from league to league.

Outdoor teams typically have 11 players on the field. "That's good for them that they have so many players

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Indoor soccer not just for young athletes.

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Above: Center Grove High School sophomore Jackie Smith, left, battles for control of the ball with Whitney Bailey of Greensburg during a game at Indy Indoor Sports Arena on Tuesday. Below: A view of the Indy Indoor Sports Arena field.

(on the winter teams)," Plunkett said. "When you get into the older (leagues), the adults need a break."

For teenagers like Tressler, the sport keeps bodies and skills in playing shape. He's been on the same indoor team, Franklin Extreme, since he started five years ago. Most of his teammates are from Seymour, but there are a few from Franklin.

The team, an 16-under squad, starts play in February. "It helps you get faster," said Tressler, a midfielder.

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A DIFFERENT TYPE OF GAME

Indoor soccer

- Starting lineup includes five to seven players, including a goalkeeper
 - Indoor fields can range from turf to a gym floor and are typically the size of a basketball court
 - All four sides of the field lined with walls
 - Games are 40 minutes, divided into two 20-minute halves
 - Goals are built into the wall and are smaller than outdoor goals
- SOURCE: U.S. National Soccer Players Association

What they say

"It's a lot more combination of passing that you've got to get used to. You have to be able to pass ... and have good foot skills. You have to be able to shoot accurately and play good defense. It's just kind of what you would do in outdoor (soccer)."

David Tressler
Franklin Community High School sophomore

"It's real fast on turf. But outdoor is harder because you're playing on three times the size of an indoor field."

Emily Fox
Franklin Community High School senior



Injured Kwan still wants to compete in Winter Games

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NEW YORK

Adding an Olympic gold to her enormous collection of medals just got much tougher for Michelle Kwan.

Maybe impossible.

The nine-time U.S. champion and five-time world winner withdrew Wednesday from the U.S. Figure Skating Championships with a groin injury. Kwan, however, will petition the U.S. federation for a spot at next month's Turin Olympics and likely get it.

Still, after missing nearly the entire season with a hip problem, the 25-year-old would go as a long shot, not a favorite, to add gold to the Olympic silver (1998) and bronze (2002) she owns.

"Since '92, I've done 13 nationals at the senior

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Franklin girls fall to visiting Chatard in nonconference game.

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and then fell into the net, giving Center Grove (10-2) a 37-35 lead and a bit of momentum.

Center Grove senior Jenny Gray, who had 10 points and eight rebounds, was grateful the shot fell.

"Her shot was real important for us," Gray said. "It was a momentum shift."

One minute after her big 3-pointer, Lippold hit another to give the Trojans a seven-point lead.

The Warriors never got closer than five points the rest of the game. They made just 2 of 7 shots and were outscored 18-8 in the fourth quarter.

"The shots started to go in," Lentz said.

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Center Grove High School senior Traci Lippold, right, tries to drive past Whiteland sophomore Sarah Condra during Wednesday's game at Whiteland.



KWAN