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Girls basketball

2005-06 INDIVIDUAL STATS Records							
School	Record		Pct.				
Center Grove		18-4	.818				
Edinburgh		5-17	.227				
Franklin		9-13	.409				
Greenwood		11-10	.524				
Indian Creek		8-14	.364				
Whiteland		.810					
Whiteland 17-4 .810 Scoring							
Name, school	Ğ	Pts.	Avg.				
Jessica Huffman, W	21	418	19.9				
Heather Dowell, E	19	225	11.8				
Sarah Condra, W	21	234	11.1				
Molly Lauck, CG	22	239	10.9				
Traci Lippold, CG	22	235	10.7				
Jenny Gray, CG	18	193	10.7				
Tracie Walters, IC	22	229	10.4				
Lindsay Vandivier, F	22 226 10.3						
Rebounding							
Name, school	G	Reb.	Avg.				
Kristie Smith, E	22	187	8.5				
Nancy Miller, F	22	146	6.6				
Jenny Gray, CG	18	119	6.6				
Molly Lauck, CG	22	139	6.3				
Abby Collier, G	21	129	6.1				
Brittney Wilson, W	20	117	5.9				
Amy Orender, W	21	114	5.4				
Heather Dowell, E	19	98	5.2				
Lindsay Bowers, E	22	113	5.1				
Alli Mitchell, IC	22	110	5.0				

Lydia Feldman, CG Courtney Von Stein, IC 21 Brittney Wilson, W Tracie Walters, IC Erin Bullington, F Jenny Gray, CG Hannah Basey, E Sarah Condra, W Kasey Dollens, G Name, school Kristie Smith, E Brittney Wilson, W Avg. 3.0 3.0 2.9 2.8

Jessica Huffman, W Tracie Walters, IC Courtney Von Stein, IC 21 54 Lydia Feldman, CG 22 52 Erin Bullington, F 22 44 Field-goal percentage (Minimum 75 attempts) Name, school Molly Lauck, CG Jenny Gray, CG Jessica Huffman, V

.541 .500 .489 .461 .459 Amy Orender, W Kristie Smith, E Alli Mitchell. IC 45-100 Abbie Weddle, E Sarah Condra, W .893 .813

Alex Dewitz, CG Jackie Kunz, G Jackie Kunz, G Kelsey Harvey, IC Jordan Price, CG Jamie Unversaw, G Jessie Chinn, IC Gina Phillips, CG

NBA EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Tuesday's games New York 107, Indiana 92 Boston 116, Meeting Boston 116, Washington 115, OT Atlanta 113, Golden State 106 Cleveland 106, Toronto 99 Houston 93, Minnesota 87 Dallas 93, Portland 87 L.A. Clippers 98, San Antonio 85 Wednesday's games Cleveland 98, Toronto 97 Detroit 106, Chicago 101 Miami 118, Washington 112 Boston 104, Philadelphia 101 Charlotte 104, Golden State 101 Sacramento 123, Milwaukee 116 L.A. Lakers 113, New Orleans 107 Houston 103, Indiana 99 Minnesota at Utah, (n) Memphis at Seattle (n) Today's games Denver at Philadelphia, 8 p.m. Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m. San Antonio at Phoenix, 10:30

Friday's games

Denver at Toronto, 7 p.m. 10:30 p m

L.A. Clippers L.A. Lakers

Golden State

Cleveland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana vs. New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Memphis at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.

Men's college

basketball TOURNAMENTS Atlantic 10 Confere First round Saint Joseph's 67, Dayton 55

First round Georgetown 67, Notre Dame 63 Rutgers 61, Seton Hall 48 Syracuse 74, Cincinnati 73

Southern Miss. 66, Tulsa 61 Tulane 64. Marshall 58 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Hampton 63, Morgan St. 51

NAIA Division II First round

First round Mount Vernon Nazarene 87, Iowa Wesleyan 81 Northeast Conference Championship Monmouth, N.J. 49, Fairleigh Dickinson 48

Women's college

basketball

TOURNAMENTS Baylor 79, Kansas St. 74. OT

CS Northridge 66, UC Irvine 64 Cal Poly 94, Pacific 67 Cal Poly 94, Pacific 67

Colonial Athletic Association

Drexel 61, Towson 46 George Mason 74, Va. Commonwealth 60 Georgia St. 81, William & Mary 66 Northeastern 63, N.C.-Wilmington 54 Mid-American Conference

Bowling Green 73, N. Illinois 61 E. Michigan 76, Ohio 66 E. Michigan 76, Ohio 66 Kent St. 69, Ball St. 52 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

Coppin St. 70, Hampton 57 Delaware St. 55, Florida A&M 44 Mountain West Confe BYU 65. Colorado St. 45

EVENTS

TV TODAY

Men's college basketball

Big East Tournament: Syracuse vs. Connecticut,

Big Ten Tournament: Northwestern vs. Penn State,

noon, ESPN2 Big East Tournament: Georgetown vs. Marquette,

Big Ten Tournament: Michigan vs. Minnesota, 2 p.m.,

Pac-10 Tournament: Arizona vs. Stanford, 3 p.m.,

Fox Sports Midwest Big Ten Tournament: Michigan State vs. Purdue,

4:30 p.m., ESPN2 ACC Tournament: Virginia vs. Virginia Tech, 7 p.m.,

Big East Tournament: Rutgers vs. Villanova, 7 p.m.,

Big East Tournament: Louisville or Pittsburgh vs.

West Virginia, 9:30 p.m., ESPN Big 12 Tournament: Missouri vs. Nebraska,

9:30 p.m., ESPN2 Pac-10 Tournament: Oregon or Washington State vs. Washington, 11:30 p.m., Fox Sports Midwest

Pct.

PGA Honda Classic, first round, 4 p.m., USA

Women's college basketball

Big 12 Tournament, first semifinal, 7 p.m.,

Fox Sports Midwest Big 12 Tournament, second semifinal, 9:30 p.m., Fox

Sports Midwest

NBA

Denver Nuggets at Philadelphia 76ers, 8 p.m., TNT San Antonio Spurs at Phoenix Suns, 10:30 p.m., TNT

SPECTATOR SPORTS

TODAY

No events scheduled.

Call us with results

Results can be called in to the Daily Journal sports department from 6 to 10 weeknights and Sunday evenings at 736-2715.

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UNLV 57, New Mexico 45 Utah 67, Air Force 47 Patriot League Championship

Southland Conference First Round Alabama A&M 64, MVSU 59, OT Alabama St. 57, Alcorn St. 45

Preseason baseball

Southern U. 84, Grambling St. 76
Western Athletic Conference

	American Leac	rican League	
	W	Ļ	Po
Cleveland	6	3 2 2	.66
Detroit	4	2	.66
Texas	4	2	.66
New York	4	3	.57
Tampa Bay	4	3	.57
Kansas City	3		.50
Los Angeles	3	3	.50
Minnesota	3	5	.37
Boston	2	4	.33
Baltimore	2	5	.28
Toronto	3 2 2 2 2 1	6	.25
Chicago	2	7	.22
Seattle		5	.16
Oakland	1	6	.14
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Arizona	7	1	.87
Florida	5	1	.83
Milwaukee	6		.75
Pittsburgh	6	2	.75
New York	5	2	.71
Philadelphia	5	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 3	.71
San Francisco		2	.71
Los Angeles	4	2	.66
San Diego	4	2	.66
Chicago	4	3	.57
Cincinnati	4	5	.44
St. Louis		4	.42
Atlanta	2	4	.33
Houston	2	5	.28
Colorado	2	6	.25
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NOTE: Split-squad games count in the stand-

ings; games against non-major league teams

Tuesday's games Toronto 6, Cincinnati 3 Boston 10, Baltimore 6 Pittsburgh 10, Atlanta 5 Cleveland 7, Detroit 4 Florida 22, Washington 12 L.A. Dodgers 3, St. Louis 1 Philadelphia 5, Tampa Bay 4 N.Y. Mets 7, Houston 1 N.Y. Yankees 5, Minnesota 0 Texas 6, Chicago Cubs 5 San Francisco 12, San Diego 3 Kansas City 9, Colorado 3 Kansas City 9, Colorado 3 Milwaukee 15, Seattle 5 Arizona 12, L.A. Angels 1 Chicago White Sox 8, Oakland 5 Wednesday's games Florida 12, Boston 1 Atlanta 5, Detroit 5, tie, 11 innings

Atlanta 5, Detroit 5, tie, 11 Inr St. Louis 7, Washington 4 Toronto (ss) 7, Houston 1 L.A. Dodgers 9, Baltimore 3 Tampa Bay 4, Philadelphia 3 N.Y. Mets 7, Cleveland (ss) 1 N.T. Weets 7, Jovennius 31 Cincinnati (ss) 3, Minnesota 2 Cleveland (ss) 7, Toronto (ss) 4 Pittsburgh (ss) 5, Cincinnati (ss) 0 Texas 10, Oakland 3 San Diego 13, Chicago Cubs 8 L.A. Angels 5, Chicago White Sox 2 Milwaukee 7, Kansas City (ss) 6, 10 innings San Francisco 4, Seattle (ss) 2 Arizona (ss) 8, Colorado (ss) 4
Arizona (ss) 13, Colorado (ss) 11
N.Y. Yankees 8, Pittsburgh (ss) 3 Team Japan vs. Seattle (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., (n) Team South Korea vs. Kansas City (ss) at Surprise, Ariz., (n)

Today's games

Florida (ss) vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla.,

1:05 p.m. Cincinnati vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., N.Y. Yankees (ss) vs. Philadelphia at earwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Y. Mets vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., Detroit (ss) vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m. Atlanta vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersburg,

Washington (ss) vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 1:05 p.m. Minnesota vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1:05 p.m. Florida (ss) vs. Washington (ss) at Jupiter, Boston vs. L.A. Dodgers at Vero Beach, Fla.,

Detroit (ss) vs. N.Y. Yankees (ss) at Tampa, Venezuela vs. Italy, (n)
Today
At Kissimmee, Fla Arizona vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m. Chicago Cubs vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz.,

Venezuela vs. Australia, 8 p.m. At Kissimmee, Fla. Kansas City vs. Texas (ss) at Surprise, Ariz.

Seattle vs. Chicago White Sox at Tucson, San Francisco vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Japan vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.

Friday's games
Philadelphia vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., Atlanta vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Toronto vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersburg, Fla., 1:05 p.m. N.Y. Yankees vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota, Fla., Baltimore vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m. St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla.,

Oakland (ss) vs. L.A. Angels (ss) at Tempe, San Francisco vs. Chicago White Sox at Oakland (ss) vs. Kansas City at Surprise, L.A. Angels (ss) vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz.,

Arizona vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m. Texas vs. San Diego (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., South Korea vs. San Diego (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
Japan vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 9:05 p.m.

World Baseball Classic x-advances to second round FIRST ROUND L Pct 0 1.000 1 .667

x-Japan Taiwan 0 3 .000 China Friday At Tokyo At Tokyo South Korea 10, China 1 Taiwan 12, China 3 South Korea 3, Japan 2 GROUP B Canada

South Africa .000 At Phoenix United States 2, Mexico (At Scottsdale, Ariz. Canada 11, South Africa 8 Wednesday Canada 8, United States 6 At Scottsdale, Ariz. Mexico vs. South Africa, 9 p.m Canada vs. Mexico, 8 p.m. Friday At Scottsdale, Ariz. South Africa at United States, 3 p.m GROUP C Netherlands

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At San Juan, Puerto Rico
Puerto Rico 2, Panama 1
Wednesday
At San Juan, Puerto Rico
Cuba 8, Panama 6, 11 innings Netherlands at Puerto Rico, (n) At San Juan, Puerto Rico
Cuba vs. Netherlands, 7 p.m.
Friday
At San Juan, Puerto Rico

Panama vs. Netherlands, 1 p.m. Cuba at Puerto Rico, 7:30 p.m. GROUP D 0 1.000 .000

Tuesday At Kissimmee, Fla. Dominican Republic 11, Venezuela 5 Italy 10, Australia 0, 7 innings Wednesday At Kissimmee, Fla.

women's basketball coach.
WAKE FOREST—Named Tim Billings Dominican Republic vs. Australia, 7 p.m.

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Tuesday's games Buffalo 3, Boston 2 Chicago 3, Columbus 1 N.Y. Islanders 2, New Jersey 1, SO Phoenix 5, Detroit 2 Toronto 5. Montreal 3 Tampa Bay 5, Pittsburgh 4, SO Colorado 2, St. Louis 1, SO Los Angeles 3, Minnesota 2, OT Dallas 4, Edmonton 3, SO Nashville 3, Calgary 2 Anaheim 5, San Jose 4, OT Wednesday's games Florida 6, Ottawa 2

Florida 6, Ottawa 2 Atlanta 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, SO Washington 6, Pittsburgh 3 Philadelphia 3, Carolina 2, SO Today's games Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 7 p.m. Phoenix at Columbus, 7 p.m. Montreal at Booton, 7 p.m. Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m. Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Los Angeles at Detroit, 7.30 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8.30 p.m.
Dallas at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Edmonton at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's games
Ottawa at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
New, Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.

New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m. Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m. Minnesota at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Traded RHP Jeff Bajenaru to Arizona for INF Alex Cintron. Assigned LHP Arnie Munoz outright to

Charlotte of the IL.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Assigned RHP
Rich Dorman and RHP Chris Jaile to their
minor league camp.

National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Assigned C
Edwin Bellorin, C Eric Langill, LHP Eric Stults
and OF Jon Weber to their minor league

PENSACOLA PELICANS—Claimed INF

Bo Edmiston and cash to Sussex for INF/OF Bo Edmiston and cash to Goods.

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Can-Am League

BROCKTON ROX—Released C Brian
Jones, 18 Wille King and RHP Eddie Aucoin.

NASHUA PRIDE—Agreed to terms with

SUSSEX SKYHAWKS—Released LHF Luis Chigihsola.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY CUTTERS— Traded OF Keto Anderson to Alexandria o the United League for a player to be named.

Midwest League

Midwest League SWING OF THE QUAD CITIES—Named Steve Dillard hitting coach.

Northern League
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS—

Agreed to terms with INF Joe Anthonsen. BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Signed F
Marcus Fizer to a 10-day contract.
Continental Basketball Association
MICHIGAN MAYHEM—Signed G John
White. Waived F Karlton Mims.
American Basketball Association
ABA—Awarded a franchise to Houston to begin play in the 2006-07 season.
HOUSTON—Announced the team name will be Havoc.

will be Havoc. FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL

National Football League
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Named George
Koonce director of player development.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed LB Shawn Barber to a one-year contract. Resigned DE Juqua Thomas to a one-year

Shannon Garrett.
HAMILTON TIGER-CATS—Acquired WR Kwame Cavil from Edmonton for a 2006 Arena Football League
DALLAS DESPERADOS—Traded FB-LB

Jason Ferguson to Grand Rapids in exchange for future considerations.

LAS VEGAS GLADIATORS—Waived WR-NASHVILLE KATS—Signed K Jason

NEW YORK DRAGONS—Signed DS Mark Ricks. Waived OL-DL Jon Hall.
ORLANDO PREDATORS—Signed WR-DB Charlie Davidson.
HOCKEY

National Hockey League
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Signed RW Bobby Ryan to a three-year contract.

BOSTON BRUINS—Claimed RW Mariusz Czerkawski off waivers from Toronto.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Traded D Luke Richardson to Toronto for a conditional

draft pick.
EDMONTON OILERS—Placed G Mike Morrison on waivers.
MINNESOTA WILD—Traded G Dwayne

NEW YORK RANGERS—Traded F Ville Nieminen to San Jose for a 2006 third-round PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Placed RW Turner Stevenson on waivers.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Assigned F Jon
DiSalvatore and F Timofei Shishkanov to

Peoria of the AHL. ECHL
CHARLOTTE CHECKERS—Loaned F

Dusty Jamieson to Binghamton of the AHL.

Central Hockey League

CHL—Suspended Laredo D Jeff Ewasko CHL—Suspended Laredo D Jeff Ewasko for one game and Odessa RW James Kiebert for three games.

United Hockey League

QUAD CITY MALLARDS—Acquired F Jeff Petruic and D Steve O'Rourke from Muskegon for D Tom Galvin and F Anthony

ROANOKE VALLEY VIPERS—Signed G LACROSSE

National Lacrosse League
BUFFALO BANDITS—Re-signed G Ken COLLEGE
AKRON—Named Dana Chambers defen-

sive line coach.
BUCKNELL—Named Cam Ormsby men's sistant soccer coach.
BUFFALO—Named Matt House safeties GOUCHER—Named Warren Prestwich

field hockey coach.

MONTANA STATE—Named Steve Perry secondary coach.

MONTANA TECH—Announced the resignation of Mike Bauer, men's basketball NORTH DAKOTA—Named Cory Hilliard assistant athletic director for business opera-tions. Named Kristen Gay women's assistant

soccer coach.
OSWEGO STATE—Announced the addition of a Div. III women's ice hockey program, to begin play in the 2006-07 season. Named Diane Dillon coach. POINT PARK—Named Sam Kosanovich

NFL team owners approve union deal

By Dave Goldberg THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRAPEVINE, Texas

Labor peace was restored to the NFL when the owners agreed to the players' union proposal Wednesday, extending the collective bargaining agreement for six years.

There were no further details on the accord, including whether it includes expanded revenue sharing.

The vote was 30-2, with Buffalo and Cincinnati, two low-revenue teams, voting

Free agency, put off twice by the protracted negotiations between the owners and players, now will start at 12:01 a.m. Friday. "It was a good compromise," said Jim

Irsay, owner of low-revenue Indianapolis. "We're happy with it; 30-2 is a good vote." The agreement comes after a week of onagain, off-again negotiations, culminating

in a two-day owners meeting. No work stoppage was imminent, at least for the next two years, but no agreement would have sent teams scrambling to get under a lower salary cap, at \$94.5 million. That would have put a number of veterans on the street and limited the amount of

money available for other free agents. Some were already let go, such as Brentson Buckner, a 13-year veteran who was cut by the Carolina Panthers last week

to clear about \$1.5 million of cap space. "It was eventually going to happen; they had to get it done," he said. "But it's good because now it gives guys who put in the time to become a big-time free agent, the guys like Edgerrin James, the chance to go

out and get what they've earned."

No CBA deal would've led to an uncapped year in 2007.

Now, the salary limit is expected to go up by as much as \$10 million with an extension.

"It's also good for the guys like me because now somebody has a little extra money and they can go after a veteran who might have gotten squeezed out in this," Buckner said. "I'm sure the veteran minimum is going to go up, so guys like me can go out and get a onevear somewhere and feel good about the situation they are going into."

The real debate was between the owners themselves on the important issue of expanded revenue sharing.

The issue involves low-income teams such as Buffalo, Cincinnati and Indianapolis who say high-revenue teams -Dallas, Washington and Philadelphia, for instance - should contribute proportionately to the player pool because they can earn far more in nonfootball income from things such as advertising and local radio rights.

Those high-revenue teams might contribute only 10 percent of their outside money compared with 50 percent or more for low-revenue teams.

"Some teams are contributing a little more than others," Redskins owner Dan Snyder said. "This is really a win-win."

Gene Upshaw, the executive director of the NFL Players Association, has insisted throughout more than a vear of negotiations that this division must be resolved before

agreement on a contract extension. "This agreement is not about one side winning or losing," Upshaw said in a statement. "Ultimately, it is about what is best for the players, the owners and the fans of the National Football League."

James, Vanderjagt could hit open market

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS The Indianapolis Colts will have some player decisions to make, but perhaps some more money to spend.

With free agency to start at 12:01 a.m. Friday with the extension of the NFL's collective bargaining agreement reached Wednesday night, the Colts could see both their all-time rushing leader, Edgerrin James, and their all-time leading scorer, kicker Mike Vanderjagt, test the open market. So, too, could starting linebacker David Thornton.

All three are among nearly a dozen players the Colts could lose to free agency, but what will happen was unclear as the current salary cap of \$94.5 million is expected to go up by as much as \$10 million.

The Colts had been one of the league's most proactive teams in re-signing players despite the uncertainty of recent weeks over the salary cap. They have already signed three potential free agents — Reggie Wayne, last year's leading receiver; starting defensive lineman Raheem Brock and starting linebacker Gary Brackett — to long-term deals.

They have also offered one-year tenders topping more than \$1.5 million to defensive

end Robert Mathis, the team's sacks leader, and Pro Bowl linebacker Cato June. Colts president Bill

Polian has indicated it is unlikely next season's roster will include Vanderjagt, the league's most accurate kicker who missed a potentially tying field goal in the final seconds of the team's playoff loss to Pittsburgh.

The Colts, however, could have salary cap room to at least make an offer to James or Thornton.

On Monday, an Indianapolis newspaper reported quarterback Peyton Manning and receiver Marvin Harrison had agreed to VANDERJAGT restructure their contracts

year's cap.

JAMES



to save the team about \$12.5 million on this



WRESTLING STREAK BROKEN The Center Grove Middle School Central wrestling team won the Johnson County Team Wrestling Championships on Saturday, breaking Custer Baker Middle School's 10-year run of county titles. Custer-Baker finished second, and Center Grove North was third. Center Grove Central had six individual champions: Gene Leonard (middle heavyweight), Corbin Bare (light heavyweight), Jeff Ponder (180), Patrick Mennel (165), Jordan Deem (105) and Troy Willsey (70). The team is coached by Patrick Mallory.

Houston overcomes Pacers' lead

Staff and wire reports

large as 17 points.

Peja Stojakovic scored 29 points, and Stephen Jackson added 23, but it wasn't enough for the Indiana Pacers in a loss at Houston on Wednesday.

Yao Ming hit 14 of 21 field-goal attempts and scored a game-high 38 points as the Rockets rallied for a 103-99 victory.

After trailing for most of the second half, Houston (29-33) took a 100-99 lead on a layup by Keith Bogans with 24 seconds left. After a missed 3-pointer by Jackson and a free throw by the Rockets, the Pacers (30-28) had the ball with 12.5 seconds left.

Anthony Johnson drove, spun and took a 10-foot shot that hit nothing but backboard. Two free throws by Bogans sealed Hous-After leading 60-51 at halftime, Indiana

seemed to be in control during the early stages of the second half, building a lead as

But the Pacers scored just two points in the final 3 minutes of the quarter, and the Rockets went on a 14-2 run that spanned the third and fourth quarters. Indiana led 88-79 going into the final period.

Up by just four at 87-83 early in the final quarter, the Pacers regained momentum on a pair of free throws and a field goal by Stephen Jackson.

The Rockets didn't go away, though, and took the lead at 94-93 with 3:50 left, setting up a seesaw contest the rest of the way.

Houston's Tracy McGrady, who had been sidelined by a sore back, was listed as questionable before Wednesday's game. But he scored 15 points in 21 minutes during the first three quarters before leaving the game early in the fourth quarter. He did not return.

The already shorthanded Pacers were hurt by the absence of two key reserves: Fred Jones and rookie Danny Granger. Jones has a sprained thumb; Granger has a sore lower back.