

Former CG standout earns honor

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Center Grove High School graduate **Maria Eichhold** has been named Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week after averaging 17.5 points per game in two conference contests last week.



EICHHOLD

The 6-foot-2 Mount St. Joseph sophomore scored 16 points while shooting 6 for 7 from the field and 4 for 7 from the foul line in a 64-58 loss to Transylvania, and 19 points on 8 for 16 from the field and 3 for 4 from the free-throw stripe in a 67-62 win against Defiance. She had 13 rebounds and three blocked shots in the two games.

Eichhold is averaging 11.6 points and 5.3 rebounds for the 5-10, 2-2 Lions.

Center Grove

- **Kelly James** scored 16 points in both games for the Toccoa Falls women's basketball team (10-5) in wins against Warren Wilson (84-15) and Atlanta Christian (79-67).
- The Manhattan Christian College women's basketball team (11-5) has won three of its five January games. **Leslie Smith** scored 13 points in an 80-43 win against Grace University.
- The University of Indianapolis women's basketball team (7-8, 2-5) lost 83-59 to Drury and won 62-42 against Rockhurst. **Deanna Thomson** led the Greyhounds in rebounding in each game, grabbing six in the loss and 11 in the win. She scored 11 points in the two contests on 4 for 10 from the field, 1 for 4 from 3-point range and 2 for 2 from the foul line. She

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- also had six steals, three assists and three blocked shots.
- The Bethel men's basketball team (8-12, 0-8) lost twice, 83-68 to Huntington and 64-62 to Marian. **Chad Maddox** averaged 30 minutes of play in each game and scored seven points on 3 for 12 from the field and 1 for 3 from behind the 3-point line. He had five rebounds, three assists, and two steals.
- The Indiana Wesleyan men's basketball team (9-10, 3-4) defeated Marian 66-59 and Spring Arbor 82-55. **Joel Hobson** scored eight points in each game, shooting 6 for 10 from the field and 4 for 5 from the foul line. He had four rebounds, three steals and one assist.
- **Kyle Coffey** scored five points on 5 for 6 from the free-throw line while missing his only shot from the field in Wabash's 111-76 men's basketball loss to Wooster. He added one rebound and one steal in seven minutes. Wabash is 10-5, 4-2 in the conference.
- In the Hoosier Classic indoor track and field meet, Indiana sophomore **Tyler Skelton** was sixth of 10 in the long jump with a leap of 20 feet, 10 inches.
- Running unattached in the Purdue Invitational indoor track and field meet, Purdue freshman **Adam Berning** finished seventh of 12 in the mile. His time was 4:34.06.
- Ball State freshman gymnast **Natalie Hester** scored 9.200 in the balance beam competition in a meet with Northern Illinois and University of Illinois Chicago. She was second of six Cardinals, but the event was dominated by NIU and UIC competitors.
- Akron junior **Rachel Ripley** finished second of seven in the 50-yard freestyle (25.60) and fourth of five in the 100 butterfly

(1:03.77) in the Zips' 163-122 swimming win against Youngstown.

- The Washington (Mo.) swimming team defeated Wabash 151-84. Little Giant **Michael Hewitt** was fifth of seven in the 200-yard backstroke (2:19.79) and third of five in the 200 butterfly (2:03.02).
- In a four-way swimming meet, Miami defeated Louisville, Kenyon and Cincinnati. The Red Hawks' **Blake Norman** was sixth of 16 in the 200-yard backstroke (2:11.80) and seventh of 16 in the 200 individual medley (1:59.75).
- The Carthage swimming team was second of eight squads at the University of Chicago Invitational. **Erik Catellier** was seventh of 18 in the 1,650-yard freestyle (17:15.98), 14th of 24 in the 400 IM (4:44.43) and 21st of 25 in the 200 freestyle (2:01.65).
- The University of Indianapolis swimming team lost 125-79 to Truman State. **Greg Jarvis** was fourth of seven in the 100-yard freestyle (49.34) and fifth of seven in the 50 freestyle (22.74). The Greyhounds defeated Lewis 101-82 the next day, and Jarvis was second of six in the 100 (50.24) and fourth of six in the 50 (23.05).
- The Ball State tennis team opened play this winter with 7-0 wins against Wright State and IUPUI and a 5-2 loss to Northwestern.
- Joe Epkey** won in straight sets at No. 1 singles in the two wins and lost in three sets at No. 2 singles against the Wildcats.
- Tony Epkey** won twice in straight sets at No. 2 singles and lost 6-4, 6-4 at No. 3 against Northwestern.
- Jarrod Epkey** had straight-set wins at No. 3 against WSU and IUPUI and lost in three sets at No. 4 against the Cats.
- Tony and Jarrod** combined to win at No. 1 doubles in the two wins and at No. 2 doubles in the loss. Joe won at No. 2 doubles against WSU and IUPUI and

at No. 3 doubles in the match against Northwestern.

Whiteland

- Evansville senior women's basketball player **Megan Liffick** ranks fifth in points per game (16.7) in the Missouri Valley Conference and is among the league leaders with a .447 3-point shooting percentage. The Aces (7-8, 3-3) lost to Wichita (67-61) and Missouri State (67-59). Liffick led her team in scoring (16) and rebounds (six) in 34 minutes in the loss to the Shockers and scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds in 40 minutes against MSU. She had four steals and two assists in the two contests.
- The Brescia women's basketball team (1-18) lost to The University of the Cumberlands (64-45) and Georgetown (Ky.) (79-44). **Jennifer Patrick** scored 12 points in the two games on 4 for 16 from the field, 2 for 10 from 3-point range and 2 for 2 from the foul line in 42 minutes. She grabbed nine rebounds and had two steals and one assist.
- **Josh Martin** grabbed seven rebounds for Goshen in a 78-64 men's basketball win against IU-Northwest. He scored two points (1 for 4) and had one assist and one steal. In a 63-51 win against 17-3 Taylor, he scored four points (2 for 2) and had one rebound.
- Columbia College (15-4) defeated Harris-Stowe State 77-72 and lost 75-74 to Missouri Baptist. **David Inabnit** played three minutes in each game, scoring four points, grabbing one rebound and blocking one shot.
- The University of Indianapolis wrestling team won 37-12 against Montclair State and lost to Menlo (Calif.) 21-18 and Great Falls



LIFFICK

- (Mont.) 24-18. At 157 pounds, **Mike Horton** won 7-5 against Great Falls and 9-1 against Montclair, while dropping a 7-3 decision to Menlo. In the 16-team Menlo College Invitational at Atherton, Calif., the sophomore finished fourth, losing the third place match 8-6 to a California State Bakersfield wrestler.
- Vincennes University freshman **Lindsey Giesekeing** was fourth of six in the 200-yard backstroke (2:32.72) and fifth of seven in the 200 freestyle (2:12.18) in a three-way meet with Rose-Hulman and Transylvania.
- The Eastern Michigan swimming team won 122-92 against IUPUI. Jaguar senior **Lauren Heyde** was fifth of seven in the 200-yard freestyle (2:04.42) and sixth of seven in the 100 butterfly (1:10.59).
- The University of Indianapolis men's swimmers defeated Lewis 101-82 and lost 125-79 to Truman State. **Aaron Neeman** was second of three in the 1,650-yard freestyle (17:06.08), and third of five in the 500 freestyle (5:02.24) against Lewis and fifth of seven in the 500 freestyle (4:59.71), fourth of six in the 1,000 freestyle (10:13.61), and seventh of seven in the 200 butterfly (2:13.67) in the loss to Truman State.



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- Ohio State sophomore **Jessie Stringer** finished fourth of 21 high jumpers with a leap of 5-foot-6 at the University of Kentucky Invitational Indoor Track and Field Meet.
- **Keith Fechtman**, competing unattached, was fifth of 15 in the 400-meter dash (51.14) and seventh of 15 in the 200-meter dash (22.61) at the Hoosier Classic

- Indoor Track and Field Meet in Bloomington.
- Bloomsburg 197-pound wrestler **Jesse Hasseman** lost 12-4 in a dual meet with Old Dominion, 13-9 to Virginia, and by fall to Indiana. Bloomsburg defeated Old Dominion 19-13 and lost to Virginia (21-14) and Indiana (42-0).
- The Denison swimming team won 134-101 against Wittenberg. Freshman **Dylan Wilson** was fourth of nine in the 50-yard freestyle (23.15) and fifth of 10 in the 100 freestyle (51.18). In a 129.5-109 loss to Division I Ohio University, he was seventh of eight in the 200 freestyle (1:54.02).
- Wooster sophomore swimmer **Kyle Oaks** won the 50-yard freestyle (23.90) and the 100 freestyle (52.30) in the Scots' 136-60 win against Oberlin. In a 120-96 win against Hiram, he was fifth in the 200-meter short course race in 2:14.09.

Indian Creek

- The Penn State women's basketball team (7-9, 1-4) fell 66-57 to Illinois. **Adrienne Squire** scored seven points on 2 for 13 from the field, 1 for 10 from 3-points range and 2 for 2 from the foul line. She grabbed eight rebounds and had two assists with no turnovers in 37 minutes.
- The sophomore leads the nation in free-throw shooting with a .980 percentage.
- The Miami women's basketball team (6-9, 1-3) lost to Kent State (83-78 in overtime) and Ohio (56-43). **Kris Coner** played nine minutes in each game. She scored three points on 1 for 2 from the field and 1 for 1 from the foul line while grabbing five rebounds and making one steal.

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You can't miss TV coverage of Turin Olympics

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PASADENA, Calif.

There aren't enough hours in the day to watch all the Winter Olympics coverage that NBC and its cable partners are serving up. Seriously. Even if you want to watch someone hurtling headfirst down a mountain or actually know what the biathlon is, it's impossible to see it all live. NBC's planned 416 hours of coverage (including the broadcast network and cable outlets) from Turin, Italy, averages out to 24.5 hours a day.

"We are reinventing the clock," said David Neal, executive producer of NBC Sports.

The Winter Games open Feb. 10, and competition stretches for 16 days after that.

NBC executives are privately trying to downplay ratings expectations, given that Olympics on U.S. snow and ice, like Salt Lake City in 2002, tend to draw more interest. But they're hoping a strong United States team will spike the TV turnout.

"The thing that our viewers will immediately notice each day is the strength of the U.S. Olympics team," Neal said. "It's the most accomplished Winter Olympics team that the U.S. has ever fielded."

It's not like NBC is going to wrap itself in a flag and ignore accomplishments of foreign athletes, but it helps if there are more competitions with a national rooting interest, he said.

For the winter Olympics to really take off for NBC, it requires some kind of story, some personalities that intrigue viewers. Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan won't be around this time, but Michelle Kwan is continuing her quest for skating gold.

And American skier Bode Miller introduced himself to the world away from snow-covered mountains with his "60 Minutes" interview on CBS admitting he has skied after drinking.

"I'm waiting for my thank-you card from my good friend (NBC sports boss) Dick Ebersol for picking out a star for the Olympics and promoting him so well," joked CBS News and Sports President Sean McManus.

NBC's prime-time coverage will feature high-profile sports like figure skating, skiing and snowboarding. And, because Turin is six hours ahead of Eastern

ABOUT THE GAMES

- What:** 2006 Winter Olympics
- When:** Opening ceremonies are Feb. 10. Competition will conclude Feb. 26.
- Where:** Turin, Italy
- TV:** NBC and related networks (MSNBC, CNBC, USA) will provide coverage.
- Last time:** The Americans earned 34 overall medals, second to Germany's 36, in the 2002 Salt Lake Games. Norway earned the most gold medals (13) and had 25 medals overall.

Standard Time, those competitions will be taped instead of shown live earlier in the day.

That's an increasing risk in a wired world; even NBC's Olympics Web site will provide up-to-the-minute results. But Neal said research shows viewers want to watch those sports when it's most convenient to them.

NBC has assembled a veteran, familiar announcing corps, led by prime-time host Bob Costas. Daytime and late-night host Jim Lampley is working his 13th Olympics, surpassing the record set by ABC's Jim McKay.

New to NBC's team is longtime skating analyst Dick Button, a 1948 gold medal winner. He'll join Tim Hammond, Scott Hamilton, Sandra Bezic and Andrea Joyce in covering the skating competition.

During the figure-skating competition, the USA Network will air a one-hour show at 6 p.m. called "Olympic Ice," providing news, analysis and interviews on the sport.

USA, MSNBC and CNBC will provide many hours of coverage, USA and MSNBC during the day and CNBC for three hours in the early evening after the stock market closes.

"For the first time in the Winter Games, every session of every sport will have at least some coverage," Neal said.

That includes, for diehards, a numbing 26 curling matches, 15 of them shown live.

All 54 games of the men's and women's hockey games will be shown live, mostly on the cable networks. All games involving the U.S. teams will be shown commercial-free. Gold medal games for the men and women will be shown on NBC.

The Spanish-language Telemundo will offer Olympics news updates and a late-night high-lights show.

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