EVENTS

Men's college basketball

High school boys basketball

SPECTATOR SPORTS

Edinburgh at Morristown, 7:30 p.m.

Plainfield at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m.

Indian Creek at Monrovia, 7:30 p.m.

New Palestine at Whiteland, 8 p.m.

Roncalli at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.

Greenwood at Plainfield, 7:30 p.m.

Lawrence North at Center Grove, 7:30 p.m.

Cornerstone Christian at Greenwood Christian

Results can be called in to the Daily Journal sports

Portland

L.A. Clippers L.A. Lakers Golden State

department from 6 to 10 weeknights and Sunday

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Results also can be faxed to 736-2766.

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THREE-POINT SHOOTING

FREE THROW SHOOTING (Minimum 25 attempts) Shots

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WHMB-Channel 40

UCLA at Oregon, noon, Fox Sports Midwest

PGA Buick Invitational, second round, 3 p.m., USA

Cleveland Cavaliers at Indiana Pacers, 7 p.m., ESPN

Los Angeles Clippers at Denver Nuggets, 9:30 p.m.,

Australian Open, women's final, 9:30 p.m., ESPN2

McCutcheon at Hamilton Southeastern, 10:30 p.m.,

TV TODAY

ESPN

TODAY

Boys basketball

Girls basketball

Academy, 6 p.m.

Call us with results

Heather Dowell, E Traci Lippold, CG Molly Lauck, CG Jenny Gray, CG

Abby Collier, G

Nancy Miller, F Molly Lauck, CG

Abby Collier, G

Jenny Gray, CG Heather Dowell, E

Amy Orender, W Brittney Wilson, W Traci Lippold, CG

Lindsay Bowers, E

Erin Bullington, F Tracie Walters, IC

Kasey Dollens, G Hannah Basey, E Jenny Gray, CG Sarah Condra, W

Hillary Bowling, CG

Jaccica Huffman W

Tracie Walters, IC 18 Courtney Von Stein, IC 17

Lydia Feldmarı, G. Erin Bullington, F. 17 36 FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (Minimum 50 attempts) Shots 75, 107

Brittney Wilson, W Tracie Walters, IC

Kristie Smith, E

Molly Lauck, CG

Tessa Ratliff, G

Brittney Wilson, W

Lindsay Bowers, E

Heather Dowell, E

Abbie Weddle, E Sarah Condra, W

Name Jackie Kunz, G

Alex Dewitz, CG

Traci Lippold, CG

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San Antonio

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Boston

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Jessica Huffman, W 17 Lydia Feldman, CG 16 Courtney Von Stein, IC 17 Brittney Wilson, W 16

evenings at 736-2715.

REBOUNDING

ASSISTS

STEALS

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Notes

Center Grove baskeball tickets Presale tickets for Saturday night's Center Grove High School boys varsity basketball game at Class 4 No. 1 Lawrence North are on sale until 2 p.m. today in the Center Grove

Tickets are \$5. Gametime is 7:30 p.m.

Greenwood football coach opening Greenwood Community High School is accepting applications for its vacant varsity

football head coaching position. Applicants are asked to send a resume and cover letter to Greenwood athletic director Paul Collier at the following address: Greenwood Community High School, 615 West Smith Valley Road, Greenwood, Indiana, 46142. Applications will be accepted through Feb.

Boys swimming

Thursday's results
At Indian Creek
Shelbyville 103, Indian Creek 58
200 medley relay: 1:59.74 Indian Creek;
200 freestyle: 2:09.47 Eric Byrer S; 200 IM: 2:32.86 Nick Allen S, 3. Kolby Harrell IC; 50

2:32.86 Nick Allen S, 3. Kolby Harrell IC; 50 freestyle: :24.70 Aaron Cherry S, 2. Brad Vest IC; Diving: 226.40 Casey Johnson IC, 2. Levi Tworek IC.
100 butterfly: 1:03.29 Isaiah Tworek IC, 2. Vest IC; 100 freestyle: :56.78 Cherry S, 3. Preston Pameijer IC; 500 freestyle: 6:13.80 Thomas Lapinski S; 200 freestyle relay: 2:09.02 Shelbyville; 100 backstroke: 1:16.39 Ben Hebbe S; 400 freestyle relay: 3:53.72 Shelbyville, 2. Indian Creek.
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Center Grove		9-4	.692
Edinburgh		5-7	.417
Franklin		7-7	.500
Greenwood		8-4	.667
Indian Creek		3-9	.250
Whiteland		2-11	.153
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	G	Pts.	Ava
Name, school	12	215	Avg. 17.9
Tyler Kitchel, CG	12		
Todd Price, CG		196	16.3
Mark Dunn, IC	12	177	14.7
Cody Long, F	14	198	14.1
Matt Allee, G	12	168	14.0
Nick Smither, W	13	176	13.5
Marcus Hanger, W	13	168	12.9
Adrian Moss, F	14	178	12.7
Evan Checkeye, G	12	149	12.4
Ben Gordon, F	14	170	12.1
Kyle Ray, IC	8	93	11.6
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Name	G	Reb.	Avg.
Ben Gordon, F	14	155	11.1
Mark Dunn, IC	12	102	8.5
Matt Allee, G	12	92	7.7
Todd Price, CG	12	79	6.6
A.J. Edds, G	8	48	6.0
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Adrian Moss F	14	78	5.6

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Kyle Ray, IC	8	26	3.							
Tyler Kitchel, CG	12	38	3.2							
STEALS										
Name	G	Steals	Avg							
Adrian Moss, F	14	37	2.0							
Nick Smither, W	13	28	2.							
Kyle Ray, IC	8	17	2.							
Tyler Kitchel, CG	12	22	1.3							
Ben Gordon, F	14	26	1.3							
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Todd Price, CG		66-122	.54							
A.J. Edds, G		25-47	.53							

	Louis Karrio, CG	31-31	.00				
	Todd Price, CG	66-122	.54				
	A.J. Edds, G	25-47	.53				
	Tyler Kitchel, CG	53-103	.51				
	Matt Allee, G	69-141	.48				
	Evan Checkeye, G	53-108	.47				
	Jeff Geoghegan, G	27-57	.47				
	Cody Long, F	40-85	.47				
	THREE-PO	INT SHOOTING					
	(Minimum	20 attempts)					
	Name	Shots	Po				
	Corey Gray, CG	5-26	.57				
	Evan Checkeye, G	29-59	.49				
	Cody Long, F	30-63	.47				
	Matt Allee, G	15-32	.46				
	Tyler Kitchel, CG	27-63	.42				
	FREE THRO	OW SHOOTING					
(Minimum 25 attempts)							
	Name	Shots	Po				
	Adam Miller,	23-27	.85				
	Ben Gordon, F	44-53	.83				

Girls basketball

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Thursday's results At Edinburgh Trinity Lutheran 46, Edinburgh 31 TRINITY LUTHERAN — Bailey Lambring 6, Brittany Tabeling 12, Micah Owens 6, Ashley Garlick 2, Felicia Rieckers 0, Meghin

Shelton 0, Sarah Bevers 16, Samantha Eveslage 4. Totals: 17 12-19 46. EDINBURGH — Hannah Basey 3, Lindsey Bowers 6, Chelsea Montgomery 3, Kristie Smith 10, Hilary Stinson 7, Lindsay Bryant 2, Jessica Burton 0, Brittany Stalets 0.

6 8 21 11-46 EDINBURGH 8 7 6 10—31
Three-point shooting: Trinity Lutheran 0,
Edinburgh (Basey, Stinson). Rebounding:
Trinity Lutheran 35, Edinburgh 22 (Snith 11).
Fouls: Trinity Lutheran 6, Edinburgh 15.
Records: Edinburgh 4-14, Trinity Lutheran 9-10

At South Decatur

At south Decatur South Sou 1-2 1. Alli Mitchell 5-15 3-8 13, Ashley na 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals:** 21-55 11-19 54

SOUTH DECATUR — Kris Stout 0-0 0-0 0,
Rachel Allen 6-17 5-8 18, Haley Holdreith
1-7 3-5 5, Jamie Huff 4-19 6-8 14, Julie
French 3-5 2-4 7, Brittany Apperson 0-0 0-0 0. Liz Mauer 0-1 0-0 0. Megan Johannigman 6 0-0 4, Nakema Gillenwater 3-9 4-4 10. Totals: 19-64 19-29 58.

INDIAN CREEK 11 17 13 13 — 54
SOUTH DECATUR 16 11 11 21 — 58
Three-point shooting: Indian Creek 1-5 (Chinn 0-1, Lines 1-2, Von Stein 0-2) South Decatur 1-3 (Allen 1-2, Holdreith 0-1). **Rebounds:** Indian Creek 40 (Mitchell 16), South Decatur 30 (Allen 7). Fouls: Indian Creek 21 (Von Stein fouled out), South Decatur 17
Records: Indian Creek 8-11 South

Reserve: South Decatur 49 Indian Creek 31

2005-06 INDIVIDUAL STATS RECORDS								
School	Record	Pct.						
Center Grove	15-2	.882						
Edinburgh	4-13	.235						
Franklin	9-10	.474						
Greenwood	11-7	.611						
Indian Creek	8-11	.421						
Whiteland	14-3	.824						
SCORING								
Name, school	G Pts.	Avg.						

By Nancy Armour

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.

Michelle Kwan's hopes for that elusive Olympic gold medal rest in a rink half a world away from Turin.

Kwan will do her short and long programs for a five-person monitoring committee today on her home ice in Los Angeles. If the committee decides she's healthy and fit enough to com-

pete, she's on her way to Turin. If not, she'll have to watch again as someone else gets that gold medal

she's sought for so long. "If I feel that I can't be ready, I will pull myself off the team," the 25-yearold Kwan said earlier this month. "I've said that before and I'm sticking

to it. If I don't believe I can be 100 percent and at my best, I don't believe

it's good for me to go.' The five-time world and nine-time U.S. champion asked for a medical bye onto the Olympic team after withdrawing from the national championships with a groin injury. Her petition was granted, under the condition that she prove to the monitoring committee today that she's ready to compete in Turin.

The session will be at the East West Ice Palace in Artesia, Calif., Kwan's home rink, and will be conducted by U.S. Figure Skating international committee chairman Bob Horen; technical controller Charlie Cyr; world judge Paula Naughton; international judge Lorrie Parker; and athlete representa-

tive Brittney Bottoms. The session is scheduled to start late in the morning, and Kwan will do some jumps and spins, followed by her short program. After a break, she'll come back and do her long program. She won't be scored as if she's in a competition, but Horen said the monitors won't give her a free pass,

"I will assure you, the monitoring committee will be as tough as the judges were (at nationals)," Horen

If the committee decides Kwan isn't healthy enough to skate, she will be replaced by Emily Hughes, the younger sister of 2002 Olympic champion Sarah Hughes. Emily Hughes finished third at nationals.

UMBC 48, Albany, N.Y. 41 W. Virginia St. 67, Alderson-Broaddus 60 Westfield St. 58, Framingham St. 54 Wheeling Jesuit 71, Fairmont St. 63 SOUTH

Anderson, S.C. 100, Coker 55 Belmont 72, Jacksonville 56 Brewton Parker 68, Southern Poly St. 59 Cumberland, Tenn. 105, Martin Methodist 70 Cumbenand, Jenn. 105, Martin Metric Dulke 97, Clemson 65 E. Kentucky 68, Tennessee St. 63 ETSU 61, Stetson 51 Elizabeth City St. 86, St. Paul's 84 Florida Atlantic 73, Campbell 63 Freed-Hardeman 86, Blue Mountain 45 Georgetown, Ky. 84, Pikeville 54 Georgia 74, South Carolina 65 Jacksonville St. 73, Austin Peay 52 Kentucky 66, Tennessee 63
Kentucky Wesleyan 70, St. Joseph's 54
Lindsey Wilson 49, Campbellsville 41
Louisiana Tech 74, San Jose St. 51 Maryland 79, Georgia Tech 71 Mercer 69, Kennesaw 55 Methodist 78, Meredith 77 Middle Tennessee 69, Louisiana-Lafayette 68 Mississippi 76, Mississippi St. 71 Murray St. 82, Tennessee Tech 70 N.C. State 83, Miami 77 North Florida 54, Lipscomb 52 Pfeiffer 71, Mount Olive 55 Samford 59, Tenn.-Martin 50 Shaw 88. Favetteville St. 67

St. Augustine's 67, Livingstone 45 Union 75, Tenn. Temple 56 Union, Tenn. 100, Lyon 46 W. Kentucky 59, New Orleans 49 MIDWEST Ashland 92, Ferris St. 59 Grand Valley St. 73, Wayne, Mich. 51 Illinois St. 71, Creighton 68 Indiana 63. Illinois 48 Indianapolis 71, S. Indiana 63 Lewis 73, SIU-Edwardsville 56 Loyola of Chicago 75, Youngstown McKendree 62, Brescia 52 Minnesota 79, N. Dakota St. 70 Minot St. 54. Dickinson St. 44 Missouri St. 66, Bradley 45 N. Iowa 63, Wichita St. 56 North Dakota 91, Augustana, S.D. 61 Northwestern 77 Michigan 57 Ohio St. 73. Wisconsin 46 Onlo St. 73, Wisconsin 46
Purdue 73, Michigan St. 53
S. Dakota St. 68, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 45
SE Missouri 62, Morehead St. 50 SE Missouri 62, Morehead St. 50 Saginaw Valley St. 61, Michigan Tech 57 St. Cloud St. 85, Nebraska-Omaha 60 St. Xavier 86, Palm Beach Atlantic 76 Wis-Green Bay 76, Cleveland St. 52 Wright St. 69, Wis-Milwaukee 67

SOUTHWEST Arkansas 69, Florida 63 Arkansas Tech 73, Harding 72 Cent. Arkansas 83, S. Arkansas 63 Delta St. 59. Ouachita 49 Lamar 73, Nicholls St. 70 Louisiana-Monroe 69, Texas St. 63 McMurry 62, Texas Lutheran 35 North Texas 71, Troy 46 Sam Houston St. 55, SE Louisiana 39 Stephen F.Austin 39, Texas-Arlington 35
Texas-San Antonio 73, Northwestern St. 65
FAR WEST South Alabama 74, Denver 66

Playoffs Conference championships Sunday's games Pittsburgh 34, Denver 17 Seattle 34, Carolina 1^A NFL Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 5 Detroit vs. Seattle, 6:30 p.m.

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Pacific Division

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Thursday's games
Orlando 119, Philadelphia 115, OT
Phoenix 107, Miami 98
Dallas at Seattle, (n)
Today's games
Phoenix at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Claveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Miami at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m. Sacramento at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m. Memphis at Detroit, 8 p.m. Toronto at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

Washington at Chicago, 8:30 p.m

Minnesota at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Denver, 9:30 p.m. New Jersey at Portland, 10 p.m. Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Men's college

basketball

Thursday's scores EAST

Alderson-Broaddus 82, W. Virginia St. 80 Bentley 78, Stonehill 72 Bryant 79, S. Connecticut 50

Dominican, N.Y. 88, Wilmington, Del. 87 Endicott 84, New England Coll. 54 Fairleigh Dickinson 66, St. Francis, Pa. 49

Pace 81, American International 75 Quinnipiac 68, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 62 Robert Morris 73, Monmouth, N.J. 65 S. New Hampshire 93, St. Michael's 66

Va. Commonwealth 56, Delaware 52

W. Virginia Tech 72, Davis & Elkins 64
Wheeling Jesuit 68, Fairmont St. 56
SOUTH

Chowan 79, Claffin 59 Duke 80, Virginia Tech 67 George Mason 81, William & Mary 58 Lamar 89, Nicholls St. 81 N.C.-Wilmigton 83, James Madison 46 Northeastern 68, Georgia St. 54

Northwestern St. 70. Texas-San Antonio 59

National Translation of Columbia 45

MIDWEST

Akron 52, Miami (Ohio) 45

Bowling Green 79, Kent St. 74
Grand Valley St. 65, Wayne, Mich. 55
N. Illinois 49, Cent. Michigan 43
Oakland, Mich. 95, Valparaiso 89

Women's college

basketball

W. New England 58, Norwich 41

Chowan 79, Claflin 59

Old Dominion 74, Drexel 67

W. Michigan 68, Ball St. 59

Thursday's scores EAST Assumption 69, St. Rose 60

Berniey 84, Storierilli 74, O1 Bloomfield 67, N.J. Tech 60 Boston College 57, Virginia 43 Charleston, W.Va. 85, Glenville St. 77

Emmanuel, Mass. 65, Babson 61, OT Franklin & Marshall 78, Muhlenberg 71, OT

Holy Family 75, Caldwell 49 Loyola, Md. 71, Canisius 53 Mount St. Vincent 70, St. Elizabeth 39 New England 60, Wentworth Tech 54

Pace 62, American International 56 Penn St. 72, Iowa 61

Siena 79, Niagara 44 St. Michael's 62, S. New Hampshire 59

Plymouth St. 78, Lasell 50 Post, Conn. 67, Nyack 54 Queens Coll. 67, Dowling 59 S. Connecticut 62, Bryant 43

Shepherd 79, Bluefield St. 61

Bentley 84, Stonehill 74, OT

Charleston, W.Va. 79, Glenville St. 77

Cent Connecticut St. 57 War

Hofstra 82, Towson 70 Long Island U. 63, Sacred Heart 60

Mass.-Dartmouth 86, Lasell 81

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Pittsburgh vs. (WRTV-Channel 6) NHL EASTERN CONFERENCE | STERN CONFERENCE | Atlantic Division | W L OT Pts GF | 30 12 8 68 175 | 5 26 19 6 58 149 | 5 26 12 9 10 34 144 | Northeast Division | W L OT Pts GF | 34 10 4 72 202 | 31 15 3 65 162 | 24 22 3 5 1156 | Pittsburgh Ottawa Buffalo 22 20 6 50 140

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Southeast Division										
		W	L	OT	Pts	GF	G			
	Carolina	35	11	4	74	189	15			
	Tampa Bay	26	20	4	56	147	14			
	Atlanta	23	22	6	52	178	17			
	Florida	19	24	8	46	131	16			
	Washington	17	27	5	39	140	18			
WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Central Division										
		W	L	OT	Pts	GF	G			
	Detroit	33	13	4	70	181	12			
	Nashville	31	13	6	68	160	14			

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Columbus	18	30	2	38	121	181				
Chicago	16	27	6	38	126	170				
St. Louis	11	30	8	30	127	187				
Northwest Division										
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Calgary	29	15	5	63	134	125				
Vancouver	28	18	5	61	170	156				
Colorado	28	19	3	59	188	161				
Edmonton	26	18	6	58	165	156				
Minnesota	25	21	4	54	144	126				
Pacific Division										
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Dallas	32	15	2	66	162	131				
Los Angeles	30	19	3	63	178	162				
Phoenix	25	24	2	52	145	159				
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Thursday's games Carolina 5, Atlanta 1 Boston 3, Washington 2 N.Y. Islanders 4, Pittsburgh 3, SO Ottawa 3 Montreal 0 Detroit 2, Vancouver 1 Buffalo 8, Toronto 4 Tampa Bay 1, New Jersey 0, OT Phoenix 4, St. Louis 3 Minnesota 5. Nashville 1 Calgary at Chicago, (n)
Dallas at Colorado, (n)
Anaheim at San Jose, (n). Edmonton at Los Angeles, (n) Today's games
Minnesota at Columbus, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL American League
SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Gil Meche on a one-year contract.

National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Named Carmelo

Martinez manager and Kevin Green hitting coach for Mesa of the Arizona League and Darren Wheeler athletic trainer for Boise of the Northwest League.
NEW YORK METS—Named Bryan Lambe

and Scott Nethery special assistants to the general manager, Adam Wogan director of minor league operations and Kevin Morgan coordinator of instruction for the minor leagues.

American Association
FORT WORTH CATS—Acquired RHP
Cory Walters from Winnipeg of the Northern League for future considerations.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS—Agreed to terms with OF Cory Harris.
SHREVEPORT SPORTS—Agreed to

Indian Creek falls in final minutes

By Steve McClure

DAILY JOURNAL SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WESTPORT

didn't go away.

The Indian Creek girls basketball team dropped a 58-54 heartbreaker Thursday at Mid-Hoosier Conference rival South Decatur. Both teams started slowly, but the Cougars steadily built momentum in the

Sophomore Jamie Huff led the way for South Decatur in the first quarter with

first quarter and were up 16-11 at the end of

eight points. But the Braves (8-11, 5-3 Mid-Hoosier)

Indian Creek trailed by as many as nine in the second quarter but rallied behind the efforts of senior Kelsey Harvey and sophomore Megan Lines.

Both players made key baskets during a run that trimmed the deficit to 24-22 late in

A short time later, the Braves' defense forced three turnovers that produced a 28-26 halftime lead for Indian Creek.

But it came at a cost. Before the half ended, the Braves lost Harvey to a right ankle injury. She did not

Still, Indian Creek maintained its advantage throughout the third quarter despite some poor ball handling.

COUGARS

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BRAVES

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The Braves built their biggest lead, 46-39, with just less than six minutes left to play when senior guard Tracie Walters drove to the basket and turned it into a three-point

The turning point for South Decatur (7-10, 3-3) came with 2:29 remaining when senior guard Rachel Allen hit a 3-pointer to give the Cougars a 52-50 lead.

The Braves were forced to foul in the final minute. Allen hit a pair of free throws, as did junior center Nakema Gillenwater, to

seal the victory. Indian Creek coach Andi Ferris said her

team has played up and down all season. "We've got to get better by playing a lot harder and try to elevate our game no matter who we play and what their record is," Ferris said. "I have confidence in each and every one of my players."

Freshman center Alli Mitchell came off the bench to lead the Braves in scoring with 13 points. She also had 16 rebouunds. Lines had 13 points.

Allen led all scorers with 18 points.

Indian Creek has two regular-season games remaining, beginning with Saturday's 2:30 p.m. home game against visiting Class 3A No. 7 Whiteland.

Lancers' losing streak grows to four games

COUGARS

the doctors.

By Ken Severson

DAILY JOURNAL SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

For two quarters it appeared the Edinburgh Community High School girls basketball team would snap a three-game losing streak.

But one bad quarter extended the stretch

Visiting Trinity Lutheran parlayed a 21-6 third-quarter run into a 46-31 win against the Lancers on Thursday night.

The victory was the Cougars' second straight. Edinburgh slips to 4-14 with no immediate relief in sight.

Not only are the Lancers losing games, they're losing players. Edinburgh coach Bob White found out this week that 6-foot-1 junior center Shelby

Henderson will miss the rest of the season tor an undisciosed medical reason. Also, season scoring leader Heather Dowell, a junior, sat out with an illness. Dowell wanted to play, but White decided

not to take chances with her health. "Heather was having problems breathing during practice, so I pulled her out," White

LANCERS 31 said. "She's mad at me; but as far as I'm concerned, she's out until she's cleared by

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White said Dowell's presence was missed, especially from a scoring perspective.

In her absence, the burden fell on senior forward Kristie Smith, who didn't disappoint. She had a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. She also had four steals but didn't get much help from her teammates.

"Kristie played a wonderful game and did everything but sweep the floor," White said. "I told the team they needed to step up, and I kept hoping that someone would follow up. "No one did."

Trinity Lutheran (9-10) had two players score in double-figures. Sopnomore Sarai Bevers had 16, and sophomore Brittany Tabeling added 12.

The Cougars outrebounded the Lancers

Edinburgh's next game is at 6 p.m. Tuesday against visiting Medora.

If Federer gets by Kiefer, he can look forward to Baghdatis

By John Pye THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MELBOURNE, Australia

And then there were none, or so it might seem to Roger Federer.

The top-ranked Swiss went from Australian Open front-runner to overwhelming favorite when his closest contender, fourthseeded David Nalbandian, lost Thursday to Marcos Baghdatis, the exciteable 20-yearold from Cyprus.

As if Federer's road weren't already easy enough: Andre Agassi, Rafael Nadal and Marat Safin didn't show up because of injuries, and Andy Roddick and Lleyton Hewitt lost in the early rounds.

If Federer defeats 21st-seeded Nicolas Kiefer of Germany in Friday's other semifinal, he'll face Baghdatis, a former junior world champion, in Sunday's championship

Baghdatis rallied to oust Nalbandian, 3-6 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4, winning 17 of the final 21 points and enduring a break for a late storm when he was three points from winning.

"Everything is first time here: getting to the quarters was the first time, getting to the semis was the first time, getting to the final; I hope it continues," said Baghdatis, who had many Australians of Greek heritage, all dressed in blue, chanting for him inside Rod Laver Arena.

Nalbandian, the Masters Cup champion and 2002 Wimbledon finalist from Argentina, is the last man — and one of only four in 2005 — to beat Federer.

Baghdatis aims to be the next. "I believe it, my coach believe it, the guys I work with believe, my parents believe it," said Baghdatis, ranked 54th. "I have worked for that ... I'm very proud of myself ... it's

been amazing." The women's finalists were determined Thursday, with eighth-seeded Justine Henin-Hardenne and No. 3 Amelie Mauresmo winning semifinal matches.

Kim Clijsters, who ensured she'll replace Lindsay Davenport at No. 1 in the new rankings when she defeated Martina Hingis in the quarterfinals, limped off with an



Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus celebrates after winning his semifinal match against David

Nalbandian of Argentina at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia, on Thursday.

injured right ankle while trailing Mauresmo 5-7, 6-2, 3-2 and 15-love.

Clijsters left Melbourne Park in a wheelchair, and she will be sidelined at least two months after tearing a ligament in the ankle.

Her fellow Belgian, Henin-Hardenne, extended her Australian Open winning streak to 13 matches by ousting 2004 Wimbledon winner Maria Sharapova 4-6, 6-1, 6-4. Henin-Hardenne, who had missed two months beginning late last year with hamstring problems, will be seeking a fifth major title.

Sharapova, who had missed two months with an injured shoulder, said she'd done better than expected and had a pointed message for critics who say she chokes in tight situations. Sharapova also lost in the semis at three majors in 2005.

"Take your note pads, take your pencils, take your grunt-o-meters down, the fashion police, put everything away and just watch the match from the fans' perspective," she

Kwan's participation to be decided today