

SCOREBOARD

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Notes

Center Grove basketball 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 athletic office.

Greenwood football coach opening Greenwood Community High School is accepting applications for its vacant varsity football head coaching position.

Boys swimming Thursday's results At Indian Creek Shelbyville 103, Indian Creek 58 200 medley relay: 5:59.74 Indian Creek; 200 freestyle: 2:09.47 Eric Byrre S; 200 IM: 1:52.86 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. Lev Tworek IC.

Boys basketball

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2005-06 county standings and statistics RECORDS

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MAIN EVENTS

TV TODAY

Men's college basketball UCLA at Oregon, noon, Fox Sports Midwest

Golf

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

NBA

Cleveland Cavaliers at Indiana Pacers, 7 p.m., ESPN Los Angeles Clippers at Denver Nuggets, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

Tennis

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

High school boys basketball

McCutcheon at Hamilton Southeastern, 10:30 p.m., WHMB-Channel 40

SPECTATOR SPORTS

TODAY

Boys basketball Edinburg 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.

Girls basketball

Lawrence North at Center Grove, 7:30 p.m. Roncalli at Franklin, 7:30 p.m. Greenwood at Plainfield, 7:30 p.m. Cornerstone Christian at Greenwood Christian Academy, 6 p.m.

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. Results also can be faxed to 736-2766.

UMBC 48, Albany, N.Y. 41 W. Virginia 51, Alderson-Broaddus 60 Westfield 51, Framingham 54 Wheeling Jesuit 71, Fairmont 53

SOUTH

Anderson, S.C. 100, Coker 55 Belmont 72, Jacksonville 56 Brewton Parker 68, Southern Poly 59 Cumberland, Tenn. 105, Martin Methodist 70 Duke 97, Clemson 65

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WESTPORT

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By STEVE McCURE

DAILY JOURNAL SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

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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 play.

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 rebounds. 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

By KEN SEVERSON

DAILY JOURNAL SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

COUGARS

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LANCERS

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

But one bad quarter extended the stretch to four. 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. Edinburg slips to 4-14 with no immediate relief in sight.

Not only are the Lancers losing games, they're losing players. Edinburg coach Bob White found out this week that 6-foot-1 junior center Shelby Henderson will miss the rest of the season for an undisclosed 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 said. "She's mad at me; but as far as I'm concerned, she's out until she's cleared by the doctors."

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. Sophomore Sarah Bevers had 16, and sophomore Brittany Labeling added 12.

The Cougars outbounded the Lancers 35-22. Edinburg'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, fourth-seeded David Nalbandian, lost Thursday to Marcos Baghdatis, the excitable 20-year-old 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 match.

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

Kwan's participation to be decided today

By NANCY ARMOUR

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.

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

Kwan