

Layup carries Pacers to win

Late shot by Jackson gives Indiana its 30th win of season

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Stephen Jackson atoned for a bunch of misses with one clutch play.

Jackson's layup with 2.9 seconds left lifted the Indiana Pacers to a 94-93 victory against the Philadelphia 76ers on Sunday.

Allen Iverson had 33 points and nine assists but couldn't lead the Sixers to their third straight victory.

Anthony Johnson had 18 points and Jackson scored 15 for Indiana, which has won three of four.

Down by one point, the Pacers got possession after a shot-clock violation on Philadelphia with 4.9 seconds left. Sarunas Jasikevicius threw an inbound pass to Jackson, who went around a stumbling Kyle Korver to make an uncontested shot.

"I was 0-for-infinity," Jackson said. "I just wanted to make a shot. We knew they'd switch. I went backdoor and got to the basket. My teammates showed confidence in me to give me the ball. It seemed like I hadn't made a shot all game."

Jackson missed 15 of his first 19 shots before the easy layup. Chris Webber then missed a jumper at the buzzer after an inbound pass from Iverson.

"For that to happen with 4.9 seconds left, it's devastating," Iverson said.

Korver was a surprise presence on the floor at that end, considering he lost his starting job because of his poor defense.

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NEXT UP

New York Knicks (16-43) at Indiana Pacers (30-26)

Time: 7 p.m. Tuesday

TV: Fox Sports Midwest

Radio: WIBC-1070 AM

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SWEET REVENGE

Cubs knock off Trojans for sectional title



The Franklin Community High School boys basketball team celebrates with the sectional trophy after knocking off Center Grove for the title on Saturday.

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Next up for Franklin: Regional date with Pike

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INDIANAPOLIS

Franklin junior Adrian Moss wasn't about to lose another game to Center Grove.

After dropping the season opener 77-75 and the title game of the Johnson County Boys Basketball Tournament 67-64 to the Trojans, Moss' double-digit scoring helped the Cubs to a 66-60 win Saturday in the championship at the Class 4A Southport Sectional.

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Franklin senior Ben Gordon scores double-double despite playing through back pain.

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"We got the job done," said Moss, who had 26 points to lead all scorers. "In the second game (against the Trojans), we had it and gave it away to them. We emphasized in practice that if we got up, we weren't going to let the game go."

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Pike Regional, Saturday
At Hinkle Fieldhouse, Butler University

Game 1
Pike (20-3) vs. Franklin (14-10), 10 a.m.

Game 2
Lawrence North (25-0) vs. Carmel (17-7), noon

Championship
8 p.m.

Center Grove's Angela Blankenship performs on the beam during the gymnastics sectional at Columbus East. Blankenship tied for seventh in the event with two other competitors.

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CG cruises to gymnastics title

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The Center Grove girls gymnastics team continued the dominance it has shown all season at Saturday's Columbus East Sectional, winning by a margin of 6.1 points in front of second-place Bloomington South.

On their road to a fourth straight state appearance, the Trojans were

strong in every aspect, winning three of four events and taking the top three places in the all-around.

The No. 3 Trojans placed at least one athlete in the top three of all four events, including the top four positions in the vault and floor exercise.

Senior Megan Roller took first place in the all-around for her seventh consecutive time this season, with a total score of 37.4. She was followed by teammates

Katelyn Fernandes and Angela Blakenship.

"I think we did well," Roller said. "We definitely have some things we can work on for regionals, but it was a nice meet for us."

Center Grove heads back to Columbus East on Saturday for regional competition. The Trojans must place in the top two as a team to move on to the state finals.

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Center Grove's Megan Roller performs during her floor exercise at Saturday's gymnastics sectional at Columbus East. Roller won the event and was the all-around champion.

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