

SCOREBOARD

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Note

Girls semistate tickets on sale Advance tickets for the IHSAA girls basketball Class 4A semistate championship game Saturday between Center Grove and Columbus East will be available from 7 a.m. through 3 p.m. today through Friday in Center Grove High School's athletics office. General-admission tickets are \$7 each. The game will follow the Class 2A semistate championship game between Heritage Christian and Mitchell which tips off at 1 p.m. Saturday at Southport High School.

Boys basketball

Tuesday's results At Greenwood Indian Creek 51, Greenwood 49 INDIAN CREEK — Kyle Ray 7-15 4-5 20, Kyle Bradley 1-5 0-0 2, Logan Scott 0-1 0-0 0, Zach Pointdexter 0-3 1-2 1, Weston Wray 1-6 8-11 10, Drew Hogue 0-1 0-0 0, Brett Brunson 7-11 0-0 18. Totals: 16-42 16-51. GREENWOOD — Name Corbin Mitchell 5-12 0-0 12, Chris Delorme 0-0 0-0 0, Tony Robey 3-10 1-5 8, Daniel Lipp 4-15 3-4 11, Matt Heller 0-1 0-0 0, Patrick Kinman 3-9 0-0 8, Nick Baughman 2-2 0-0 4, Ian McLaughlin 1-1 0-0 2, Brad Shirrell 0-1 0-0 0. Totals: 18-51 4-49. Indian Creek 15 11 13 12 — 51 Greenwood 15 13 11 10 — 49 Three-point shooting: Indian Creek 6-13 (Ray 2-5, Bradley 0-2, Brunson 4-6), Greenwood 3-15 (Mitchell 2-4, Robey 1-3, Lipp 0-4, Kinman 0-4). Rebounds: Indian Creek 16 (Brunson 6), Greenwood 24 (Corbin 7, Lipp 5, Kinman 5). Fouls: Indian Creek 13 (Scott fouled out), Greenwood 18. Records: Indian Creek 9-10, Greenwood 3-16. Reserve score: Indian Creek 42, Greenwood 24.

EVENTS

TV TODAY

NBA Milwaukee Bucks at Indiana Pacers, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Miami Heat at Houston Rockets, 9 p.m., ESPN Men's college basketball Minnesota at Indiana, 7 p.m., WTTV-Channel 4 Boston College at Virginia Tech, 7 p.m., ESPN St. John's at Louisville, 7 p.m., ESPN2 Purdue at Iowa, 9 p.m., WHMB-Channel 40 Texas A&M at Oklahoma State, 9 p.m., ESPN2

Soccer

English League: Charlton at Manchester United, 1 p.m., Fox Sports UEFA Champions League: Chelsea at Porto, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2

SPECTATOR SPORTS

TODAY

Boys basketball Mooresville at Center Grove, (west gym) 7:30 p.m. Indian Creek at Brown County, 7:30 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.

NBA Standings Table: N.Y. Islanders, N.Y. Rangers, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Boston.

Southeast Division Standings: Atlanta, Tampa Bay, Carolina, Florida, Washington.

Western Conference Standings: Nashville, Detroit, St. Louis, Chicago, Columbus.

Monday's games: N.Y. Islanders 6, Pittsburgh 5, Nashville 4, Phoenix 1, Boston 6, Philadelphia 3.

Tuesday's games: Buffalo 6, Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 3, Carolina 1, Boston 3, Toronto 0, Ottawa 4, Edmonton 3, SO Montreal 5, Washington 3, Florida 3, Tampa Bay 2, OT New Jersey 2, N.Y. Rangers 1, Dallas at Minnesota, (n) Columbus at St. Louis, (n) Calgary at Colorado, (n) Vancouver at Anaheim, (n) San Jose at Washington, 7 p.m. Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Thursday's games: Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 7 p.m. Edmonton at Columbus, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at Carolina, 7 p.m. New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m. Pittsburgh at Florida, 7:30 p.m. Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m. Montreal at Nashville, 8 p.m. San Jose at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. Calgary at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Minnesota at Colorado, 9 p.m. Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with INF Brandon Fahey and OF Val Majewski on one-year contracts. TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Tim Corcoran, OF Elijah Dukes, RHP Edwin Jackson, C Dioner Navarro, LHP Jeff Ridgway, LHP Chris Seddon, RHP Brian Stokes, LHP Jon Switzer, and RHP Mitch Talbot on one-year contracts. TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with John Gibbons, manager, on a contract extension through the 2008 season. NATIONAL LEAGUE ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Named Junior Noboa special assistant to the general manager. CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with RHP Carlos Zambrano on a one-year contract. American Association SIOUX CITY EXPLOSIONS—Agreed to terms with RHP Rafael Gross. ATLANTIC LEAGUE LANCASTER BARNSTORMERS—Agreed to terms with 1B Jeremy Todd. CANADIAN LEAGUE NASHUA PRIDE—Agreed to terms with RHP Rich Garces. SUSSEX SKYHAWKS—Agreed to terms with INF Rob Gandolfo. NORTHERN LEAGUE EDMONTON CRACKER-CATS—Agreed to terms with OF Andy Wilson.

Spartans stun No. 1 Badgers

The Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich.

Wisconsin's first game as the nation's top-ranked team went poorly Tuesday night, when Drew Neitzel scored 28 points to lead Michigan State to a 64-55 victory against the Badgers.

Wisconsin gained the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press poll for the first time in school history Monday.

Neitzel's 3-pointer with 3:51 left gave Michigan State a 51-49 lead, and the Spartans held on for the victory, giving their NCAA Tournament hopes a boost before their home crowd.

The sellout crowd at Breslin Center serenaded the Badgers with a chant of "overrated" as the clock wound down. Students stormed the court at the final horn.

The upset puts a damper on Wisconsin's showdown Sunday with No. 2 Ohio State.

The Buckeyes now have a half-game lead over Wisconsin (26-3, 12-2 Big Ten) in the conference race. Ohio State hosts Penn State tonight.

Wisconsin started slow against Michigan State (20-8, 7-6), playing in front of a deafening crowd that was mostly decked out in white as requested by the school's athletic department.

The Badgers trailed 7-0 after coach Bo Ryan picked up a technical, complaining about the lack of a foul call on a Michigan State offensive rebound.

Marcus Landry had 18 points for Wisconsin. Alando Tucker had 16 but only two in the second half. Travis Walton had 13 points for Michigan State, and Raymar Morgan added 12.

In other NCAA action

WMEN

Notre Dame 78 DePaul 54

SOUTH BEND — Colin Falls scored all of his 19 points in the first half, leading Notre Dame to an 18-point halftime lead as the Fighting Irish rebounded from a heartbreaking loss at DePaul two weeks ago to beat the Blue Demons.

The Irish (21-6, 9-5 Big East), who squandered a one-point lead at DePaul on Feb. 8 in the final 20 seconds with a costly turnover, left nothing to chance Tuesday. They jumped to an 8-1 lead to start the game and continued to build on it for much of the game.

They led 40-22 at halftime and extended the lead to 64-39 midway through the second half on a 3-pointer by Rob Kurz. DePaul (16-12, 7-7) shot just 34 percent, including two air balls, and was 2 of 19 from 3-point range.

The Irish were 9 of 18 on 3s, led by Falls with four 3-pointers.

Warrior takes regional diving title

Daily Journal staff report

Whiteland Community High School senior Billy Pennington won the IHSAA boys diving regional Tuesday at Bloomington North.

And he did so by a sizeable margin. Pennington earned 385.30 points, besting runner-up Casey Johnson, an Indian Creek sophomore, by 65.65 points.

Franklin sophomore Brandon Newkirk finished fifth; and he, Pennington and Johnson will join the other top-eight divers from the regional at Saturday's IHSAA state finals.

As his margin of victory would seem to indicate, Pennington was nearly flawless during the regional.

Back

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teammate Louis Kamo said. "I've never broken my back, so I don't know what it feels like. But I've broken other bones, and for him to play the way he has with an injury is remarkable."

Also remarkable is Bowman's shooting percentage. So far this season, he is converting an astounding 76 percent (94 of 123) of his field-goal attempts. He leads the county in field-goal percentage by a wide margin.

Most of his baskets are lay-ups after teammates have driven into the lane and passed him the ball.

As guards Tyler Kitchel, Corey Gray and Kamo weave their way through opposing defenses and draw defenders toward them, Bowman waits under the hoop.

"They can hand me the ball sometimes," Bowman said. "It's a real tribute to my teammates."

They agree. "Bow should get half a point, and me and Lou should get 1 1/2 points," Kitchel joked. "My average would be a little higher."

Kitchel said Bowman's success around the basket has a lot to do with how quickly he gets the ball out of his hands and up to the rim, giving defenders little chance to block it. But the post wasn't always Bowman's locale.



Michigan State's Drew Neitzel, left, shoots a 3-pointer over Wisconsin's Michael Flowers during the second half of a basketball game Tuesday in East Lansing, Mich.

Providence 64 No. 22 West Virginia 61

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Weyni Efejuke scored 24 points and grabbed seven rebounds, and Providence took advantage of West Virginia's 32 missed 3-point attempts for a victory against the 22nd-ranked Mountaineers. Providence (17-9, 7-6 Big East) improved to 16-2 at home and 3-3 against ranked teams as it tries to move off the NCAA Tournament bubble.

WOMEN

No. 3 Connecticut 81 South Florida 67

TAMPA, Fla. — Tina Charles scored a career-high 34 points and grabbed 17 rebounds, leading third-ranked Connecticut to its 11th consecutive victory. Charde Houston had 18 points and 10 rebounds as the Huskies (25-2, 14-0) clinched their first outright Big East regular-season title in three years and remained unbeaten through 14 league games for the sixth time in the program's history.

South Florida (18-9, 8-6) lost for the fourth time in five games, letting UConn gradually pull away after keeping it close for a half before a crowd of 5,241, a record for a South Florida women's home game.

Charles, a 6-foot-4 freshman, made 14 of 19 shots from the field and went 6 for 7 at the foul line to surpass her previous scoring high of 20. Her 17 rebounds, eight in the second half, were two shy of the 19 she had against Syracuse on Jan. 13.

Cubs

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Clark was forced to elevate players from the junior varsity team to fill in. "It was obviously disappointing having the momentum we had last year and coming back with some kids that you felt pretty confident in," Clark said. "We had group where we were really going to rely on our older kids. When that didn't materialize, we gave some younger kids the opportunity, and they rose to the occasion."

Freshmen Ross Syphers and Christian Nicodemus and sophomore Ethan Coffman have been pleasant surprises, and their contributions have helped key the Cubs' reversal.

Lancers

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game at 53 with five free throws. Edinburgh tried to get the ball inside on its final possession in regulation. Instead, Lancers junior Matt Smith missed a long 3-pointer at the buzzer, and the game went into overtime.

"We didn't take care of the ball," said Chase, whose team had 24 turnovers in the game. "We battled back from 12 down to 5 up. We just couldn't close the deal. But we never quit."

"We're still young. This is something to build on, something to learn from. They didn't quit and played hard."

After opening the game with frequent 3-point attempts against the

Braves

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free-throw line, but Brunson blocked Lipp's shot, and time expired. After shooting just 36 percent from the field and being outrebounded 16-10 in the first half, Wilson said he was pleased to look up at the scoreboard and see his team trailing 28-26. It could have been much worse, he said.

Indian Creek was more fluid in the second half and played within its offense despite going 2 of 8 from the floor in the third quarter.

It fought through a three-minute scoring drought just before the start of the fourth quarter to stay within strik-

"It gave us an opportunity to play young kids, and that's not always a bad thing," Clark said. "They are hungry and want to do well, want to impress. And that's not a bad ingredient when you throw in those individuals with people that have experience at the varsity level."

While the younger players have filled in nicely, the team's success will still depend on the contributions of Franklin's seniors.

Moss, last year's Daily Journal Johnson County Player of the Year, still leads the way for the Cubs, averaging a county-high 20.9 points and 7.6 assists a game.

But finding a second scoring option was important. Senior Jordan King has filled that role, providing 13.4 points a game. And fellow seniors Ranon Madison

Spartans' 2-3 zone, the Lancers started to go inside to 6-foot-4 senior Brandon Cravens and 6-foot-6 junior Seth Henderson.

Cravens scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds, while Henderson dominated, scoring a team-high 19 points on 9-of-12 shooting, grabbing six rebounds and blocking six shots.

"Seth did a great job," Chase said. "He is a good passer. He has great vision. He keeps getting better and better. Tonight he did some good stuff."

But because of the turnovers, the Lancers couldn't get anything going inside late in regulation. Cravens scored Edinburgh's first four points of overtime, tying the game at 57 with 2:30 remaining in overtime before fouling out.

Edinburgh also struggled from the

ing distance of Greenwood. In the final eight minutes, the Braves turned up their defensive intensity and got key rebounds down the stretch to erase a six-point deficit with 4:33 left in the game. Indian Creek outscored Greenwood 12-8 in the game's final 4 1/2 minutes.

"We never gave up. That's one thing I've told these kids all season. I never have to worry about their effort. We had a couple chances where we could have given up, and they didn't and made the plays when they had to," Wilson said.

The game was tight throughout. Greenwood had the largest lead at 37-31 in the third quarter.

Ray finished with a game-high 20 points. Brunson scored 18 and grabbed six rebounds for the Braves. Wray scored eight of his 10 points from the

and Foster chip in six and seven points a game, respectively, giving the Cubs needed balance.

"We just had to find a way through all the struggles. We lost two good players early in the season, and we didn't really know what to do with ourselves," Madison said. "We sat down and decided we needed to come together as a team, and as seniors we needed to take it into our hands to get it done."

With two regular-season games remaining, including tonight's contest at Perry Meridian, the Cubs are preparing to defend their sectional title. And the team's outlook has changed since the middle of January.

"Our confidence has gone from zero to out of this world," Madison said. "Everything is clicking, and we're doing everything as a team. Now, we just need to finish strong."

free-throw line, making just 13 of 25 free throws.

"We've been preaching to our kids to attack the basket," Chase said. "We shot lots of free throws but didn't make a lot. But we did what we wanted to do. Yet we still settled a little too much."

Southwestern led 22-12 early in the second quarter before Edinburgh closed the half on a 17-9 run, trailing by just two at halftime, 31-29.

Southwestern outrebounded Edinburgh 49-35.

Spartans senior Brady Phelps recorded a double-double, scoring a game-high 27 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

Junior Josh Burton had 10 points and seven rebounds for the Lancers. The Lancers host Class 2A Triton Central in their final regular-season game at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

free-throw line, including one with 5.5 seconds left that provided the game's final margin.

Corbin Mitchell came off the bench to lead the Woodmen with 12 points and pulled down a game-high seven rebounds. Lipp finished with 11 points.

Indian Creek has two games left before sectional play begins Feb. 28. Tuesday's win is one that Wilson says should give the Braves momentum.

"This win should relax us for (tonight's) game against Brown County and for the season finale against Waldron," Wilson said. "We have a chance to go 6-2 in the conference if we can beat Waldron, so we have some things to play for. You just hope it gives us momentum going into the sectional instead of trying us out."