

SCOREBOARD

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Boys basketball

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The Associated Press top 10 Indiana high school boys basketball teams, with first-place schools in parentheses, records through games Saturday, rating points (30 possible) and previous rankings:

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(CONTINUED FROM PAGE B1) Purdue led 34-32 at halftime, but Indiana took a 50-48 lead on a 3-pointer by Bassett with 13:15 to go.

EVENTS

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FC exacts revenge at home

Men take sting out of Yellow Jackets, have chance to top HCAC

By JEFF SKIRVIN

DAILY JOURNAL SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

With a shot at first place in the Heartland Conference on the line Thursday against Defiance, the Franklin College men's basketball team protected their home court with an 88-77 victory.

Grizzlies coach Kerry Prather said Franklin's 17-point defeat at Defiance on Jan. 17 was the tipping point for the players. Franklin shot 32 percent in that game, took shots that were not in the offensive flow and turned the ball over for easy baskets in transition.

On the bus ride home, Prather and the players met to discuss the team's strengths and weaknesses and vowed to make the necessary changes to become a first-place team.

It worked. Since that loss, Franklin (15-9 overall, 10-5 HCAC) has won eight of nine games, including six wins in eight road games. Thursday's home victory assured the Grizzlies a spot in the HCAC tournament.

"From that point on, we have played so much more disciplined," Prather

Grizzlies 88, Yellow Jackets 77

said of Franklin's loss to Defiance. "That's made all the difference. We're giving up some size and give up some rebounds to our opponents, but we've done more than hold our own."

Sophomore point guard Jace Redman had career highs in points (22) and 3-pointers (6-11). He hit several key shots that stopped Defiance runs, including a 3-pointer that put Franklin up 77-70 with 5:52 left in the game.

Prather said the player who won the matchup between Franklin junior forward Marty Young, who won Player of the Week honors last week, and 6-foot-8 Defiance center Anthony Pettaway would most likely propel his team to victory. Young got the best of the matchup, and despite giving up five inches to Pettaway, he seemed to have the advantage for most of the game.

Young finished with 18 points, Jon Neill scored 15, and Luke Tudor and Dustin Marshall each had 11 points.

Defiance was led by Nick Sales' 22 points and game-high 11 rebounds. Mike Floyd scored 18 points, and

Pettaway finished with 16 points and five rebounds.

The Grizzlies will have the chance to tie for first place when they host Anderson (9-14, 2-12) at 3 p.m. Saturday. With a win and a Bluffton loss at Hanover, Franklin would win the conference outright and host the conference tournament at the Spurlock Center on Feb. 23 and 24.

"We can't control the Bluffton part, but we can certainly control our part. Anderson is one of those teams that caused us problems, and we had to fight to get out of there with our lives," Prather said. "But we're at the point in the season where it has less to do with who we're playing and more to do with how we need to play."

"I think that's been learned by the players and we'll be ready."

Tiebreaker situations:

- If two teams finish with the same conference record, their head-to-head matchup record is the tiebreaker, but Bluffton and Franklin split 1-1.
• In that case, each team's record against the rest of the conference in descending order of their regular season finishes would be used.

Grizzlies women fall to Defiance on the road

Special to the Daily Journal

DEFIANCE, Ohio

Kayla Mengerink and Sarah Bird tallied 16 points each to lead host Defiance College to a 60-51 women's basketball victory against Franklin College on Thursday.

The decision improved the Yellow Jackets to 7-8 in the Heartland Col-

Yellow Jackets 60, Grizzlies 51

legiate Athletic Conference and 14-10 overall. The Grizzlies dropped to 7-8 in the HCAC and 13-10 overall.

Though Franklin played the Yellow Jackets fairly evenly in most statistical categories, Defiance took advantage of 22 turnovers by the Grizzlies, scoring 26 points off of them.

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THURSDAY'S NCAA BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

WOMEN

No. 16 Purdue 59 Michigan 54

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Katie Gearlds scored 21 points, and Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton added 19, leading No. 16 Purdue past Michigan.

Gearlds' 3-pointer with a minute remaining gave Purdue (22-5, 11-2 Big Ten) a 55-50 lead after Wisdom-Hylton had broken a 50-50 tie.

Carly Benson, who led Michigan (10-16, 3-10) with 15 points, drew the Wolverines to within three with a late basket. But FahKara Malone's free throws with 21.7 seconds pushed Purdue's lead back to five.

Wisdom-Hylton blocked Benson's 3-point attempt before Gearlds capped the win with two free throws.

Michigan, which led by one at half-

time, led 47-45 with 4:03 remaining after Ta'Shia Walker broke a tie with two free throws.

But Gearlds and Wisdom-Hylton scored the next four points, giving Purdue a two-point lead. Gearlds, who didn't score for more than 14 minutes in the second half, extended the Boiler-makers' lead to 50-47 by making one of two free throws.

No. 1 Duke 73 Boston College 52

DURHAM, N.C. — Freshman Bridgette Mitchell scored a season-high 20 points to lead top-ranked Duke past Boston College.

Wanisha Smith added 13 points for the Blue Devils (27-0, 12-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), who have won at least 12 conference games for 10 straight seasons, an ACC record.

The Blue Devils now turn their attention toward a challenging final week of the regular season. Duke travels to sixth-ranked Maryland on Sunday, then returns home to face second-ranked North Carolina on Feb. 25.

Notre Dame 81 Providence 78

SOUTH BEND — Colin Falls scored 16 points, Russell Carter and Rob Kurz added 15 each, and Notre Dame used an 11-2 run late to beat Providence.

Carter hit a 3-pointer midway through the second half to give the Irish (19-6, 7-5 Big East) a 62-57 lead and spark the run. The Irish moved ahead 70-59 when Kurz made a pair of free throws with 3:42 left.

Providence (15-9, 5-6), which managed just five points from 12:18 left in the

second half until Brian McKenzie hit a 3-pointer with 3:26 left, trailed 73-62 when Falls made a pair of free throws with 1:36 remaining. But the Friars used a 16-8 run down the stretch to make it close.

Iowa 66 Northwestern 58

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Adam Haluska scored 29 points, and Iowa held off a late surge to beat Northwestern.

Despite a forgettable night from the floor (5 of 19), Haluska's touch from the free-throw line, including four straight in the final 1:07, was enough to help the Hawkeyes (15-11, 7-5 Big Ten) withstand yet another Wildcats comeback and maintain its hold on fourth place in the Big Ten.

Coming into the game, Northwestern (12-13, 2-10) had won three of the past four against Iowa, and each time Northwestern rallied to win.



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