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Coaches add new life to IU-Purdue hoops rivalry

No Bobby Knight? No Gene Keady? No problem, at least not anymore.

TONIGHT'S GAME

Purdue Boilermakers (12-4, 1-1 in Big Ten) at Indiana Hoosiers (10-4, 1-1)
Time: 7 p.m.
TV: ESPNU
Radio: WLHK-97.1 FM, WNDE-1260 AM

Tonight begins a new chapter in the Indiana-Purdue basketball rivalry.

For the first time, Matt Painter and Kelvin Sampson will go head to head as coaches of the state's most visible programs.

Unfortunately for fans of the two schools, the game won't be so visible locally, thanks to ESPN. But that's a story for another day.

What the state's basketball fans will miss is a new era in the rivalry that has seemed to lose its appeal in recent years.

That might be because of the recent struggles of Purdue or the mediocre play of IU. But it wasn't the results that forged this rivalry. It was the personalities.

After Knight was jettisoned by Myles Brand, IU-Purdue just didn't have that special ring to it anymore.

The matchup between the schools was important, but equally of note was the head-to-head battle between Knight and long-time Boilers coach Keady.

Mike Davis vs. Keady didn't have the same pop. And Davis vs. Painter was never going to work for me.

But in Sampson and Painter, both schools seem to have potential decade-long fixtures on their respective sidelines.

Both also seem to have programs that have room for growth.

Painter has established himself as a recruiting force in the state, grabbing four of the state's top prospects in this year's recruiting haul.

Sampson did Painter one better by convincing the state's top prep star, Eric Gordon, to come to IU.

The recruiting battles between the two will only increase the

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RALLY CAP

Former Greenwood resident Ed Coyle, who now lives in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, owns and manages Rally Raid Mexico Team Yamaha, a two-motorcycle team entered in the Dakar Rally. The rally is a trek of nearly 6,000 miles from Lisbon, Portugal, to Dakar, Senegal, on the west coast of Africa. It began Saturday and concludes Jan. 20. This is Coyle's first attempt at fielding a team in the annual event.



Daily Journal assistant sports editor and motorsports columnist Jeff Decker is following the progress of Rally Raid Mexico Team Yamaha. The following are excerpts from the team's Web site, www.rallyraidmex.com, written by Juan Diaz Rivera, Coyle's stepson.

The team has already accomplished what many believe to be the most difficult part of the rally: Riders Terry Curtis and Sunny Irvine have started the race, though Irvine had problems with his GPS system. The team and its equipment have been ferried from Portugal to Morocco, and the rally resumes.

From Monday

"Today starts promptly at 12:01 a.m. as we load up on the ferry, go through passport checks and grab a quick bite along with another 1,000 or so Dakar competitors. ... We wake up, groggily, make our way to the bowels (smelled that way) of the ferry and decide we can drive a few hours before we rest if we find a hotel. This plan degrades into not sleeping and just driving straight through to Er Rachidia. Dad and I take turns. I remember my fondness for Moroccan coffee at the few rest stops we take to fuel up. Starting the sleep deprivation this early will prove to be beginner's mistakes that will contribute to one team member being disqualified. ...

"We arrive at Er Rachidia, set up camp. ... I get an instant text message

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NFL: DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

SATURDAY'S GAME

Indianapolis Colts (13-4) at Baltimore Ravens (13-3)
Time: 4:30 p.m. TV: WISH-Channel 8 Radio: WFBQ-94.7 FM

Same old 'Edge'



AP PHOTO

THE ADDAI FILE

Name: Joseph Addai
Team: Indianapolis Colts
Position: Running back
Number: 29
Height: 5-foot-11
Weight: 214 pounds
Age: 23
Born: May 13, 1983, in Houston
Resides: Houston
College: LSU. Addai earned a degree in general studies.
High school: Sharpstown (Texas)
NFL experience: Rookie
Statistics: Rushed 226 times for 1,081 yards (a 4.8 yards-per-carry average) and seven touchdowns this season. He also caught 40 passes for 325 yards (an 8.1 average) and a touchdown.
Family: Single

Indianapolis Colts running back Joseph Addai leaps over Kansas City Chiefs cornerback Ty Law in the first quarter of Saturday's AFC wild-card game at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

Addai proving to be versatile, productive

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The Indianapolis Colts downplayed the similarities between Joseph Addai and Edgerrin James for as long as they could.

They might need a new tactic to ward off any more comparisons.

In Addai's first career start last week, he rushed for 122 yards and a touchdown against Kansas City and looked remarkably like, well, James.

His next task is proving he can perform just as well against Baltimore's stout defense in Saturday's divisional playoff game.

"When we looked at what we do, we felt Joseph was the most like Edgerrin in terms of pass blocking, running routes and all those things," coach Tony Dungy said.

The Colts (13-4) never doubted Addai would eventually become the successful heir to James.

Initially, they were protective of the rookie. After drafting the Houston native with the 29th pick in April's draft, Dungy and team president Bill Polian emerged from the Colts' "war room" to warn everyone that Addai was different.

That's how they treated him, too. Rather than throwing him into the lineup immediately, as they did with

James, the Colts used Dominic Rhodes and Addai in a timeshare. Rhodes started all 16 regular-season games, and Addai's workload increased as the season progressed.

Now, at a time when rookies traditionally struggle, Addai seems to be getting stronger.

Sound familiar?
"Edgerrin was so good on the stretch, he had tremendous patience and would spin out of a tackle," Ravens coach Brian Billick said. "He was a tremendous back. These two backs are, I don't know, maybe a little more physical."

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Colts' defense expecting repeat

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A week after receiving plenty of playoff praise after a season of blame, the Colts' defense faces a distinct challenge.

Indianapolis needs to prove that its clampdown effort in Saturday's 23-8 defeat of Kansas City wasn't just a one-hit wonder.

According to many players on the defense, they face the type of opponent that could result in a copycat performance. The Colts (13-4) visit Baltimore (13-3) at 4:30 p.m. Saturday in an AFC divisional game.

Like the Chiefs, the Ravens have an imposing running back (250-pound Jamal Lewis), a versatile tight end (leading receiver Todd Heap) and a

quarterback known to be sharp yet injury-prone (Steve McNair).

"It's a good matchup for us," Colts linebacker Gary Brackett said. "They're a balanced attack."

"They have a great running back, they have a quarterback who will spread the ball around, a great receiving tight end and receivers that can hurt you if they get the chance."

Faced with a similar formula last week, the Colts were expected to be bullied, thanks to an NFL-worst rush defense.

Instead, they handed out the punishment, holding Kansas City without a first down for about the first 42 minutes of action and allowing just 44 rushing yards on 17 carries.

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AP PHOTO

Colts safety Bob Sanders celebrates Saturday's 23-8 wild-card win against the Kansas City Chiefs.



AP PHOTO

The Pacers' Jermaine O'Neal, left, has the basketball slapped away by the Hawks' Zaza Pachulia during Tuesday's game in Indianapolis.

Pacers' Harrington delivers in second half

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Al Harrington wants to be more involved in the Indiana Pacers' offense. To do it, he's vowed to make the most of the limited opportunities that come his way.

Harrington made good on his promise Tuesday night. And his timing couldn't have been better for the Pacers.

With health issues plaguing several teammates, including three starters, Harrington took the offensive lead and helped power the

Pacers to a 91-72 win against the visiting Atlanta Hawks.

Shaking off a poor shooting performance in the first half, Harrington kept firing away in the second. He broke open what had been a close game in the third quarter when he scored 14 of his game-high 18 points.

His effort came just a few days after lamenting his role in an offense that runs primarily through Jermaine O'Neal. And with O'Neal ailing and fellow starters Jamaal Tinsley and Stephen Jackson battling health problems, Harrington, as promised, seized the moment despite missing his first seven shots.

He made 5 of 7 attempts in the

third quarter and scored 14 straight during an early stretch when the Pacers extended a 38-33 lead to 55-44 with 3:52 left in the period.

"Al had a tough first half shooting the ball, but he got on a roll in the third quarter, which we really needed," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "Al's run was big."

And it was complemented by an impressive team defensive effort and a big night on the boards by center Jeff Foster. He had a game-high 17 rebounds, marking the fifth time this season he's had 15 or more. He also had eight points.

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BOYS BASKETBALL: COUNTY TOURNAMENT



STAFF PHOTO BY SCOTT ROBERSON@thejournalnet.com
Whitland senior Reid Meador, right, shoots over Greenwood junior Brad Shirrell during Tuesday's county tournament game at Edinburgh.

Warriors, Braves advance

Whitland extends streak to four games

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The Greenwood and Whitland boys basketball teams are headed in different directions.

Coming into Tuesday's first-round action of the Johnson County Boys Basketball Tournament, the Warriors had won three in a row while the Woodmen had dropped three straight.

Both trends continued, as Whitland defeated Greenwood for the second time in a week, winning 62-51 at Edinburgh.

After starting the season 0-4, the Warriors (4-4) have reeled off four wins in a row and seem to have grasped what new coach Marty Johnson is asking of them.

"I think physically we're getting better. The mental aspect still needs work," Johnson said. "We have guys individually that are not bad players. We just are struggling getting everybody playing together at the same time."

Warriors senior Marcus Hanger, who scored 19 points in Whitland's 57-48 victory against Greenwood on Saturday, continued his scoring punch, leading the way with 23 points Tuesday. Most of Hanger's damage came from behind the 3-point line, where he sank 5 of 6 shots.

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Indian Creek survives two game-tying attempts

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Tuesday's Johnson County Boys Basketball Tournament opener between Indian Creek and underdog Edinburgh supposedly had blowout stamped all over it.

The host Lancers wanted no part of one and in no uncertain terms let their opponents know that.

Edinburgh engaged the Braves in a classic battle that was tight for all 32 minutes.

The only thing the Lancers lacked was for one of two last-ditch 3-point shots to fall, and that enabled Indian Creek to emerge with a 62-59 win.

The Braves (5-4), who survived an affair that saw the lead change hands 16 times and the score tied on 11 occasions, were rewarded with a spot in Friday's first semifinal, when they face Franklin at 6 p.m., again at Edinburgh.

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NEXT UP
Dallas Mavericks (27-8) at Indiana Pacers (19-16)

Time: 7 p.m. Friday
TV: Fox Sports
Radio: WIBC-1070 AM