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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Bowled over

Daily Journal sports writer Matthew Glensk takes a look at the best and worst of the college bowl season, the advantage of owning DVR and the upcoming BCS Championship Game.



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## BASEBALL

## All-time greats

Former San Diego Padres outfielder Tony Gwynn and former Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. are expected to be voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame when a new class is elected Tuesday.

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## TV SUNDAY



Michigan State Spartans (13-3, 0-1 in the Big Ten) at Indiana Hoosiers (9-4, 0-1)

Time: 4:30 p.m.  
TV: WISH-Channel 8  
Radio: WLHK-97.1 FM

## 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 begins today 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. The team was busy preparing for the rally after its equipment had been delayed and didn't arrive until 10 p.m. Wednesday.

## Posted Friday

"There is a tight trail on the Northern Baja referenced as 'The Goat Trail.' In previous years, when it gets down to the wire and everyone begins to dash around wildly like a goat with ADD on a tight trail, we say 'The Goat Show' has begun. Today a full-fledged goat show on Red Bull awaits!

"We begin the day before the sun is even visible with the goal of accomplishing the modifications on the motorcycles and the truck by 12:30 p.m. to rush to tech inspection and make our 1:45 p.m. scrutineering (tech inspection and administrative inspection) ...

"Little things like parking become an impediment to beginning work. We need a place to park a Ford F350 modified truck, about one ton of gear, spares, and (by far

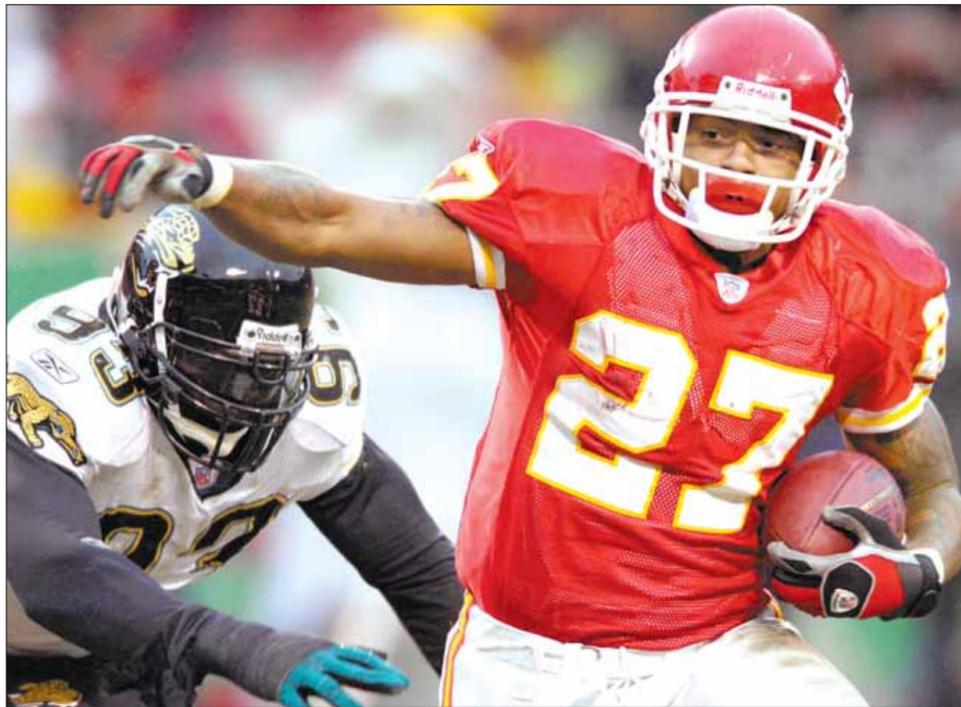
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## NFL: WILD-CARD WEEKEND

## TODAY'S GAME

Kansas City Chiefs (9-7) at Indianapolis Colts (12-4)  
Time: 4:30 p.m. TV: WTHR-Channel 13 Radio: WFBQ-94.7 FM

## See how they run



Kansas City Chiefs running back Larry Johnson, right, has rushed for 1,789 yards and 17 touchdowns on 416 carries this season.

## Colts' chief concern: stopping ground game

By MICHAEL MAROT  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## INDIANAPOLIS

Larry Johnson carried Kansas City right into the playoffs.

If it takes a larger workload load to keep them there, Johnson's ready. "You can't sit here and say you're tired," he said. "You'll have about three or four months of relaxation after the Super Bowl to say you're tired, but this isn't the time to do it."

Until that next loss, the Chiefs (9-7) will continue to rely on Johnson. This season, he set an NFL record with 416 attempts, a trend four-time AFC South champion Indianapolis (12-4) expects will continue in today's AFC wild-card game.

Atlanta's Jamal Anderson set the previous mark (410) in 1998 when he led the Falcons to the Super Bowl.

On paper, Johnson appears to have a decided advantage.

The Colts finished this season with the NFL's worst run defense (173.0 yards) and broke a 53-year-old franchise record by allowing opponents to run for 5.3 yards per carry.

Now they must figure out how to slow Johnson, the league's No. 2 runner with 1,789 yards and 17 touchdowns.

Johnson's career high of 211 yards came against Houston in November 2005, but the Colts say they believe they can slow him down with a conventional approach.

"We have to gang-tackle and get more guys around the ball," three-time Pro Bowl defensive end Dwight Freeney said. "We have to swarm to the ball."

Coach Tony Dungy has been preaching that philosophy all season to little avail and more recently has been urging his defenders to play quicker.

In practice this week, Dungy said he saw changes.

The biggest may be getting former Pro

(SEE RUN, PAGE B4)

## INSIDE

More on the NFL:

- The Daily Journal staff makes its bold predictions for this weekend's games.
- A capsule look at today's Colts-Chiefs game
- Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher resigns to spend more time with his family.

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## WEB EXTRA

Blogger Brian Moore, an Indian Creek High School graduate, says quarterbacks are the keys to success in the NFL playoffs.

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Indianapolis Colts defensive end Dwight Freeney has spent this season between a sack and a hard place.

The Colts' opposition has chewed up yardage and scores by running while Freeney frequently flies past ball carriers toward the quarterback.

In the Colts' system, he is asked to go hard at the passer on every play. Yet this year, Freeney has received little reward for his efforts.

With the opponents so successful rushing, pass attempts against the Colts are down sharply from the previous two seasons.

As a result, Freeney has only 5½ sacks entering today's AFC wild-card playoff game against visiting Kansas City.

He had 51 in his previous four seasons and never fewer than 11 in a year.

Freeney's season has been one of relative quiet statistical output (45 tackles and four forced fumbles) but overall solid performance that earned him a Pro Bowl alternate spot.

Yet he also admits to having to handle the frustration of knowing that teams have not been forced to pass as much. The reliance on the run has limited his opportunities to make the kinds of game-changing plays for which he has earned his reputation as one of the NFL's most disruptive linemen.

"At the end of the day, statistically, what has happened this year is that teams have run on us," Freeney said. "I mean, if I was on the other team and I watched the games, I would say the same thing: 'Oh yeah, we can run on the Colts.'"

Despite having the NFL's worst rushing defense, which yields 173 yards per game and 5.3 yards per carry, Indianapolis actually has the league's second-best pass defense in terms of yardage allowed.

Colts defensive end

Dwight Freeney celebrates after tackling Miami running back Ronnie Brown during Sunday's game.



## Punters got unexpected day off when Colts, Chiefs met in 2004 playoffs

By DOUG TUCKER  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## KANSAS CITY, Mo.

A good title for a movie about this game might be "Puntless in Possum Trot."

That's actually what they called Kansas City, Mo., in its early days. But then city leaders, foreseeing a future for the bustling river port and fur-trading center along the banks of the Mighty Missouri, thought up a more respectable moniker and made it official.

## COLUMN

Good thing, too. There wouldn't be much dignity in carrying the ball for the Possum Trot Chiefs.

Dignity by any name, however, was about the last thing anybody playing defense for Kansas City and Indianapolis felt in their AFC playoff game three years ago.

Neither the Chiefs nor the Colts punted in Indianapolis' 38-31 win. Not once.

Neither punter even needed to limber up his leg.

Bristling with point-producers such as Peyton Manning, Marvin Harrison, Edgerrin James, Priest Holmes, Tony Gonzalez and Dante Hall, the NFL's two top-scoring offenses owned the day.

Up and down the field stampeded Manning and his teammates. Then back would come KC.

They totaled 842 yards. Manning passed for 304 yards and three TDs. Harrison had 98 yards receiving. Holmes rushed for 176 yards and two touch-

downs, James for 125 and two more.

No one would have noticed if both punters had gotten stuck in traffic and never made it to the game.

In the ensuing three years, there has been a lot of roster turnover. But current members of the Chiefs and Colts who played in that scoring fest and will meet for a second time today in the AFC playoffs, this time in Indianapolis, will never forget what happened.

"It was a pretty memorable day,"

(SEE PUNTERS, PAGE B4)

## PREP BASKETBALL

## Steal, layup enable CG to stop Carmel

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Tyler Kitchel hasn't played football since his freshman year.

But in the waning moments of Center Grove's boys basketball game Friday night against visiting Carmel, the Trojans senior transformed into a defensive back and made a game-saving interception.

With the game tied at 61-61, Kitchel stole Carmel's inbound pass and drove for a layup with 3 seconds remaining to lift the Trojans to a 63-61 win against the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference rival Greyhounds.

Carmel was attempting to inbound the ball with nine seconds left when Kitchel zeroed in on

## TODAY'S GAMES

Today's prep basketball games involving Johnson County schools:

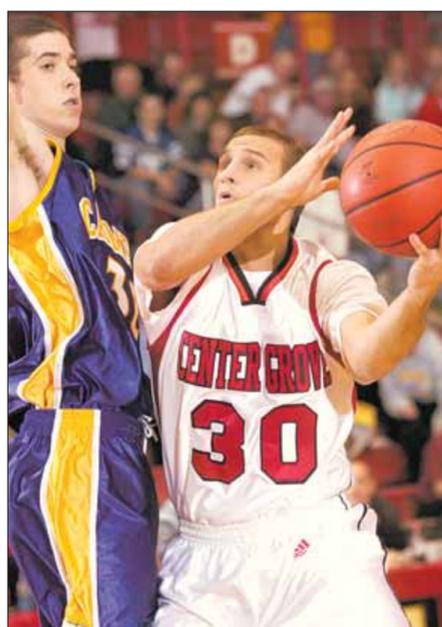
**Boys**  
Franklin at Mooresville, 7:30 p.m.  
Whiteland at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m.  
South Decatur at Indian Creek, 7:30 p.m.  
Oldenburg at Edinburgh, 8 p.m.

**Girls**  
Center Grove at Rushville, 1:30 p.m.  
Jennings County at Franklin, 2:30 p.m.  
Indian Creek at North Decatur, 2:30 p.m.

the pass with the acumen of a cornerback.

"I knew he was going to throw it like that," Kitchel said. "He lofted it, and I just went after it."

(SEE STEAL, PAGE B3)



Carmel's Jake Kelly, left, tries to guard Center Grove's Tyler Kitchel during the first half of Friday's Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference game at Center Grove.

## Warriors snap skid with win at Greenwood

By JEFF SKIRVIN  
DAILY JOURNAL SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Whiteland girls basketball coach Bill Hogue didn't waste any time dismissing his team after the Warriors defeated Greenwood 45-41 on Friday.

He wanted the Warriors to savor the win. It was a long-awaited win for Whiteland (10-5), which had lost four straight games after going 9-1, a start that landed the Warriors in the top 10 of the Class 3A state coaches' poll.

"It feels good to get the monkey off our back," Hogue said. "We didn't play a perfect game, but it's a step."

"Considering what we've been through the past two weeks, coming up here on the road and getting a win against a conference opponent and a county school, this is a big win for us."

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