

# Grizzlies drop HCAC home game

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The Franklin College men's basketball team has a formula for winning.

But Saturday, in a key Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference game against visiting Manchester, the Spartans disrupted that formula just enough to upset the Grizzlies 73-69.

"We just didn't do a very good job defending them," Franklin coach Kerry Prather said. "We're going to have to be productive on both ends (of the court) in the same game for us to have a decent chance to win."

"In every game we've played where we have been either offensively impatient or defensively ineffective, we've lost."

The setback halted a four-game winning streak by the Grizzlies. And it threw them into a three-way tie in the conference for third place with Transylvania and Mount St. Joseph. Bluffton is a half-game up on Defiance for the top spot.

The Grizzlies got off to an unusually slow start and fell behind 12-7 in the opening moments of the game. And as their shooting went cold, the Grizzlies did not score again until nearly six minutes later.

Normally on target from outside the 3-point line, the Grizzlies went 0 for 8 until junior forward Jon Neill connected with 9:04 remaining in the half.

Neill also had a three-point play to bring the Grizzlies within two at 23-21 before halftime. Manchester led 29-25 at the break.

In the early stages of the second half, junior center Marty Young aggressively drove the lane and got by his defender to score a layup and a free throw to give Franklin a 34-33 lead. The game was tied three more times before Manchester grabbed the lead for good.

The Grizzlies (12-9 overall, 7-5 in the HCAC) got within a point at 69-68 with 1:01 left as a result of back-to-back three's by sophomore guard Dustin Marshall, but Manchester converted key free throws at the end to preserve the victory.

Although he was disappointed with the loss, Franklin senior forward Luke Tudor said there's a lot more basketball to play.

"We can't let this loss get us down," he said. "We've got a tough schedule ahead, and they're going to be the four biggest conference games left in the season, and we've got to get them all."

Tudor and Marshall led all Franklin scorers with 17 each.

The Manchester defense limited the Grizzlies to just 36 percent from the field (19 of 52). Meanwhile, the Spartans shot 63 percent in the second half and 53 percent for the game (27 of 51). They also hit 9 of 12 from outside the 3-point arc.

The Spartans (14-6, 6-5) got a pair of 18-point performances from forwards Wes Gardner and Jeff Grabowski.

The Grizzlies return to action Wednesday at Transylvania.

## Franklin hurt by shooting in road loss

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### NORTH MANCHESTER

Franklin College shot just 22 percent from the field and struggled mightily on offense in a 58-29 women's basketball loss at Manchester College on Saturday.

The win, which was the host Spartans' ninth straight victory overall, moved Manchester (15-5 overall) into first place in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference standings at 11-1 and dropped the Grizzlies to 6-6 in the league and 12-8 overall.

Franklin, which had only 13 points in the opening half, dropped two games out of fourth place, which is where the Grizzlies need to finish to earn a berth in the conference tournament Feb. 23.

Manchester's Kelley Meiklejohn led all scorers with 10 points, and Sarah Conwell added eight for the hosts. Franklin was led by junior forwards Kelly Snider and Jennifer Redicker and freshman Leslie Kingseed with six points apiece.

Franklin will return home Wednesday to host Transylvania University. The Grizzlies are chasing the Pioneers for fourth place in the HCAC standings.

## SUNDAY'S NCAA ROUNDUP

The Associated Press

### MEN

#### Florida State 68 No. 8 Duke 67

DURHAM, N.C. — Al Thornton scored 21 points as Florida State upset No. 8 Duke to snap a 15-game losing streak at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Toney Douglas added 15 points, and Uche Echefu added 12 for the Seminoles (17-6, 5-4 Atlantic Coast Conference), who overcame a 17-point deficit to claim their first victory on the Blue Devils' fabled home floor.

Duke had two late chances after David McClure

rebounded a Douglas miss with about 30 seconds left. The Blue Devils brought it down court and called timeout with 7.7 seconds left to set up their final play. DeMarcus Nelson inbounded the ball to Greg Paulus, and he missed a layup.

A jump ball was called on the rebound, and the possession arrow pointed toward Duke. Josh McRoberts took the inbounds pass in the lane with about 2 seconds left, and his floater rimmed out. Nelson's putback attempt bounced off the rim as time expired.

#### St. John's 73 Cincinnati 64

CINCINNATI — Anthony Mason Jr. was in so much pain that his coach asked if he'd had enough.

Mason's answer was seven straight points and a notable win.

Playing with a severely dislocated finger, Mason wined with every shot and made the pivotal baskets down the stretch, leading St. John's past Cincinnati.

Qa-raan Calhoun scored 18 points, helping St. John's (13-10, 4-6) lead the whole way in its first Big East road victory.

### WOMEN

#### Notre Dame 77 West Virginia 67

SOUTH BEND — Charel Allen scored 26 points and Notre Dame hit 33 of 39 free throws to beat West Virginia.

West Virginia (15-8, 6-4 Big East) outscored the

Irish (14-8, 5-4) by 11 points from the field. But the Mountaineers had three players foul out and were outscored 33-12 from the free-throw line.

Allen also had nine rebounds, and Ashley Barlow added 17 points and eight boards for the Irish, who outrebounded West Virginia 46-23.

Chakhia Cole and Olayinka Sanni led the Mountaineers with 16 points each.

#### No. 5 Ohio State 85 Iowa 49

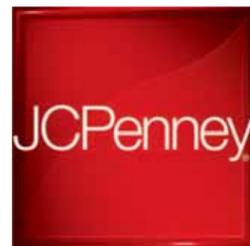
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jessica Davenport took advantage of an injury to Iowa's tallest player to score 22 points to lead No. 5 Ohio State past the Hawkeyes.

The win was the Buckeyes' 26th in a row at home to tie a school record.

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