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PREP BASKETBALL

Wild finish for CG

Free throw after buzzer lifts Trojans past Greenwood

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Few freshmen basketball players ever have an opportunity to win a varsity game for their team as time expires, especially on the road while playing against a county rival.

But that's exactly the position that Center Grove freshman Kirsten Gliemann found herself in Tuesday night at Greenwood Community High School.

With the score tied at 43 and no time left on the clock, Gliemann hit the second of two free throws to propel the Trojans to a 44-43 victory as a stunned Woodmen team could only sit and watch from the sidelines.

"I just wish the kids could have decided the game themselves," said Greenwood coach Debbie Guckenberger, who saw her team battle back from a double-digit deficit to take the lead late in the fourth quarter.

"But then again, we should have blocked (Gliemann) out."

Center Grove was clinging to a 2-point lead with just less than a minute remaining in the game when Greenwood's Jordan Kapitan hit a pair of free throws to tie the game at 43 with 50 seconds left.

Following a Center Grove turnover, the Woodmen regained

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Left, freshman Kirsten Gliemann's free throw with no time remaining lifted Center Grove past Greenwood on Tuesday. Right, senior Amy Orender scored 18 points to help Whiteland knock off No. 11-ranked Columbus North.

Whiteland knocks off No. 11-rated Bull Dogs

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COLUMBUS
Defense wins games. Just ask Whiteland girls basketball coach Bill Hogue.

Playing perhaps their best defensive game of the season, the visiting Warriors also utilized some clutch free-throw shooting to pull away to a 46-40 win against Class 4A No. 11 Columbus North on Tuesday night.

The win was the fourth straight for the Warriors and second consecutive against the Bull Dogs.

Making Hogue happier was the fact it happened at North's home gym and the Warriors held the Bull Dogs to their lowest scoring total this season.

"This is a tough place to play, but we came in prepared," Hogue said. "Winning this game was a total team effort, and we had a game plan, some big plays and the energy to pull this off."

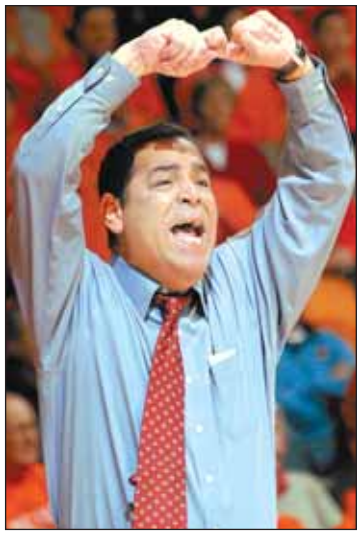
North played without junior starter Rachel Steinbarger, who was recovering from a concussion suffered in the Bull Dogs' double-overtime win against Bloomington South last week.

But North was not without its chances.

Whiteland nearly won the entire second quarter without a field goal and didn't hit one until senior Rusti White's layup at the buzzer.

Hogue said the Warriors were

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AP PHOTO
Indiana coach Kelvin Sampson calls a play during Tuesday's Big Ten game against Illinois in Champaign, Ill.

Illini get 'revenge' on IU

Sampson gets chilly reception in Champaign

The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Rich McBride scored 15 points to lead Illinois to a 51-43 victory against No. 23-ranked Indiana on Tuesday night.

It was the Illini's first win against a ranked opponent in five tries this season.

D.J. White scored 12 points for Indiana (14-5, 4-2 Big Ten), which

had a five-game winning streak snapped.

Both teams had horrific shooting nights as Indiana was just 17 for 44 (39 percent) and Illinois was 17 for 42 (40 percent).

The Illini (15-7, 3-4) held the Hoosiers without a field goal for almost 9 minutes, from the 12:21 mark in the first half until the 39 seconds remained. After Earl Calloway hit a 3-pointer to give Indiana an 18-11 lead, the Hoosiers

went cold from the field missing their next nine shots.

Mike White ended the drought with a jumper to tie the game at 23-all heading into the half.

Illinois opened the second half with a 10-2 run highlighted by two 3-pointers by McBride. Indiana rallied back to close to 39-37 on Armon Bassett's jumper with 6:07 left.

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BIG TEN STANDINGS

Big Ten men's basketball standings:

Team	Conf.		All
	W-L	W-L	
Wisconsin	5-0	19-1	
Ohio State	4-1	16-3	
Michigan	4-1	16-4	
Indiana	4-2	14-5	
Michigan State	3-2	16-4	
Illinois	3-4	15-7	
Iowa	2-3	10-9	
Purdue	2-4	13-7	
Penn State	1-4	10-8	
Minnesota	1-4	7-12	
Northwestern	1-5	11-8	

ROAD TO THE SUPER BOWL



Super Bowl XLI: Indianapolis Colts vs. Chicago Bears

Time: 6 p.m. Feb. 4 TV: WISH-Channel 8 Radio: WFBQ-94.7 FM



Awesome rookie

Addai doesn't perform like first-year player

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If you don't listen closely, it's almost as difficult to hear Joseph Addai when he speaks as it is to catch him when he runs.

Soft-spoken and reserved, the rookie running back projects a surprising calm for a player whose explosiveness is a major reason why the Indianapolis Colts are in the Super Bowl.

"This whole year I've been trying to take advantage of the opportunity," said Addai, whose game-winning touchdown run in the AFC Championship Game capped one of the most dramatic comebacks in NFL playoffs history.

It also demonstrated, again, why the Colts have such high regard for and faith in the versatile first-year back.

Not many rookies, after all, would get the call on what was arguably the most critical offensive play in Indianapolis' franchise history.

"You've got to tip your hat to the youngster, because when you call his number, he never gets nervous," said offensive tackle Tarik Glenn, a 10-year veteran.

"He just goes out and does what he's supposed to do."

Pro Bowl center Jeff Saturday is equally impressed with Addai, who raises his performance each time the stakes get higher.

Addai's game-winning 3-yard touchdown run with one minute to play against New England is the latest example. He sprinted into the end zone untouched.

"To have everything laying on you with a minute left in the game, to run the ball and score a touchdown, the moments don't get bigger," said Saturday, an eight-year veteran. "So (whether you're) a rookie, 10th year, whatever it may be, it's as special as it can be."

For Addai, it was all in an evening's work for everyone involved.

"Everybody was doing their job," said Addai, who ran for 56 yards during the 38-34 win. "That was the biggest thing; everybody was doing their job, and I was able to walk in untouched."

"You've got to give credit to the offensive line for doing a great job of blocking."

But teammates defer credit to Addai, whose timeshare in the backfield with veteran Dominic Rhodes has trumped the free-agent departure of former Pro Bowler Edgerrin James.

Addai and Rhodes split carries during the regular season, with Rhodes getting all of the starts. But Addai, the Colts' first-round pick, got most of the carries, and the yards.

Addai had team-high totals of 1,081 yards, 226 carries and a 4.8 average during the regular season. His rushing total marked the first time in NFL history that a non-starter topped 1,000 yards.

But Addai is no longer a non-starter. He got the starting nod in an AFC wild-card game against Kansas City and has been the starter ever since.

With 217 yards and two touchdowns, he's the Colts' top rusher

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THE ADDAI FILE

Name: Joseph Addai
Team: Indianapolis Colts
Position: Running back
Number: 29
NFL experience: Rookie
Height: 5-foot-11
Weight: 214 pounds
Born: May 3, 1983, in Houston
Resides: Houston
College: Louisiana State
Statistics: During the regular season, he rushed 226 times for 1,081 yards (4.8 average) and seven touchdowns and caught 40 passes for 325 yards (8.1 average) and a touchdown. During the postseason, he has rushed 57 times for 217 yards (3.8 average) and two touchdowns and has caught 12 passes for 52 yards (4.3 average).

AP PHOTO

The Colts' Joseph Addai carries the ball during an AFC divisional playoff game at Baltimore on Jan. 13.

Peyton prayed, but was Colts' win an answer?

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INDIANAPOLIS

Yes, Peyton Manning, it's OK to pray for help on the playing field.

The Indianapolis Colts quarterback said he sought divine intervention before the New England Patriots' final drive in Sunday's AFC Championship Game, which ended with an interception thrown by New England quarterback Tom Brady.

"I said a little prayer on that last drive," Manning said after the Colts' 38-34 victory earned them a trip to the Super Bowl in Miami. "I don't know if you're supposed to pray for stuff like that, but I said a little prayer." Religious experts said Manning's prayer was appropriate as a gesture of faith, but they don't agree on whether the Colts' victory was the answer to his request.

The Rev. Edward Wheeler, president of Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, had been ordained as a Baptist minister by the time he became a walk-on starting defensive back at Morehouse College in Atlanta. His teammates sometimes asked him to pray for victory, but Wheeler instead would pray that the team play to its fullest potential and avoid injury.

"I don't think Peyton's prayer was answered with a Colts victory, but the Colts worked so hard and they played together as a team that that allowed them to bring reality to their deepest wants," Wheeler said. Cloistered nuns at the Carmel of the Resurrection Monastery in Indianapolis offer tips on spiritual guidance each day to thousands of people a day through their Web site, www.praythenews.com. The biggest sports fan among the group, Sister Terese Boersig, said praying on the sidelines was within bounds.

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Stats crew crunches numbers during Pacers games

Shorthand code, computer program make hectic job a little easier

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During Indiana Pacers games, David George and Jon Glesing speak in code.

"11 TK. No good. Tip 7. Block 34. Defense 7."

Translation: Jamaal Tinsley (No. 11) missed a jump shot from the top of the key. Jermaine O'Neal (No. 7) then attempted to tip the ball in but was blocked by New York's Eddy Curry (No. 34), and Channing Frye (No. 7) secured the defensive rebound for the Knicks.

"It's like calling a game for

radio without last names," George said.

For anyone following the on-court action, whether it's at home or inside Conseco Fieldhouse, George and Glesing are almost as important as air.

The two are statisticians for the Pacers and sit courtside logging all the action on laptop computers with touch-sensitive screens, providing fans with an instantaneous running log of all the action.

"When I say I'm a statistician, people ask me: 'Well what stats do you keep?'" Glesing said. "I keep everything. We do action, location. We keep everything, every shot, every rebound. Every

stat there is to be kept is really done between the two of us."

George serves as the spotter. Glesing is the "inputter."

Glesing relies on George, a Franklin native, to relay all the action to him as he darts his pen across the computer screen.

"I have a great seat, but I really don't get to see as much of the game as you might think," Glesing said. "Generally, I'll see a shot go up, and as soon as the ball hits the rim, my attention goes to the (computer) screen, and I listen."

"Sometimes it can get a little hectic."

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Jon Glesing, left, and David George keep track of statistics during Indiana Pacers home games. They also work other games at Conseco Fieldhouse.