

# PREP BASKETBALL

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## BY THE NUMBERS

**Trojans** 74  
**Panthers** 69

**CENTER GROVE** — Corey Gray 7-8 2-5 19, Jason Kaylor 5-8 2-2 16, Andrew Bowman 6-11 1-2 13, Louis Kamo 5-7 2-2 13, Tyler Kitchel 3-12 5-5 11, Kyle Beltz 1-4 0-0 2, Danny Gill 0-3 0-0 0, Justin Quinnette 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 27-53 12-16 74.

**NORTH CENTRAL** — Eric Gordon 7-12 4-5 21, Kevin Gant 7-14 2-2 19, Evan Gordon 3-14 0-2 8, James Hollowell 2-8 3-3 7, Adnan Hodzic 3-7 0-6 16, James Sample 1-1 0-3 3, Joey Brown 1-2 0-0 3, Chris Toler 1-3 0-1 2, Devin Hunter 0-4 0-0 0, Damon Ellison 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals:** 25-67 9-12 69.

**C. GROVE (16-2)** 16 25 16 17 — 74

**N. CENTRAL (13-4)** 12 17 16 24 — 69

**Three-point shooting:** Center Grove 8-15 (Kaylor 4-7, Gray 3-4, Kamo 1-2, Kitchel 0-2), North Central 10-28 (Er. Gordon 3-5, Gant 3-6, Ev. Gordon 2-9, Sample 1-1, Brown 1-1, Hollowell 0-3, Hunter 0-3).

**Rebounds:** Center Grove 28 (Bowman 10, Kitchel 6, Gill 6), North Central 28 (Hodzic 8, Gant 5). **Fouls:** Center Grove 14, North Central 18 (Gant fouled out).

**Reserve:** North Central 58, Center Grove 33.

**Grizzly Cubs** 60  
**Quakers** 48

**PLAINFIELD** — Zane Fakes 0-1 0-0 0, Jameson Wheeler 2-6 2-2 6, Brock Cox 2-6 1-2 6, Blake Cox 5-12 5-9 16, Grant Toliver 1-1 1-2 3, Nathan Ellis 2-5 0-0 4, Michael Uberto 1-3 0-0 2, Jason Smeathers 1-11 2-3 5, Blake Metcalf 3-5 0-2 6. **Totals:** 17-50 11-20 48.

**FRANKLIN** — Jordan King 2-10 0-0 5, Craig Buck 0-0 0-0 0, Michael Pierson 0-0 0-0 0, Adrian Moss 6-17 8-9 21, Christian Nicodemus 0-0 0-0 0, Ranon Madison 4-6 1-3 9, Evan Claxton 0-0 0-0 0, Patrick Harry 0-5 0-0 0, Will Conoley 0-4 1-2 1, Ethan Coffman 0-0 0-0 0, Ross Syphers 5-7 0-0 11, Brandon Foster 6-9 1-2 13. **Totals:** 23-58 11-16 60.

**PLAINFIELD (13-5)** 16 8 9 15 — 48

**FRANKLIN (9-9)** 21 11 14 14 — 60

**Three-point shooting:** Plainfield 3-17 (Fakes 0-1, Wheeler 0-1, Brock Cox 1-4, Blake Cox 1-2, Ellis 0-2, Uberto 0-1, Smeathers 1-6), Franklin 3-17 (King 1-4, Moss 1-7, Madison 0-1, Harry 0-4, Syphers 1-1).

**Rebounds:** Plainfield 41 (Metcalf 9, Smeathers 6, Ellis 5, Blake Cox 5, Brock Cox 5), Franklin 41 (Conoley 11, Foster 9, King 7). **Fouls:** Plainfield 16, Franklin 17.

**Reserve score:** Plainfield 56, Franklin 45.

**Pioneers** 49  
**Woodmen** 44

**GREENWOOD** — Daniel Lipp 7-13 0-0 16, Patrick Kinman 4-7 0-0 10, Corbin Mitchell 2-8 0-1 6, Alex Smith 3-4 0-0 6, Tony Robey 1-6 0-0 2, Ian McLaughlin 1-3 0-0 2, Nick Baughman 1-1 0-0 2, Brad Shirrell 0-2 0-0 0, Craig Edwards 0-0 0-0 0, Matt Heller 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 19-44 0-1 44.

**MOORESVILLE** — Trent Mossbrucker 9-15 4-4 22, Matt Kenney 4-6 1-2 9, Ryan Ruble 3-9 2-2 9, Neil Brock 2-3 0-1 4, Adam Viles 1-1 1-2 3, Cameron Rhodes 0-0 2-2 2, Brayton Caudill 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals:** 19-36 13 49.

**GREENWOOD (3-14)** 12 11 12 9 — 44

**MOORESVILLE (9-9)** 14 9 15 11 — 49

**Three-point shooting:** Greenwood 6-17 (Lipp 2-5, Kinman 2-5, Mitchell 2-3, Robey 0-4), Mooresville 1-9 (Ruble 1-4, Mossbrucker 0-3, Caudill 0-2).

**Rebounds:** Greenwood 21 (McLaughlin 5, Smith 5), Mooresville 18 (Ruble 4, Viles 4). **Fouls:** Greenwood 14, Mooresville 9.

**Reserve score:** Greenwood 27, Mooresville 26.

**Artesians** 64  
**Warriors** 52

**WHITELAND** — Marcus Hanger 10-14 0-1 25, Michael Kirkham 3-4 1-2 7, Mitch Meador 0-0 1-2 1, Reid Meador 2-2 1-1 5, Cam Richards 0-2 0-0 0, Darin Munn 1-1 0-2 2, Billy Patrick 2-5 0-0 6, Adam Money 1-1 2-2 4, Tony Couch 1-1 0-0 2, Bryan Webb 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 20-30 5-10 52.

**MARTINSVILLE** — Spenser Adams 4-7 0-0 8, Josh Dishroon 4-6 0-2 11, Josh Thiebe 4-6 1-4 9, Dylan Smith 0-3 3-4 3, Chris Welker 4-4 6-6 14, Ryan Taylor 1-5 3-3 6, Adam Wardlow 0-1 0-0 0, Neil Smith 2-2 0-0 5, Anthony Spina 0-2 0-0 0, Michael Hachem 3-4 0-0 8. **Totals:** 22-40 13-19 64.

**WHITELAND (7-12)** 15 7 13 17 — 52

**MARTINSVILLE (4-14)** 11 7 13 33 — 64

**Three-point shooting:** Whiteland 7-14 (Hanger 5-7, Richards 0-2, Patrick 2-5), Martinsville 7-19 (Adams 0-2, Dishroon 3-5, Smith 0-3, Taylor 1-5, Smith 1-1, Hachem 2-3).

**Rebounds:** Whiteland 18 (Kirkham 9), Martinsville 14 (Spina 5). **Fouls:** Whiteland 19 (Mitch Meador fouled out), Martinsville 13.

**Reserve score:** Martinsville 51, Whiteland 45.

**Cougars** 58  
**Lancers** 40

**EDINBURGH** — Josh Burton 2-4 0-0 5, Jake Burton 0-4 0-0 0, Adam Swallows 0-1 0-0 0, Kevin McGaha 0-0 0-0 0, Matt Smith 1-4 2-2 4, Brandon Cravens 5-13 0-0 12, Chris Bussinger 3-4 1-2 10, Blake Roberts 1-1 0-1 2, Seth Henderson 2-3 3-3 7, Brandon Hughes 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 14-32 6-8 40.

**SOUTH DECATUR** — John Evans 1-10 3-4 6, Ridge Pearl 0-2 0-0 0, Dustin Snyder 0-0 1-2 1, Ben Wilkerson 3-11 3-5 10, Tyler Mote 6-11 0-1 13, Devin Butler 2-6 1-2 5, Brad Harrison 0-0 0-0 0, Daniel Harrison 0-0 0-0 0, Daniel Skinner 0-0 0-0 0, Curtis Johnson 5-10 1-2 11, Jeremy Ponsler 2-7 2-4 6, Alex Shouse 1-6 0-0 2, Josh England 0-0 2-4 2, Dylan Braham 0-0 0-0 0, Kevin Wessler 0-2 2-2 2. **Totals:** 20-63 15-26 58.

**EDINBURGH (4-13)** 2 9 10 19 — 40

**S. DECATUR (4-14)** 14 7 15 22 — 58

**Three-point shooting:** Edinburgh 6-14 (Josh Burton 1-2, Jake Burton 0-2, Swallows 0-2, Smith 0-1, Bussinger 3-4, Cravens 2-3), South Decatur 3-16 (Evans 1-3, Pearl 0-2, Wilkerson 1-7, Mote 1-4).

**Rebounds:** Edinburgh 12 (Jake Burton 4), South Decatur 33 (Johnson 7).

**Reserve score:** South Decatur 62, Edinburgh 29.

# Cubs secure share of Mid-State

## Franklin knocks off previously unbeaten conference opponent Plainfield

By GREG SEITER

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It's not often that a team with a .500 overall record finds itself in position to boast a conference championship in

**Cubs 60**  
**Quakers 48**

position Franklin Community High School is in. The Grizzly Cubs (9-9) earned a share of the Mid-State Conference title with visiting foe Plainfield by defeating the Quakers 60-48 on Friday.

Plainfield (13-5) had been unbeaten in conference play.

"We've been playing pretty well over the last three games," said Franklin coach Dave Clark.

"Defensively, we've gotten a little better game-by-game, and at the same time, we've been able to run our offense, break teams down and get high-percentage shots."

Defense was a key ingredient in Franklin's win Friday. The Grizzly Cubs limited the Quakers to 17 of 50 shooting from the field and held Plainfield to its fourth-lowest offensive output of the season.

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Franklin senior Adrian Moss scored 21 points Friday in the Cubs' victory.

**"Plainfield missed some shots, but they're a pretty potent offensive team. Our ability to effectively rebound and execute out of their traps were also key elements for us."**

**Dave Clark**  
Franklin boys basketball coach

sive team," Clark said. "Our ability to effectively rebound and execute out of their traps were also key elements for us."

Despite playing with a signifi-

cant height advantage at times, Plainfield struggled to block Franklin defenders out of the paint while on offense. In fact, positioning by junior Will Conoley (11 rebounds), senior Brandon Foster (nine rebounds) and senior Jordan King (seven rebounds) often led to fast-break transition baskets for the Grizzly Cubs.

Foster, who scored 10 of his 13 points in the first quarter, and Conoley, who had eight of his rebounds in the opening half, helped Franklin to a 32-24 halftime advantage.

The Grizzly Cubs led by as many as 16 points in the second half.

"We played very unselfishly as a team tonight," Clark said. "We made extra passes, and we made

the right passes."

Senior Adrian Moss scored a game-high 21 points for Franklin, while freshman Ross Syphers chipped in 11 points. Senior Ranon Madison scored nine points while connecting on 4 of 6 shots from the field.

Sophomore Blake Cox led Plainfield with 16 points.

The Mid-State Conference crown is Franklin's first since 2001.

"Even though our JV team didn't play particularly well tonight, they also won the conference," Clark added.

The Grizzly Cubs are back in action Wednesday, when they travel to Perry Meridian for a 7:30 p.m. game.

# Turnovers prove too costly for Warriors

By GREG DODDRIDGE

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**MARTINSVILLE**

Despite excellent team shooting, an exceptional individual scoring performance and a solid effort on the boards, the Whiteland Community High School boys basketball team can point to one area that led to its demise: turnovers.

The Class 3A Warriors committed 23 Friday night at 4A Martinsville and lost 64-52 in the final Mid-State Conference game of the season for both teams.

The Artesians (4-14, 3-3 Mid-

**Artesians 64, Warriors 52**

State) scored more points in the fourth quarter (33) than they did in the first three quarters combined (31). Making 11 of 14 shots from the field in the final quarter, they used a 15-2 run in the first 3:20 of the fourth quarter to take a 46-37 lead.

Whiteland (7-12, 1-5) got within six on its next possession on a 3-pointer by senior Marcus Hanger. But the Warriors got no closer the rest of the way.

"When the game gets close, we sometimes go away from our defense," Whiteland coach Marty Johnson said. "We lose patience.

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Whiteland boys basketball coach

We need to keep playing hard and go after it.

"Martinsville came after us hard in the second half. We had plenty of opportunities."

Hanger made 10 of 14 shots from the field (71.4 percent), including five 3-pointers, for a game-high 25 points. The Warriors made 20 of 30 shots (66.7 percent) from the field as a team and outrebounded the Artesians 18-14.

But in a game where every possession counted, Whiteland turned it over a bit too often.

"Our ball-handling is suspect," Johnson said. "We don't always catch and finish well."

The Warriors made 6 of 11 shots in the fourth quarter but committed seven turnovers in the period, limiting their chances to attempt shots.

"You don't throw the ball away and travel on purpose," Johnson said. "We need to keep working on our skills. We'll get better."

Senior Michael Hachem sparked the Artesians in the fourth quarter, scoring their first eight points and giving them the lead for good at 39-37 with 6:23 to play.

Freshman Chris Welker led Martinsville with 14 points. He made all four of his field-goal attempts and all six of his free throws.

Sophomore Michael Kirkham added seven points for Whiteland.

Whiteland hosts Connersville at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

# Greenwood rally falls short against Mooresville

By ERIC KILMARK

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**MOORESVILLE**

After being down by nine points midway through the third quarter, the Greenwood boys basketball team was happy to have a chance to earn a tie in the final seconds of its Mid-State Conference finale Friday night at Mooresville.

A controversial call, however, foiled the Woodmen's attempt to run the potential game-tying play in a 49-44 setback.

Trailing 47-44 with 6 seconds left, Greenwood called timeout to

diagram a 3-point play that would have sent the game into overtime.

As senior Patrick Kinman set a screen to open a teammate to receive the in-bounds pass, he was whistled for an offensive foul that gave the Pioneers the ball and a chance to seal the victory.

Greenwood coach Bruce Hensley was not pleased with the call but did not blame the loss on the officials.

"My only comment about that call is that the foul hadn't been called all night long," Hensley said. "I really wasn't watching it, but I don't think it was anything blatant. If (similar contact) had been called earlier in the game,

that's one thing, but to call it with six seconds to go ...

"But you can't say that that play beat you. There's so many plays in the game, and we had other opportunities. The referee didn't throw the ball away during the game like we did."

Hensley was referring to his team's sluggish start of the second half.

After a tightly contested first half resulted in a 23-23 tie, the Woodmen committed turnovers on four of their first five possessions of the third quarter.

Mooresville jumped on the chance to seize control of the game. The Pioneers went on an 11-2 run to grab a 34-25 lead in the first 4:30 of the half.

But Greenwood battled back with a 10-4 run to cut the lead to 38-35 going into the final quarter.

Both teams were patient in running their offense and taking high-percentage shots.

Greenwood was able to cut the lead to one, 45-44, before Mooresville guard Trent Mossbrucker hit a pair of free throws, setting up Greenwood's final play.

Seniors Daniel Lipp and Alex Smith were major contributors to the Woodmen's late-game rally. Lipp scored 10 of his team-high 16 points during the half.

Coming off the bench late in the third quarter, Smith seemed to provide a spark for Greenwood by pulling down five rebounds and hitting 3 of 4 shots.

"We just weren't able to get a lead to where we could play with a little more relaxed," Hensley said. "We're not a great offensive team. That's what hurt us in the first half, because I thought we defended well but just couldn't get a good lead."

"During the third quarter, we just got sped up, and we started throwing the ball away. That's what cost us the game."

The loss, Greenwood's fifth straight, drops it to 3-14 overall and 1-5 in the Mid-State. Mooresville improved to 9-9 overall and 4-2 in the conference.

The Woodmen return home to host Southport today. The varsity game will start about 6 p.m.

## • Trojans

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sinking, 6 of 9 shots from behind the arc to start its upset bid.

Gray hit three 3-pointers, and Kaylor came off the bench to hit two deep shots of his own as the Trojans built a 14-point first-half lead.

The Trojans' attack was more than just from behind the arc, as they executed their offense to near perfection.

"Everything was clicking because we're a team," Kitchel said. "Everybody scores; it doesn't matter. We all just tried to play as hard as we can the entire game and do whatever it takes to win."

North Central senior Eric Gordon, the state's top scorer at 31.6 points a game, is ranked No. 2 nationally in this year's senior class by rivals.com. He scored 43 points in a nationally televised game two weeks ago.

But the Trojans limited the Indiana University-bound guard to just 12 field-goal attempts and took the Panthers (13-4, 5-2) out of their comfort zone on offense.

Kamo drew the assignment of chasing Gordon around the court. But whenever Gordon touched the ball, at least two Trojans gravitated toward him.

"The idea was you have to make other guys beat you



STAFF PHOTO BY JOE SABA

Center Grove senior Andrew Bowman goes up for a shot during Friday's Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference game at North Central.

because Eric is the best probably in the United States of America. He's definitely Mr. Basketball," Hawkins said. "So we weren't going to get beat by him."

Gordon finished with 21 points, 10 shy of his average. Hawkins praised Kamo's defensive effort, saying the senior guard played the game of his life.

But Kamo said chasing Gordon around was tiring.

"It was very difficult, especially later in the game when we started getting tired, but I think we worked all year for games like this, and luckily we pulled it off," Kamo said.

Luck had little to do with the

Trojans' victory as they simply outplayed and outthruled the ranked Panthers.

Since joining the MIC in 1997, the Trojans have never finished higher than second place.

When Hawkins took the Center Grove coaching job three seasons ago, he was warned he was joining one of the state's elite conferences.

"I joked around a lot. I said, 'I didn't move here to go shopping at Greenwood Park Mall.' We came here to try and win championships," Hawkins said. "It's awesome to be in first place. Someone had to knock down and break that barrier, and this team did that, and I'm really proud of this team."

Center Grove has come a long way since Hawkins' first season in charge.

The Trojans had only won six conference games combined in the three seasons prior to this year and hadn't beaten North Central in five years.

But Friday night was Center Grove's night, and Hawkins happily allowed his players to rush out of the locker room to celebrate with friends and family after his postgame speech.

"We're really proud to be MIC champions, and we're really proud to get this done in our third year here," Hawkins said. "We're always working to become the best program in the state of Indiana and we have so far to go, but we've sure taken a big step forward tonight in terms of our program."

## TODAY'S GAMES

**Boys**  
Greenwood Christian Academy at Seton Catholic, 1p.m.  
Southport at Greenwood, 6 p.m.  
Hauser at Edinburgh, 7:30 p.m.

**Girls**  
Center Grove vs. Ben Davis in Class 4A Southport Regional, 10 a.m.  
Whiteland vs. Brebeuf in Class 3A Mount Vernon (Fortville) Regional, 10 a.m.

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