

# Manning giving Colts cap room



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Peyton Manning has agreed to restructure his contract with the Indianapolis Colts to save the team nearly \$8 million in salary cap space. The Super Bowl MVP was to receive a \$10 million roster bonus during the offseason, but by converting the money into a regular signing bonus, the Colts can prorate that amount over the remaining four years of his deal. That saves Indianapolis space under the cap, which is \$109 million.

The Colts also will restructure defensive end Robert Mathis' contract,

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning is saving the team nearly \$8 million against the salary cap by having his contract restructured.

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Colts running back Dominic Rhodes' court appearance on a drunken-driving charge is postponed to Monday.

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saving the team another \$3 million against the cap, Mathis' agent said.

Manning's restructuring was disclosed to The Associated Press on Wednesday by a person familiar with the negotiations who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal had not yet been signed.

"That's just a normal part of doing business," team president Bill Polian

said as he left the competition committee meeting on the eve of this week's annual NFL Scouting Combine.

Manning signed a \$98 million contract in March 2004, the season after he shared the league's MVP award with Steve McNair.

He followed that with a record-setting 2004 season in which he threw 49 touchdown passes and earned his second straight league MVP award.

In 2005, Manning guided the Colts to a 13-0 record and the AFC's No. 1 seed before losing in the divisional round of the playoffs to eventual Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh.

But this season, Manning showed more patience in throwing short and

relying on his ground game, using that combination to bring the Colts their first Super Bowl title since moving to Indianapolis in 1984.

Manning has led the Colts to seven playoff appearances in nine seasons, including five straight under coach Tony Dungy.

After breaking John Unitas' franchise record for completions last season, Manning is closing in on Unitas' other career records for passing attempts, yardage and touchdowns.

Mathis' agent, Hadley Engelhard, said the Colts had exercised an option to convert a \$3.9 million roster bonus into a signing bonus that will be spread over five years.



DANIELS



TINSLEY

# Pacers players indicted

## Felony among Tinsley's charges

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Indiana Pacers guard Jamaal Tinsley and teammate Marquis Daniels were charged Wednesday in a Feb. 6 bar fight.

A Marion County grand jury indicted

Tinsley on a felony charge of intimidation and misdemeanor counts of battery, disorderly conduct and intimidation for the fight at 8 Seconds Saloon, said Matthew Symons, spokesman for the Marion County prosecutor.

Daniels was charged with battery and disorderly conduct, both misdemeanors, Symons said.

The Pacers played a home game Wednesday night against the Milwaukee Bucks, and both Tinsley and Daniels played.

Tinsley and Daniels were expected to surrender to authorities after the game, Symons said.

"We have games to play. We've dealt with distractions before," said coach Rick Carlisle. "Dealing with external situations is a part of playing and coaching in this league, and we're going to have to deal with it."

The Pacers issued a statement noting that Tinsley and Daniels had insisted they were innocent and urging the media and the

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

# Trojans live by motto

## Teamwork plays role in latest victory for CG

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One of the Center Grove High School boys basketball team's favorite sayings is, "We before me."

Trojans 80  
Pioneers 42

It describes how the Trojans want total team effort every day, and it has made its way to T-shirts that fans in the Hawk's Nest, the student section named for coach Cliff Hawkins, wear along with the players and cheerleaders.

The latest example of the saying came Wednesday night in Center Grove's West Gym as the Class 4A No. 7-ranked Trojans beat visiting Mooresville 80-42 to complete an undefeated season at home and earn their fourth straight victory.

"When we are on offense, (the saying) means trying to get the best kind of shot," Hawkins said. "A lot of that is movement without the ball, which is one of our other trademarks."

Against the Pioneers, Center Grove's passing helped to get four players in double figures.

Junior Corey Gray scored a game-high 19 points, making 4 of 7 3-pointers. Senior Andrew Bowman added 15 points on 6-of-7 shooting. Classmates Tyler Kitchel, Jason Kaylor and Louis Kamo notched 14, 11 and nine points, respectively.

"We really don't care who scores the points," Kitchel said. "I'm going to get mine, Corey

A LOOK AHEAD

Remaining regular-season games for southside boys basketball teams:

**Today**  
Triton Central at Edinburgh, 7:30 p.m.  
Connersville at Whiteland, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday**  
Center Grove at Lawrence Central, 7:30 p.m.  
Jennings County at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.  
Greenwood at New Palestine, 7:30 p.m.  
Waldron at Indian Creek, 7:30 p.m.  
Whiteland at Beech Grove, 7:30 p.m.

his, Bowman, Louis, everybody. Everybody knows their role. That's why we're a good team."

Offense isn't the only place where "We before me" works. On defense, the Trojans force numerous turnovers by trapping often near half court.

They held Mooresville to 15-of-41 overall shooting and just four points in the second quarter, helping Center Grove build a 41-13 halftime lead.

From 1:32 left in the first quarter to 3:42 left in the second quarter, the Trojans held Mooresville scoreless, going on a 17-0 run.

Center Grove had a 39-19 rebounding edge. Bowman had nine rebounds, and Kitchel added seven.

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Center Grove senior Louis Kamo, right, tries to steal the ball from Mooresville junior Ryan Ruble during Wednesday's game at Center Grove. The host Trojans beat the Pioneers 80-42.

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# Cubs not sharp in loss to Falcons

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Over the past three weeks, the Franklin boys basketball team has found the chemistry and player combinations to engineer a stretch of wins that has turned around the Grizzly Cubs' season.

Falcons 69  
Grizzly Cubs 61

Franklin (9-10) has become the team that coach Dave Clark hoped he'd have before the season began, and it appears to be ready to defend its sectional title.

But Perry Meridian (11-10) shot 66 percent from the field and outrebounded the Grizzly Cubs 33-17 as the host Falcons

defeated Franklin 69-61 Wednesday night.

Senior post player Dylan Mosack scored 22 points and grabbed a game-high nine rebounds for Perry Meridian. Falcons guard Aaron Monson scored 20 points, including 3 of 5 from behind the 3-point arc.

Perry Meridian's Jason Heap hit two 3-pointers in the first minute of the fourth quarter to push the Falcons' lead to 52-41, and Clark said the deficit put Franklin in too deep a hole.

"We just weren't able to overcome the 11-point lead. We had our chances, but

our (poor free-throw shooting) was uncharacteristic of us," Clark said. "We missed some easy shots, and we weren't very active on either the offensive or defensive boards."

Adrian Moss, Franklin's leading scorer and floor leader, turned his ankle 2½ minutes into the game. He left to have his ankle taped in the locker room. The Grizzly Cubs' offense was stagnant with Moss was on the bench.

During his absence, the Grizzly Cubs took six straight 3-point shots. When Moss is in the game, Clark said, his dribble penetration and awareness give Franklin the best chance to find its balance between its inside and outside games.

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Senior Adrian Moss scored 21 points in Wednesday's loss at Perry Meridian.

# Franklin boys team has great memories of Vandivier Gymnasium

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Friday marks the final regular-season home game for Franklin Community High School's Vandivier Gymnasium.

The school will play host to next week's boys basketball sectional, but Friday night's game against Jennings County is a chance for the school's basketball alumni to return to the gym one final time before the school moves to its new facility next season.

Tickets will cost just \$2 for "Pack the House Night." Coach Dave Clark expects a good turnout in the gym he's called home for the past 14 years.

"There's a lot of history in that gym," Clark said. "I don't think there's a bad seat in the place."

The Grizzly Cubs are going to be sad to see the gym close.

Since 2003, the Cubs are 23-11 (a .676 winning percentage) at home, compared to 14-21 away from home during that span.

This season, Franklin started the year with six of its first eight games on the road and won only one of the away contests.

Following the Johnson County Tournament championship game Jan. 13, the

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BY THE NUMBERS

A look at Franklin Community High School's Vandivier Gymnasium:

- 45** Years Franklin has played at Vandivier Gym
- 17** Franklin boys basketball teams to win sectional championships
- 8** Franklin boys basketball teams to win the sectional title inside Vandivier Gym
- .676** Winning percentage at home for Franklin boys basketball since the 2003-04 season

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# 33 points in quarter lift Braves

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NASHVILLE

Indian Creek boys basketball coach Rex Wilson had never seen his team play a perfect game before, but he got a perfect quarter from the Braves on Wednesday.

Braves 69  
Eagles 39

A 33-point third quarter powered Indian Creek to a surprisingly easy 69-39 win against host Brown County, spoiling the Eagles' senior-night festivities.

"That was a big third quarter for us," Wilson said. "I didn't know what to expect as we had a tough game (Tuesday) night and (Brown County) did, too."

On Tuesday, the Braves took a 51-49 win against Greenwood in its past four games.

Brown County continued having its problems.

After winning their first seven games of the season, the Eagles (10-10) have struggled lately. Going into Wednesday's game, Brown County had won only one

# Second-half run helps IU top Gophers

The Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON

A big rebound and an even bigger tip back to a wide-open teammate were as important for Indiana and D.J. White as his 17 points in Wednesday night's 71-59 victory against Minnesota.

The Gophers had cut a 13-point deficit to two points before Indiana's Roderick Wilmont hit the first of two free throws with less than eight minutes remaining. Wilmont missed the second, but White rebounded under the basket and, instead of trying to go back up to score, got the ball out to Joey Shaw who was waiting behind the 3-point line.

Shaw's 3-pointer, just his second in the past six weeks, keyed a 14-4 run that put the Hoosiers in control for good.

"I was surprised how open I was. I just made the shot," said Shaw, who had all seven of his points in the second half.

White, who finished with six rebounds, three blocks and a pair of steals, called Shaw's 3-pointer with 7:48 to go a game-breaker.

"It was a swing of momentum for us," White said. "It was a good play by Joey. It was what we needed in a tight game. We

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