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### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# It's all about respect

## Boilers savoring second chance to beat Hoosiers

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**INDIANAPOLIS**  
For Purdue, the Valentine's Day rematch with Indiana is about revenge and respect.

Indiana, ranked 24th in this week's poll, blew out its intrastate rival 85-58 a month ago in Bloomington. So Purdue coach Matt Painter won't waste time preparing a fire-and-brimstone speech for Wednesday's showdown.

"I think you just let it kind of take care of itself," he said. "I think anytime you get embarrassed like we did, you have to go out and prove you belong, prove that you can go out and play with somebody that beat you that badly."

Some coaches prefer to ignore such losses, but Painter disagrees with that approach.

"You never forget about it," he said. "When you get embarrassed by 30 or 40 points, you always remember it so it never happens again."

In the Jan. 10 meeting, the Hoosiers made 10 of 20 3-pointers to win their fifth straight game in the series. It was the largest margin of victory by either team in the series since Indiana beat Purdue 106-65 in 1991.

Indiana coach Kelvin Sampson doesn't expect a repeat.

"Purdue was better than they played, and we're probably not as good as we played," he said.

Indiana (17-6, 7-3 Big Ten) has

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### WHERE THEY STAND

The Big Ten men's basketball standings:

Team	Conf. W-L	All W-L
Wisconsin	10-1	24-2
Ohio State	10-1	22-3
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>7-3</b>	<b>17-6</b>
Iowa	6-5	14-11
Michigan	5-5	17-8
Illinois	6-6	18-9
<b>Purdue</b>	<b>5-6</b>	<b>16-9</b>
Michigan State	4-6	17-8
Minnesota	3-8	9-16
Northwestern	2-9	12-12
Penn State	1-9	10-13

#### Today's game

Michigan at Michigan State, 9 p.m., ESPN

#### Wednesday's games

Ohio State at Penn State, 7 p.m., ESPN

Indiana at Purdue, 7 p.m., WTTV-Channel 4

Wisconsin at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Northwestern at Iowa, 8:05 p.m.

# Duke's slide putting it on NCAA bubble

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### RALEIGH, N.C.

Mike Krzyzewski had yet to establish himself as Coach K the most recent time he was on Duke's bench and the Blue Devils missed the NCAA Tournament.

That was in 1983, when he was merely a little-known third-year coach with a tough-to-spell last name.

Now, 24 years later, Duke is hurting again. The Blue Devils have lost four straight games, their longest losing streak in 11 years, and are out of the top 25 for the first time since 1996.

With Selection Sunday less than four weeks away, these young Blue Devils have some serious work to do to secure their 12th straight NCAA Tournament appearance and avoid the shame

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### PREP SPORTS: PREPARING FOR COLLEGE



Center Grove High School senior Ian McGarvey talks about his decision to attend Ball State University on a football scholarship during a signing ceremony at Center Grove on Wednesday. McGarvey, a kicker, chose Ball State early in the recruiting process.

# Making a choice

## Signing Day signals end of recruiting process

STORY AND PHOTO BY MATTHEW GLENESK

Sitting at a table and wearing a Ball State University T-shirt and cap, Ian McGarvey put the finishing touches on a recruiting process that started nearly two years ago.

The Center Grove High School place-kicker and punter signed a national letter of intent Wednesday afternoon at a ceremony at the high school. He received a full-ride scholarship from Ball State.

McGarvey was one of thousands of high school student athletes putting an end to the recruiting process last week.

The first Wednesday of February is National Signing Day. High school athletes have three periods during the school year on which they can sign letters of intent to continue their sports careers in college.

Wednesday's signing day was the most-followed around the nation because of the large number of football players making their plans official.

The signing period continues until April 1, but most of the signings occur on the first day.

Letters of intent are binding agreements, much like a contract, that states an athlete will play collegiately for at

least one academic year at a specific institution in exchange for financial aid.

Along with McGarvey, two other Johnson County football players declared their college intentions Wednesday: Whiteland quarterback/defensive back Adam Money signed a "likely letter" with Yale University (which does not offer athletics scholarships); and his teammate, tight end Reid Meador, signed with Hillsdale (Mich.) College, an NCAA Division II school.

Recruiting is a long and arduous process. It typically begins following a player's junior season and includes letters, phone calls, campus visits and in-home visits by college coaches.

For athletes, choosing where they go to college ranks as one of the most important decisions in their life.

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### Changing sports

A soccer player at Center Grove his freshman and sophomore years, he didn't join the football team until midway

through his sophomore season after a physical education teacher recommended he give kicking a try after watching him play around with a football during class.

McGarvey settled into his role as Center Grove's kicker and punter and earned all-county honors in his junior and senior seasons.

This season, McGarvey converted 10 of 15 field-goal attempts, including a long of 52 yards, and was a perfect 26 of 26 on extra points. His 56 points led all county kickers. That performance earned him Class 5A first-team all-state recognition, and he was chosen as the top kicker in the state by The Associated Press.

McGarvey committed to continue his playing career at Ball State prior to his senior season, but that didn't prevent other schools from trying to persuade him to change his mind.

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JACKSON TINSLEY

# Driver found guilty

## Man ran into former Pacers player with car

By TOM MURPHY  
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### INDIANAPOLIS

A man who hit former Indiana Pacers guard Stephen Jackson with a car during a fight outside a strip club in the fall was convicted Monday in a ruling by a judge.

Deon Willford, 23, waived his right to a jury trial and instead let Marion Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford render a verdict. She found him guilty of felony battery and failure to stop at a scene of an accident, a misdemeanor.

Willford hit Jackson with his 1988 blue Oldsmobile after a fight erupted outside Club Rio around 3 a.m. Oct. 6.

The defendant testified Monday that fear motivated him to hit Jackson, saying the 6-foot-8 basketball player was walking toward his car and pointing a gun at him.

"I thought he was trying to kill me," Willford said.

However, other witnesses said Jackson was walking away from Willford's car and had no weapon out at the time.

Jackson testified Monday that he was hit by the car after he fired shots in the air from his pearl-handled 9 mm pistol to try to break up the fight. He had chipped teeth and bruised knees and needed plastic surgery on his lip after being hit by the car, he said.

Jackson, who now plays for the Golden State Warriors, has pleaded not guilty to a felony charge of criminal recklessness and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct in the fight outside Club Rio. His trial is set for April 12.

Jackson testified that when he was walking from the club to his car, a man approached him shouting, "Dump, dump!"

"Where I'm from, 'dump' means pull out your gun and shoot," he said.

Pacers guard Jamaal Tinsley

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# NASCAR needs to suspend racers

By JENNA FRYER  
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### COLUMN

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.**  
Suspending a crew chief for the Daytona 500 hasn't seemed to deter teams from cheating.

Maybe it's time to throw out the driver, too.

Three teams failed inspection Sunday during qualifying for the biggest race of the season. If it's determined they deliberately skirted the rules, it will prove teams didn't get the message when NASCAR sent crew chief Chad Knaus home after cheating while preparing Jimmie Johnson's car a year ago.

But what lessons could they have learned? With Knaus banned from the track for four weeks, Johnson still won the Daytona 500, the Super Bowl of racing, and a second event two weeks later.

Then he capped the season by winning the Nextel Cup title.

So don't blame the crew chiefs for Kasey Kahne, 2003 cup champion Matt Kenseth and new Toyota team owner Michael Waltrip, the three drivers who failed to make it past NASCAR's inspectors Sunday.

Blame NASCAR instead. Crew chiefs get suspended, drivers get fined points and cash, but the infractions continue to pile up. Sure, series officials scowl in the inspection bay, and president Mike Helton looms like a gun-toting sheriff in a bad Western movie.

Spokesman Jim Hunter insists NASCAR is fed up with the rule-breakers. Still, cheating also is celebrated as a quaint piece of NASCAR culture. If you ain't cheatin', you ain't tryin', right?

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Michael Waltrip's car was confiscated by NASCAR Nextel Cup officials before Sunday's qualifying for the Daytona 500.

### THIS WEEK'S RACES

A look at NASCAR races this week at Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway:



**Thursday**  
Nextel Cup  
Daytona Duels  
2:30 p.m.  
Speed Channel



**Friday**  
Craftsman Truck Series  
Chevy Silverado HD 250  
7:30 p.m.  
Speed Channel



**Saturday**  
Busch Series  
Orbitz 300  
Noon  
ESPN2



**Sunday**  
Nextel Cup  
Daytona 500  
2 p.m.  
WXIN-Channel 59

# Does less 'Lefty' mean more of his game to love?

The crowds still love him, even though there's less of Lefty to love.

Both things were apparent as Phil Mickelson strolled onto the final green at Pebble Beach to nail down career win No. 30. And why not?

Mickelson is still one of the best stories in golf, one of the two or three really magical golfers out there, and if shedding some weight is a sign he's serious about getting even better, everybody wins.

Tiger gets a rival. Golf gets more buzz. We get to watch. And if not?

Well, he's is still good theater. Guys with that much talent always are.

The next-to-last shot of Mickelson's round Sunday was a nifty little pitch that flew low over a greenside bunker, landed a few feet past the flag, then backed up and nearly went in.

Not everybody on the tour has that shot, and only so many of them would pull it out on the final hole of a tournament, even with a five-shot lead. But that's what makes Mickelson so entertaining.

It's the same thing that drew most of those people to the 18th green and made the applause that little bit louder when he pulled it off.

They'd come to see whether Mickelson had turned timid after last summer's spectacular last-

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Jim Litke