# Addai

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Addai doesn't have blazing speed, but Indianapolis has always sought someone a little different.

Their trademark no-huddle, one-back system calls for backs who can finish rushes, pick up blitzes, catch passes and run without a lead blocker, all without wearing down.

That's part of the reason they passed on former Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams in 1999 and selected James with the fourth pick in the draft. James responded by becoming the franchise's career rushing leader in seven seasons.

Addai fits the same mold. While he was never the feature back at LSU, most considered Addai the best blocking back in the draft.

A face-to-face meeting with **Dungy revealed something else:** Addai understood blocking assignments, an essential part of his transition to the NFL.

Indy officials were so impressed that when they met the night before the draft, Polian told Dungy that if he had the No. 1 pick, he'd take Addai over anyone else in the field.

"Bill really thought Joseph was the guy," Dungy said. "What I liked was that he was so precise in explaining what he did, I thought he'd understand what we needed to do."

Many, however, believed the Colts were making a major gamble when they let James hit the free-agent market.

Polian didn't fret. Content to save a few bucks and get a younger star from a deep running back pool, he took Addai when given the chance.

The result: Addai joined Mar-

Defense

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That victory, along with a ros-

ter of active players who are as

healthy as they have been all

season, has boosted the defense's

"Only having to go for 41 plays

(against the Chiefs) really helped

us out," Colts defensive lineman

Raheem Brock said. "That kept

Everybody's feeling good."

The Colts' inconsistent perfor-

mance in the second half of the

season may temper some of that

Indianapolis hasn't won consec-

utive games since edging Buffalo

17-16 at home Nov. 12 and hasn't

won on the road since prevailing

27-20 in New England on Nov. 5

In terms of defense, the Colts

have established a pattern of a

solid showing on the turf and

amid the noise of the RCA Dome

followed by a lackluster perfor-

Colts lost at Dallas on Nov. 19.

yards in a loss at Tennessee.

After defeating Buffalo, the

The next week brought a 24-

point home defeat of Philadelphia,

followed by allowing 219 rushing

Jacksonville gouged the visit-

ing Colts for 375 yards rushing

Dec. 10, but Indy rebounded with

a convincing defeat of Cincinnati

back in the dome the next week.

Rally

the Dakar. .

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on my cell from Sunny: 'Terry has prob-

"We are now driving against race traffic on the liaison road, and the racers (large

lems, we are stopped at a small town

and small) give up nothing. The track we

are forced onto is a small one-lane paved

road. Traffic moving in opposite directions

surface where possible, or most of the

time one vehicle gets the right of way,

usually the bigger one.

our way back to camp.

each gets one set of wheels on the paved

"We arrive to find Terry has had some

transmission problems. It seems his fifth

gear is no longer and may have serious-

ly damaged the rest of the gear box. We

lend assistance, and we all begin to limp

"With only a couple of hours of sleep

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thanks to five Patriots turnovers.

optimism, however.

mance on the road.

us fresh.

#### Irish hang on to top West Virginia shall Faulk, James and Rhodes as the only Colts rookies to top 1,000 yards. Last week, Addai became the sixth player in franchise history with a 100-yard playoff game. cut and run over defenders while

The Associated Press

He's shown strong bursts,

quick moves and the ability to

deftly protecting two-time MVP

Peyton Manning in passing situa-

tions. Addai has also excelled at

the little things that made James

Addai never worried about the

"I understand what I can do,"

he said. "I watched Edgerrin for

a long time, and I've tried to do

doing. But I know what I can do,

and I'm not going to force myself

Addai's emergence could cre-

for the Ravens in Saturday's divi-

If they stack the line of scrim-

mage to shut down the run, Mann-

ing could take advantage by throw-

they back off, Manning won't hesi-

That's assuming Addai plays.

He suffered a chest injury in

Saturday's wild-card game and

was listed as questionable on the

team's injury report after he did

Safety Bob Sanders practiced

If Sanders does play, it would

mark the first time since mid-

September he has been available

in back-to-back games. He had

arthroscopic knee surgery after a

The biggest concerns remain

guard Ryan Lilja, who has missed

the past two games with a

strained right knee, and receiver

Both missed at least part of

practice Tuesday. Dungy closed

practice to the media for the sec-

In the season finale at Houston

a week later, however, Ron Dayne

rushed for 153 of the Texans' 191

yards as the Colts were defeated.

the season," Brock said. "It just

The Colts' defenders wish to

'We don't feel any different,"

safety Bob Sanders said. "We

didn't put in a new defense; we

didn't do anything different than

"It was pretty much the same

Baltimore, however, won't

Brackett said the Ravens' ball-

control approach and accompa-

nying solid defense makes them

a more difficult opponent than

Brock highlighted McNair'

superior scrambling ability as a

"Steve brings another atmos-

phere to the game," Brock said.

'He knows how to get his

receivers open, so that's another

As much as the Colts' defense

wants to disregard its poor regu-

lar season, coach Tony Dungy

said erasing the memory of the

most recent impressive perfor-

"Not much carries over," Dun-

gy said. "You have to take care of

business one week and then for-

on a crappy ferry chair, Terry ends up

and finish it about midnight. ... We've

been running hard for about 48 hours

with maybe two hours of bad sleep. ...

"I feel like I've been drugged. Easy

math takes multiple tries, easy tasks take

multiple attempts. We could very well not

time for the riders to make their 6:30 a.m.

rally time. At 5:45 a.m. I wake Terry and

installing his auxiliary oil tank alone. ...

bled. It won't start. We run the battery

down and then use jumpers from the truck. The oil lines pop off, spewing oil

of the race. We think there might be a chance we/he can start if we can get him

to the starting line before the cars. ..

everywhere....

"At 6:10 a.m. the bike is fully assem-

"It's now 6:25 a.m. Terry is surely out

"We ... get the bike started, and Terry

goes to the starting line to ask what his

options are. ... The rest of our hopes

apologize, but I simply cannot finish

finish (working on the motorcycles) in

being towed into the bivouac about 9:30 p.m. We begin the work on Sonny's bike

mance is just as important.

thing we have to worry about."

exactly provide a carbon copy of

guys out there just showing we

declare all that bad news ancient

happened; I can't explain it."

"We just fell apart at the end of

Sept. 17 win against Houston.

Ricky Proehl (hamstring).

ond straight week.

history, however.

we did all year.

Kansas City.

the Chiefs.

could be effective."

Tuesday and is expected to play

ing in the middle of the field. If

tate to let Addai carry it.

not practice Tuesday.

Saturday.

ate an interesting chess match

some of the things he's been

to do something I can't do."

sional-round game.

so productive.

comparisons.

#### SOUTH BEND

Russell Carter scored 19 points and kept West Virginia's Frank Young from getting off a shot at the buzzer as No. 22 Notre Dame rebounded from its biggest loss in seven seasons with a 61-58 victory against No. 21 West Virginia on Tuesday night.

The Mountaineers (13-2, 3-1 Big East), who trailed by as many as 14 points early in the second half, closed to 55-53 when Darris Nichols hit a 3-pointer with 1:53 left.

West Virginia had a chance to go ahead, but Alex Ruoff put up an air ball from 3-point range. West Virginia's Da'Sean Butler got the rebound, but Irish guard Tory Jackson stole it.

Luke Harangody then made two free throws for the Irish (14-2, 2-1), and Carter scored on a 10-foot baseline jumper to give the Irish a 59-53 lead. The Mountaineers cut the lead to 61-58 on a 3-pointer by Young with 5 seconds left.

But after Rob Kurz missed the front end of a 1-and-1, Young raced up the right side of the court with Carter beside him and couldn't get the shot off.

Colin Falls scored 14 points for the Irish, who shot 53.5 percent for the game, and Harangody

Ruoff led West Virginia with 14 points and Young added 13.

#### In other NCAA action

MEN

#### **No. 17 Clemson 87** North Carolina State 76

RALEIGH, N.C. — Vernon Hamilton scored 21 points, and No. 17 Clemson beat North Carolina State to match the best start in school history and remain the only unbeaten team in Division I. The Tigers (17-0, 3-0 Atlantic Coast

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face each other on the court.

on the recruiting trail.

1-1 in the conference.

tension both feel when the schools

Bragging rights are important

IU is 10-4 overall and 1-1 in the

But it seems the fortunes of the

Big Ten. Purdue is 12-4 and also

Hoosiers might be a bit brighter

which Billy Packer called the Hoo-

When the usually acerbic vet-

And after IU's complete perfor-

siers the best Indiana basketball

team he had seen in a long time

eran CBS announcer offers

something right.

Packer's praise.

praise, you know you've done

mance against Big Ten rival

Michigan State on Sunday, the

Hoosiers deserved every bit of

start to finish, winning nearly

three seasons, and the 22-point

every statistical category. The 73-

51 loss was Michigan State's most lopsided conference defeat in

margin of victory was IU's largest against the Spartans since 1993.

started on time with Sunny. A few min-

utes later, about 8 a.m., as I retreat,

finally, into my sleeping bag for a few

hours, I get a cell call from Sunny. He is

60 km into his liaison and broken down.

The bike will simply not start. This is like

"Terry comes back as I run out of my

something out of a bad comedy. ...

tent to go find Ed and tell him the bad

news. (Terry) is definitely out of the race.

"That quickly, that simply, months of

prep, thousands of dollars in savings are

over. As I write this now, nearly 12 hours

later, I don't think it's fully sunk in to any

"Terry, Ed and I race after Sunny only

to get there and never find him. We hope

he was able to get the bike started and

get back to our camp it's nearly midday.

... As we drive to Ouarzazate we get a

call from Sunny, who has finished his

"Tonight we will not see Sunny.

Bike riders are sequestered in a differ-

is on his way to his special. When we

IU dominated the contest from

than the Boilers' right now.

IU is coming off a game in

Not a bad start for Sampson in • Rivalry

his maiden voyage in Bloomington. But it wasn't a perfect afternoon

West Virginia's Joe Alexander, left,

attempts to drive around Notre

Dame's Russell Carter during

Conference) shot nearly 56 percent and

used a 15-3 run which bridged halftime

K.C. Rivers and James Mays both

added 16 points for Clemson, which also

Gavin Grant had 22 points, and Ben

McCauley added 15 for outmanned N.C.

WOMEN

STORRS, Conn. — Mel Thomas scored

23 points, freshman Tina Charles added a

career-high 20, and No. 7 Connecticut

Connecticut (13-1, 3-0 Big East),

which had only one player score more

than 10 points in Saturday's 70-64 loss

to the Vols, had four players in double

figures by halftime against the Pirates.

Charde Houston, who scored 23

Saturday, finished with 19 points.

rebounded from a loss to archrival

Tennessee by routing Seton Hall.

State (10-6, 0-3), which lost its second

straight since a three-game winning

streak against non-conference foes.

No. 7 Connecticut 106

Seton Hall 58

to equal the school records for best start

Tuesday's game in South Bend.

and longest winning streak.

started 17-0 in 1986-87.

The Hoosiers made just three of their 17 3-point attempts. **And Lance Stemler continues** to be a feast-or-famine long-

range shooter after a 1-for-8

performance. Spartans coach Tom Izzo said after the game that if the Hoosiers had shot better "it real-

ly would have been ugly.' The Boilers got off to a good start this season with some nice non-conference wins, but they have been less impressive in the past two weeks, losing by 19 to Indiana State and dropping their conference opener to lowly

Minnesota (7-9) On Saturday, the Boilers nearly squandered a lead at home against Penn State.

In a conference where it's perceived there are two top dogs (Ohio State and Wisconsin) and the rest of the teams are fighting for scraps, tonight's contest is that much more important.

Plus, it's Indiana vs. Purdue. A rivalry renewed.

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"Sunny came in 86th and sounded

great when we talked to him. ... The motorcycle field has whittled down from 250 that started to 96 today.

"Elmer (Symons), a friend of ours

California, has died today on the Dakar.

All news pales in light of Elmer's death.

Our hearts are with his family; please

keep them in your thoughts. Tomorrow

form the practice ride we did in

will be another grueling day."

# **FOOTBALL**

LOUISVILLE, Ky.

### Tulsa's Kragthorpe named Louisville coach

Tulsa's Steve Kragthorpe was introduced Tuesday as the new head football

coach at the University of Louisville, less than 48 hours after Bobby Petrino left for the NFL. Kragthorpe

and Louisville KRAGTHORPE athletic director

Tom Jurich agreed to a five-year, \$1.1-million deal that runs through the 2012 season. The contract was approved by the Louisville Athletic Association's Board of Directors on Tuesday afternoon.

"This truly is a destination for us," Kragthorpe said at an afternoon news conference. "There's no question that we feel like this is a place that we've come to stay."

Kragthorpe went 29-22 in four seasons at Tulsa, winning the Conference USA title in 2005. The Cardinals went 12-1 in 2006, won

**USOC** keeps bid process

moving for L.A., Chicago

Angeles can earn the internation-

al support needed to land the 2016

Summer Games, the U.S. Olympic

with plans to put one of America's

"At this point in the process,

we feel we can be competitive,"

international vice president Bob

Ctvrtlik said Tuesday, when the

USOC announced it was continu-

The widely expected decision

and avoid a repeat of New York's

The USOC has canvassed lead-

ers in the international commu-

nity to gauge interest in bringing

the Olympics back to the United

States for the first time since the

Sponsorship woes delay

The all-star International Race

start of IROC season

of Champions will not run at

Daytona, Fla., next month, be

cause series officials have not

The four-race series usually

begins at Daytona (Fla.) Inter-

national Speedway the Friday

before NASCAR's season-opening

the \$1 million payout to the IROC

champion, pulled out of the series

at the end of last season, and no

replacement has been found.

But Crown Royal, which covered

secured sponsorship.

Daytona 500.

2002 Winter Games.

**RACING** 

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.

was the latest step in a months-

long process led by the USOC

to coordinate the bid process

failed attempt to land the 2012

ing with the bid process.

Confident Chicago or Los

Committee will move forward

iconic cities on the ballot later

this year.

Olympics.

**OLYMPICS** 

Bush said coach Bobby Petrino's decision to leave the team was a factor in his decision.

Bush rushed for 1,143 yards and an NCAA-best 23 touchdowns

the Big East and the Orange

Sunday night to coach the

Atlanta Falcons.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.

Bowl and finished sixth in the

final AP poll. Petrino resigned on

Louisville running back

Michael Bush will enter the NFL

draft in April rather than return

Bush, who announced his deci-

sion Tuesday, broke his right leg

against Kentucky on Sept. 3 and

A senior, Bush applied for a

decided to come back but opted

"I loved my time here at U of

L, but I think it's time for me to

medical redshirt in case he

to the Cardinals next season.

in Louisville's season-opener

hasn't played since.

for the NFL instead.

move on," Bush said.

**Bush jumping to NFL** 

Louisville running back

## BASEBALL

### Diamondbacks hope Johnson returns to form

The Arizona Diamondbacks made it official Tuesday: Randy Johnson is back. The Diamondbacks announced

that they reacquired the Big Unit in a trade with the New York Yankees, one day after he passed his physical. Johnson, who had back

surgery in October, was introduced at a Chase Field news conference. But Arizona fans already know the rangy 43-yearold left-hander, who lives in the Phoenix area. Johnson's best seasons came

in Arizona, where he was 103-49 in six seasons and won four NL Cy Young Awards before going to the Yankees in a trade he sought After two difficult seasons in

New York, Johnson returns to the Diamondbacks with a twoyear, \$26 million contract.

## **TENNIS**

SYDNEY, Australia

### Nadal quits tournament after injuring right groin

Rafael Nadal retired from his first-round match at the **Sydney International on Tuesday** with a right groin injury, less than a week away from the Australian Open.

Australian Chris Guccione was leading 6-5 and the players were on serve in the opening set when the top-seeded Nadal decided. after his second medical timeout of the match, to withdraw. "I will have some treatment

on it (today) and will hope to be 100 percent fit for next week," Nadal said. "The Australian Open is a priority."





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