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Braves hang on for win

Ray's 3-point play helps beat Woodmen

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Indian Creek senior Kyle Ray converted a 3-point play with 44.5 seconds left to give the visiting Braves a 51-49 victory against the Greenwood boys basketball team Tuesday night.

**Braves 51
Woodmen 49**

Trailing 49-47 with less than a minute remaining, Ray drove to the basket and was fouled by Greenwood senior Ian McLaughlin. He hit the layup and the free throw to give the Braves (9-10) a 50-49 lead.

The one-on-one drive was set up by Brett Brunson's hot shooting, as he hit four of his six 3-pointers.

Braves coach Rex Wilson drew up the play hoping Ray's drive would create a double team in the free-throw lane, leaving Brunson open for a 3-point attempt. But Brunson's success from behind the arc allowed Ray to get to the basket and attempt the go-ahead free throw.

"(Brunson) helped set that play up because he's such a good shooter," Wilson said. "His man didn't want to sag in and take that away from Kyle Ray, and it opened up the shot."

"They had to pick their poison. That's what we were trying to set up and we got one of the options we were hoping for."

After Ray's 3-point play, Greenwood missed a shot with about 15 seconds left. Indian Creek got a fast-break opportunity off the rebound, and Weston Wray was fouled and hit the second of two free throws.

The Woodmen (3-16) had one final chance as senior Daniel Lipp drove the length of the floor and took a jump shot from the

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Lancers lose lead, fall in extra period

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SHELBYVILLE

Curt Chase could only helplessly watch as his Edinburg Community High School boys basketball team lost a five-point lead late in the game.

**Spartans 64
Lancers 59**

But he's still proud of his players' efforts, and he hopes they'll learn from their mistakes.

Southwestern (Shelby) made 9 of 10 free throws in overtime to defeat the visiting Lancers 64-59 in a Mid-Hoosier Conference game on Tuesday night.

Edinburg (4-15 overall, 0-7 Mid-Hoosier) dropped its third straight game.

The Lancers committed four turnovers after leading 53-48 with 2:12 to go in regulation, allowing the Spartans (7-10, 2-5) to tie the

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

"I've never broken my back, so I don't know what it feels like. But I've broken other bones, and for him to play the way he has with an injury is remarkable."

Louis Kamo

Center Grove basketball player on teammate Andrew Bowman, who is playing this season with a broken back

Battling back

Trojans' Bowman plays well despite injury

STORY BY MATTHEW GLENESK ■ PHOTO BY JOE SABA

After spending three years at Center Grove on the junior varsity team, nothing was going to keep Andrew Bowman from playing with the varsity his senior season.

Not even a broken back. Playing basketball during the summer, Bowman crashed to the floor, fracturing the L5 portion of his spine.

Doctors gave him two options: sit out and not do anything for six months to let the fracture heal, or wear a back brace for a year and risk surgery at season's end.

"I made the decision in the doctor's office as soon as he said it," Bowman said. "There was no doubt I was going to play."

For the first three months after his injury, Bowman wore a plastic back brace 24 hours a day. Now, he's required to wear the brace only during practices and games.

The injury hasn't slowed Bowman, though.

He has started all 18 games this season for the seventh-ranked Trojans (16-2) and is second on the team in scoring (12.3 points per game) and rebounding (five rebounds per game).

Center Grove coach Cliff Hawkins said having Bowman, a 6-foot-6 forward, has been a boost to the Trojans this season. But he also said he believes Bowman's example of hard work and dedication will benefit future Trojans teams.

"What I learned from Andrew was how bad he wanted to play basketball," Hawkins said. "It says a lot about his character and effort to become as good as he has. He has a greater mission than just wanting to participate."

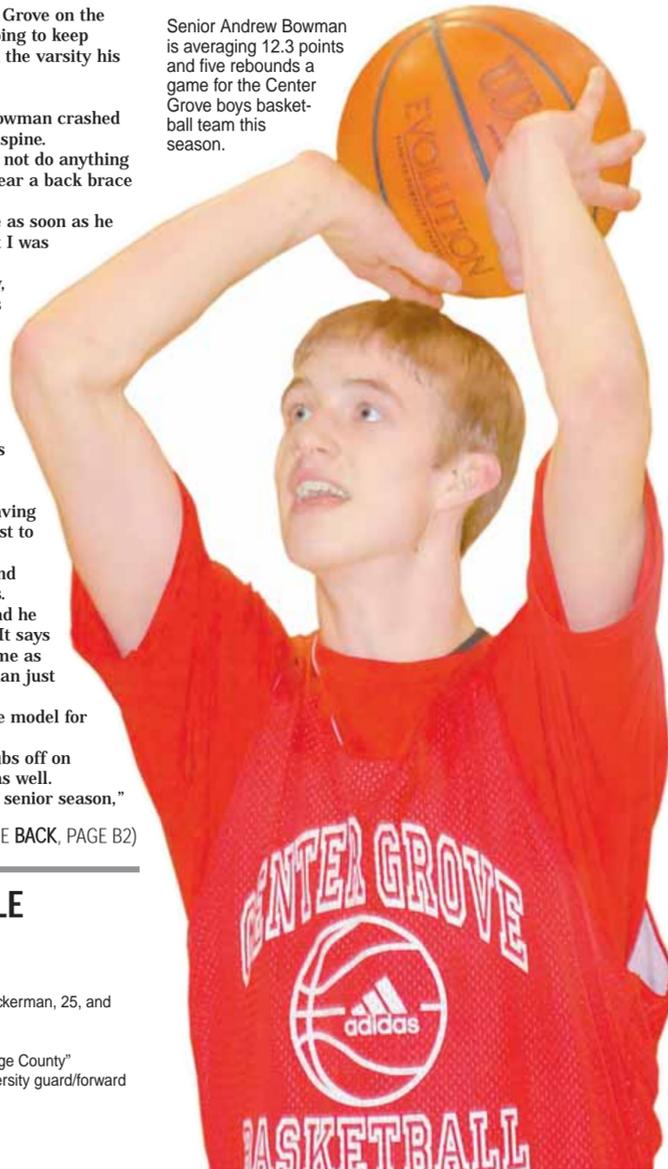
"He's very special in terms of being a role model for all our younger kids."

While Hawkins hopes Bowman's desire rubs off on future Trojans, his peers are taking notice as well.

"It shows how much he wanted to play his senior season,"

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Senior Andrew Bowman is averaging 12.3 points and five rebounds a game for the Center Grove boys basketball team this season.



THE BOWMAN FILE

Name: Andrew Bowman
Class: Senior
High school: Center Grove
Family: Parents, Jim and Shana; sisters, Sarah Ackerman, 25, and Laura Pontius, 22
Hobbies: Playing guitar and PlayStation
Favorite movies: "Christmas Vacation" and "Orange County"
Favorite basketball player: Former Indiana University guard/forward A.J. Moyer
Favorite band: Dave Matthews Band
Favorite TV show: "Two and a Half Men"

Cubs back on track after sluggish start

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Adrian Moss knew Franklin Community High School's boys basketball team could get things turned around after a 3-7 start.

All he had to do was look to last year's press clippings.

A year ago, Franklin started its season 5-7 before winning nine of 12 games, including the sectional championship.

After this year's slow start, the Grizzly Cubs have once again engineered a turnaround, winning six of eight games and earning a share of the Mid-State Conference crown with Friday's win against Plainfield.

"It's pretty much the same situation," Moss said.

The results might be similar, but the situation is far from the same.

Franklin (9-9) returned just two starters (seniors Moss and Brandon Foster) from last year's sectional championship team.

Despite the roster turnover, coach Dave Clark still had high hopes for this season.

But a preseason injury to senior Eric Lazzell, along with the dismissal of Patrick Woods and Micah Johnson from the team, created depth concerns for the already-thin Grizzly Cubs.

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STAFF PHOTO BY SCOTT ROBERSON/
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Senior Adrian Moss has helped the Franklin Community High School boys basketball team rebound from a 3-7 start to go 9-9 heading into the final two regular-season games.

Colts get in trouble

Rhodes facing charge for driving drunk

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis Colts running back Dominic Rhodes faces a drunken driving charge after state troopers arrested him Tuesday.



RHODES

Rhodes, 28, was pulled over about 3 a.m. driving a GMC truck 81 mph in a 55-mph zone on Interstate 65 in Indianapolis' far northwest side, Indiana State Police spokesman 1st Sgt. Dave Bursten said.

"It was a normal, run-of-the-mill drunk-driving arrest," Bursten said.

Rhodes was cooperative with the state troopers who arrested him, police said. He was held overnight and released on his own recognizance after an initial hearing Tuesday afternoon.

Rhodes, who wore a black sweat suit with red trim, said nothing during the hearing and did not speak to reporters afterward.

He is scheduled to return to court today.

"We are very troubled by Dominic Rhodes' arrest for DUI," Colts president Bill Polian said in a statement. "We will have no further comment until the case has been dealt with by the justice system."

He said Rhodes' contract expires Feb. 28, when he becomes a free agent, and that the back would be subject to NFL discipline under the substance-abuse policy.

Rhodes' attorney Jim Voyles, who was at the processing center, said he did not know where Rhodes was before the arrest.

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Clark rides refs, asked to leave basketball game

The Associated Press

BURNSIDE, IOWA

Indianapolis Colts tight end Dallas Clark was kicked out of a high school girls basketball game after making inappropriate comments to a referee officiating the game, school officials said.



CLARK

Clark, a Livermore, Iowa, native and former University of Iowa football player, was asked to leave the gymnasium during a game Saturday between Twin River Valley of Bode, Iowa, where he attended high school, and Southeast Webster-Grand of Burnside, Iowa.

Mike Jorgensen, Southeast Webster-Grand superintendent, confirmed that Clark was asked to leave but said there wasn't a major disturbance.

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Purdue men's basketball coach Matt Painter, left, questions a call by official Zelton Steed during the first half of Thursday's victory against Indiana in West Lafayette. The Boilermakers (17-9 overall, 6-6 in the Big Ten) have a key game against host Iowa (15-12, 7-6) tonight.



AP PHOTO

Purdue, Iowa want to break from pack

By LUKE MEREDITH
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES, Iowa

The top of the Big Ten standings is clear: The same can be said for the bottom.

The middle? Well, it's a mess.

Six teams — Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Purdue and Michigan State — have formed a jumbled pack behind No. 2-ranked Ohio State and No. 1 Wisconsin.

The Hoosiers, who sit third in the Big Ten at 7-5, are the only team in that group that has a solid grip on an at-large NCAA Tournament bid. The other five will be fighting for their postseason lives the rest of the way.

Purdue's battle to secure a trip to the

Big Dance continues tonight when the Boilermakers (17-9, 6-6 Big Ten) visit Iowa (15-12, 7-6), a fellow member of the middle of the pack club.

"These last two weeks and the Big Ten Tournament are going to be telltale. We're bunched up here, and we can have anywhere from four to six, and maybe even seven (NCAA Tournament teams) if it all works out," Purdue coach Matt Painter said. "The head-to-head battles late in the season with the teams that are in the same position are going to be huge games."

Purdue is, as they say, on the bubble. The Boilermakers' 17-9 record isn't all that great, but they have played one of the

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WHERE THEY STAND

The Big Ten men's basketball standings:

Team	Conf. W-L	All W-L
Ohio State	12-1	24-3
Wisconsin	12-2	26-3
Indiana	7-5	17-8
Michigan State	7-6	20-8
Illinois	7-6	19-9
Iowa	7-6	15-12
Michigan	6-6	18-9
Purdue	6-6	17-9
Minnesota	3-10	9-18
Northwestern	2-11	12-14
Penn State	1-11	10-15