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Boys basketball

AP state polls
The Associated Press Top 10 Indiana high school boys basketball teams, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through games Tuesday, rating points (240 possible) and

Class	4A		
School	W-L	Pts. P	vs.
 Valparaiso (4) 	12-1	210	2
North Central (5)	9-1	206	1
Cathedral	10-1	190	3
4. Franklin Central (3)	12-1	175	7
Northwest	9-1	138	6
6. Pike	9-3	126	4
Bloomington South	9-2	92	5
Muncie Central	9-2	62	9
New Albany	10-1	49	10
10. Concord	9-1	45	8
Others receiving v	otae.	Anderson	32

Others receiving votes: Anderson 32, Lawrence North 24, Fort Wayne North 24, East Chicago 23, Evansville Reitz 15, Warren Central 9, Arlington 8, Fort Wayne South 6,

Marion 6.			
C	Class 3A		
School	W-L	Pts.	Pvs.
1. New Castle (9)	13-1	234	1
2. Edgewood (3)	10-0	216	2
3. Plymouth	11-1	190	4
4. Roncalli	9-1	141	3
Batesville	8-1	134	5
Connersville	9-2	123	6
Wawasee	9-1	102	7
NorthWood	8-2	93	9
Vincennes	9-4	68	10t
Evansville Boss	e 8-3	53	8
Others receiving	votes: Ch	atard 24	Wash

ington 14, Jay County 13, Gary Roosevelt 13,

wayne Dwenger 6.						
Class 2A						
School	W-L	Pts.	Pvs.			
 Forest Park (11) 	10-1	238	1			
2. Jimtown	10-1	202	3			
Fort Wayne Harding	(1) 8-2	198	2			
Northwestern	10-1	170	5			
Clinton Central	8-2	123	10			
6.(tie) North Montgome	ery 9-2	100	4			
Westview	9-2	100	6			
8. Cass	8-2	86	7			
Eastside	9-3	33	9			
10. Tri-West	8-4	32	8			
Others receiving vote	s: Cente	rville 24	, Glenn			

20, Providence 19, Rochester 16, Shenandoah 15, South Knox 15, Fairfield 15, Tell City 13, Winchester 9. Perry Central 6. Southridge 6

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Class	s A				
School	W-L	Pts.	Pvs.		
1. Oregon-Davis (12)	11-0	240	1		
Hauser	9-1	169	4		
Barr-Reeve	9-2	157	2		
Tri-County	10-0	152	6		
Lanesville	11-2	134	5		
Orleans	9-2	123	3		
Jac-Cen-Del	9-1	108	8		
Lafayette Catholic	7-3	101	9		
9. Blue River	10-3	65	10		
Westville	10-1	48	_		
Others receiving vote	es: Wes	-Del 42	, Beth-		
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Loogootee 12, South Newton 8.

Girls basketball

State coaches' polls
The Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association Top 10 basketball teams, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through games Tuesday, rating points (150 possible) and previous rankings: Class 4A W-I

School	W-L	Pts. F	vs.
 Hamilton SE (9) 	16-0	142	1
S.Bend Washington (3)	18-1	134	2
3. Avon (2)	15-0	121	3
Fort Wayne South (1)	15-1	102	5
Terre Haute South	15-1	81	4
Ben Davis	13-2	59	7
Lawrence North	13-2	44	_
Jeffersonville	14-2	36	6
Bloomington North	14-1	28	8
10. Carmel	13-2	27	9
Others receiving votes: And	derson	15, Co	olum-
bus North 13, Michigan City 1	2, Colu	ımbus	East
6 Castle 3 Center Grove 1 9	Sevmoi	ır 1	

bus North 13, Michigan City 12, Columbus East						
6, Castle 3, Center Grove 1, Seymour 1.						
Class 3A						
School	W-L	Pts. I	Pvs.			
1. S. Bend St. Joseph's (14)	13-1	149	1			
2. Fort Wayne Luers (1)	15-2	135	2			
3. New Castle	15-2	119	3			
4. Lebanon	14-3	97	4			
Chatard	13-3	76	5			
NorthWood	12-3	59	8			
7. Benton Central	13-3	51	6			
8. Owen Valley	14-1	50	10t			
9. Wawasee	11-3	24	_			
10. West Lafayette	12-3	20	7			
Others receiving votes: E	Evans	ille B	osse			
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19, Bredeut 17, Plymouth 6, Andrean 3.					
Class 2A					
School	W-L	Pts.	Pvs.		
 Heritage Christian (15) 	15-2	150	1		
Southwestern (Jeff)	14-1	121	2		
Northwestern	16-0		3		
4. Oak Hill	14-0	96	4		
Crawford County	14-1	78	5		
Southridge	13-1	68	6		
North Montgomery	14-1	57	7		
8. Garrett	15-2	34	8		
9. Heritage	15-1	31	10		
Charlestown	15-3	15	_		
Others receiving votes: Triton Central 14,					
Wheeler 11, Mitchell 8, Austin 7, Manchester 7,					
Jimtown 3, North Judson 3, Forest Park 2,					

School	W-L	Pts. I	ovs.
1. Bloomfield (12)	15-0	140	1
2. Fort Wayne Canterbury (1)	12-2	121	3
3. Kouts (1)	14-1	119	2
4. Oregon-Davis (1)	12-3	108	5
5. Argos	12-2	79	4
6. Eminence	15-1	75	6
7. Dubois	10-4	49	7
8. South Central (Harrison)	12-4	40	8
9. Jac-Cen-Del	11-3	33	9
10. Lapel	11-4	30	10
Others receiving votes: La	afayet	te Cat	holic
15, Tri 7, Morgan Township 3	, Wal	dron 2	, Tri-
Central 1, University 1.			

Gymnastics

State coaches' poll
The Indiana High School Gymnastics
Coaches Association poll:
1. Fort Wayne Dwenger; 2. Valparaiso; 3.
Merrilliville; 4. Center Grove; 5. Lawrence
Central; 6. Logansport; 7. Chesterton; 8.
Carroll; 9. Crown Point; 10. Columbus North;
11. Hobart; 12. Michigan City; 13. Carmel; 14.
Ft. Wayne Snider. 15. New Castle; 16. Fort
Wayne Concordia; 17. (tie) LaPorte and
Bloomington South; 19. Portage; 20. Elkhart
Central; 21. Fort Wayne Northrup.

Bloomington South; 19. Portage; Central; 21. Fort Wayne Northrup.

MAIN

EVENTS

TV TODAY

NBA

Los Angeles Lakers at San Antonio Spurs, 9 p.m., ESPN

Men's college basketball

North Carolina at Clemson, 7 p.m., ESPN Illinois at Minnesota, 7 p.m., ESPN2

Purdue at Wisconsin, 8 p.m., WTTV-Channel 4 **Tennis**

Australian Open, early-round play, 3 and 9 p.m., ESPN2

SPECTATOR SPORTS

TODAY

Wrestling

Fishers at Whiteland, 6 p.m.

Franklin College

Men's basketball: Franklin at Defiance, 7:30 p.m., WFCI-89.5 FM

Women's basketball: Defiance at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.

Call us with results

Results can be called in to the Daily Journal sports department from 6 to 10 weeknights and Sunday evenings at 736-2715.

Results also can be faxed to 736-2766.

Boys swimming

State coaches' poll
The Indiana High School Swimming
Coaches Association top 20 boys teams:
1. Hamilton Southeasterr; 2. North Central; Chesterton; 4. Homestead; 5. Munster; 6. 3. Chesterton, 4. Hornesteau, 5. Munster, o. Munster, o. Northridge; 7. South Bend Riley, 8. Lake Central; 9. Yorktown; 10. Carmel; 11. Noblesville; 12. Westfield; 13. (tie) Penn and Zionsville; 15. Concord; 16. (tie) Fort Wayne Concordia and Plainfield; 18. East Central; 19. Crawfordsville; 20. Bedford-North Lawrence.

Girls swimming

State coaches' poll
The Indiana High School Swimming
Coaches Association top 20 girls teams:
1. Carmel; 2. Hamilton Southeastern; 3.
Homestead; 4. Fort Wayne Snider; 5. North
Central; 6. Center Grove; 7. Yorktown; 8. Chesterton: 9. Columbus North: 10. Mt. Vernon; 11. Jasper; 12. Penn; 13. Noblesville; 14. Westfield; 15. (tie) Bloomington South, Lafayette Harrison and Northridge; 18. Norwell; 19. (tie) Munster and Western.

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Boston	12	25	.324	5		
Philadelphia	10	28	.263	71/2		
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000	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Orlando	22	16	.579	_		
Washington	21	16	.568	1/2		
Miami	17	20	.459	41/2		
Atlanta	12	23	.343	81/2		
Charlotte	12	24	.333	9		
Ce		Divisio	on			
	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Cleveland	23	13	.639	_		
Detroit	21	15	.583	2		
Chicago	22	17	.564	21/2		
Indiana	20	18	.526	4		
Milwaukee	17	20	.459	6½		
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Dallas	31	8	.795	- 05		
San Antonio	27	12	.692	4		
Houston	25	13	.658	5½		
New Orleans	14	22	.389	151/2		
Memphis	.9	30	.231	22		
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Utah	24	14	.632	_		
Minnesota	20	16	.556	3		
Denver	18	17	.514	41/2		
Portland	15	24	.385	91/2		
Seattle	14	25	.359	10½		
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Phoenix	29	8	.784	41/		
L.A. Lakers	25	13	.658	4½		
Golden State	19	20	.487	11 12½		
L.A. Clippers	17 14	21	.447			
Sacramento		21	.400	14		
Washington 114,	Monday's games Washington 114, Utah 111					

New York 102, Sacramento 97 Milwaukee 99, Charlotte 91 Atlanta 100, Boston 96 Chicago 99, San Antonio 87 Toronto 104, Philadelphia 86 New Jersey 105, Indiana 95 Golden State 108, L.A. Clippers 93 Phoenix 137, Memphis 122 L.A. Lakers 124, Miami 118, OT

Tuesday's games
Orlando vs. New Orleans at Oklahoma City, (n) Houston at Dallas, (n)
Cleveland at Seattle, (n)
Today's games
Sacramento at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Utah at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Chicago at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. Philadelphia at Memphis, 8 p.m. Atlanta at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Phoenix at Houston, 8:30 p.m. L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9 p.m. L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9 p.m. Cleveland at Portland, 10 p.m. Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m. Indiana at Miami, 7 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.

NFL

Playoffs Wild-card games Saturday, Jan. 6 Indianapolis 23, Kansas City 8 Seattle 21, Dallas 20 Sunday, Jan. 7 New England 37, New York Jets 16 Philadelphia 23, New York Giants 20

Divisional playoffs Saturday, Jan. 13 Indianapolis 15, Baltimore 6 New Orleans 27, Philadelphia 24 Sunday, Jan. 14
Chicago 27, Seattle 24, OT
New England 24, San Diego 21

Conference championships Sunday, Jan. 21 NFC New Orleans at Chicago, 3 p.m. (WXIN-

AFC
New England at Indianapolis, 6:30 p.m.
(WISH-Channel 8)

Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 4 Miami AFC Champion vs. NFC Champion, 6 p.m.

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	W	L	OT	Pts.	GF	GA
New Jersey	28	14	4	60	120	105
N.Y. Rangers	23	20	4	50	139	144
Pittsburgh	20	17	7	47	139	141
N.Y. Islanders	21	21	4	46	133	134
Philadelphia	- 11	30	4	26	109	174
N	lorthe W	ast [Divis OT	ion Pts.	GF	GA
Buffalo	31	11	4	66	172	133
Ottawa	27	19	2	56	167	136
Montreal	25	17	5	55	138	136
Toronto	21	20	6	48	154	158
Boston	21	18	4	46	128	157
	outhe				120	131
_	W	L	OT	Pts.	GF	GA
Atlanta	26	14	8	60	150	145
Carolina	25	18	5	55	146	144
Tampa Bay	24	22	2	50	152	151
Washington	19	20	7	45	143	162
Florida	17	21	10	44	137	157
W	esteri					
	Centr W	rai Di L	VISIO	n Pts.	GF	GA
Nashville	32	11	3	67	160	117
Detroit	29	12	5	63	142	109
Chicago	17	22	7	41	116	141
St. Louis	16	21	8	40	113	144
Columbus	17	24	5	39	117	144
	orthy				117	144
	W	Ľ.	OT	Pts.	GF	GA
Vancouver	26	19	1	53	119	117
Calgary	24	16	4	52	138	115
Minnesota	24	19	3	51	131	124
Colorado	22	20	3	47	141	132
Edmonton	21	20	4	46	125	132
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	W	L	OT	Pts.	GF	GA
Anaheim	30	9	8	68	162	117
San Jose	31	15	0	62	144	107
Dallas	27	18	1	55	123	113
Phoenix	21	22	2	44	125	153
Los Angeles	16	26	-	38	135	176
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	Mond		gam			

Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Islanders 3

Boston 3, Buffalo 2, SO Phoenix 5, St. Louis 4, SO Dallas 3, Los Angeles 1 Nashville 5, Calgary 3 Detroit 2. Montreal 0

San Jose 3, Colorado 1

Tuesday's games

Atlanta 6, Los Angeles 2 Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Islanders 2 Vancouver 4, Montreal 0 Columbus 5, Chicago 4, OT Ottawa 5, Washington 2 Carolina 3, Florida 2, OT Toronto 4, Tampa Bay 2 New Jersey 1, N.Y. Rangers 0 Edmonton at Minnesota, (n) St. Louis at Anaheim, (n)

Today's games Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m. Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Calgary at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Thursday's games Montreal at Atlanta, 7 p.m.

Monited at Alamata, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Boston, 7 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 7:30 p.m. Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m. Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m. Anaheim at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Tennis

Australian Open Tuesday's results Singles Men

Men
Second round
Novak Djokovic (14), Serbia, def. Feliciano
Lopez, Spain, 6-2, 7-5, 6-1.
Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def.
Jonas Bjorkman, Sweden, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.
Women
First round
Ashley Harkleroad, United States, def.
Yuan Meng, China, 6-3, 6-0.
Anna-Lena Groenfeld (17), Germany, def.
Sandra Zahlavova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-1.
Patty Schnyder (8), Switzerland, def

Sandra Zaniavova, Czech Heppolic, 6-4, 6-1.
Patty Schnyder (8), Switzerland, def.
Madison Brengle, United States, 6-3, 6-4.
Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, def.
Ahsha Rolle, United States, 6-3, 6-4.
Tamira Paszek, Austria, def. Severine
Bremond, France, 6-1, 6-4.
Daniela Hantuchova (15), Slovakia, def.
Alize Cornet France, 6-4, 6-1 Alize Cornet, France, 6-4, 6-1. Vera Zvonareva (22), Russia, def. Tzipi Obziler, Israel, 6-3, 6-4. Li Na (19), China, def. Elena Bovina,

Li Na (19), China, def. Elena Bovina, Russia, 6-4, 6-3.
Dinara Safina (9), Russia, def. Ekaterina Bychkova, Russia, 7-6 (5), 6-1.
Youlia Fedososva, France, def. Catalina Castano, Colombia, 7-5, 6-4.
Emilie Loit, France, def. Aravane Rezai, France, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.
Peng Shuai, China, def. Andreja Klepac, Slovenia, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.
Second round
Svetlana Kuznetsova (3), Russia, def. Monique Adamczak, Australia, 6-2, 6-1.
Jelena Jankovic (11), Serbia, def. Virginia Ruano Pascual, Spain, 6-2, 6-2.
Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, def. Marion Bartoli (18), France, 6-0, 7-5.

Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, def. Marion
Bartoli (18), France, 6-0, 7-5.

Doubles
Men
First round
Nathan Healey and Robert Smeets,
Australia, def. Kevin Kim, Unied States, and
Lee Hyung-taik, South Korea, 6-1, 7-6 (5).

Women
First round
Sun Shengnan and Sun Tiantian, China,
def. Stephanie Foretz, France, and Klaudia
Jans, Poland, 6-2, 6-4.

Transactions

BASEBALL American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with 3B Joe Crede on a one-year contract. CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Rafael Betancourt on a one-year

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Fernando Rodney, LHP Nate Robertson, INF Omar Infante and OF Craig

Robertson, INF Omar Infante and OF Craig Monroe on one-year contracts.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms with RHP Scot Shields, RHP Francisco Rodriguez on one-year contracts and 1B Robb Quinlan on a two-year contract.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with RHP Luis Vizcaino on a one-year contract and INF Chris Basak on a minor league contract

CONTRACT.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with OF Milton Bradley, INF Marco Scutaro and RHP Kiko Calero on one-year contracts. SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with 1B Ben Broussard and LHP Horacio
Ramirez on one-year contracts.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to

terms with INF Ty Wigginton and RHP Seth

terms with INF Ty Wigginton and RHP Seth McClung on one-year contracts. TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Rick Bauer, RHP Akinori Otsuka and OF Brad Wilkerson on one-year contracts. Named Bobby Jones manager and Randy Whisler coach for Oklahoma of the PCL; Dave Anderson manager and Scott Coolbaugh coach for Frisco of the Texas League; Mike Anderson pitching coach and Brant Brown coach for Bakersfield of the California League: Mike Micucci manager Brant Brown coach for Bakersfield of the California League; Mike Micucci manager and Danny Clark pitching coach for Clinton of the Midwest League; Andy Fox manager for Spokane of the Northwest League; and Pedro Lopez manager, Keith Comstock pitching coach and Paul Herfurth coach for Arizona of the Arizona League.

National League

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jose Valverde, 2B Orlando Hudson and RHP Brandon Lyon on one-year

ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with RHP Rafael Soriano on a one-year contract.
CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with
LHP Will Ohman on a two-year contract.
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with

RHP Kyle Lohse on a one-year contract.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with LHP Jeremy Affeldt, RHP Rodrigo Lopez, OF Matt Holliday and OF Cory Sullivan on one-year contracts. FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with C Miguel Olivo on a one-year contract. HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with RHP Brad Lidge on a one-year contract. MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with DEF Loring Merche Lorens and Contract with DEF Loring Merche Lorens and Contract Lorens and Contract Lorens Merche Lorens and Contract Lorens Merche Lorens and Contract Lorens an

with OF Kevin Mench on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with

LHP Scott Schoeneweis on a three-year contract and RHP Jorge Sosa, OF Endy Chavez and C Ramon Castro on one-year contracts.

No. 2-ranked Wisconsin for a Big Ten game

Purdue's Carl Landry, right,

tries to shoot

Penn State's

Hassell during a

Jan. 6 game in

West Lafayette.

makers will visit

The Boiler-

tonight.

Brandon

while being guarded by

Brotherly love tested in Big Ten matchup

Landrys square off as Purdue visits Wisconsin

By Ryan J. Foley THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADISON, Wis.

Sophomore forward Marcus Landry imitated his older brother in practice this week as No. 2-ranked Wisconsin prepared to host Purdue tonight.

Landry's older brother, Carl, is a senior forward and leading scorer for the Boilermakers with an average of nearly 20 points per game. Wisconsin Coach Bo Ryan said Marcus Landry played his brother's role on the scout team Monday and Tuesday.

"Marcus is going to be Carl today. He just doesn't know that yet," Ryan told reporters before practice Monday. "I mean, who would know Carl's moves better than him?"

With two wins last week, Wisconsin (17-1, 3-0) moved up a notch to No. 2 in The Associated Press' college basketball poll Monday. After playing Purdue, the Badgers travel to Illinois on Saturday.

The Landry brothers will face off as Marcus Landry is increasingly becoming a force on both sides of the ball for the Badgers.

Coming off the bench, Marcus Landry has improved his scoring average to 5.5 points per game with solid performances in the past three games.

He had 10 points and four blocks in the team's victory against Ohio State last week and added eight points, seven rebounds and a key blocked shot late in Wisconsin's 56-50 road win Saturday against Northwestern.

"He's listening. He's getting better," Ryan

Still, Marcus Landry will be in his older brother's shadow when Purdue (13-5, 2-2) travels to the Kohl Center today.

Carl Landry, two years older at 23, is a fifth-year senior and the Boilermakers' go-

He had 22 points Saturday on 9-for-14 shooting as Purdue defeated Michigan 67-53.

The brothers, who both went to Vincent High School in Milwaukee, have many similarities, Ryan said, beyond being muscular, 6-foot-7-inch forwards who play in the Big Ten Conference. "They both have good hands. They both

have a nose for the ball. They both love to play, compete," Ryan said. "They are good people, and that family is very fortunate to get a chance to see two different schools play at different times."

Ryan said he has already warned Marcus Landry to ignore the hype around the

"I just mentioned that people are going to make a big deal out of two brothers playing against one another, and I just looked at Marcus and said, 'Who cares?'" Ryan said. "And then I winked and said, 'Gosh, I wish I had a brother I could have played against' and smiled.'

TUESDAY'S

NCAA ROUNDUP

The Associated Press

Notre Dame 83 St. John's 65

SOUTH BEND - Notre Dame used a 19-0 firsthalf run, a 3-point barrage and a career night from Charel Allen to beat St. John's.

Allen scored a career-high 31 points and grabbed six rebounds as the Irish (12-5, 3-1 Big East) bounced back from an overtime loss at South Florida on Saturday. Despite missing their first six 3-point attempts, the

Irish hit seven of their next nine from behind the arc and led by 22 points with 12:45 left in the game. Ashley Barlow scored 14 points for Notre Dame, Melissa D'Amico added 10 points and 11 rebounds,

and Melissa Lechlitner had a career-high nine assists. South Florida 74 No. 15 Louisville 58

TAMPA, Fla. — Shantia Grace scored 20 points, and Jessica Dickson added 15 to lead South Florida past Louisville.

Nalini Miller had 12 points and 16 rebounds, and ChiChi Okpaleke scored 10 to help South Florida (14-4, 4-1 Big East) topple a ranked opponent for the first time in four opportunities this season. It was just the Bulls' third victory in 20 tries all-time against Top 25 teams

Angel McCoughtry, who leads the conference in scoring and rebounding, finished with 21 points and 11 boards for Louisville (17-2, 3-2).

MEN

No. 6 Pittsburgh 63 Connecticut 54

PITTSBURGH — No. 6 Pittsburgh pulled away midway through the second half behind Aaron Gray's strong inside play and Ronald Ramon's perimeter shooting, wearing down Connecticut in a typically rugged Big East rivalry game.

Gray, helped by an injury that kept UConn's 7-foot-3 Hasheem Thabeet out for most of the first half, had 22 points and 19 rebounds. Ramon went 4 for 4 from 3-point range while adding 17 points as the Panthers (17-2, 5-0) won their seventh straight. They are the only team still unbeaten in conference play.

Ball State 71 Northern Illinois 60

MUNCIE — Three players scored 16 points each as Ball State snapped a six-game losing streak by beating Northern Illinois.

Skip Mills, Micah Rollin and Anthony Newell each scored 16 for Ball State (5-12, 1-3 Mid-American Conference). Peyton Stovall had five assists for the Cardinals, who outscored the Huskies 26-9 off the bench, including Newell's 16 points.

Montoya: Schumacher a 'nobody' in United States

By Jenna Fryer THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.

Michael Schumacher apparently can't understand why Juan Pablo Montoya would leave Formula One for NASCAR.

care what the seven-time world champion "Schumacher in America is nobody," said

Montoya, who's steadily building on an

responding to comments Schumacher made last weekend. "Personally, I wouldn't do it," Schumacher told the New York Times. "What do you do in

Although Montoya said he thinks Schumacher could make the transition, he said he's learned firsthand that stock cars are

much harder than his former F1 foes believe. "People don't understand what a big challenge this style of racing is," Montoya said. "Michael Schumacher, just take him to Homestead (Fla.) and tell him to stay half a second off the pace. He would have a

Montoya is proving to be a fast study, pacing Tuesday morning's test session with a fast lap at 184.574 mph. David Stremme, his Chip Ganassi Racing teammate, was second at 184.479

The two held their own in the afternoon drafting session, with Montoya running 15th and Stremme 18th.

ESPN arrives

NASCAR is hoping ESPN's return to the sport will jump-start sagging TV ratings, and the network is revving up its efforts with an aggressive brand campaign that debuted this week.

The first part of the campaign includes a music video of race fans and drivers in the moments leading up to the green flag. A second ad shows young fans' need for speed, and a third focuses on the importance of family in NASCAR's culture. All conclude with the slogan: NASCAR: ESPN. It's the

A second campaign highlighting the network's daily news show "NASCAR Now" will begin on Jan. 29, and the third campaign, which features Busch Series drivers, debuts Feb. 5. ESPN will place a large emphasis on the Busch Series, which will be televised in its entirety on its net-

RALLY CAP

Former Greenwood resident Ed Coyle, who now lives in Cabo San Lucas. Mexico. owns and manages Rally Raid Mexico Team Yamaha. a two-motorcycle team entered in the Dakar Rally The rally is a trek of nearly 6.000 miles from Lisbon.

Portugal, to Dakar.

Senegal, on the west coast of Africa. It began Jan. 6 and concludes Saturday. This is Coyle's first attempt at fielding a team in the annual event. Daily Journal assistant sports editor and

motorsports columnist Jeff Decker is follow-

ing the progress of Rally Raid Mexico Team

Yamaha. The following are excerpts from the team's Web site, www.rallyraidmex.com, written by Juan Diaz Rivera, Coyle's stepson. One of the team's two riders. Sunny Irvine. remains in the race. But Irvine has suffered a

foot injury, and his motorcycle is showing signs of wear and tear.

Posted Tuesday "Last night was the most restful and least dusty night in the rally. It was super nice. I saw one of the coolest shooting stars in my memory. Although I was awoken a few times by desert noise, presumably a bat or a some other critter, we were not bothered in any

"As we drove the 200 meters to the road we see none other than Rally Panamerican! Of all the hundreds of kilometers of road we could have both picked to pull off the road we coincidentally picked the same 100 meters: we were just deeper in the bush, and they were right on the road. Apparently they were approached by the local police in the early

hours and told it was prohibited to camp there, but other than that brief nuisance everyone is bleary eved and waking up when we drive by.

"I checked online last night, and I know Sunny made it in to the Bivi about 6:30 p.m. It was a 10-plus-hour day for him, and I'm sure he slept soundly. Today is meant to be one of the toughest days in the rally, with tremendous focus given to navigation. He's always gotten me where we need to go on other travels, so I trust his sense of direction; I just hope he's rested enough to use it. .

"Today's stage is meant to be a victory if you reach Bivi in the daylight.

"As I write this I'm about 200 km from Bivi on the road to Nema. We've hit some of the worst tarmac in our cumulative memory and the population density keeps growing. We're not constantly going through villages. ...

"The ground around us has changed dramatically from the surface of Mars when we left Atar with its iron-rich shale and sand to white sand yesterday morning to yellow sand dunes and drifts yesterday afternoon to red sand dunes today. Now we are driving through mid-sized brush, like we'd find in some parts of Nevada or northern Mexico.

"I expect tonight will be a long night as Sunny's bike will surely require work after two heavy days. Ed is sleeping, as he's chief mechanic and needs to be awake. ...

"As I post this everyone, including Sunny, is asleep. He came in 59th today. He is 67th overall with about 140 bikes left in the rally. He is doing great mentally, and it's good to see him with good energy. Other than the professional riders, I'd say he is the most fresh. His training is paying off."

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game. But with the start of the conference schedule, he has seen his minutes diminish. Angle said at times it can be difficult to get into a rhythm playing such limited min-

utes, but he understands his role this season. "My role isn't to get out there and score points," he said. "I have to do the little things, that's easy to do. I'm not going to come in and just fire a shot. I'm going to catch the rhythm of the game, the flow of the game, before I start looking for my shots.

"I've been fairly happy with my minutes.

I feel like every time I've been in the game

I've been productive for my team. I think with time and with maturity my role is going to slowly start changing. Angle shot around on Branch McCracken Court when he was in middle school, but he never played a competitive game inside

Assembly Hall. His parents, Kathy and Larry Angle, were in attendance Tuesday night, and it was Kathy Angle's first time this season watch-

ing her son play in person. Having his parents be able to travel to games is important to Angle.

Since he graduated from Indian Creek, the Angles moved to Greenfield, and Angle said his family's location makes it easier for them to travel to see him play.

"Living in Indiana they're kind of centralized living in the Big Ten area," he said. "They can get to Columbus, Ohio, Champaign (Ill.), Purdue, Indiana, games like that. It works out fairly well."

Montoya, for his part, doesn't seem to

already strong United States fan base. Montoya, preparing his new Dodge Charger this week for the Daytona 500, was

NASCAR? What is exciting there? I can't see that, running around on ovals.