

# Center Grove grad leader for Greyhounds

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## COLLEGE UPDATE

**D**eanna Thomson, a 6-foot junior, is a leading member of the University of Indianapolis women's basketball team.

The Center Grove graduate is the Greyhounds' second-leading rebounder (6.6 per game), second in assists, second in steals, third in scoring (9.7 per game) and first in blocked shots.

Thomson leads the team in shooting from behind the 3-point line (.429) and has the second-best percentage from the field (.485) and free-throw line (.810).

The Greyhounds won their third straight game, improving

their record to 6-3, with a 66-58 win against Harris-Stowe.

Thomson, a junior, led the team with 13 rebounds and had five points, four assists, two blocked shots and one steal in 36 minutes.

### Center Grove

- The Mount St. Joseph women's basketball team (5-6) defeated Hood 85-38 and lost to Penn State-Behrend 65-51. **Maria Eichold** had 16 points (7 for 12 from the field, 0 for 1 from 3-point range, 2 for 4 from the free-throw line), eight rebounds and

five blocked shots in 47 minutes in the two contests.

- The Ohio Wesleyan women's basketball team improved its record to 5-5 with two victories and the championship in the Bishop Classic. **Stacey Aaron** has played in all 10 games for the Bishops and has 27 points (7 for 27, 6 for 24, 7 for 9), six assists, five rebounds and four steals in 113 minutes.

- **Molly Lauck** scored in double figures for the first time in her college career with 10 points on 5-foot-8 shooting in St. Joseph's 87-59 women's basketball loss to Hillsdale. She also had six rebounds and four steals in 16 minutes. In an 82-64 win against Findlay University, she had six

points (2 for 2, 0 for 0, 2 for 2), five rebounds and no turnovers in 13 minutes. The Pumas are 3-8.

### Indian Creek

- Miami women's basketball player **Kris Coner** has been sidelined again with the same foot injury that has kept her out of action during most of the season.

- **Adrienne Squire** has left the Penn State women's basketball team for unspecified reasons. The junior starter ranked third in scoring (11.8) and minutes played (25.7) and had led the Nittany Lions in scoring in her past two games.

- The Iowa men's basketball team (8-6) defeated Cornell 65-50. **J.R. Angle** converted his two

free-throw attempts and had one rebound and one assist in eight minutes for the Hawkeys.

### Whiteland

The Eastern Illinois women's basketball team lost to 14th-ranked Louisville 93-75. **Jessica Huffman** had 12 points (5 for 15, 1 for 7, 1 for 3), seven assists and four rebounds in 27 minutes for the Panthers (5-8).

### Franklin

- Competing at 133 pounds for the Purdue wrestling team in the Midland Championships at Northwestern. **Sean Schmaltz** won three matches and lost two. He defeated opponents from Cleveland State (3-1), Iowa (3-2)

and Wabash (8-0) and lost to an Eastern Michigan foe (7-3) and an unattached wrestler (11-3).

- **Joe Ramey** is no longer a member of the St. Joseph's men's basketball team.

### Greenwood

The Marian College men's basketball team (7-6) lost to Division I Austin Peay 83-50. **Matt Allee** played 23 minutes for the Knights and had two points (1 for 3, 0 for 2, 0 for 0), two assists and one steal.

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# Duke officials invite two lacrosse players back to school

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## RALEIGH, N.C.

Duke University officials said Wednesday that two of the lacrosse players accused of sexually assaulting a stripper have been invited to return to school and are eligible to rejoin the team.

Collin Finnerty and Reade Seligmann had been barred from attending class during the fall semester while their case made its way through court.

A third player, Dave Evans, graduated in May, the day before he was charged.



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Lawyers for Seligmann and Finnerty said their clients were still making up their minds about whether to return.

Rape charges against all three athletes were dropped last month, after the woman who said she was attacked at a team

party in March wavered on some key details. The men are still charged with sexual offense and kidnapping; they are not expected to go to trial before the spring.

"As circumstances have evolved in this extraordinary case, we have attempted to balance recognition of the gravity of legal charges with the presumption of your innocence," Larry Moneta, Duke's vice president for student affairs said in a letter to Seligmann and Finnerty dated Tuesday.

"Now with the approach of a new term, we believe that circumstances warrant that we

strike this balance differently.

"At this point, continued extension of the administrative leave would do unwarranted harm to your educational progress."

Both Seligmann and Finnerty also would be eligible to return to the lacrosse team, Duke spokesman Keith Lawrence said.

The university still could punish them if they are convicted of any of the charges, Moneta said in a separate letter to Duke's president.

"We feel that this is a very important moment," Finnerty's lawyer, Wade Smith, said.

"This announcement speaks to Duke's integrity as an institution,

to its mission and to its belief in Collin Finnerty's innocence."

The defense is expected to ask a judge at a Feb. 5 hearing to throw out results of a photo lineup in which the accuser identified the players.

Without her identification, experts said, District Attorney Mike Nifong may have to drop the other charges.

"By now it should be plain to any person who has any objectivity that the charges against Reade are transparently false," the Seligmann family said in a statement Wednesday.

Nifong did not immediately return a call.

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**Larry Moneta**  
Duke University's vice president for student affairs in letters to two students who had been accused of raping a dancer at a party. The charge of rape had been dropped, but they are still charged with sexual offense and kidnapping.

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