

FOOTBALL

KANSAS CITY, Mo.

Gonzalez stays with KC

Tony Gonzalez has agreed to a five-year contract extension with the Kansas City Chiefs that keeps him the highest-paid tight end in the NFL.

The eight-time Pro Bowler, just two touchdown catches short of the league record for his position, will receive about \$17 million in guaranteed money, a person close to the negotiations told The Associated Press.

Gonzalez caught 73 passes for a team-high 900 yards with five touchdowns this season.

TENNIS

SYDNEY, Australia

Clijsters earns title

Kim Clijsters began her retirement year with a victory, beating Serbia's Jelena Jankovic 4-6, 7-6 (1), 6-4 in the Sydney International final Friday.

Third-seeded Clijsters, who is expected to retire at the end of 2007, broke a nine-match winning streak by Jankovic.

Defending men's champ James Blake cruised into the Sydney final in a walkover when Austria's Jurgen Melzer could not start his semifinal due to illness. In a scheduling quirk, the third-seeded Blake will go for the title against Spain's Carlos Moya, his first-round opponent at the Australian Open next week.

MELBOURNE, Australia

Roddick to face Federer

Defending champion Andy Roddick set up a title match against top-ranked Roger Federer in the Kooyong Classic exhibition tournament, beating Scotland's Andy Murray 6-4, 6-4, on Friday.

Roddick has only one win in 13 ATP Tour matches against Federer and has lost their past eight matches. The two will meet in the final today.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand

Robredo, Ferrer in final

Top-seeded Tommy Robredo and No. 3 seed David Ferrer will meet in an all-Spanish final to the Heineken Open today after winning rain-delayed semifinals Friday.

Robredo beat seventh-seeded Agustin Calleri of Argentina 6-4, 6-0 while Ferrer beat Olympic silver medalist Mardy Fish of the United States 6-0, 4-6, 6-1.

GOLF

HONOLULU

Wie misses cut again

History finally arrived at the Sony Open when a teenager from Hawaii made the cut.

But Michelle Wie won't be around to see it.

Tadd Fujikawa, the pint-sized sophomore who turned 16 on Monday, stole the show from the island's biggest golf star with an eagle on the final hole for a 4-under 66, making him the youngest player in 50 years to make the cut on the PGA Tour.

Wie again struggled off the tee on her way to a 76. She missed the cut for the fourth straight time at the Sony Open, this time by 14 shots.

BOXING

PHOENIX

Tyson faces drug charges

Former heavyweight champ Mike Tyson has been indicted on charges of drug possession and driving under the influence of drugs.

The 40-year-old was indicted Friday on felony drug possession and paraphernalia possession counts and two misdemeanor counts of driving under the influence of drugs. If convicted of all four charges, he could be sentenced to up to 7 years in prison, Maricopa County (Ariz.) Attorney Andrew Thomas said.

The charges stem from Tyson's Dec. 29 arrest in Scottsdale, Ariz.

BASEBALL

PITTSBURGH

Pirates change owners

Pittsburgh Pirates chairman of the board Robert Nutting will replace Kevin McClatchy as controlling owner of the team.

McClatchy, who headed the group that bought the team before the 1996 season, will remain chief executive officer and in control of the club's day-to-day operations. He will report to Nutting.

The change must be approved by major-league owners.

PREP BASKETBALL

Final features familiar foes

Trojans score easy win against Warriors to land in tourney finale

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After watching reigning Daily Journal Johnson County Player of the Year Adrian Moss score 28 points in Friday night's first semifinal of the Johnson County Boys Basketball Tournament, Center Grove's Tyler Kitchel stated his case as the county's top talent.

And he didn't even lead his team in scoring.

The Trojans senior showcased his all-around game in leading Center Grove to a 48-26 semifinal victory against Whiteland at Edinburg Community High School Friday.

For the first time all season, Kitchel was held to less than double digits in scoring, but it was the other parts of his game that had teammates and coaches gushing.

Kitchel finished with nine points, 11 rebounds, 10 assists and five steals.

"I thought Tyler really showed tonight how you play the game," Center Grove coach Cliff Hawkins said. "He responded by rebounding, did a great job passing the ball for us.

"Oh, my goodness, did he do a great job passing the ball. It was an all-around fantastic game. There's no question he's an All-State player."

Hawkins took Kitchel out of the game with three minutes remaining in the game and his standout player just a point shy of a triple-double.

"It's not about stats. It's about winning



Whiteland senior Adam Money, left, and Center Grove senior Louis Kamo fight for a loose ball during the Trojans' 48-26 victory Friday in the Johnson County Boys Basketball Tournament at Edinburg Community High School.

games," Kitchel said. "We knew the game was over, and coach sat me down and told me I'll have other chances. There was no point in risking getting hurt."

With the win, Center Grove (8-1) advances to the tournament final against Franklin at 7:30 tonight.

Senior Andrew Bowman led the Trojans with 16 points and was the only player from both teams who scored in double figures.

The game proved to be an offensive struggle for the Warriors (4-5), who shot 22 percent from the field. Whiteland's leading scorer, Marcus Hanger, was held to four points and suffered through a 1-for-18 shooting performance.

Center Grove held Whiteland scoreless in the first quarter, and through the first three quarters the Warriors scored just 17 points.

In the third quarter alone, Center Grove tallied 17 points.

"Any time you get shut out in the first quarter, it's going to be a long night, that was my thought process," Whiteland coach Marty Johnson said.

"The key to beating a team that is better than you is offensive efficiency. We were terribly inefficient offensively. Give them credit: the best team won."

Since the county tournament was re-established three years ago, Franklin

and Center Grove have met each year in the finals. And both games have been decided by three points or less.

Despite a previous victory this season against Franklin, Kitchel still expects tonight's final to be a game worthy of its championship label.

"It'll be a great game," he said. "It always is when we play each other."

"Adrian is a great player; I love playing against him. Coach (Dave) Clark will have them ready. It's a championship game, so we better be ready."

Whiteland was led by Cam Richards with eight points. The Warriors play Indian Creek in the third-place game at 6 p.m. today.

IF YOU GO

Today's Johnson County Boys Basketball Tournament games at Edinburg Community High School:



4:30 p.m. — Fifth-place game, Edinburgh vs. Greenwood



6 p.m. — Third-place game, Whiteland vs. Indian Creek



7:30 p.m. — Championship, Franklin vs. Center Grove

Cubs survive scare, advance to title game

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When the Johnson County Boys Basketball Tournament commenced Tuesday, Indian Creek was the Goliath against event host Edinburg and wasn't assured a spot in the second round until the final horn sounded.

The tables were turned Friday night, as the Class 2A Braves played the role of David opposite Class 4A Franklin.

Indian Creek gave the bigger and quicker Grizzly Cubs a major scare, battling them back and forth before Franklin pulled away in the final two minutes and secured a 63-54 win.

Franklin (3-6), which ended a four-game skid, advanced to tonight's championship game against Center Grove match after Indian Creek (5-5) meets Whiteland for third place.

Ironically, the biggest factor for the Grizzly Cubs turned out to be one of their smallest players, 5-foot-9 Adrian Moss. The senior guard netted 20 of his game-high 28 points in the second half and

Cubs 63, Braves 54

smartly drove to the hoop numerous times, either scoring or drawing fouls and trips to the foul line, where he was 8 for 13.

"Adrian's just a heck of a player," Indian Creek coach Rex Wilson said. "That's just senior leadership. He just steps up and knocks them down and knows what he has to do."

The Grizzly Cubs had to recover from a slow start in which they made just 2 of 14 shots in the opening quarter and 9 of 29 for the first half.

"We missed some shots that we're capable of hitting, especially inside," Franklin coach Dave Clark said. "We've got to understand that everybody's got to play 32 minutes and we can't take any possessions off."

Franklin recovered from a 9-6 deficit after the first break and came out of a 37-32 hole late in the third quarter with three consecutive baskets by Moss, the final one coming when he stole a pass by the Braves' Kyle Ray and then scored.

Indian Creek, though, didn't lose its tenacity. It wrestled the lead back and got the score up to 44-40 with 6:03 left in the game before the Grizzly Cubs made a 6-0 run and retook command.

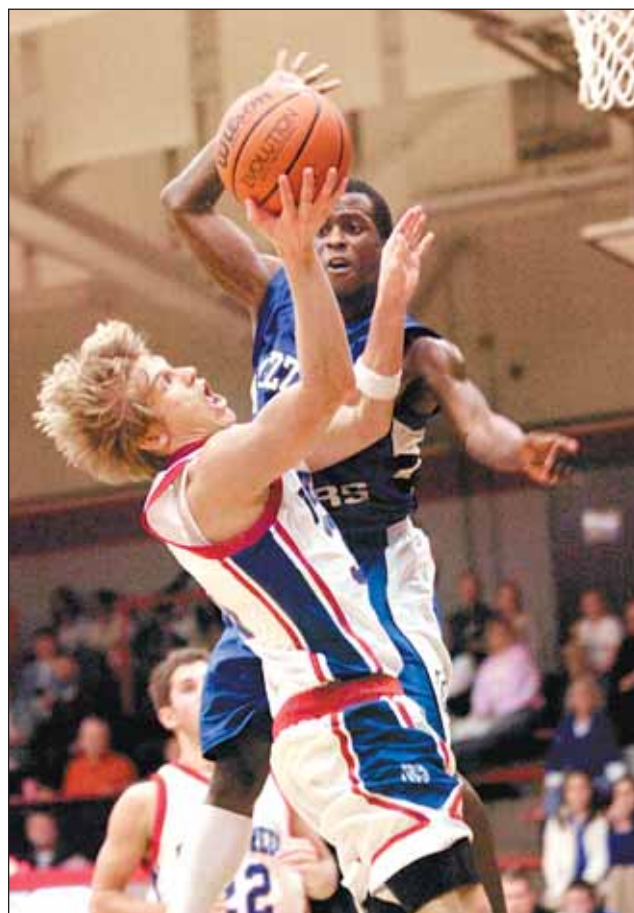
After the Braves tied it at 46, 6-6 junior Will Conoley banked in a shot for Franklin, and that would be the final of four lead changes for the night.

Indian Creek got no closer than 54-52 with 2:02 to go, as Moss scored 10 of the Grizzly Cubs' final 11 points to provide his team with its cushion.

Conoley added 10 points and 13 rebounds, the latter helping Franklin to a 38-26 edge on the boards on the Braves, whose tallest player is 6-3 sophomore Brett Brunson.

Ray, the county's leading scorer, led Indian Creek with 20 points and made 8 of 9 free throws. Kyle Bradley chipped in nine, and Brunson added eight.

The Braves also received good defensive play from Logan Scott and Zach Poindexter against Franklin's guard combo of Moss and Ranon Madison.



Indian Creek junior Weston Wray, front, tries to shoot over Franklin senior Ranon Madison during Friday's county tourney game.

Even after calendar changes, Trojans focus on same goals

Everybody has made their New Year's resolutions, but the Trojans' goals have

stayed the same. It is a new year. We have our new class schedules, new teachers and a new chance to win a sectional.

Playing North Central at home on Thursday was a new experience for our underclassmen. It is difficult to play a team that is so athletic and quick, especially since many of our underclassmen did not know what to expect from a team like North Central.

It was a tough game, but with our composure and key shots when we needed them, we were able to pull out the victory.

Heidi Reisinger is our defensive weapon. Guarding North Central's key player, Brianna Bass, the entire game, Heidi played amazing defense that would have kept any other player from scoring.

Bass is such an offensive threat that she still scored 26 points (although it took her 24 shots to attain her points) and led her team on scoring runs. Because we hit shots when

they were needed, the Trojans were able to stay ahead and in control the entire game.

Thursday's game was played in Center Grove's west gym or "old gym." The Trojans usually play one game a year in that gym.

Playing in the old gym makes it seem as if the gym is full of fans cheering and watching the game, and the crowd is closer to the action on the floor.

Knowing that so many great teams and players have played on that court for decades, it is an honor to play in that gym. Our pep band fills the gym with excitement that encourages my teammates and me to get ready for the game.

The next few practices will be used to prepare for the game against Perry Meridian on Tuesday.

Perry Meridian has been a big rival for years. By beating them last year, they will definitely be ready for revenge.

A new year is under way, and there is no turning back in the season now. We are in full force and show no sign of slowing down. We are trying to gain momentum to peak for the end of the year and our tournament run. Hopefully, our New Year's resolution comes true.



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BY THE NUMBERS

| Boys | |
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| Grizzly Cubs | 63 |
| Braves | 54 |

FRANKLIN — Will Conoley 4-9 2-4 10, Jordan King 0-6 4-6 4, Brandon Foster 4-9 0-0 8, Ranon Madison 3-6 0-0 7, Adrian Moss 10-21 8-13 28, Patrick Harry 1-2 1-2 4, Ross Syphers 0-1 0-0 0, Ethan Coffman 1-1 0-0 2. **Totals:** 23-55 15-25 63.

INDIAN CREEK — Logan Scott 2-5 2-2 6, Zach Poindexter 3-5 0-0 6, Brett Brunson 3-9 1-3 8, Kyle Ray 6-15 8-9 20, Kyle Bradley 3-8 3-4 9, Weston Wray 1-2 1-4 3, Michael Jordan 0-1 2-4 2. **Totals:** 18-45 17-26 54.

FRANKLIN (3-6) 6 16 16 25 — 63

INDIAN CREEK (5-5) 9 11 20 14 — 54

Three-point shooting: Franklin 2-11 (Madison 1-3, Harry 1-3, Moss 0-4, King 0-2), Indian Creek 1-10 (Brunson 1-4, Bradley 0-3, Ray 0-3).

Rebounds: Franklin 38 (Conoley 13), Indian Creek 26 (Brunson 6). **Fouls:** Franklin 17 (Madison fouled out), Indian Creek 19 (Scott fouled out).

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| Trojans | 48 |
| Warriors | 26 |

CENTER GROVE — Andrew Bowman 8-11 0-5 16, Tyler Kitchel 3-10 2-2 9, Corey Gray 3-10 2-3 8, Louis Kamo 3-6 0-0 7, Kyle Beltz 1-4 3-8 5, Danny Gill 1-1 0-0 2, Garrett Mack 0-1 2-1 1, Jason Kaylor 0-3 0-0 0, Jared Hawkins 0-1 0-0 0, Justin Quinnette 0-0 0-0 0, Brandon Halay 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 19-46 8-18 48.

WHITELAND — Cam Richards 3-6 0-0 8, Marcus Hanger 1-18 2-4 4, Reid Meador 2-5 0-1 4, Michael Kirkham 2-8 0-0 4, Adam Money 1-2 0-0 2, Mitch Meador 1-2 0-0 2, Darin Munn 1-2 0-0 2, Billy Patrick 0-6 0-1 0, Matt Smerdel 0-0 0-0 0, Tony Couch 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals:** 11-49 2-6 26.

CENTER GROVE (8-1) 11 9 17 11 — 48

WHITELAND (4-5) 0 9 8 9 — 26

Three-point shooting: Center Grove 2-10 (Kitchel 1-4, Kamo 1-2, Gray 0-1, Kaylor 0-3),

Whiteland 2-20 (Richards 2-5, Hanger 0-10, Patrick 0-4, Money 0-1).

Rebounds: Center Grove 29 (Kitchel 11, Gray 5), Whiteland 24 (Hanger 6, Kirkham 5). **Fouls:** Center Grove 15, Whiteland 17.

Friday's state scores

Boys

Arlington 84, Broad Ripple 73

Batesville 80, Greensburg 54

Greencastle 65, South Putnam 46

Hamilton Southeastern 58, Brownsburg 52

Hauser 47, Triton Central 45

Lafayette Jeff 84, Fishers 63

McCutcheon 65, Westfield 40

Medora 69, Terre Haute Holy Cross 52

Milan 53, Rising Sun 47

Mooresville 62, Columbus North 61

North Decatur 73, Lawrenceburg 66

New Castle 66, Kokomo 43

Noblesville 66, Avon 44

Northview 55, Terre Haute South 36

Northwest 79, Tech 60

Pendleton Heights 54, New Palestine 39

Pike Central 68, Heritage Hills 51

Rockville 55, Covington 53

Seymour 62, Martinsville 54

Silver Creek 48, Brownstown 41

Vincennes Rivet 59, Linton 54

Girls

Ben Davis 57, Warren Central 47

Carmel 63, Terre Haute North 51

Cathedral 50, Lafayette Catholic 46

Frankfort 62, Western Boone 53

Heritage Christian 70, Greenfield-Central 51

Highland 33, Hobart 24

Jac-Cen-Dei 58, Southwestern (Shelbyville) 44

Northwest 80, Howe 17

Owen Valley 58, Brown Co. 39

South Putnam 32, Greencastle 21

Southwestern (Hanover) 77, Jeffersonville 69

Speedway 60, Beech Grove 42

Triton 63, Culver 53

ChicagoLand Classic

Gurnee Warren (Ill.) 49, Kokomo 30

Clerc Classic VII

Maryland Deaf 24, Indiana Deaf 23