

SCOREBOARD

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Girls basketball

Monday's results
At Center Grove
Greenwood 45, Rushville 44
Rushville — Stacey Hornaday 0-3 0-2 0,

Boys swimming

Monday's results
At Center Grove
Center Grove 107, Plainfield 79
200 medley relay: 1:46.48 Center Grove

NBA

NBA Eastern Conference Atlantic Division
Toronto 22 23 .489
New Jersey 21 23 .477
New York 19 27 .413

NBA

NBA Western Conference Southwest Division
Dallas 36 9 .800
San Antonio 32 14 .696
Houston 27 16 .628

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Indianapolis 23, Kansas City 8
Seattle 21, Dallas 20

NFL

NFL Divisional playoffs
Indianapolis 15, Baltimore 6
New Orleans 27, Philadelphia 24

MONDAY'S NCAA ROUNDUP

WOMEN

No. 5 Ohio State 64
No. 10 Purdue 55
WEST LAFAYETTE — Star Allen had

Jessica Davenport added 12 points, eight rebounds and four blocks for the Buckeyes

Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton had 13 points and eight rebounds, and Katie Gearlds added 12 points for the Boilermakers

No. 1 Duke 75
Virginia Tech 65
DURHAM, N.C. — Abby Waner scored 18 points to lead No. 1 Duke to its 22nd straight victory, a win against Virginia Tech.

EVENTS

TV TODAY

NBA
Boston Celtics at Indiana Pacers, 7 p.m., Fox Sports
Men's college basketball
Mississippi State at Mississippi, 7 p.m., ESPN
Wichita State at Northern Iowa, 7 p.m., ESPN2
Michigan State at Illinois, 9 p.m., ESPN

SPECTATOR SPORTS

TODAY

Boys basketball

Beech Grove at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball

Liberty Christian at Greenwood Christian Academy, 6 p.m.
Carmel at Center Grove, 7:30 p.m.
Edinburgh at Medora, 7:30 p.m.
Shelbyville at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
Brown County at Indian Creek, 7:30 p.m.

Boys swimming

Greensburg at Franklin, 5:30 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.

AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sunday, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, Record, Pts. Pvs.
1. Florida (45) 19-2 1,773 1
2. Wisconsin (24) 21-1 1,734 2

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AP Top 25 Women's college basketball
1. Duke (41) 21-0 1,241 1
2. North Carolina (9) 23-0 1,209 2

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Western Conference

Western Conference Central Division
Nashville 26 12 3 75 182 129
Detroit 31 14 6 68 153 121
St. Louis 20 22 8 48 128 154

Western Conference

Western Conference Northwest Division
Vancouver 28 19 3 59 129 126
Calgary 26 17 6 58 151 127
Minnesota 26 21 4 56 140 132

Western Conference

Western Conference Pacific Division
Anaheim 31 12 8 70 171 131
San Jose 33 17 0 66 155 114
Dallas 29 19 2 60 133 124

Monday's games

Chicago 4, Calgary 3, OT
Anheim 4, Dallas 1
Detroit 3, Colorado 1
Philadelphia 2, Atlanta 1

Monday's games

N.Y. Rangers 6, Boston
Ottawa at Montreal, (n)
Today's games
Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

Tennis

ATP Money Leaders Through Sunday
1. Roger Federer \$1,004,560
2. Fernando Gonzalez \$502,280

WTA Top money leaders

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1. Serena Williams \$1,284,715
2. Maria Sharapova \$640,500

Baseball

Baseball American League
1. Tiger Woods, 68.41, 2, Luke Donald, 68.93, 3, Steve Stricker, 69.99, 4, Heath Slocum, 69.08, 5, Robert Altony, 69.28, 6, Paul Goydos, 69.36, 7, Charles Howell III, 69.44, 8, K.J. Choi, 69.56, 9, Andrew Buckley, 69.59, 10, Craig Kanada, 69.84.

Baseball

Baseball National League
1. Bubba Watson, 323.1, 2, Tiger Woods, 317.3, 3, Robert Garrigus, 311.6, 4, Steve Allan, 308.6, 5, John Daly, 306.8, 6, Harrison Frazer, 305.3, 7, Kenny Perry, 303.9, 8, Charles Howell III, 303.8, 9, Matt Hendrix, 303.3, 10, Anthony Kim, 302.5.

Transactions

BASEBALL
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Claimed RHP Jeremy Guthrie off waivers from Cleveland.

Baseball

Baseball National League
MILWAUKEE BRUERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Claudio Vargas on a one-year contract.

Baseball

Baseball American Association
ST. PAUL SAINTS—Agreed to terms with RHP John Hewerton and RHP Justin Lord.

Baseball

Baseball International League
CALGARY VIPERS—Agreed to terms with INF Carlos Delgado.

Baseball

Baseball GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS—Agreed to terms with INF Eric McNamee and OF Jermaine Allenworth.

Baseball

Baseball National League
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Steve Marshall offensive line coach, Tom Myslinski strength and conditioning coach and Alan DeGennaro assistant strength and conditioning coach.

Baseball

Baseball National Hockey League
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Traded C Craig Conroy to Calgary for C Jamie Lundmark.

Girls basketball

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After losing three straight, the Woodmen have won three of their past four games. Their only loss during the stretch was a 44-43 defeat to Center Grove on Jan. 23.

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Not only is the team defense solid, but 5-foot-10 Ratliff has started to develop into an inside force on both ends of the court.

"Tessa has really played huge the last few games," Guckenberger said. "She's a reason why we have turned things around. If only I could get her to shoot more, I'd be happy."

Ratliff took 11 shots Monday night, making five of them. She also hit 6 of 7 free throws.

"I've been told to shoot the ball more, but sometimes I don't recognize it," Ratliff said. "I've been working on it."

The Lions led 14-11 at the end of the first quarter, but Greenwood held them to just five second-quarter points.

The score was tied at 32 to open the final quarter. Ratliff scored Greenwood's first seven points of the quarter to help give the Woodmen a 39-36 lead with five minutes remaining.

Later in the quarter, Rushville freshman Alexa Bess knocked down a 3-pointer to tie the game at 41 with three minutes to go. The Lions later took a 44-41 lead before Unversaw won it from the free-throw line.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Greenwood holds on to beat Rushville

By GREG DODDRIDGE
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Trojans will get chance at revenge

Daily Journal staff report

Franklin Central defeated Center Grove to win a Class 4A sectional championship last season.

The Trojans won't have to wait long for a rematch with the Flashes.

Center Grove (13-5) and Franklin Central (10-10) will meet in a first-round game in the Class 4A sectional at Greenwood. The teams will not face each other during the regular season.

Pairings for the IHSAA state tournament were announced Monday.

Decatur Central (8-10) and the host Woodmen (10-10) will meet in the sectional opener at 7 p.m. Feb. 6.

Greenwood defeated visiting Decatur Central 59-55 on Jan. 19.

The Trojans and Flashes will meet at 6 p.m. Feb. 7, a game that will be followed by a contest between Franklin (6-13) and Southport (10-7).

Perry Meridian will face the winner of the Greenwood-Decatur Central game in the first of two semifinals at 6 p.m. Feb. 9. The championship game will be at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10.

In the Class 3A sectional at Beech Grove, Whiteland (13-6) will face Washington (4-12) in the opener at 6 p.m. Feb. 6. The game will be followed by a meeting of Chatared (14-5) and the host Hornets (4-14).

Conference meet often proves turning point for CG gymnasts

By GREG DODDRIDGE
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The Center Grove gymnastics team has made sort of a tradition of the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference meet.

Not only have the Trojans been fortunate enough to take home the title for five consecutive years, but we also have been able to use the meet as a turning point in our season.

Every year that I have been in high school, the MIC meet has held true as a crucial stepping stone in our progress as a team.

We always seem to overcome some kind of adversity at that meet.

At the 2004 conference championship, my freshman year, we were faced with one of the biggest obstacles we have ever encountered.

But our team really pulled together through a tough situation, and we were able to take home the title for the third time.

That meet still sticks in my head as one of the most meaningful of my high school career. Although our team score was considerably lower than what we score now, it meant a lot to us to be able to win that year.

In 2005, the MIC meet was the start of one of our most successful seasons yet. Going into the meet, we attained a best score of only 107 points. Our goal for the season was 111 points.

Trael Kelly, one of our assistant principals, had told us that if we scored 111 points, we could have a pizza party one day during school. After it was all said and done, we scored a 111.05 at the meet and got to have our coveted pizza party.

We set an MIC team record along the way, and Natalie Hessler also set an MIC all-around record.

That year's conference meet paved the way for four all-conference gymnasts, and our scores steadily improved until the state meet, where our team placed third.

Last year's MIC meet was yet another turning point for the season. Our individual gymnasts really stepped up with a victory against opponents such as Carmel and eventual state qualifier Warren Central.

The meet brought out the best in our gymnasts, including Katelyn Fernandes and Adrienne Cristofoli, who really started to shine and be successful at high school gymnastics.

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