

Hoosiers hang on, down Hawkeyes

White helps IU score Big Ten victory

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D.J. White tied career highs with 23 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Indiana Hoosiers to a 71-64 victory against the Iowa Hawkeyes on Tuesday night.

Roderick Wilmont had 15 points and Armon Bassett scored 10 for the Hoosiers (13-4, 4-1 Big Ten), who won their fourth straight conference game since a Jan. 2 loss at No. 7 Ohio State.

Adam Haluska, the Big Ten's leading scorer entering the game, finished with 21 points and Tyler Smith added 17 points and six assists for Iowa (10-8, 2-2), which rallied from a 21-point deficit in the second half to make the game close.

The Hoosiers, who improved to 10-0 at Assembly Hall this season and snapped a

four-game losing streak against Iowa, took charge early in the first half following Haluska's layup that put Iowa ahead 10-8.

White's rebound and putback tied the score and sparked an 11-0 run by Indiana during the next seven minutes. Lance Stemler's 3-pointer gave the Hoosiers a 19-10 advantage with 7:30 left.

Indiana extended its lead to 24-13 after White's basket with 6 minutes remaining, and the Hoosiers went up 29-17 on Wilmont's 3-pointer to end the half.

Wilmont made three 3-pointers and scored 11 points, and White added eight points and six rebounds to lead Indiana in the first half.

The Hawkeyes made a late rally, closing to within 68-60 after Haluska's layup with 37 seconds left. Indiana then made three free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.



Iowa's Tyler Smith, left, battles Indiana's D.J. White for a rebound during the first half of Tuesday's Big Ten game in Bloomington.

Indian Creek grad enjoys IU experience

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J.R. Angle grew up watching Indiana University basketball games on TV.

He remembered how the atmosphere of Assembly Hall felt electric through his TV set.

On Tuesday night, the former Indian Creek High School standout felt that electricity for the first time in person as Angle's Iowa Hawkeyes traveled to Bloomington to face Indiana in an early-season Big Ten Conference showdown.

Angle played a little more than three minutes in the contest and

registered an offensive rebound as the Hawkeyes lost to IU 71-64.

"Assembly Hall, it's always exciting," he said. "I always thought it would be a neat place to play in, so getting to play here is really neat. It was just exactly what I expected."

Angle, a redshirt sophomore, entered the game with three minutes left in the first half and didn't attempt a shot. He re-entered the game with 13 seconds remaining and the outcome assured.

Earlier this season, Angle started back-to-back games against Iowa State and Drake and averages nine minutes a



Former Indian Creek High School standout J.R. Angle played three minutes and grabbed one rebound in Iowa's 71-64 Big Ten loss to Indiana in Bloomington on Tuesday.

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ROAD TO THE SUPER BOWL

AFC Championship Game: New England Patriots at Indianapolis Colts

Time: 6:30 p.m. Sunday TV: WISH-Channel 8 Radio: WFBO-94.7 FM

Difference-makers



Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri, right, celebrates a 50-yard field goal during an AFC wild-card game against the Kansas City Chiefs on Jan. 6 in Indianapolis. Vinatieri will face his former team when the Patriots visit Sunday.

Vinatieri proves to be as good as advertised

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This is Adam Vinatieri's favorite time of year. Each playoff week, the two-time Super Bowl hero seems to reinforce his reputation as the NFL's best clutch kicker. Give Vinatieri an opportunity to win a postseason game, and he's money.

Now, in the AFC title game, Indianapolis' biggest offseason addition might get a chance to boot his former team, New England, right out of the playoffs.

Vinatieri has continually insisted he's not motivated by the rivalry between Indianapolis and New England, or even the chance to show his former team it made a mistake. He's content with making more meaningful kicks than anyone in NFL history.

"You try not to let all the implications and all the extra hype get to you," Vinatieri said after he kicked five field goals in Indianapolis' 15-6 victory against Baltimore on

THE VINATIERI FILE

Name: Adam Vinatieri
Team: Indianapolis Colts
Number: 4
Position: Kicker
Height: 6 feet
Weight: 202 pounds
Born: Dec. 28, 1972, in Yankton, S.D.
College: South Dakota State
NFL experience: 11th season
Statistics: Made 25 of 28 field-goal attempts and 38 of 38 PATs for 113 points in the regular season. He has made 8 of 8 field-goal attempts and 2 of 2 PATs for 26 points in the postseason.

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Sanders makes up for lost time in postseason

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Whether cause and effect or coincidence, the Indianapolis Colts' defense hasn't been the same since safety Bob Sanders returned to the lineup.

Talk about good news for the Colts. During the regular season, they had the NFL's worst defense and were particularly dismal against the run.

In the postseason, they're No. 1 defensively and are brutally effective against the run.

Sanders downplays his impact. But there's little doubt he's making one on a physical, efficient defense that bears no resemblance to the soft, porous one that all but came apart during the second half of the season.

"(I) just bring a little bit more energy," said Sanders, the Colts' second-leading tackler in the playoffs. "We haven't changed much up. We have been doing the same thing."

"You want to get in there and help, bring a little more energy, a little more excitement to the game and just have fun." For a change, the Colts are enjoying the playoffs. Their defense is a major reason why. And Sanders delights in finally contributing.

A Pro Bowler last season, he missed all but two games of the regular season with a sore left knee. He had arthroscopic



Bob Sanders has 13 tackles and two interceptions in two playoff games.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Strong first half lifts CG to victory

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Center Grove's starting frontline duo of freshman Kirsten Gliessmann and senior Hillary Bowling had their way in the first half against Perry Meridian. **Trojans 56 Falcons 41**

That came in handy for the Trojans in the second half as the contest started to tighten up.

Gliessmann and Bowling combined for 25 points on 9-of-12 shooting to lead the Trojans to a 56-41 girls basketball victory against the visiting Falcons on Tuesday night, giving Center Grove its fourth straight win.

"We like to start strong and set the tone for the game," Bowling said. "(The Falcons) weren't tall. We had the height advantage and were more physical."

Their play helped give Center Grove (12-3) a 23-point halftime lead, providing more than enough cushion for the victory.

"Perry Meridian had trouble guarding Gliessmann and Bowling," Center Grove coach Joe Lentz said. "We got the ball inside to them, and they did well in the first half."



Center Grove senior Hillary Bowling, right, is fouled by Perry Meridian's Lindsay Spears during the first half of Tuesday's game at Center Grove.

"In the first half, we came out and played the game with focus and concentration. Our defense was really good in the first half."

And thanks to the Trojans'

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Big shot by Condra gives Whiteland win

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There were probably more ups and downs than Whiteland's girls basketball team cared for Tuesday night against Connersville.

The Warriors, though, enjoyed the ultimate high as junior Sarah Condra buried a 12-footer at the buzzer to give her squad a 46-44 win in a contest that went back and forth throughout.

Whiteland, which hadn't played since a Jan. 5 triumph against Greenwood, had to overcome poor shooting in the first half and 12 turnovers as well as a spirited comeback effort by the Spartans in the second half.



CONDRA

Warriors 46, Spartans 44

The win was the first home victory in five weeks for Whiteland (11-5).

"There was no sense of urgency," Whiteland coach Bill Hogue said. "We've got to come out and have fun and show some enthusiasm, and I just don't think we've done that. I know we have some rough edges from the Greenwood game to work on, but we came out pretty flat."

The Warriors, on their way to a 7-for-27 shooting effort in the first half, actually led 20-15 with 4:20 remaining until the break before Connersville (10-7) rallied and gained a 25-23 halftime edge.

Senior Amy Orender, Whiteland's leading scorer on the season, sparked a third-quarter charge with nine points, including two length-of-the-court drives, as the Warriors

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Late foul, free throw costly as Greenwood falls on road

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GREENFIELD

Greenwood junior guard Tony Robey pulled up at the top of the key with 2 seconds left in regulation Tuesday night and hit a miracle 3-point shot that was going to send the Woodmen to overtime against Greenfield-Central.

A second and a half later, he made a play even more shocking.

Robey committed a reach-in foul on Greenfield's Ben Zirkle, who made the first of two foul shots with a half-second left that gave the host Cougars a 73-72 victory.

The turn of events spoiled what was an otherwise impressive performance by Robey, who had team-high totals of 27 points and six rebounds.

Cougars 73, Woodmen 72

"He just was not aware of the situation," Greenwood coach Bruce Hensley said. "He still thought we were down."

"I feel bad for someone like that, but part of the reason we play is to understand the down times and come back from them."

Even Greenfield-Central coach Jeff Bertsch, whose team, like the Woodmen, has struggled this year, felt bad about how the Cougars (4-8) earned their third consecutive win.

Bertsch admitted even he was mentally preparing for overtime after Robey's three-pointer.

"That was tough, but I've seen it happen at much higher levels of

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