

Patience pays for Grizzlies

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Franklin College men's basketball coach Kerry Prather makes no secret that the most effective way his team plays is to make every possession count.

Grizzlies 68 Engineers 51

And if it takes the entire 35 seconds on the shot clock, that's fine. After playing a cat-and-mouse game in the first half, the Grizzlies ran away from Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference foe Rose-Hulman for a 68-51 win Wednesday, giving them their fourth straight victory.

The Grizzlies got off to a slow start in the first half, but the Engineers could do no better as Franklin took a 28-25 advantage at the break.

Whatever Prather said at halftime, it worked to perfection.

The Grizzlies turned up the heat on defense and suffocated the Engineers no matter where they positioned themselves offensively.

Franklin's exceptional 3-point shooting by sophomore guards Dustin Marshall and Jace Redman figured prominently in a 24-2 run at the start of the second half.

The Grizzlies had 12 steals, nine of them in the second half, which led to long possessions and

FC women can't hold on for HCAC victory

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TERRE HAUTE

Visiting Franklin College led Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference co-leader Rose-Hulman by nine points on two occasions in the first half.

But Franklin couldn't hold on in their crucial women's basketball contest Wednesday night.

The Grizzlies, hoping to stay among the top tier of teams in the

nine consecutive field goals, three by Marshall, all 3-pointers.

Prather's mantra all season has been the same.

"We're always better off with long possessions," Prather said. "We don't, by the virtue of our size, have the margin of error that some other teams have."

After Franklin took a 25-point lead at 52-27, Rose-Hulman finally got a wake-up call after two timeouts were called within 50 seconds of each other by Engineers coach Jim Shaw.

Rose-Hulman went on a 15-3 run of its own, but by then, the outcome had been decided.

Franklin's stifling defense held

Engineers 69, Grizzlies 62

standings, ended up dropping a 69-62 decision.

The Engineers improved to 11-1 in the HCAC and 19-2 overall in sweeping the season series from Franklin.

The Grizzlies dropped to 6-5 in the conference and 12-7 overall.

Rose-Hulman rallied to take the lead for good at 29-28 with 2:30 remaining in the opening half and

the Engineers' top scorer, senior forward Brian Bibb (14.1 ppg) to a pair of free throws and no field goals.

Junior center Marty Young drew the defensive assignment on Bibb and got major help from sophomore John Yochum, who registered his third straight start.

Yochum has been subbing for starting forward sophomore Jared Catron, who's still recovering from a concussion.

"Marty has the toughest matchup every single game," Prather said. "He's executed incredibly well, and he's played a ton of minutes."

Against Rose-Hulman, the bulk

of minutes were logged by Redman (36) and Marshall (30).

Marshall had a game-high 20 points, a season high, including five 3-pointers.

Redman added 16 and was 4 for 4 from long range. He also had five assists.

With their win, the Grizzlies are now in a three-way tie for first place in the conference with Mount St. Joseph and Bluffton.

"We're playing with some real confidence now that we know what we're doing," Prather said. "When we create good shots, we've got really good shooters."

The Grizzlies (12-8, 7-4) will host Manchester on Saturday.

Devon Dumes scored 12 points, and James Matthews added 11 for the Eagles (8-13, 3-5 MAC West), who have lost four of their past five.

**No. 1 Florida 74
No. 24 Vanderbilt 64**

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Lee Humphrey made three consecutive 3-pointers to key Florida's rally from a double-digit deficit as the top-ranked Gators beat No. 24 Vanderbilt.

Humphrey, one of the best outside shooters in the country, added another 3-pointer that gave Florida a 70-59 lead with 2:56 remaining and essentially sealed the team's 13th straight victory.

The Gators (20-2, 7-0 Southeastern Conference) trailed by as many as 12 points in the first half and were down 41-30 at the break.

But they looked much more like the defending national champions in the second half.

It started with Humphrey, who finished with 15 points.

Dorsey had 22 points and nine rebounds to help No. 11 Memphis rout Central Florida.

Memphis (18-3, 8-0 Conference USA) led from the tip in its 10th straight win and by more than 20 most of the second half.

Douglas-Roberts scored 15 in the first half and had six points in a 1:23 second-half span on two acrobatic layups and a driving dunk in traffic. He finished 9 of 13 from the field and had four assists.

Josh Peppers led the Golden Knights (15-6, 4-3) with 20 points, and no other UCF player cracked double figures.

**Akron 70
Eastern Michigan 60**

YPSILANTI, Mich. — Dru Joyce, Cedrick Middleton and Quade Milum each scored 13 points, and Akron pulled away late to win its seventh straight game.

The victory, the Zips' fifth straight against the Eagles, kept Akron (16-4,) alone in first place in the Mid-American Conference East Division.

Toronto Raptors past the Wizards.

Toronto shot a season-high 59 percent and scored a franchise-record 43 points in the third quarter.

Bosh even made a buzzer-beating 56-foot jumper after stealing an inbound pass, giving Toronto a 17-point lead after three quarters.

Bosh made 15 straight field goals after missing his first four shots of the game. The All-Star forward finished 15 for 19 from the field and grabbed eight rebounds.

**Hawks 115
Warriors 94**

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Hawks capped their first winning month in almost three years with their highest point total of the season.

Joe Johnson, hoping to be picked as a reserve for the All-Star game, scored 33 points. The Hawks are 9-5 when Johnson scores 30 or more.

The Hawks won for the fourth time in five games to post their first winning month (8-7) in coach Mike Woodson's three years.

LOCAL SPORTS

DIVING

Former Greenwood diver going to world event

Former Greenwood Community High School diver Mitch Richeson was one of 14 divers selected to represent the United States at the 2007 FINA World Championships in Melbourne, Australia.

Richeson will compete with former Olympian Troy Dumais in the 3-meter synchronized event.

This will be Richeson's first trip to the world championships. The event also marks the first

opportunity to qualify for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

The top three finishers in Richeson's synchronized event qualify for the Olympics.

Richeson, who dived at Ohio State University, is one of four Indiana residents on the squad

The diving portion of the event will take place March 19-26.



RICHESON

BASEBALL

NEW YORK

Agent: Bonds won't sign contract anytime soon

Barry Bonds' contract with the San Francisco Giants isn't final just yet.

After the commissioner's office rejected Bonds' \$15.8 million, one-year deal because it contained a personal-appearance provision, the team sent revised documents to his agent, Jeff Borris.

"At this time, Barry is not signing the new documents," Borris said.

Baseball's Uniform Player Contract states a player "agrees to cooperate with the club in any and all reasonable promotional activities." Bonds' contract had additional language that the commissioner's office rejected.

Borris did not detail the provisions in dispute, but a baseball executive, speaking on condition of anonymity because these details had not been made public, said they dealt with personal appearances.

Bonds and the Giants, who agreed to financial terms Dec. 7, said Monday the drawn-out agreement had been finalized.



BONDS

two lawmakers told the former Senate Majority Leader.

The leaders of a House subcommittee that conducted hearings on steroids in 2005 pledged their support for Mitchell in a letter sent to him Tuesday and released to the media Wednesday.

"We sincerely hope that all relevant parties will work constructively to facilitate the completion of your investigation and your ongoing efforts to clean up the sport," wrote House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection chairman Bobby Rush, a Democrat from Illinois, and ranking Republican Cliff Stearns of Florida.

NEW YORK

Yankee Stadium to host 2008 All-Star game

Yankee Stadium is going out with an All-Star salute.

The beloved old ballpark will host the 79th major-league All-Star game on July 15, 2008, the final season before the New York Yankees move into a new stadium being built across the street in the Bronx.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg were on hand Wednesday at City Hall for the announcement, which had been expected for months.

It will be the fourth All-Star game at Yankee Stadium, which opened in 1923 and underwent an extensive renovation in the mid-1970s. The most recent summer showcase in The House That Ruth Built was in 1977, when the National League won 7-5 for the sixth of 11 consecutive victories.

WEDNESDAY'S NCAA ROUNDUP

The Associated Press

Men

No. 13 Butler 71 Youngstown State 58

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — Mike Green scored a season-high 23 points, Pete Campbell added 20, and No. 13 Butler won its seventh straight game by beating Youngstown State.

The Bulldogs, playing their fourth game in seven days, dominated the Penguins with their 3-point shooting in the first half, then attacked the rim in the second half with the same result.

Butler (21-2, 9-1 Horizon League) surpassed the 20-win mark for the third time in school history.

A.J. Graves, who entered the game leading Butler with a 18.2-point average, scored 11.

Quin Humphrey and Keston Roberts led Youngstown State (9-14, 4-7) with 17 points each. It was the third straight

defeat for the Penguins, who lost 67-39 to Butler two weeks ago.

No. 3 North Carolina 105 Miami (Fla.) 64

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Tyler Hansbrough scored 22 points and grabbed 13 rebounds lead third-ranked North Carolina past Miami (Fla.).

Wayne Ellington scored 14 points for the Tar Heels (20-2, 6-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), who had no trouble winning their fifth straight game. North Carolina shot 56 percent, including 61 percent after halftime, and hit 12 of 24 3-pointers to cruise to another league win by a double-digits margin.

Anthony Harris scored 18 points for the Hurricanes (9-13, 2-6), who have lost five straight games, all in the league.

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Richard Hamilton scored 24 points, and the Detroit Pistons set a team record by making 27 consecutive free throws in a win against New Jersey.

Chauncey Billups added 18 points, including 12 on perfect shooting from the free-throw line, and Chris Webber had 17 as the Pistons won for the fifth time in seven games and snapped the Nets' two-game winning streak. Jason Maxiell had 16 and Antonio McDyess had eight points and 12 rebounds.

Detroit, which shot 54 percent from the field, finished 33 of 38 from the free-throw line.

Lakers 111 Celtics 98

BOSTON — Kobe Bryant returned from his one-game suspension and had

43 points, eight rebounds and eight assists to help the Los Angeles Lakers beat Boston and send the Celtics to a franchise-record 13th consecutive loss.

Bryant hit a pair of 3-pointers after the Celtics cut the deficit to 63-62 with 8:31 left in the third quarter. He also made a 30-footer at the end of the quarter to give the Lakers a 10-point lead and threw down a reverse dunk in the final two minutes to electrify the fans who weren't already heading for the exits.

Bobcats 104 Knicks 87

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gerald Wallace scored 17 of his career-high 42 points in the fourth quarter, and the Charlotte Bobcats pulled away from cold-shooting New York to beat the Knicks.

Wallace hit a 3-pointer and a free throw and had a thunderous dunk in an 8-0 run that put Charlotte ahead 97-82 with 2:44 left. He made 14 of 22 shots and 11 of 17 free throws, besting his previous career-best night by a point.

Raymond Felton added 16 points and

10 assists, including two alley-oop feeds to Wallace, as the Bobcats won for the 12th time in 19 games.

Magic 98 Bucks 73

ORLANDO, Fla. — Hedo Turkoglu scored 17 points, and Tony Battie added a season-high 15 as the Orlando Magic stopped a three-game losing streak by beating Milwaukee.

Keith Bogans had 14 points and tied a career high with seven assists for Orlando, which had lost eight of nine.

Darko Milicic also had 14 points and tied his career high with 10 rebounds.

Mo Williams scored 23 points for Milwaukee, which dug itself a 29-point hole early in the game and never could climb out of it.

Raptors 119 Wizards 109

TORONTO — Chris Bosh scored 34 points, and Jose Calderon had a career-high 24 points and 11 assists to lead the

• Indiana

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Indiana's next eight points, including two free throws with a minute to go to for a 70-66 lead, and the Badgers never recovered.

Ratliff, a junior guard who has been the Hoosiers' top scorer off the bench in the past three games and in five of the past six, hit 6 of 7 shots, including four 3-pointers, in the second half.

"I felt somebody had to step up and make a play," he said. "I felt like I was hitting all my shots and I was open, so I had all the confidence in the world."

D.J. White added 16 points for the Hoosiers, who beat their highest-ranked opponent since an upset of No. 1 Duke in 2002.

"This was a tremendous college basketball game," Indiana coach Kelvin Sampson said. "When you get down to a possession game, you've got to make baskets."

Sampson, the former Oklahoma coach who took over at Indiana for Mike Davis this season, said he wasn't worried about the crush of fans as the game ended.

"I have security guys," he joked. "I have a lot of confidence in my offensive line."

Still, he wasn't exactly comfortable. "In the last five or six years, I was always on the other side of that," he said. "We (Oklahoma) would lose and because we were so highly ranked the other fans would rush the court."

After Ratliff's final basket, Tucker missed the first of a one-and-one free throw opportunity and the Hoosiers rebounded.

• Oden

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that doesn't show up in a box score.

"That's why I've said from day one he's the best player in college basketball. Because you have to do so many things to really hold him down to stop his total affect on the game."

Mike Conley scored 18 points, Jamar Butler scored 16 and Daquan Cook had 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Buckeyes (19-3, 7-1 Big Ten).

The Buckeyes shot 53 percent from the field and outrebounded the Boilermakers 38-29.

Ohio State has won six in a row in the series and 12 of the past 13 meetings.

Purdue (14-8, 3-5) shot just 38 percent in its first home loss of the season.

Ohio State coach Thad Matta said he was concerned about slowing Landry, who was averaging 19 points per game.

"As good as he is, it is hard," Matta said. "He does have that ability to shoot it, he's a load down low, he's got good post moves and they do a good job of getting him the basketball. I thought a couple of those other ones were going in. I was impressed."

Ohio State led 33-31 at halftime and opened the second half on an 8-3 run, highlighted by two hook shots by Oden over Landry.

Landry drew Oden's third foul on a drive with 15:54 left and Ohio State leading 43-36. The Buckeyes extended their lead to 50-40 before Purdue went on a 5-0 run that brought Oden off the bench.

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