

# CG offense slows but still produces win

Daily Journal staff report

The Center Grove boys basketball team breathed a collective sigh of relief after a frantic finish and 10th straight win.



KAMO

Senior guard Louis Kamo's 3-point play late in the game helped the Trojans hold off visiting Brownsburg 50-47.

The Trojans (11-1) were averaging 65 points per game, while the Bulldogs (9-6) were putting up only 46 points a game but had won five of their past six before Saturday's loss.

Center Grove had a 22-21 lead at halftime and led 34-33 at the end of the third period.

Senior center Andrew Bowman's 12 points led the Trojans, while Kamo added 11 and junior Corey Gray had 10.

## Lancers tame Tigers

The Edinburgh boys basketball team got a much-needed win

## LOCAL SPORTS

Saturday, beating visiting Crothersville 64-58.

The Lancers (3-9) put together one of their most balanced and consistent games of the season. Senior forward Brandon Cravens led the way with 23 points, and junior Josh Burton added 14.

The Tigers rallied in the third quarter to take a 42-41 lead. But Edinburgh took control by outscoring Crothersville 23-16 in the final quarter.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

## Giants down Trojans

It was one of those days that Center Grove coach Joe Lentz knows can happen.

However, Saturday's 54-40 home loss to Class 4A No. 6-ranked Ben Davis left Lentz puzzled.

"Although we played well on defense, we just couldn't find the basket," he said.

The Trojans shot only 27 percent from the field, connecting on only 15 of 55 attempts.

Ben Davis (14-3 overall, 5-1 in

the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference) is tied for first place in the MIC with No. 5-ranked Terre Haute.

Center Grove (12-4, 2-2), which had won four straight before Saturday's loss, was led in scoring by senior forward Hillary Bowling with 14 points.

## Braves stop Spartans

Indian Creek got one of its most satisfying wins of the season Saturday by beating Mid-Hoosier Conference rival Southwestern (Shelby) 84-46.

The visiting Braves (10-7 overall, 5-2 in the MHC) had four players in double figure, as sisters Sam and Ashley Mathena combined for 33 points, freshman point guard Kyle Hamilton scored 16, and senior forward Courtney Von Stein added 15.

### WRESTLING

## CG fifth in MIC meet

Center Grove coach Cale Hoover anticipated what happened Saturday at the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference meet as No. 9 Carmel emerged victorious.

The Trojans were fifth behind second-place finisher Lawrence North, host Warren Central and North Central. Terre Haute South was sixth, Terre Haute North was seventh and Ben Davis was eighth.

For Center Grove, freshman Matt Milton was a runner-up at 103 pounds. Senior Blake Harvey at 130 pounds and senior Tony Zubia at 145 pounds also finished second in their weight classes.

## Grizzly Cubs go 2-1

Franklin had its final tune-up on Saturday before the sectional as the Grizzly Cubs won two of their three matches at the Mount Vernon (Fortville) triple duals.

Franklin defeated Shelbyville and Greenfield-Central but lost to Mount Vernon 35-28.

Franklin (19-6) had 3-0 performances on the day from juniors Brandon Pettijohn at 130 pounds, Cord Dorsey at 140 pounds and Brad Fox at 189 pounds.

### BOYS SWIMMING

## Trojans earn win

The Center Grove boys swim team earned a 118-68 win Saturday at Lawrence Central.

The Trojans got out of the gates fast with a first-place finish in the 200 medley relay with the team of sophomores Noah Pashley, Chad Smith, Dan Kindervater and senior Paul Beauchamp.

Center Grove also finished first in the 200 freestyle relay. Pashley won the 200 freestyle, and freshman Alexander Nunnally finished first in the 200 individual medley. Junior Sean Beers was first in the 100 butterfly.

## Rebels beat Warriors

The visiting Roncalli boys swim team defeated Whiteland on Saturday 99-84 in a meet that came down to the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The Rebels' team of Eric Whelchel, Will Cordell, Eric Barkman and Jake Ezeli was nine seconds better than Whiteland's team of Josh Cratty, Andrew Kirk, Rob Robson and Justin Mull.

Mull, a senior, was first in both the 200 and 500 freestyle, and senior Andrew Meador won both the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events. Warriors senior Josh McPeak was first in the 100-yard breaststroke.

## Woodmen victorious

The Greenwood Community High School boys swimming team (5-5) beat Mooresville on Saturday 99-60.

The Woodmen had first-place finishes in both the 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle with a mixed team of five swimmers, freshmen Jared Dollens and James Emmett, and juniors Stephen Madsen, Eliot Jennings and Brad Spicer. Madsen won the 100 and 200 freestyle. Jennings won the 100 backstroke, and Dollens was first in the 100 breaststroke.

### GIRLS SWIMMING

## Trojans top Bears

Center Grove's sixth-ranked girls swim team defeated Lawrence Central 122-64 on Saturday.

The 200 medley relay team of seniors Melody White and Holly Reed, junior all-state standout Michelle McKeenan and freshman Lindsey Gasiorowski got a first-place finish to begin the day.

McKeenan won both the 50 and 100 freestyle races. Senior Morgan Davis was first in the 200 freestyle.

# Grizzlies stay in hunt for HCAC title

By STEVE McCLURE

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Coach Kerry Prather and the Franklin College men's basketball team realize the importance of the next six Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference games.

They know what those games mean: a second chance.

"It's gotten to the point that one good week can put you on top of the league," Prather said after the Grizzlies took care of business at home Saturday by beating Bluffton 93-76.

Franklin (9-8 overall, 5-4 in the HCAC) is tied for fourth place in the conference with Bluffton and Hanover. Mount St. Joseph sits at the top at 6-2, and Defiance is second at 5-3.

Junior center Marty Young had a big day against the Beavers, re-

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Marty Young

Franklin College junior center on team's upcoming games

Jared Catron on the bench recovering from a concussion, Yochum responded well.

"We couldn't possibly ask for a better effort out of him," Prather said.

The Grizzlies used the clock wisely, turning in one of their best performances of the season.

"The guys are starting to understand what kind of team we are, and how each game needs to look, (for us) to get what we need on both ends, offensively and defensively," he said. "Sometimes we short-circuit a good possession earlier than it should have."

"We are a team that is almost always better off with long offensive possessions because you've got to break a team down and generate turnovers."

Franklin travels to conference rival Hanover on Wednesday.

bounding (seven boards), diving for loose balls and scoring 12 points.

"We decided early in the week that we just needed to start a new season and come out with a lot of intensity to win every game," Young said.

Sophomore point guard Jace Redman orchestrated Saturday's victory and was beaming with confidence over what's to come.

"It's a real balanced (league), and there's no one that's really

taken charge yet, and we feel we can be that team," he said.

Redman was Franklin's leading scorer with 17 points on 6-for-9 shooting, including two 3-pointers and six assists.

Also in double figures were senior Luke Tudor and junior Jon Neill with 15 points each. Sophomore guard Dustin Marshall added 14, and sophomore John Yochum had 12 points and eight rebounds.

With starting junior forward

## FC women drop road contest

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### BLUFFTON, Ohio

Visiting Franklin College saw its 16-game winning streak against Bluffton University come to an end in a 78-70 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference women's basketball game Saturday.

The game was tight throughout the first half, and Franklin (11-6 overall, 5-4 in the HCAC) led for six minutes, with its biggest lead being seven points.

But the Beavers (5-13 overall, 3-6 HCAC) fought back and took a six-point edge heading into the intermission.

Lindsay Bush, who shot 9 of 13 from the field, had 25 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Beavers. Other double-digit scorers were Angie Lee with 17, Amanda Bell with 14 and Lindsay Ebbeskotte with 10 points.

The Grizzlies had three players in double digits: junior guard Courtney Swain contributed 18 points, senior center Katie Douglas scored 13, and freshman forward Leslie Kingseed had 11. Junior forward Jennifer Redicker had 13 rebounds and two points.

The Grizzlies' next game is an HCAC contest against visiting Hanover at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

## Gearlds carries Boilers to win against Indiana

The Associated Press

### BLOOMINGTON

Purdue's Katie Gearlds is almost as familiar with Indiana's Assembly Hall as her coach.

Unbeaten on the Hoosiers' home court in her four years with the Boilermakers, Gearlds scored 21 points, 15 of them in the first half, in an 81-58 victory Sunday.

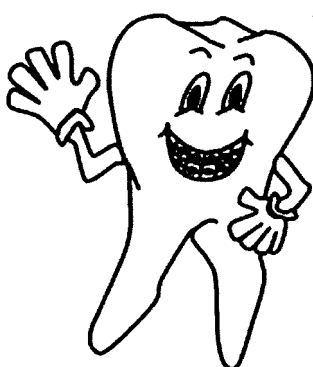
The game marked the return of Purdue coach Sharon Versyp, who left the Hoosiers in April to take over the Boilermakers.

Purdue (18-3, 7-0 Big Ten) scored the first 10 points, took a 38-24 lead at halftime, built it to as many as 23 points midway through the second half and never led by fewer than 17 points after that.

Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton added 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Boilermakers.

Indiana (13-7, 2-5) was led by Whitney Thomas with 17 points and Nikki Smith with 13.

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