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Boys basketball

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MAJOR EVENTS

TV TODAY

Auto racing
NASCAR Nextel Cup Auto Club 500, qualifying, 5:30 p.m., Speed Channel

NBA
Indiana Pacers at Toronto Raptors, 7 p.m., Fox Sports
Washington Wizards at Chicago Bulls, 8 p.m., ESPN
Utah Jazz at Denver Nuggets, 10:30 p.m., ESPN

Women's college basketball
Evansville at Southern Illinois, 10 p.m., Fox Sports

SPECTATOR SPORTS

TODAY

Boys basketball
Center Grove at Lawrence Central, 7:30 p.m.
Jennings County at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
Greenwood at New Palestine, 7:30 p.m.
Waldron at Indian Creek, 7:30 p.m.
Whiteland at Beech Grove, 7:30 p.m.

Boys swimming
IHSAA Boys Swimming and Diving Championships at IUPUI, 6 p.m.

Franklin College
Men's basketball: Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament semifinals at Franklin Transylvania vs. Bluffton, 6 p.m.
Franklin vs. Defiance, 8 p.m.

Call us with results

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Houston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Seattle at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Portland, 10 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's games
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Toronto at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Seattle at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Utah, 9 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's summary
MILWAUKEE (129)
Redd 13-28 6-9 38, Skinner 0-2 0-0 0, Bogut 9-15 1-5 19, Bell 7-12 4-4 21, M.Williams 8-18 7-24, Patterson 4-8 5-10 13, Noel 0-0 0-0 0, Boykins 1-4 1-1 4, Ilyasova 3-6 2-2 8, Reiner 1-1 0-0 2, Greer 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 46-94 26-38 129.

Indiana (136)
Granger 6-10 13-15 26, O'Neal 9-16 11-16 29, Murphy 6-10 6-6 19, Dunleavy 7-14 2-2 16, Tinsley 4-14 2-2 11, Foster 0-3 0-0 0, Armstrong 1-4 2-5, Daniels 10-16 2-3 22, Diogu 0-0 2-2 2, Baston 1-2 4-4 6, Greene 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 44-89 44-54 136.

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Indiana 39 24 29 22 8 14-136
3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 11-24 (Redd 6-13, Bell 3-5, M.Williams 1-2, Boykins 1-2, Ilyasova 0-2), Indiana 4-18 (Granger 1-2, Armstrong 1-3, Murphy 1-3, Tinsley 1-5, Daniels 0-1, Dunleavy 0-4), Fouled Out—Bogut, M.Williams, Skinner, Reiner, Granger. Rebounds—Milwaukee 51 (Ilyasova 8), Indiana 64 (O'Neal 15). Assists—Milwaukee 24 (M.Williams 10), Indiana 28 (Tinsley 11). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 39, Indiana 32. Technicals—Milwaukee coach Stotts, Indiana Defensive Three Second 2. A.—14,019, (18,345).

Golf
Accenture Match Play
Thursday's results
At The Gallery Golf Club at Dove Mountain, Marana, Ariz.
Purse: \$8 million

Yardage: 7,466 Par: 72
Ian Poulter (28) def. Bradley Greider (60), 3 and 1.
Trevor Immelman (12) def. Chris DiMarco (21), 3 and 1.
Niclas Fasth (38) def. Retief Goosen (6), 1 up.
Geoff Ogilvy (11) def. Jose Maria Olazabal (22), 2 and 1.
Aaron Baddeley (40) def. Luke Donald (8), 1 up.
Henrik Stenson (9) def. K.J. Choi (24), 2 up.
Stephen Ames (39) def. Vijay Singh (7), 19 holes.
Stewart Cink (23) def. Padraig Harrington (10), 1 up.
Justin Rose (36) def. Phil Mickelson (4), 3 and 1.
Charles Howell III (45) def. Sergio Garcia (13), 4 and 3.
Shaun Micheel (62) def. Rod Pamplung (35), 1 up.
Paul Casey (14) def. Colin Montgomerie (19), 4 and 3.
Tiger Woods (1) def. Tim Clark (32), 5 and 4.
Nick O'Hern (16) def. Rory Sabbatini (48), 2 and 1.
Chad Campbell (34) def. Jim Furyk (2), 19 holes.
David Toms (18) def. Ben Crane, 3 and 2.

PGA Mayakoba Classic
Thursday's leaders
At El Camaleon Golf Club
Playa del Carmen, Mexico
Purse: \$3.5 million

Yardage: 6,923 First round Par: 70 (35-35)
Fred Funk 30-32—62
George McNeill 33-31—64
John Merrick 32-32—64
Cameron Beckman 31-33—64
Bob Wadley 31-33—64
Vaughn Taylor 33-32—65
Peter Lonard 33-32—65
Brian Gay 32-33—65
Scott Gutschewski 34-32—66
Kevin Stadler 34-32—66
Bill Haas 33-33—66
Esteban Toledo 33-33—66
Michael Putnam 34-32—66
Glen Day 33-34—67
Jeff Sluman 32-35—67
John Hujman 33-34—67
Jose Cooreers 33-34—67
D.J. Brigrum 33-34—67
Ted Purdy 32-35—67
Arjun Atwal 33-34—67
Michael Boyd 34-33—67
Graeme McDowell 34-33—67
Craig Kanada 32-35—67

Transactions
BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with LHP Jeremy Sowers, RHP J.D. Martin, INF Ryan Garko, RHP Brian Shouse, INF Hector Luna, OF Brad Snyder, INF Michael Aubrey and INF Mike Rouse on one-year contracts.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Zack Greinke, RHP Luke Hudson and INF Angel Sanchez on one-year contracts.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Released OF Hiram Bocachica.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with 1B Wes Bankston and LHP JP Howell on one-year contracts.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with INF Jerry Gil, OF Josh Hamilton and RHP Brad Salton on one-year contracts.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Mike DeJean on a minor league contract.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with LHP Paul Miltner, RHP Jesse Delgado, RHP Matt Lindstrom, OF Eric Reed, RHP Harvey Garcia, and RHP Logan Kensing on one-year contracts.
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with LHP Mike Bynum and RHP Jose Santiago on minor league contracts. Named Luis Aguayo minor league field coordinator, Sonny Jackson minor league outfield and baserunning coordinator.

Lancers snap losing streak against Tigers

By GREG DODDRIDGE
DAILY JOURNAL SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Senior Brandon Cravens helped demonstrate why the Edinburg Community High School boys basketball team is different now than earlier in the season.

Lancers 55 Tigers 51

The Lancers are playing better team basketball. Cravens scored 23 points on 8-of-12 shooting and grabbed six rebounds to lead the Class A Lancers to a 55-51 victory against visiting Class 2A Triton Central on Thursday night, giving them their first Mid-Hoosier Conference win of the year in their final regular-season game.

"We realized we can play," Cravens said. "And it showed tonight." Edinburg trailed by nine points early in the third quarter, but it had a seven-point lead with three minutes late in the game.

Unlike Tuesday night, when the Lancers lost a late five-point lead in an overtime loss to Southwestern (Shelby), they were able to hold on for the win, snapping a three-game losing streak.

"That's a very good Triton Central team," first-year coach Curt Chase said. "Triton Central played Hauser to two points.

"This is definitely a good win. Holding onto the lead was good. The turnovers that we did have didn't compound like they did Tuesday night."

For the past few practices, Cravens said Chase has challenged his most experienced players to step up and lead the team.

Whiteland nearly beats No. 5 ranked Spartans

By JEFF SKIRVIN
DAILY JOURNAL SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Whiteland boys basketball coach Marty Johnson knew his team would have its hands full with Connersville's 6-foot-8 center Matt Howard entering Thursday's matchup with the Class 3A No. 5-ranked Spartans.

Spartans 41 Warriors 38

Howard was the state's ninth-leading scorer and has committed to play for the nationally ranked Butler Bulldogs.

The Warriors kept Howard in check on offense for most of the game, but Howard displayed his senior leadership and late-game toughness, knocking down three clutch free throws in the final 25 seconds to secure a 41-38 victory against the Warriors (7-13).

Whiteland defended Howard with two and three defenders in the first half and had success. The Warriors stripped the ball from Howard on three of his first four touches and kept him from finding an offensive rhythm.

Whiteland's defense swarmed him so quickly that he didn't attempt his first field goal until 1:30 left before halftime. Howard, who averages 24.2 points per game, was held to just three points through two quarters.

But he settled into the game in the second half, scoring 15 points, and he found teammates on several occasions for easy baskets after being double- and triple-teamed.

"There's a couple of philosophies with guarding a big guy. The approach we took was to try and keep him from getting easy baskets," Johnson said. "You want to take his easy shots away and turn him into a passer. To his credit, he did that. He's a quality player."

Connersville coach Rodney Klein, a former Edinburg coach, said he anticipated Whiteland's defensive philosophy, and it was a defense that Howard is used to seeing.

"You have to defend (Howard) that way," Klein said. "Matt usually does a good job of finding people open. He's such a good passer, and he's able to find people and keep the ball over his head. It just took some time to settle into the game."

Johnson's plan before the game was to be more methodical on offense than normal, limiting the number of Connersville's possessions. As a result, the Warriors allowed just five shot attempts on defense in the first quarter, and the Spartans (17-3) led 3-2 after eight minutes.

Connersville pushed its lead to 30-23 before Whiteland's Billy Patrick hit a 3-pointer to pull the Warriors within four.

But Patrick fouled Mike Lake as Lake shot a desperation shot from half court as time expired. Lake, an 84 percent free-throw shooter, hit all three free throws.

Both Johnson and Klein downplayed the play's importance. "When you play possession basketball, you have to be careful of saying that play was any bigger than another," Johnson said. "It wasn't any more important than an offensive rebound off a free throw or missing a double team."

Marcus Hanger led Whiteland with 10 points. Michael Kirkham scored eight and grabbed a team-high four rebounds. Howard finished with 18 points and a game-high 12 rebounds, his season average. Ryan Henderson added 10 points for Connersville, which played its third game in four days.

Whiteland finishes the regular season tonight at Beech Grove.

Girls basketball

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Gymnastics

Thursday's results
At Southport
Perry Meridian 98.475, Southport 86.55, Franklin 84.175
All-around: 34.85 Alli Richards PM, 5.

THURSDAY'S NBA ROUNDUP

The Associated Press

Wizards 109 Kings 106

WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas scored 30 of his 43 points in the first half, and the Washington Wizards blew a 17-point fourth-quarter lead and survived a video review at the buzzer to beat the Sacramento Kings.

With 0.7 seconds remaining, John Salmons took a long inbound pass and made a turnaround jump shot at the 3-point arc. Officials initially ruled it a good 2-point basket, but replay showed it to be a 3 that was released just after the clock hit 0.0.

Caron Butler and DeShawn Stevenson made key defensive plays in the final 30 seconds to give the Wizards the victory. Butler stripped Mike Bibby, who was having a hot fourth quarter, and Stevenson forced Salmons into a traveling call.

But Arenas made only one of two free throws with 0.7 remaining, giving the Kings a final chance to tie.

Arenas finished with an extremely active line in the box score: 12 for 22 from the field, 3 for 8 from 3-point range, 16 for 17 from the free-throw line, seven rebounds, seven assists, three steals and nine of the Wizards' season-high 23 turnovers.

Bulls 84 Cavaliers 78

CLEVELAND — Luol Deng scored 18 points and Ben Wallace had 19 rebounds, a season-high seven blocks and two huge free throws in the final minutes to lead the Chicago Bulls to a win against the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Wallace added 14 points as the Bulls snapped a six-game losing streak in Cleveland and improved to 8-2 in the Central Division.

Ben Gordon scored 16 points and Kirk Hinrich 11 for the Bulls, who overcame foul trouble and put away the Cavaliers with a 14-5 burst in the fourth quarter.

LeBron James scored 29 points and Larry Hughes had 20 for Cleveland, but the Cavaliers, the NBA's worst free-throw shooting team, were just 8 of 16 from the line.

Former NBA star Dennis Johnson dies

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas

Dennis Johnson, the star NBA guard who was part of three championships and teamed with Larry Bird on one of the great postseason plays, died Thursday, collapsing after his developmental team's practice. He was 52.

Johnson, coach of the Austin Toros, was unconscious and in cardiac arrest when paramedics arrived at Austin Convention Center, said Warren Hassinger, spokesman for Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services.

Paramedics tried to resuscitate him for 23 minutes before he was taken to a hospital and pronounced dead, Hassinger added. Mayra Freeman, a spokeswoman for the medical examiner's office, said there will be an autopsy.

The Toros postponed home games tonight and Saturday, the NBA Development League said.

"He was one of the most underrated players in the history of the game, in my opinion, and one of the greatest Celtic acquisitions of all time," said former Boston teammate Danny Ainge, now the Celtics' executive director of basketball operations.

"D.J. was a free spirit and a fun personality who loved to laugh and play the game. We had spoken at length just the other night about basketball and his excitement about coaching the Austin Toros."

Toros spokesman Perri Travillion said she was talking with Johnson on



AP FILE PHOTO

The Boston Celtics' Dennis Johnson, right, drives the lane against the Los Angeles Lakers' Magic Johnson in a Dec. 12, 1986, file photo.

the sidewalk outside the building when he collapsed. Johnson was joking about getting a parking ticket.

"We were laughing," she said. "He just collapsed."

Travillion said she called 911 and that Johnson never regained consciousness. She said Johnson did not appear to have overexerted himself at practice and didn't complain of any discomfort before he collapsed.

Johnson, a five-time All-Star and one of the top defensive guards, was part of the final Boston dynasty. He spent 14 seasons in the league and retired after the 1989-90 season. He played on title teams with the Celtics in 1984 and 1986 and with the Seattle SuperSonics in 1979, when he was the NBA finals MVP.

"Dennis was a great player, one of the best teammates I ever had, and a wonderful person," said Bird, now president of the Indiana Pacers.

In other news

Heat star considers surgery

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade is considering season-ending surgery to repair his dislocated left shoulder, which would be the biggest loss yet for the Miami Heat during their rocky reign as NBA champions.

The All-Star guard was hurt in the fourth quarter of Wednesday night's 112-102 loss at Houston. Wade flew home early Thursday in a private plane and was examined at a hospital by team physician Dr. Harlan Selsnick, who conducted a battery of tests.

"Wade is presently weighing his treatment options provided to him by the Heat medical staff," the team said in a statement. "Wade still needs to discuss these options with his family and Heat president and head coach Pat Riley and will then decide what course of action to take."

Riley said he would talk with Wade about the decision in the next couple of days. "I don't have any anticipation," Riley said Thursday night before an NBA finals rematch against Dallas. "I wrote him a letter (Thursday), FedExed it, because his mailbox was loaded on his phone."

Regardless of Wade's choice of treatment, his injury further weakens the Heat's bid to repeat. They may be hard-pressed merely to make the playoffs.

"We're going to need a couple of days to read-just to this," Riley said.

The injury stung especially hard because it came in the first game in which Wade, Riley and Shaquille O'Neal have been together since mid-November. Plagued by health issues much of the season, the Heat had won seven of eight games to reach .500, their best record since they were 3-3, and appeared ready to surge into the playoffs.