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thanks to a defense that allows only about 44 points per game and has held two consecutive opponents to fewer than 38 points.

Against the Flashes, Bowling and senior forward Alex Dewitz combined to limit Franklin Central senior forward Katie Hacker to nine points on 3-of-9 shooting.

And Reisinger and Phillips thwarted Flashes senior guard Nicole James, allowing her only two points on foul shots.

"They're every bit of (Franklin Central's) offense," Lentz said. "And we effectively took care of both of them."

With the Flashes' top scorers held in check, Center Grove bided its time on offense, surviving a rash of turnovers that limited it to only 28 field-goal attempts.

Bowling scored six points in the first quarter but couldn't get back on track until the start of the fourth period.

Lentz said he switched offenses during that quarter to isolate Bowling's driving ability from the wing to take advantage of the Flashes' match-up zone defense.

Bowling drove for a layup, got a putback and made another layup, and added a free throw for a three-point play to give her a personal 7-0 run to start the quarter.

On the Trojans' next possession, Phillips' 3-point goal from the top of the key, her only attempt of the night, all but buried Franklin Central with 3:30 to play.

"In high school basketball, a 10-point lead is nothing," Bowling said. "But once Gina made that shot and we were up 14, ... well, that was just huge."

Trojans 'D' puts Warriors away

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Center Grove boys basketball coach Cliff Hawkins found himself recalling years past Thursday as he looked down the sideline and saw Marty Johnson standing in front of the Whiteland bench.

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Hawkins coached against Johnson for 12 years while he was at DeKalb and Johnson was at East Noble.

The Trojans found themselves in as physical a contest, as Hawkins' DeKalb squads did in north-east Indiana but pulled away in the second half to defeat the Warriors 47-34.

"We've probably coached

against one another 20 times," Hawkins said of Johnson. "It's always going to be a tough game against him, and he teaches toughness as well as anyone."

The Trojans (14-2) had their toughness tested after racing out to a 17-9 first-quarter lead.

In the game's first eight minutes, Center Grove's defense was smothering, allowing just five shot attempts by the Warriors.

Whiteland found it difficult to get the ball in the low post in its offensive set and committed seven turnovers.



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But the Warriors settled into their offense and slowed the game with controlled possessions. Marcus Hanger hit his third 3-pointer of the quarter to pull Whiteland within 22-20 after a possession of nearly a minute. Whiteland trimmed Center Grove's lead to 24-20 at halftime.

Whiteland's methodical approach to offense was a challenge for the Trojans, who prefer to play aggressively and with a faster tempo.

"We got a little impatient because they're going to run their (offense) and move the basketball over and over, but if you have the lead, sometimes that's a good thing," Hawkins said. "I think for our kids that's a little hard because we like to attack,

and we had talked about doing that against Whiteland."

Center Grove turned up its defensive pressure and used a 14-5 third-quarter run to gain control of the game.

Hanger scored a game-high 19 points, including 5 of 9 3-pointers. Michael Kirkham (10) and Billy Patrick (5) were the only other Warriors who scored.

Tyler Kitchel led Center Grove with 16 points.

Coming off an overtime loss to Class 4A No. 10 Warren Central, the Trojans played the kind of game that tested their mettle after having their 12-game winning streak broken.

"This was one of those games that was good for us," Hawkins said. "We had guys step up when

Danny (Gill) got injured. We had seven guys score, and it's always good to win on the road and beat a team for the second time in one year. For us, this is a great win."

Gill, a senior, left the game with an unspecified injury after scoring two points.

The Trojans continue to be overlooked in the AP state polls. They are ranked 15th this week, but there are five teams in the top 10 that have more losses than Center Grove.

"I try to concentrate on the things I can to help my team win," Hawkins said. "I can't control (recognition from polls). The way you do that, you build a tradition, build a program and do it year after year. That's when that stuff comes."

Cubs use third quarter to outpace Cougars

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Grizzly Cubs 78 Cougars 56

Franklin boys basketball coach Dave Clark is always happy with a win.

But beating his alma mater is extra sweet, which is why he emerged from the locker room with a big smile after the host Grizzly Cubs routed Bloomington North 78-56 on Thursday night.

"Obviously, this is a special win for that reason," said Clark, whose team halted a two-game losing streak. "I'm just glad for these boys, because they work pretty

hard in practice, and because we're on them if they don't."

Although the Cubs (7-9) won by a convincing margin, it took a while to build it.

Bloomington North lead 10-5 before the Cubs hit an offensive rhythm.

Junior forward Will Conoley got Franklin rolling with three straight field goals from the lane for its first lead, 16-14, in the first quarter.

But the Cougars answered with

a 17-6 run to go up 33-24 in the second quarter.

Senior point guard Adrian Moss brought Franklin back to within four points at halftime after connecting on two 3-pointers and converting a pair of fast-break layups.

The energetic finish gave the Cubs momentum in the third quarter, where they appeared a step faster on offense and defense.

Franklin took the lead for good when Moss hit a 3-pointer and a 15-foot jumper with 2:15 left in the third quarter. The Cubs took a 54-47 advantage into the final period.

Franklin's stifling defense forced 17 total turnovers and rendered the

Cougars ineffective from the field for extended periods. The Cougars scored only eight points in the third quarter and nine in the fourth.

"They kind of had a bad stretch there; hopefully we had something to do with that," Clark said. "Defensively, we just limited what they tried to do."

The Grizzlies shot 52 percent from the floor, hitting 31 of 60 attempts. They also were 6 of 14 from 3-point range and were 10 of 15 at the free-throw line.

Bloomington North shot 45 percent (23 of 51) and was 6 of 13 at the line.

"The way things have been kind

of up and down a lot this season, for different reasons, you know, this is a good quality win for us," Clark said. "Hopefully, this is a stretch or period of time when you want to start putting things together and get some momentum going by the time sectionals roll around."

Moss led all scorers with 24 points. Senior teammate Jordan King added 23, including 12 on fast-break layups or putbacks.

Senior center Brandon Foster had 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Cubs.

The Cubs (7-9) return to action at 2:30 p.m. Saturday against visiting Columbus North.

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game. They jumped to a 12-3 lead, but Southport chipped away and eventually gained the lead at half-time when Marlee Maddigan hit a jump shot at the horn.

Heading into the third quarter, Southport enjoyed a plus-11 rebounding margin and continued to get second-chance opportunities.

"That hurt us," Raines said. "We knew they were strong on the boards, and we didn't get to a lot of balls. But that was one of their strengths."

"They have a lot of experienced big girls, and that took its toll on us."

Southport had four players score in double figures. Kristen Lancaster had 17 points and 10 rebounds, and teammate Katie Ahaus had a team-high 19 points.

Southport has won nine of its past 11 games and brings momentum into Saturday's semifinal game.

Despite the loss and the seven-game losing streak to end the season, Raines said there are plenty of reasons to be optimistic for next season.

Of the Cubs' 55 points, 53 were scored by freshmen and sophomores.

In addition to Vandivier's 20 points, freshman Carley Buchanan scored 19 points and sophomore Chelsea Bujarsky had 10.

Franklin does lose three seniors: Nancy Miller, Kristin Chaney and Abby Shuck.

"We have a lot of young kids, and this group is going to learn a lot," Raines said. "We're going to miss these three seniors who helped lay the foundation for years to come, and I'm proud of this group."

"I'm not worried about the record. We played a real tough schedule this year and played everyone tough. We'll be back."

Braves top conference foe for second straight win

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Braves 59, Chargers 52

The Indian Creek High School boys basketball team hadn't been able to practice since Monday due to the weather.

But the layoff didn't seem to hurt the Braves on Thursday.

They committed just seven turnovers and shot 14 of 16 from the free-throw line as they defeated visiting North Decatur 59-52 in a Mid-Hoosier Conference game.

Indian Creek is on the rebound, picking up its second straight win and improving to 5-2 in the MHC.

"We had a pretty tough week when we played Monrovia and Triton Central," Indian Creek coach Rex Wilson said. "But now we've had a good week. It's nice to follow up with a win."

Indian Creek senior Kyle Ray led all scorers with 24 points, while sophomore Brett Brunson added 20 points on 7-of-9 shooting.

"This is a huge win because we lost our last conference game," Ray said. "We didn't want to come out flat."

The Braves (8-9) did start slow,

falling behind by seven midway through the first quarter.

But they were able to rebound quickly as Brunson started knocking down shots, making three of his four 3-pointers in the first half to give the Braves a 28-21 halftime lead.

"When Brett is open, you can count on it going in," Ray said. "He helped early when we had our struggles."



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THURSDAY'S STATE SCORES

The Associated Press

Boys games
Batesville 56, Rushville 54, OT
Borden 74, Medora 26
Carroll (Allen) 61, Columbia City 53
Cass 38, Eastern (Howard) 30
Center Grove 47, Whiteland 34
Clay City 60, N. Central (Sullivan) 47
Columbus North 65, Greenwood 47
Connorsville 50, E. Central 45
Crothersville 60, Brownstown 56
Culver Academies 50, Bethany Christian 37
DeKalb 53, Belmont 47
E. Noble 66, New Haven 35
Edgewood 50, Eastern Greene 40
Fairfield 55, Fremont 53
Floyd Central 75, Pekin Eastern 71
Forest Park 76, Heritage Hills 56
Franklin 78, Bloomington North 56
Franklin Co. 49, Greensburg 39
Fort Wayne Elmhurst 65, Fort Wayne Concordia 59
Fort Wayne North 69, Fort Wayne Dwenger 67
Fort Wayne Snider 62, Fort Wayne Blackhawk 52
Fort Wayne South 60, Fort Wayne Wayne 43
Glenn 37, Jimtown 26
Hamilton 47, Churubusco 42
Heritage 54, Garrett 39
Indian Creek 59, North Decatur 52
Lakeland 57, Central Noble 37
Lansville 62, Henryville 45
Leo 75, Bluffton 69
Logansport 84, Kokomo 64
Marion 57, Huntington North 38

Girls sectional games
All first round
Class 4A
Westfield
Fishers 58, Carmel 54
Noblesville 65, Broad Ripple 30
Lawrence Central
Arlington 63, Manual 35
Lawrence North 69, Lawrence Central 23
Center Grove
Center Grove 46, Franklin Central 35
Southport 57, Franklin 55
Class 2A
Alexandria
Knightstown 50, Muncie Burris 38
Frankton 56, Eastern Hancock 43
Speedway
Speedway 56, Indian Creek 54
Heritage Christian 50, Triton Central 30
Cascade
Monrovia 61, Cloverdale 52
Tri-West 60, N. Putnam 45
Class A
Oregon-Davis
Argos 62, Culver 47
Oregon-Davis 61, Triton 23
Randolph Southern
Union City 69, Cowan 20
Randolph Southern 53, Blue River 29
Eminence
Lapel 60, Lutheran 38
Eminence 49, Indiana Deaf 30

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Mississinewa 54, Eastbrook 52
Muncie Central 71, Anderson 63
N. Judson 61, N. White 41
N. Montgomery 66, Frankfort 50
New Castle 72, Richmond 69
Noblesville 58, Muncie South 41
Northfield 58, Caston 24
Northwestern 70, Peru 63
NorthWood 74, Elkhart Memorial 71
Norwell 58, Homestead 50
Oak Hill 69, Lakeview Christian 39
Prairie Hts. 50, Westview 49
Princeton 51, S. Spencer 33
Rochester 59, Wabash 44
Roncalli 74, Cathedral 63, OT
S. Bend Adams 84, Mishawaka Marian 52
S. Bend Clay 65, Elkhart Central 60
S. Bend Riley 60, S. Bend Washington 55
Salem 76, Clarksville 73
Scottsburg 63, Silver Creek 54
Seymour 78, Shelbyville 68
Sheridan 51, Frankton 49
Southridge 72, Wood Memorial 43
Taylor 66, Maconaquah 56
Tri-County 75, N. Newton 24
Trinity Lutheran 73, Norton Memorial 72
Turkey Run 57, Fountain Central 47
Twin Lakes 59, Delphi 41
Valparaiso 47, Lake Central 43
Waldron 69, S. Decatur 68, OT
Washington 84, Owen Valley 60
Wawasee 55, Goshen 24
Western 71, Hamilton Hts. 53
Western Boone 90, Speedway 80, OT

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Courtney Von Stein. But Jones drew a foul in the closing seconds and made both free throws to give Speedway the win.

"I knew that (Indian Creek) would make a run; that's their nature," Speedway coach John Fair said. "I didn't feel comfortable at all when we had a big lead."

Jones led the Sparkplugs with 20 points. Kara Tierney had 13, and Whitley Emerson added 10.

Freshmen Kylee Hamilton and Samantha Mathena led Indian Creek with 11 points each.

Ferris, a teacher at Franklin Community High School, said she will not return to coaching next year because she wants to spend more time with her family.

A former standout player for the Braves, Ferris was 36-30 during three seasons as coach.

"It is my last game," Ferris said. "But the girls grew up a lot this year, and they will be back."

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