

SCOREBOARD

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Boys basketball

Saturday's results
Johnson County Tournament
At Edinburg
Third-place game
Whiteland 58, Indian Creek 43
Fifth-place game
Greenwood 56, Edinburg 44

NBA

Table with columns for Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division, Southeast Division, Central Division, Western Conference, Southwest Division, Northwest Division, and Pacific Division. Includes team names, wins, losses, and percentages.

MAIN

EVENTS

TV TODAY

Men's college basketball
Iowa at Indiana, 7 p.m., ESPN
Connecticut at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., ESPN2
Kentucky at South Carolina, 9 p.m., ESPN
Texas at Oklahoma State, 9 p.m., ESPN2

SPECTATOR SPORTS

TODAY

Girls basketball

Greenwood Christian Academy at Horizon Christian, 6 p.m.
Perry Meridian at Center Grove, 7:30 p.m.
South Decatur at Edinburg, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus North at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
Greenwood at Southport, 7:30 p.m.
Triton Central at Indian Creek, 7:30 p.m.
Connersville at Whiteland, 7:30 p.m.

Boys basketball

Greenwood at Greenfield-Central, 7:30 p.m.
Greenwood Christian Academy at Horizon Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Boys and girls swimming

Southport at Franklin, 5:30 p.m.
Greenwood at Shelbyville, 5:30 p.m.
Indian Creek at Greensburg, 5:30 p.m.
North Central at Center Grove, 6 p.m.

Call us with results

Results can be called in to the Daily Journal sports department from 6 to 10 weeknights and Sunday evenings at 736-2715. Results also can be faxed to 736-2766.

NHL

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Transactions

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Sent RHP Brian Sikorski outright to Buffalo of the IL. Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Miller on a one-year contract.

Injuries halt winning streak for gymnasts

The past week for the gymnastics team has been anything but easy. We lost our first regular-season dual meet in five years.



Megan Roller

WINTER SPORTS DIARY

Although it is hard for me to utter those words, we honestly had so much to be happy about that it almost overshadowed the loss itself.

It all started in warm-ups, when we were unusually shaky. Many girls were getting hurt.

One of our top scorers, Adrienne Cristofoli, hurt her knees badly on vault. Although she wanted to compete, the coaches decided that it would be best for her to sit this one out.

We were all upset about warm-ups, and we really needed a pick-me-up to say the least. He stressed the fact that, win or lose, we had a chance to prove so many people wrong.

Without Adrienne, Lawrence Central had most likely counted us out of the team competition altogether.

He reminded us that we still had nine other healthy gymnasts who could all contribute to our team total. He also said that, for the first time in years, every single member of the team had a legitimate chance of contributing to the team total.

MONDAY'S NBA ROUNDUP

The Associated Press

Knicks 102 Kings 97

NEW YORK — Jamal Crawford, back in a reserve role, scored eight of his 10 points in the final 1:07 as the New York Knicks handed the Sacramento Kings their season-high sixth straight loss.

Bucks 99 Bobcats 91

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Earl Boykins scored 30 points and Andrew Bogut added a career-high 27 points and 11 rebounds to lead the banged-up Bucks.

Wizards 114 Jazz 111

WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas had 51 points, including a 3-pointer as the final horn sounded, to lift the Wizards to their eighth straight home win.

Bulls 99 Spurs 87

CHICAGO — Kirk Hinrich had 23 points and 10 rebounds, and Ben Gordon scored 20 to lead the short-handed Bulls.

up in and did so exceptionally. Others pulled out clutch performances that really showed their character as competitors.

Our team total consisted of scores from Katelyn Fernandes, Paige Cothron, Erika Shrum, Paige Vandoski, Megan Hein and me. This is a huge difference for a team that usually takes its team scores from the same three people every time.

I would love to say that we miraculously won the meet, but that was just not how it worked out. Lawrence Central ended up winning by a little more than two points.

It sounds like a cliché, but I never really realized what those words meant until the Lawrence Central meet. We undoubtedly gave our best effort possible, and that is really what matters.

Megan Roller is a senior on the Center Grove High School gymnastics team. Her Winter Sports Diary entries appear each week in the Daily Journal.

Manu Ginobili had 22 points, and Tim Duncan added 21 points and 16 rebounds for the Spurs, who snapped a four-game winning streak.

The Bulls played without Chris Duhon, suspended one game for missing practice, and Ben Wallace, sidelined for the second straight game with a sore back.

Raptors 104 76ers 86

PHILADELPHIA — Chris Bosh scored 27 points, and Joey Graham had 18 to lead the Raptors, who used a pair of 14-0 runs to make easy work of the worst team in the Eastern Conference.

Anthony Parker added 18 points, and T.J. Ford had 13 points and 10 assists for Toronto, which has won five of seven overall as it creeps back toward .500.

Hawks 100 Celtics 96

ATLANTA — Atlanta recovered after blowing a 14-point lead, winning consecutive games for the first time since November.

Josh Childress blocked a 3-point attempt by Boston's Gerald Green with 3.9 seconds remaining, and Zaza Pachulia made two free throws with 2.1 seconds left to preserve the win.

Timberwolves 94 Pistons 90, OT

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Kevin Garnett had 19 points and 14 rebounds, Ricky Davis scored 21, and Mark Blount made a key 3-pointer to seal the win for Minnesota.

Blount's 3-pointer, just his fourth of the year, beat the shot clock with 12.8 seconds left to give the Timberwolves a 92-88 lead.

Warriors 108 Clippers 93

OAKLAND, Calif. — Baron Davis had 19 points, 13 assists and keyed a big fourth-quarter run that helped Golden State snap a three-game losing streak.

Davis, who shot just 4 for 18 from the field, had four points, two assists and a big steal during the 19-2 run that gave the Warriors a 100-85 lead midway through the final quarter.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

OSU's Ginn, Oklahoma's Peterson headed to NFL

Ted Ginn Jr. and Adrian Peterson both sprinted to touchdowns the final time they touched the ball in college. Next up, they hope to score big in the NFL.

Ginn, Ohio State's game-breaking receiver and return man, and Peterson, Oklahoma's fleet running back, will pass up their senior seasons to enter the NFL draft. Monday was the deadline for underclassmen to declare their intentions.

"It was a hard, tough decision," Ginn said in a phone interview. "It was just a great time for me to go."

A week after his team lost to Florida 41-14 in the national championship game, Ohio State tailback Antonio Pittman also said he was leaving early for the NFL.

Record-breaking Hawaii quar-

terback Colt Brennan declared himself eligible for the draft, too, but left himself the option of returning to the Warriors.

Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm, however, said he was staying in school.

Ginn and Pittman will join receiver Anthony Gonzalez, who announced last week that he would give up his final season of eligibility to turn pro.

Peterson also will pass up his senior year. He missed seven games last season because of a broken collarbone and still ran for 1,012 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Brennan filed as a formalty to meet the NFL deadline, yet is still making up his mind. He had 72 hours to make an official decision.

Also, Charleston Southern receiver Maurice Price will skip his senior season and enter the draft.

BASEBALL

Marlins, Willis reach \$6.45 million deal

Dontrelle Willis got what figures to be one of several big raises the Florida Marlins will give out this winter.

The 2003 NL Rookie of the Year agreed Monday to a \$6.45 million, one-year contract, an increase of \$2.1 million.

"I'm very happy," Willis said. "How can you not be? I'm very appreciative to go out and have the opportunity to play baseball."

Willis was married in December, and his wife is expecting a girl in May.

"It's a beautiful thing," he said. "It's something you can't fathom, but you'd better get used to it."

Willis went 12-12 last year with a 3.87 ERA in 223 1/3 innings for the Marlins, whose opening-day

payroll was a major-league-low \$15 million. Miguel Cabrera, eligible for arbitration for the first time, could get a raise from \$472,000 to the \$6 million range.

Cabrera and the rest of the players who haven't settled will exchange proposed arbitration figures with their teams today. Hearings will be scheduled for next month.

Batting champions Joe Mauer and Freddy Sanchez, AL MVP Justin Morneau and pitcher Carlos Zambrano are among those set to swap figures.

Among the 106 players who filed, at least nine reached agreements by Monday night.

First baseman Lyle Overbay and Toronto finalized a \$24 million, four-year contract. Outfielder Jason Michaels and the Cleveland Indians reached a preliminary agreement on a \$4.25 million, two-year contract.

BASKETBALL

Webber says he will sign with hometown Pistons

Chris Webber will sign with the Detroit Pistons, returning to the area where he starred in college and was tarnished in a booster scandal.

The five-time All-Star was waived by the Philadelphia 76ers last week. He becomes an unrestricted free agent after clearing waivers today, freeing him to sign a new deal.

"Joining the Pistons will allow me the opportunity to play the game I love in my hometown of Detroit surrounded by my family," Webber said in a statement Monday.

Webber watched the Pistons play the Minnesota Timberwolves with his father, Mayce, in front-row seats at The Palace

and was greeted by a standing ovation late in the first quarter.

"We think Chris is going to be a great fit for the way we play," Detroit coach Flip Saunders said Monday. "The guys are excited, I'm excited, and the town's going to be excited."

The 76ers cut ties Thursday with Webber by buying out the final 1 1/2 years of his contract, which called for him to make nearly \$21 million this season and \$22 million next year.

Webber is coming back to familiar territory. He was born in Detroit and was one of the nation's outstanding college players at Michigan, leading to him being the No. 1 pick overall in 1993.

His accomplishments, however, were clouded by his ties to a booster that resulted in federal charges against him and NCAA sanctions against the university.

Pacers

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scored a career-high 20 on 9-for-9 shooting against Minnesota on Dec. 30.

Moore acknowledges that he is rarely the first option on a play but

that his teammates have a knack of finding him when he is open. That is usually around the basket, as in Monday's first quarter.

"They're really unselfish," he said. "If the play is there, they'll get me the ball. And if they're going to put that trust in me, I have to finish."

Moore's transformation from a bench player who could provide

energy and rebounding into a dependable scorer has been timely for New Jersey, which is 17-20 but still only percentage points behind first-place Toronto in the Atlantic Division.

"I think it may have been more of an adjustment for him to the way we play, because we're all such willing passers," Carter said. "If you're open, we're going

to get you the ball. And with his athleticism and his ability to finish around the rim, we wanted to take advantage of his skills."

New Jersey built a 20-point lead in the first half and led by 25 at the end of three, enabling Carter and Kidd to start the fourth quarter on the bench. They had to return to the game when Sarunas Jasikevicius 3-pointer pulled

Indiana to within 15 (95-80) with less than six minutes remaining.

Enter Moore, who scored five consecutive points which, combined with Carter's fifth 3-pointer of the game, helped New Jersey keep a comfortable cushion.

"We got beat soundly the first three quarters," Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said. "The guys who played the fourth won the

quarter by 15, but we never got within striking distance to be in position to be in the game. It's disappointing because we made some significant strides over the last week to 10 days. Today we took a step back."

Al Harrington had 18 points for Indiana, which lost its second straight game after winning three in a row.