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Eastern Conference

New Jersey

Philadelphia

Montreal

Carolina

Boys basketball

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

NBA Eastern Conference .462 .459 .436 .324 .263 21 20 22 25 28 Orlando Washington 16 .568 19 23 24 .472 .343 .333 12 24
Central Division
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23 13
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20 18 Pct. .639 .583 GB 2 2½ **4** Detroit Chicago Indiana .526 6½ .459 8 12 13 GB .795 .692 .658 Dallas San Antonio New Orleans 22 29 .389 .237 n Pct. GB 14 16 .632 .556 .514 Utah Minnesota 17 24 Denver Portland .385 .359 101/2 GB Pct Golden State L.A. Clippers Sacramento 14 21 .400 Sunday's games Dallas 97, Toronto 96 Denver 109, Portland 93

Monday's games Washington 114, Utah 111 New York 102, Sacramento 9 Milwaukee 99, Charlotte 91 Atlanta 100, Boston 96 Chicago 99, San Antonio 87 Toronto 104, Philadelphia 86 New Jersey 105, Indiana 95
New Jersey 105, Indiana 95
Minnesota 94, Detroit 90, OT
Golden State 108, L.A. Clippers 93
Phoenix at Memphis, (n)
Miami at L.A. Lakers, (n) Today's games Orlando vs. New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m. Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Cleveland at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's games Sacramento at Toronto, 7 p.m. New York at Washington, 7 p.m New Jork at Washington, r p.m. New Jersey at Charlotte, 7 p.m. Utah at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Chicago at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. Philadelphia at Memphis, 8 p.m. Atlanta at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Phoenix at Houston, 8:30 p.m. L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9 p.m. Cleveland at Portland, 10 p.m Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m. Monday's summary

Monday's summary

INDIANA (95)

Harrington 7-16 2-2 18, O'Neal 5-13 4-8
14, Foster 2-2 0-0 4, Jackson 4-9 5-7 14,
Tinsley 2-7 1-2 6, Granger 1-8 4-5 6, Daniels
1-4 5-6 7, Jasikevicius 3-7 1-1 9, Baston 5-6
3-3 14, Armstrong 0-0 0-0 0, Greene 1-5 1-2
3, S.Williams 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-77 26-36 95.

NEW JERSEY (105)

Jefferson 3-7 1-4 7, Moore 9-13 1-1 19,
Collins 0-2 1-4 1, Carler 11-26 4-4 31, Kidd
7-11 2-2 19, C.Robinson 1-6 1-2 3, Nachbar
1-4 0-1 2, M.Williams 3-5 0-0 9, Boone 1-2 3-4
5, House 4-8 0-0 9. Totals 40-84 13-22 105.
Indiana
24 18 21 32—95

New Jersey
35 28 25 17—105
3-Point Goals—Indiana 7-22 (Jasikevicius
2-5, Harrington 2-5, Baston 1-1, Tinsley 1-2,

3-Point Goals—Indiana 7-22 (Jasikevicius 2-5, Harrington 2-5, Baston 1-1, Tinsley 1-2, Jackson 1-3, Greene 0-2, Granger 0-4), New Jersey 12-23 (Carter 5-8, M.Williams 3-3, Kidd 3-6, House 1-1, Jefferson 0-2, Nachbar 0-3), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 59 (O'Neal 10), New Jersey 50 (Kidd 9), Assists—Indiana 22 (Jasikevicius, Tinsley 7), New Jersey 29 (Kidd 10). Total Fouls—Indiana 21, New Jersey 26. Technicals—Indiana Defensive Three Second 2, O'Neal, New Jersey Defensive Three Second 2. New Jersey Defensive Three Second 2, Moore. A—17,916. (20,098).

Wild-card playoffs Saturday Jan. 6 Saturday, Jan. 6
Indianapolis 23, Kansas City 8
Seattle 21, Dallas 20
Sunday, Jan. 7
New England 37, New York Jets 16
Philadelphia 23, New York Giants 20
Divisional playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 13 Saturday, Jan. 13 Indianapolis 15, Baltimore 6 New Orleans 27, Philadelphia 2 Sunday, Jan. 14 Chicago 27, Seattle 24, OT New England 24, San Diego 21
Conference Championsi
Sunday's games
NFC New Orleans at Chicago, 3 p.m. (WXIN-Channel 59) AFC
New England at Indianapolis, 6:30 p.m.
(WISH-Channel 8) New England at Income (WISH-Channel 8)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 4
Miami
AFC Champion vs. NFC Champion, 6 p.m.
(WISH-Channel 8)
Pro Bowl
Saturday, Feb. 10 Saturday, Feb. 10
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (WISH-Channel 8) College football

Bowl games Tuesday, Dec. 19 Poinsettia Bowl At San Diego Payout: \$750,000 TCU 37. Northern Illinois 7

EVENTS

TV TODAY

Men's college basketball lowa 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 Edinburgh, 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.

Boys basketball

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

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.

Connersville at Whiteland, 7:30 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.

Thursday, Dec. 21 Las Vegas Bowl Payout: \$1 million on 8 BYU 38, Oregon Friday, Dec. 22 New Orleans Boy New Orleans Bowl Payout: \$325,000 Troy 41, Rice 17

Saturday, Dec. 23 At Birmingham, Ala.
Payout: \$300,000
South Florida 24, East Carolina 7 South Florida 24, East Carolina 7
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Payout: \$750,000
San Jose State 20, New Mexico 12
Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth, Texas
Payout: \$750,000 Utah 25, Tulsa 13

Sunday, Dec. 24 Hawaii Bowl At Honolulu Payout: \$750,000 Hawaii 41, Arizona State 24

Tuesday, Dec. 26 Motor City Bowl At Detroit Payout: \$750,000 gan 31, Middle Tennessee 14 Wednesday, Dec. 27 At San Francisco

Thursday, Dec. 28

Holiday Bow Payout: \$2.2 million California 45, Texas A&M 10 Texas Bowl At Houston Payout: \$750,000 Rutgers 37, Kansas State 10

Oklahoma Stat

Friday, Dec. 29 Payout: \$1.6 million

Sun Bowl At El Paso, Texas Payout: \$1.9 million 39, Missouri 38 Oregon Stat Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Payout: \$1.7 million
a 44, Houston 36
Insight Bowl

At Tempe, Ariz. Payout: \$1.2 million 44, Minnesota 41, OT Champs Sports Bowl At Orlando, Fla.

Payout: \$2.25 million Maryland 24, Purdue 7 Saturday, Dec. 30

Meineke Bowl At Charlotte, N.C. Payout: \$750,000 Boston College 25, Navy 24 Alamo Bowl Payout: \$2.225 million Texas 26. Iowa 24 Chick-fil-A Bowl At Atlanta Payout: \$2.825 million Georgia 31, Virginia Tech 24

Sunday, Dec. 31 MPC Computers Bo At Boise, Idaho Payout: \$750,000 Miami 21, Nevada 20

Monday, Jan. 1 Outback Bowl At Tampa, Fla. Payout: \$3 million Payout: \$3 million Auburn 17, Nebraska 14 Capital One Bowl At Orlando, Fla.

Payout: \$4.25 million Wisconsin 17, Arkansas 14
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.

At Jacksonville, Fla.
Payout: \$2.5 million
West Virginia 38, Georgia Tech 35
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Payout: \$17 million
Southern Cal 32, Michigan 18
Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Payout: \$17 million
Boise State 43, Oklahoma 42, OT

Tuesday, Jan. 2 Payout: \$17 million Louisville 24, Wake Forest 13 Wednesday, Jan. 3

LSU 41, Notre Dame 14 Saturday, Jan. 6 International Bowl

At Toronto Payout: \$750,000 Cincinnati 27, Western Michigan 24 Sunday, Jan. 7 GMAC Bowl

Payout: \$750,000 Southern Miss. 28, Ohio 7

Monday, Jan. 8
BCS National Championship
At Glendale, Ariz.
Payout: \$17 million
11, Ohio State 14
*** Sunday, Jan. 14 Hula Bowl At Honolulu

Monday's game Las Vegas All-American Classic East vs. West, ccd. Saturday's game East-West Shrine Classic

At Houston East vs. West, 7 p.m. (ESPN2) Saturday, Jan. 27 Senior Bowl At Mobile, Ala. North vs. South, 4 p.m. (NFL)

Dallas 3, Los Angeles 1 Montreal at Detroit, (n)
Colorado at San Jose, (n)
Today's games
Los Angeles at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
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Transactions BASFBALL

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.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Named Jerry Nyman pitching coach and Kyle Turner trainer for Idaho of the Pioneer League.
TEXAS RANGERS—Released 2B Joey Hooft, LHP Pat Ford, OF Joe Napoli and C Alberto Martinez.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with JR Jud Cherber

with 1B Lyle Overbay on a four-year contract.

National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with
C David Ross on a two-year contract and
RHP Paul Wilson on a minor league contract.

COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms
with INF-OF John Mabry on a minor league
contract

FLORIDA MARLINS-Agreed to terms tract.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms

with INF Mike Lamb on a one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Mark Hendrickson on a oneyear contract.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with C Josh Bard on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
CHICAGO BULLS—Placed G Chris
Duhon on the inactive list for one game for a violation of free macrove is to or one game for a violation of feam policy.

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Re-signed F Andre Brown to a 10-day contract.

Continental Basketball Association

GREAT FALLS EXPLORERS—Waived F Armond Williams.

DITSPILIGH VPLOSION. Fixed Large.

Armond Williams.
PITTSBURGH XPLOSION—Fired Larry
Anderson, coach, and Pat Blue, assistant

FOOTBALL National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Fired Dan Henning, offensive coordinator.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Named Joe
Philbin offensive coordinator, Winston Moss

assistant head coach/defense James Campen offensive line coach and Jerry Fontenot assistant offensive line coach. NEW YORK GIANTS—Named Jerry Reese general manager. SEATTLE SEAHaWKS—Announced the retirement of C Robbie Tobeck.
HOCKEY

HOCKEY

American Hockey League
CHICAGO WOLVES—Announced the
Atlanta Thrashers have assigned D Mark
Popvic to the team. Released D Jon Awe.
OMAHA AK-SAR-BEN KNIGHTS—
Announced the Calgary Flames assigned LW
Eric Godard to the team.
COLLEGE
CENTRAL MICHIGAN—Named Zach
Azzanni wide receivers coach. Tim Barks

coach. CHARLESTON SOUTHERN—Announced junior WR Maurice Price will forgo senior year to enter the NFL draft.

HAWAII—Announced junior QB Colt Brennan will forgo his senior year to enter the

KANSAS—Named Ed Warinner offensive Antonio Pittman and junior WR Ted Ginn Jr. will

forgo their senior years to enter the NFL draft.

OKLAHOMA—Announced junior RB Adrian Peterson will forgo his senior year to enter the NFL draft.

Injuries halt winning streak for gymnasts

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

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 coach-

es decided that it would be best for her to sit this one out. We would need her much more later on in the season and did not want to risk further injury by allowing her to compete when she could barely walk. Before marching in for the competition,

coach Eric Howe gave us one of the best speeches he has ever given. 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. Everyone was needed to help us pull through, and that is just what happened. Some girls, such as Allie Meagher and

Paige Cothron, competed in events that they had not even had the chance to warm

Megan Roller WINTER SPORTS DIARY

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. Our team total of 104.575 reflected the hard work of every single girl on the team, and we could not be more proud.

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. But our whole team learned a valuable lesson that I personally had not learned in my high school gymnastics career until this meet: Winning is not everything. 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.

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. Stephon Marbury scored 25 points, and Eddy

Curry added 24 points and 10 rebounds for the Knicks, who won for the fourth time in five games. David Lee finished with 15 points and 12 boards.

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. The Bucks, minus four starters, snapped a five-

game losing streak behind the 5-foot-5 Boykins, acquired from Denver last week. Boykins' 3-pointer with 4 minutes left snapped a tie and put Milwaukee ahead to stay. His shot in the lane

with 1:46 left gave the Bucks a 94-88 lead. 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. In the final 2:09, Arenas hit three 3-pointers and

three free throws to eclipse the 50-point mark for the third time in his career, all this season. He shot 14 for 29 from the field and 16 for 17 from the free-throw line. Carlos Boozer's putback of Derek Fisher's 3-point airball tied the score at 111 with 11 seconds left.

Arenas took the ensuing inbounds pass and ran the clock down until he launched the game-winner over Bulls 99

Spurs 87 CHICAGO — Kirk Hinrich had 23 points and

10 rebounds, and Ben Gordon scored 20 to lead the

AUBURN HILLS, Mich.

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, side-

Manu Ginobili had 22 points, and Tim Duncan

lined 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, 0T 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.

and was greeted by a standing

ovation late in the first quarter.

great fit for the way we play,"

to be excited."

Detroit coach Flip Saunders said

Monday. "The guys are excited,

The 76ers cut ties Thursday

with Webber by buying out the

final 11/2 years of his contract,

which called for him to make

nearly \$21 million this season

Webber is coming back to famil-

Detroit and was one of the nation's

Michigan, leading to him being the

His accomplishments, however,

and \$22 million next year.

iar territory. He was born in

outstanding college players at

were clouded by his ties to a

booster that resulted in federal

charges against him and NCAA

sanctions against the university.

quarter by 15, but we never got

No. 1 pick overall in 1993.

I'm excited, and the town's going

"We think Chris is going to be a

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 staving 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 formality 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

Marlins, Willis reach \$6.45 million deal

BASEBALL

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 2231/3 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 agree-

ments 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.

wolves with his father, Mayce, in front-row seats at The Palace

Monday.

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

BASKETBALL

Webber says he will sign

Chris Webber will sign with the

with hometown Pistons

Detroit Pistons, returning to the

area where he starred in college

and was tarnished in a booster

The five-time All-Star was

waived by the Philadelphia 76ers

stricted free agent after clearing

'Joining the Pistons will allow

last week. He becomes an unre-

waivers today, freeing him to

me the opportunity to play the

game I love in my hometown of

Detroit surrounded by my fami-

lv." Webber said in a statement

Webber watched the Pistons

play the Minnesota Timber-

sign a new deal.

consecutive points which, combined with Carter's fifth 3-pointer of the game, helped New Jersey

who played the fourth won the

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."

Indiana, which lost its second straight game after winning three in a row.

Pacers

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

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 Enter Moore, who scored five

keep a comfortable cushion. We got beat soundly the first three quarters," Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said. "The guys

Al Harrington had 18 points for