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CG boys enter tough stretch

Upcoming schedule includes top teams

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If a test of mental toughness, tenacity and perseverance was what the Center Grove boys basketball team needed entering the final month of the regular season, Saturday night's 70-65 overtime win against Lawrence North might provide it.

The Trojan's success was keyed by a balanced attack on offense that included four players scoring double digits and six of seven shooting from the line in the extra period.

The win was the 12th consecutive for the Trojans.

"With our balanced scoring we are a total team," said coach Cliff Hawkins. "We won it by being relentless."

"This was a total Center Grove win."

The Trojans (13-1) will face possibly the toughest leg of their schedule in February, with games against Warren Central, Terre Haute North and North Central, with only nine losses between them.

On Saturday, Center Grove appeared to have the game under control in the second half, after heading to the locker tied up at 24 a piece. But a fourth-quarter rally by Lawrence North tied the game at 56 with a few seconds left.

The Trojans had a chance to win the game in regulation, but a shot by Andrew Bowman as time expired was off the mark.

"We just came back to the huddle and just sat down and said, 'Relax, we've got to play five more and we've just got to refocus ourselves and get ready to do battle,'" said senior Tyler Kitchel, who led all scorers with 19.

Both teams exchanging baskets in overtime, but it was the Trojans who were able to make the clutch stops on the defensive end of the floor to secure the win.

Hawkins and his players know the Wildcats were able to expose a few things the team can work on during the final month of their season, particularly defensive rebounding and now allowing second chances.

"Our quote this week was 'A little extra' and I think we gave a little extra tonight out on the floor and when it mattered most," junior Corey Gray said.



ROAD TO THE SUPER BOWL



Morwick in Miami

Daily Journal sports editor Rick Morwick is on his way to Miami to bring you all the hype and hoopla that is the Super Bowl. Look for his daily dispatches starting Tuesday.

Where it all started

Both Super Bowl coaches — the Colts' Tony Dungy and the Bears' Lovie Smith — come from meager beginnings. Page B3

Adam Vinatieri

Keep the third in a series of special commemorative pages featuring key Colts players. Today's spotlights kicker Adam Vinatieri, Page B8. This week, look for a "Go Blue" banner to help show your Colts pride.



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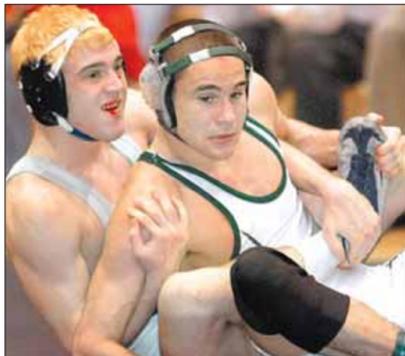
'WHY NOT NOW?'

Trojans end Cubs' sectional dominance



Center Grove's Tony Zubia defeated Whiteland's Randy Schmidt in the 145-pound class and went on to win the individual crown in that class during Saturday's sectional at Mooresville.

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Franklin's Cord Dorsey has a hold of Jared Dillon of Monrovia during their 140-pound match in Saturday's sectional. Dorsey took home the individual crown in the weight class. See more photos at thejournalnet.com.

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MOORESVILLE

Cale Hoover began to suspect his team could win a sectional title after its first tournament of the season.

The first-year Center Grove wrestling coach saw his team win 5-0 at Bloomington North on Dec. 2 with a new staff, and after the victory, he started to wonder if his team could stop Franklin's sectional domination.

So Hoover started asking his team, "Why not now?"

His team took the challenge. Center Grove beat Franklin in the county tourney in December, and Saturday, the No. 22 Trojans fol-

lowed up that performance by defeating the 11-time defending sectional champion Grizzly Cubs 225.5-207. Whiteland finished third with 188 points.

Center Grove and Franklin advance to the team regional competition at Avon on Wednesday. The top four wrestlers in each weight class advance to the individual regional at Mooresville on Saturday.

Center Grove's championship was led by three individual winners: freshman Matt Milton at 103 pounds, senior Tony Zubia at 145 for his second straight title and sophomore Shelby Mappes, who won last year at 152, at 160.

(SEE TROJANS, PAGE B4)

SECTIONAL CHAMPS

Several Johnson County wrestlers took home individual titles during Saturday's IHSAA sectional at Mooresville. Here's a quick look at who won, including their weight class and school. See complete results on Page B2.

Class	Name	School
103	Matt Milton	Center Grove
119	Matthew Fields	Whiteland
125	Jae VanHorn	Franklin
130	Anthony Meister	Whiteland
140	Cord Dorsey	Franklin
145	Tony Zubia	Center Grove
160	Shelby Mappes	Center Grove
189	D.J. Waters	Greenwood
215	Travis Thomas	Whiteland

Magnificent seven: Woods wins again

By DOUG FERGUSON
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SAN DIEGO

Tiger Woods is more interested in a fifth green jacket at the Masters than 11 straight victories on the PGA Tour.

At this rate, he might have a chance to get both.

Woods resumed his improbable pursuit of Byron Nelson with a predictable result at the Buick Invitational on Sunday, winning for the third straight year to stretch his PGA Tour winning streak to seven. That's the second-longest streak in tour history behind Nelson in 1945, and there is little evidence anyone can stop him.

"It ain't easy beating that guy," said Charles Howell III, who certainly tried.

Woods caught up to the pack (SEE WOODS, PAGE B4)



AP PHOTO

Tiger Woods reacts to a tying birdie on the ninth hole of the final round of the Buick Invitational on Sunday in San Diego.

O'Neal leads way as Pacers fall to Pistons

The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich.

Chris Webber had 17 points and 13 rebounds, and Detroit Pistons coach Flip Saunders picked up his 500th victory with a 95-87 win against the Indiana Pacers on Sunday night.

Detroit improved to 4-1 since moving Webber into the starting lineup after signing with his hometown team on Jan. 16.

Rasheed Wallace added 20 points for Detroit, including 18 in the second half, while Richard Hamilton scored 21 and Antonio McDyess finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Jermaine O'Neal led all scorers with 26 points, adding 12 rebounds and five blocks, but only two other Pacers reached double figures.

The Pistons started quickly, (SEE PACERS, PAGE B2)



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