

SCOREBOARD

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Notes

Center Grove youth sports registration... Center Grove-area youth football, softball, baseball and soccer organizations are conducting registration on the following dates and times in the Hall of Excellence at Center Grove High School:

Boys basketball

The Associated Press Top 10 Indiana high school boys basketball teams, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through games Saturday, rating points (240 possible) and previous rankings:

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, W-L, Pts., Pvs. Lists top 10 teams including North Central, Valparaiso, Cathedral, etc.

Girls basketball

The Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association top 10 basketball teams, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through games Saturday, rating points (150 possible) and previous rankings:

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, W-L, Pts., Pvs. Lists top 10 teams including Oregon-Davis, Barr-Reeve, etc.

Wrestling

The Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association top 20 teams:

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, W-L, Pts., Pvs. Lists top 20 teams including Evansville Mater Dei, Mishawaka, etc.

NBA

Eastern Conference Atlantic Division... Western Conference Southwest Division

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Boys swimming

The Indiana High School Swimming Coaches Association top 20 boys teams:

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, W-L, Pts., Pvs. Lists top 20 teams including Bloomfield, Kouts, etc.

Girls swimming

The Indiana High School Swimming Coaches Association top 20 girls teams:

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, W-L, Pts., Pvs. Lists top 20 teams including Heritage Christian, Northwestern, etc.

MAIN EVENTS

TV TODAY

NBA

Atlanta Hawks at Indiana Pacers, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Men's college basketball

Arkansas at Florida, 7 p.m., ESPN West Virginia at Notre Dame, 7 p.m., ESPN2 Ohio State at Wisconsin, 9 p.m., ESPN2 LSU at Alabama, 9 p.m., ESPN2

SPECTATOR SPORTS

TODAY

Boys basketball

Johnson County Tournament at Edinburg, first round: Indian Creek vs. Edinburg, 6 p.m.; Greenwood vs. Whiteland, 7:30 p.m. Greenwood Christian at International, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball

Greenwood Christian at Lakeview Christian, 6 p.m. Edinburg at Indiana Deaf, 7:30 p.m. Greenwood at New Palestine, 7:30 p.m.

Gymnastics

Center Grove at Lawrence Central, 6:30 p.m. Swimming and diving Greenwood at Southport, 5:30 p.m. Edgewood at Indian Creek, 5:30 p.m. Shelbyville and Beech Grove at Whiteland, 5:30 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.

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Women's college basketball

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sunday, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, W-L, Pts., Pvs. Lists top 25 teams including Maryland, North Carolina, Duke, etc.

Men's college basketball

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sunday, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, W-L, Pts., Pvs. Lists top 25 teams including North Carolina, Florida, Wisconsin, etc.

Wide receivers Marvin Harrison, Indianapolis, 43; Chad Johnson, Cincinnati, 22; Torry Holt, St. Louis, 6; Andre Johnson, Houston, 7; Donald Driver, San Diego, 5; Reggie Wayne, Indianapolis, 5; Steve Smith, Carolina, 5; Laveranues Coles, New York Jets, 2; Javon Walker, Denver, 1; Roy Williams, Detroit, 1.

Tackles Willie Anderson, Cincinnati, 31; Jammal Brown, New Orleans, 23; Walter Jones, Seattle, 20; Jonathan Ogden, Baltimore, 14; Jon Runyan, Philadelphia, 4; Chris Samuels, Washington, 3; Marcus McNeill, San Diego, 3; Tarik Glenn, Indianapolis, 1; Jason Peters, Buffalo, 1.

Guards Shawn Andrews, Philadelphia, 23; Alan Faneua, Pittsburgh, 20; Steve Hutchinson, Minnesota, 18; Yi Shiels, Kansas City, 11; Brian Waters, Kansas City, 9; Kris Delman, San Diego, 6; Larry Allen, San Francisco, 4; Chris Naeole, New Orleans, 4; Mike Goff, San Diego, 1; Derrick Dockery, Washington, 1; Chris Snee, New York Giants, 1; Logan Markins, New England, 1; Randy Thomas, Washington, 1; Stephen Neal, New England, 1.

Center Olin Kreutz, Chicago, 21; Jeff Saturday, Indianapolis, 17; Nick Hardwick, San Diego, 7; Shaun O'Hara, New York Giants, 1; Matt Birk, Minnesota, 1; Nick Mangold, New York Jets, 1; Jamaal Jackson, Philadelphia, 1; Eric Heitmann, San Francisco, 1.

Kicker Robbie Gould, Chicago, 28; Nick Kaeding, San Diego, 5; Matt Stover, Baltimore, 5; Josh Brown, Seattle, 4; John Carney, New Orleans, 3; Jason Elam, Denver, 1; Adam Vinatieri, Indianapolis, 1; John Kasay, Carolina, 1; Rian Lindell, Buffalo, 1; Jeff Wilkins, St. Louis, 1.

Kick returner Devin Hester, Chicago, 49½; Justin Miller, New York Jets, 1½.

Defense Jason Taylor, Miami, 50; Julius Peppers, Carolina, 22; Aaron Kampman, Green Bay, 15; Aaron Schobel, Buffalo, 6; Richard Seymour, New England, 3; Will Smith, New Orleans, 2; Ty Warren, New England, 1; Trevor Pryce, Baltimore, 1.

Tackles Jamal Williams, San Diego, 31; Kevin Williams, Minnesota, 22½; Richard Seymour, New England, 16; John Henderson, Jacksonville, 6½; Tommi Jarva, Chicago, 6; Pat Williams, Minnesota, 5; Trevor Pryce, Baltimore, 2; Kris Jenkins, Carolina, 2; Kelly Gregg, Baltimore, 2; Warren Sapp, Oakland, 2; Casey Hampton, Pittsburgh, 1; Fred Robbins, New York Giants, 1; Rocky Bernard, Seattle, 1; Rod Coleman, Atlanta, 1; Aaron Kampman, Green Bay, 1.

Outside linebackers Adarius Thomas, Baltimore, 32; Shawne Merriman, San Diego, 26; Lance Briggs, Chicago, 24; DaMarcus Ware, Dallas, 7; Julian Peterson, Seattle, 3; Shawn Phillips, San Diego, 2; Terrell Suggs, Baltimore, 2; Bart Scott, Baltimore, 1; Takeo Spikes, Buffalo, 1; A.J. Hawk, Green Bay, 1; Keith Bulluck, Tennessee, 1.

Y-linebacker Brian Urlacher, Chicago, 48; Zach Thomas, Miami, 15; Al Wilson, Denver, 13; Bart Scott, Baltimore, 8; Ray Lewis, Baltimore, 7; DeMeco Ryans, Houston, 3; Lito Sheppard, Philadelphia, 1; Lito Sheppard, Philadelphia, 1.

Safeties Ed Reed, Baltimore, 30; Brian Dawkins, Philadelphia, 26; Adrian Wilson, Arizona, 25; Kerry Rhodes, New York Jets, 12; Troy Polamalu, Pittsburgh, 6; Chris Hope, Tennessee, 1.

Punter Brian Moorman, Buffalo, 34; Mat McBriar, Dallas, 10; Jason Baker, Carolina, 2; Dustin Colquhoun, Kansas City, 2; Shane Lechler, Oakland, 1; Mike Scifres, San Diego, 1.

x-two voters selected only one running back y-two voters selected only one inside linebacker

College football Bowl games Saturday, Jan. 6 International Bowl at Toronto Cincinnati 27, Western Michigan 24

Sunday, Jan. 7 GMAC Bowl at Mobile, Ala. Southern Miss, 28, Ohio 7

Monday's game BCS national championship at Glendale, Ariz. Ohio State (12-0) vs. Florida (12-1), (n)

NHL Edmonton at Los Angeles, (n) Today's games St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m. NY Islanders at NY Rangers, 7 p.m. Boston at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m. Atlanta at Montreal, 7:30 p.m. Carolina at Toronto, 7:30 p.m. Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Transactions DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Bobby Seay and OF Tim Lincecum on minor league contracts.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Named Bobby Magallanes manager of Arkansas of the Texas League; Ever Magallanes manager of Cedar Rapids of the Midwest League; Tyrone Boykin manager of Tennessee of the Arizona League; Kernan Ronan roving pitching instructor; Todd Takayoshi roving hitting instructor; and Tom Gregorino roving catching instructor.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with INF Antonio Perez on a one-year contract and INF Lou Merloni on a minor league contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Promoted Bart Given to vice president for baseball operations and Alex Anthopoulos to assistant general manager.

National League CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with LHP Jason Kershner, RHP Victor Santos, RHP Tom Shearn, C Dan Conway, C Ryan Jorgensen, C Miguel Perez, INF Anderson Machado and OF Deweyne Wise on minor league contracts.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with RHP Dan Wheeler on a one-year contract. MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Named Harry Splinan hitting coach for Nashville of the PCL.

National Basketball Association LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Signed F Luke Jackson to a 10-day contract.

National Football League JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Named Dirk Koetter offensive coordinator and Joe DeCamillis special teams coordinator.

NEW YORK JETS—Signed DE Darrell Adams, DB Alfonso Hodges, TE Joe Kowalewski, DL Matt McChesney and DL Keyonta Marshall to reserve/future contracts.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed DE Shaun Nua and DT Scott Paxson to reserve/future contracts. WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Re-signed C Ethan Albright.

CG gymnasts working toward championship

The Center Grove gymnastics team has attained a regular-season meet record of 50-0 during the past four years, and this is a tradition that the 2007 team is set on keeping.

We have our work cut out for us, but so far, we have been successful.

I'm Megan Roller, a four-year varsity member of the gymnastics team. I am an all-around competitor, which means that I perform in each of the four events: vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise.

We opened the season Jan. 2 with a win against visiting Columbus East. The first meet is always somewhat shaky, but there also were high points.

Sophomore Katelyn Fernandes led the team with first-place finishes on vault, beam and all-around and a first-place tie with me on floor.

Katelyn is arguably our top returning gymnast. She was last year's state champion on vault and also placed third in the all-around.

Junior Adrienne Cristofoli also will be a key contributor to our team this year. She is a two-time state competitor and has been working extremely hard in practice to up the level of her gymnastics.

Adrienne had a good first meet, placing second on vault and floor.

Katelyn, Adrienne and I will most likely be the backbone of the team this year, but we are excited with the progress of the other gymnasts, too.

Junior Paige Cothron is a balance-beam specialist but also will be a great contributor in the other events. Senior Erika Shrum will begin her first high school gymnastics season as a strong vaulter and is improving every day on each of the other events.

Sophomore Paige Vandoski is already



Megan Roller

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having a breakout season and will be a major all-around contributor to the team.

In addition, we will look to senior Sarah Sissom to be a solid floor-exercise competitor.

Other new additions to the team this year include freshmen Megan Hein, Kelsey Kyburz and Allie Meagher and sophomore Laura Gregory. All of these girls have the potential to be contributors, especially after they gain high school gymnastics experience.

This year's team already is living out the Center Grove gymnastics team tradition of tight camaraderie, and we all seem to mesh well. I am looking forward to yet another victorious season, especially after losing the state meet by a margin of only two-tenths of a point last year.

Today we travel to Lawrence Central for a dual meet. This meet will be one of our toughest of the entire season, as Lawrence Central is a usual fixture at the state meet in March.

We are hoping for a win, which would bring us one step closer to a fifth consecutive undefeated season and ultimately our goal of a state championship.

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.

Rough week, fast foes will help swimmers get better

Coach Brad Smith said, "I'm ready for some fast swimming tonight."

The coach pulled high school swimmers who also swim for Indian Creek Aquatic Club out of the water a few minutes early Friday. The club was hosting a big meet Friday and Saturday, and those swimmers out of the water were listening to the coach.

He is ready to see if "hell week" has paid off, if it is time for the downward run. He will find out if it is time to shift and cruise into sectionals. It is not the whole team, but it will be enough to see how training has paid off.

It is that time. The toughest part of the season is over, and it only gets easier. It is time for swimmers to truly show their weird side.

The girls have not shaved their legs for a month. Some have more hair than the guys. The guys will start to wear hose at practice to add extra drag. These are just two things that non-swimmers might never understand, but it's their what swimmers do.

That craziness of being a swimmer will soon fade away. As a senior not planning to swim in college, I am starting to feel the season slip away. My final year of swimming has passed the halfway mark, and it seems like the season just started yesterday.

My final "hell week" has come to an end. Everything that I thought I hated so much is



Brad Vest

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becoming a memory that is missed. It is exciting yet sad to watch things go by so fast.

It is going by fast, but it is fun. We got to play water polo Thursday during practice. Of course, the team I was on won, but it added some extra excitement and intensity to practice.

Friday's practice also was intense when the coach put together random races. Starts were the focus, but it was fun to race against teammates.

This week, teammates will not be the only people competed against. With meets against Edgewood and Center Grove, there will be many fast races. Racing against fast teams like Center Grove only makes us faster.

Brad Vest is a senior on the Indian Creek High School boys swimming team. His Winter Sports Diary entries appear each week in the Daily Journal.

County

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"It's a great place to get your kids re-focused and re-energized," he said. "There's nothing better for that than a county tournament in the middle of the year."

The Grizzly Cubs enter the county tournament with a 2-6 record, but some Franklin players view the tournament as a chance to erase some of their early-season disappointment and build toward a strong finish.

"Hopefully we can get our confidence up and turn this thing around," senior Jordan King said.

A year ago, after reaching the county final against Center Grove, the Cubs went on to win nine of the next 13 games.

The three-point loss to Center Grove in the championship game served as motivation for Franklin, helping propel the Cubs to a sectional championship victory against those same Trojans.

"We knew if we ever got in that situation again it was going to be different," Clark said. "And I think our kids responded like that because of the county tournament. It started there in the county tournament."

Trojans play roles of favorite

Conference. County. Sectional. That's the order of preference for Franklin senior Adrian Moss.

So a year ago when Franklin narrowly lost the county tournament championship to Center Grove, he was buoyed by the Cubs' win two months later against the Trojans in the sectional final.

That doesn't mean the county championship loss to Center Grove didn't bother him.

"In a way I think it kind of helped us a little bit because we remember the feeling of losing county," he said. "We kind of let the game slip away. It helped us in the long run, but we don't want to do that this year."

Wilson predicts defending champion Center Grove will repeat.

Honor

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Fourteen men, including coach Jack Keefer of three-time defending champion Lawrence North and former IU teammates Randy Wittman of Ben Davis and Landon Turner of Tech, were announced in November and will be inducted March 21.

McClurg, who guided Center Grove to the 2000 IHSAA Class 4A state volleyball championship, played basketball and volleyball at Wes-Del and IU.

She was on the Indiana All-Stars basketball team in 1979 and later helped lead the Hoosiers to the Sweet 16 of the 1983 NCAA Tournament. She tallied 758 points and 421 rebounds during her college career.

Stack was Miss Basketball in 1980, when she led Columbus East to second place in the state tournament and was named tourney MVP by The Associated Press. She set tourney records with 42 points in the championship game and 70 points for the final two games, both of which have not been broken.

Stack, who finished with 1,518 career points in high school, later played at San Diego State and Gonzaga.

Pritchett, who played at Indiana State, coached the Bedford-North Lawrence girls from 1982-94, finishing with 336 career victories. He won 12 sectional tournaments, four semistates and state championships in 1983 and 1991.

Lamar Kilmer, who won 356 games and one state championship in more than 20 years as coach at Fort Wayne Snider, also will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The others named Monday are Debbie Benak of Hammond Noll High School and Illinois State; Carol Blauvelt of Heritage High School and Southern Methodist; and Lisa Goodin of Austin High School and Eastern Kentucky.