



# Hamilton County Reporter

Popcorn company needs larger building...

## Noblesville loses jobs to Whitestown

Boone County officials have offered Noblesville based Weaver Popcorn a personal property tax abatement as an incentive for the company to relocate its headquarters from Noblesville to Whitestown.

The corporate office for Weaver Popcorn is currently located near Interstate 69, just north of Hamilton Town Center, at 14470 Bergen Boulevard.

Weaver Popcorn, manufactured in Van Buren Indiana, distributes popcorn throughout the United States and to 90 countries world-wide. The Noblesville location serves as the company's headquarters and research facility.

The move would relocate 50 executive and office jobs from Noblesville and add an additional 40 new manufacturing jobs.

The Indianapolis Business Journal reported Weaver plans to spend \$3 million on building improvements to the existing Whitestown facility plus an additional \$15 million

on new equipment to establish a manufacturing and warehousing operation.

Boone County Economic Development Committee's Executive Director Bryan Brackemyre told the Hamilton County Reporter, in addition to the personal property tax abatement, Whitestown is attractive to Weaver due the close proximity to Interstate 65.

Boone County Economic Development's recommendation of the 10 year personal property tax abatement could save Weaver a total of \$1.3 million reported the IBJ.

Brackemyre indicated the abatement process has already passed two public meetings. On February 18 the Whitestown Town Council and the Boone County Commissioners will meet to grant final approval for the abatement.

Responding to a question asked by The Reporter as to whether or not Weaver Popcorn has received an abatement from the City of Noblesville, was an email press release

from the office of Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear which stated: "No, they didn't receive an abatement from us and they did not contact us regarding a search for a new location.

"However, our understanding is the building in Whitestown where they are moving has more than 200,000 square feet, and the fact is there is not an existing building in Noblesville close to that size that would have met their needs.

"Unless Weaver wanted to purchase land and construct a building here, they would not have been able to remain in Noblesville because of that."

Mayor Ditslear wrote, "While we are sorry to see Weaver and approximately 50 jobs relocate, I understand the company's desire to want to move into a building where they can immediately proceed with their expansion as opposed to them having to purchase land and construct a building here that would be large enough for them."



Photo submitted

Nancy Chance, executive director of Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County, shows off the 100 hats, gloves and mittens that were donated to the network in response to Always In Stitches' year-long Make a Difference campaign.

## Needle crafters share the warmth

January's frigid temperatures couldn't chill the kindness of area needle crafters. They donated more than 100 hats and gloves or mittens to Good Samaritan, in response to the first customer challenge at Always In Stitches' year-long Make a Difference campaign.

"I am so thankful for the needle crafters Make a Difference program and for their outstanding contribution of hats, gloves, and mittens to Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County Inc.," said Nancy Chance, executive director. "It is perfect

timing with the weather that Hamilton County has been experiencing the last four weeks and the calls for assistance we have been experiencing."

Items were handmade or purchased new and will benefit all ages, from toddlers to adults.

Throughout 2014, the quilting, fabric and yarn shop is challenging customers to donate items for a specific local or national charity. In February, the challenge is to provide 20 pet blankets for the Humane Society for Hamilton County. In March, the

call is for 50 blankets for critically ill children through Project Linus. Other beneficiaries will include Riverview Hospital, the Noblesville Fire Department Toy and Food Drive, Hope Family Care Center, ConKerr Cancer, and Wheeler Mission.

"Our customers are very giving of their talents," said Capi Saxton, shop manager. "For Make a Difference, we've identified items that can be made with materials most needle workers already have at home. They're also things people that don't sew, knit or crochet can buy for little cost. Each

item, though, is valued by the person who receives it."

Donations can be dropped off at Always In Stitches, 1808 E. Conner St. The shop opens at 10 a.m. Monday-Saturday; it is open until 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, until 5 p.m. all other days; it is closed on Sunday. For more information, call the shop, (317) 776-4227, or click on the events tab at [www.AlwaysInStitches1.com](http://www.AlwaysInStitches1.com).

### Missing Fishers teen found safe



Fishers police have located Eryka Hauschild. She is safe and unharmed. Chief George Kehl would like to thank everyone for assisting in her safe return.

Four-cent drop for taxpayers...

## Tax rates improve for Westfield

Strategic development is paying off in real money for taxpayers in the city of Westfield. Officials announced today that the city's tax rate has dropped four cents on the dollar: from 84 cents to 80 cents.

Westfield Mayor Andy Cook attributes the accomplishment to an increase in assessed valuation, as well as the retirement

of a \$2 million general obligation bond. He also stressed the importance of strategic commercial development in the area.

"One of my goals as mayor is to diversify commercial development in order to alleviate the burden on taxpayers," Mayor Cook said. "As our community continues to work together on great initiatives like

Grand Park, we will hopefully be able to help more of our residents keep more money in their pockets."

"I'm very proud of the work our community is doing," Mayor Cook added. "We'll keep working hard to make sure Westfield is the place you want to be."









Photo by Kent Graham/Correspondent

Noblesville boys basketball coach Dave McCollough (second from right) will return to the bench this Friday to lead the Millers team. Noblesville hosts Harrison on Friday and will play at Mount Vernon on Saturday.

Maybe Tyler Scott, too

# McCollough will be back on bench

**By DON JELLISON  
Reporter Editor**

Coach Dave McCollough will be back on the bench this weekend as his Noblesville Millers host Harrison on Friday and play at Mt. Vernon (Fortville) on Saturday.

Also seated on that Noblesville bench, in uniform, may be Tyler Scott, the 6-5 senior who as yet not played this season. Scott’s last game in uniform was the Carmel sectional game last season.

“It’s a possibility he (Scott) may be in uniform this weekend,” McCollough told The Reporter following a Wednesday practice. “I just talked with Tyler. He is doing the things he needed to do in order to return to the team. The team has voted to accept him back.”

Noblesville, now 9-5 on the year, had a four-game winning streak snapped last Friday when Brownsburg defeated the Millers 53-41. The next night, Noblesville returned to The Mill and gunned down Muncie Central 69-45.

The Harrison game on Friday is a big one for the Millers in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference. Noblesville currently

is 4-2 in the HCC, trailing Southeastern (7-0) Brownsburg (5-1) and Zionsville (5-2).

“We have three conference games remaining,” pointed out McCollough. “We would like to continue staying at the top in the conference. You never know when one of the other teams ahead of us might stub their toe.”

Harrison is just 4-9 on the year. Last game out the Raiders lost to Kokomo, 78-65, a Kokomo team which earlier in the season defeated the Millers, 38-36. Two games back Harrison defeated Westfield, 61-47, a Westfield team which the Millers knocked off, 54-38, a couple of weeks ago.

“Harrison has been struggling, but they have a couple of good players,” said McCollough. “One (sophomore guard Nai Carlisle) can really shoot the basketball. We’ll have to find him at all times. When you play man-to-man defense against a good shooter, it’s easier not to lose him like you might do as he moves from spot to spot against a zone.”

Mt. Vernon, the Saturday opponent, also has an outstanding player. C.J. Coleman, a senior, is averaging 22 points a game.

In Noblesville’s last couple of games, several players have been used throughout the game. McCollough was asked if that kind of shuttle system will continue this weekend.

“The thing is,” answered the coach, “a good basketball player can guard people, handle the ball and shoot. We’ve got some kids with some of those strengths. We’ve got depth, and we’re using it.”

Noblesville, on the road, defeated Harrison 70-45 last season, but, also on the road, lost to Mt. Vernon 46-41.

“Because of how the schedule worked out, we’re going back to Mt. Vernon this season,” said McCollough.

The game Friday against Harrison will be the nightcap of a girls/boys double-header. The girls game is a makeup from a snowed out contest earlier in the season.

Noblesville Probable Lineup			
Player	Class	Ht.	Stats
John Kiser	So.	6-4	9.5 pts., 4.6 reb.
Justin Pegues	Sr.	6-3	6.3 pts., 3.3 reb.
Jack Trittipio	Sr.	6-8	10.7 pts., 5.7 reb.
Sean Wilson	Jr.	5-10	9.0 pts., 2.1 reb.
Jake Mills	Jr.	5-10	9.4 pts., 1.7 reb.

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# Sheridan faces 2 road trips

**By DON JELLISON  
Reporter Editor**

Faced with an eight-game losing streak; saddled with injuries, and having to make back-to-back road trips, this will be a challenging weekend for the Sheridan Blackhawks.

On the flip side of that, Sheridan will face two opponents which also are struggling.

Coach Cory Dunn will take his 3-11 club to Clinton Prairie on Friday for a Heartland Conference matchup and then on Saturday Sheridan will travel to North Miami.

Sheridan currently is 1-2 in the conference, chasing Rossville (3-0), Carroll (2-1), Clinton Prairie (1-1) and Tri-Central (1-1). Clinton Central is last at 0-2.

Dunn said he doesn't know a starting lineup, because of injuries.

"The lineup probably will be a game time decision," said the coach.

Sheridan hasn't won since beating Taylor, 86-84 in three overtimes back on Dec. 21.

"Clinton Prairie has a nice team," Dunn continued. "They are fundamentally sound. With Morris being the X factor, we need to make sure he has to work for every shot."

Clinton Prairie has a 4-6 overall record.

North Miami is struggling even more. Its only victory in 12 games has been over Whitko, 54-45 in overtime. North Miami will play at Whitko on Friday before hosting Sheridan on Saturday.

"Against North Miami," Dunn continued, "we need to control the tempo and take care of the ball. We cannot let turnovers turn into easy shots for them."

In Sheridan's last game, a 81-42 loss to Northwestern, the Blackhawks played without their leading scorer, Cort Christy, and starting point guard, Jake Chesney.

Sheridan Probable Lineup			
Sheridan	Class	Ht.	Avg.
Cort Christy	Sr.	6-3	20.3 pts., 7.2 reb.
Chris Roberts	So.	6-2	10.9 pts., 8.0 reb.
Brock Kitchel	Jr.	6-0	10.2 pts., 3.2 reb.
Jake Chesney	So.	5-9	9.8 pts., 4.1 reb.
Michael Burnell	Sr.	6-3	4.8 pts., 3.1 reb.

# Tigers' 1st concern is McCutcheon

**By DON JELLISON  
Reporter Editor**

Before settling in for a Saturday battle with the Anderson Indians, Fishers basketball coach Joe Leonard is more concerned with a Friday Hoosier Crossroads Conference tilt with the McCutcheon Mavericks.

Fishers will play at McCutcheon on Friday and Saturday will host Anderson.

"With all the emphasis on McCutcheon, I have not had a chance to even look at Anderson," said Leonard.

Fishers currently is in a middle of the pack battle in the HCC. Southeastern is the leader at 7-0, followed by Brownsburg 5-1, Zionsville 5-2, Noblesville 4-2 and then Fishers at 3-3.

McCutcheon, 10-4 overall, is just 2-3 in the conference.

"McCutcheon has their best basketball team since I have been at Fishers," said Leonard.

"McCutcheon has it all with quickness, height and shooting ability. They also return a lot of experience. They switch defenses a lot and jump in the passing lanes for steals," Leonard continued.

"This is a huge conference game for us, and it is on the road," the coach added.

McCutcheon is coming off back to back wins over North Montgomery and Covington, following losses to the top two teams in the HCC, Brownsburg 53-47 and Hamilton Southeastern 68-56.

Turning to the Saturday game with Anderson, Leonard said, "I do know they are very athletic."

"We will be glad to return home for a game," said Leonard of his 5-9 Tigers.

Fishers has lost back to back games to Zionsville 58-45 and Lawrence North 75-50.

Anderson is 6-8 and in the last three outings has los to Huntington, Marion and Kokomo. The Indians play Richmond on Friday before the Saturday visit to Fishes.

The Tribe has one player averaging in double figures, senior Kenya Wilkerson at 13.6 points a game.

The McCutcheon game on Friday will be the Tigers' fourth consecutive road games, splitting even at 2-2 away from home.

Fishers Probable Lineup			
Players	Class	Ht.	Stats
Keegan Kollmeyer	Jr.	6-2	2.9 pts., 1.2 reb.
Kortland Townsend	Sr.	5-11	15.6 pts., 2.8 reb.
Devin Chaudion	Sr.	6-3	17.4 pts., 5.8 reb.
Lance Dollison	So.	6-4	4.7 pts., 2.6 reb.
Cam Wolter	So.	6-7	9.4 pts., 5.3 reb.

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Fri	Feb 7	Harrison H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Feb 8	@ Mt Venon H.S. (Fortville)	7:30 pm
Sat	Feb 15	Zionsville H.S.	3:30 pm
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Action at North Montgomery and Pendleton Heights...

A look at this Saturday’s wrestling regionals

By RICHIE HALL  
Reporter Sports Editor

The next round of the wrestling post-season takes place on Saturday, as Hamilton County teams head to the regionals.

Wrestlers from Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern and Westfield travel to North Montgomery, while Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights and Noblesville athletes will compete in the Pendleton Heights regional.

The very tough Lawrence North sectional feeds into Pendleton Heights, so there will be several ranked wrestlers there. Meanwhile, it's not wise to overlook the Crawfordsville sectional, which sends its wrestlers to North Montgomery. Many good wrestlers have come out of West-Central Indiana.

Here's a rundown of each weight class at both regionals.

**North Montgomery**

106 pounds  
Karl Wilhelm, Carmel (senior, 28-4) vs. Tucker Mosley, North Montgomery (sophomore, 8-10)  
Azariah Ellis, Zionsville (freshman, 19-6) vs. Harley Steele, Seeger (freshman, 32-6)  
Reid Hutson, Westfield (freshman, 28-11) vs. Dalton Scaggs, Crawfordsville (senior, 23-12)  
Zack Bowling, Lebanon (freshman, 16-16) vs. Alex Grino, Southmont (sophomore, 18-7)  
NOTES: Wilhelm is ranked No. 14 in the state. He is the favorite, although Steele will be tough with a 32-6 record.

113 pounds  
Boone Welliever, Southmont (freshman, 27-3) vs. Cole Wilson, Zionsville (sophomore, 16-17)  
Tanner Bishop, South Vermillion (senior, 25-4) vs. Caleb Bocock, Lebanon (sophomore, 22-7)  
Caden Cline, North Montgomery (senior, 21-6) vs. Andrew Hayes, Carmel (junior, 16-10)  
Quentin Johnston, Seeger (sophomore, 29-9) vs. Austin Holmes, Hamilton Southeastern (sophomore, 31-1)  
NOTES: Holmes is ranked eighth, while Welliever is rated 18th.

120 pounds



Photo by Brian Reddick/RDK PhotoGraphic

Westfield’s Michael Steele and Carmel’s Eli Carlson are two top-10 ranked wrestlers and will compete at the North Montgomery regional on Saturday. Carlson beat Steele at last week’s Zionsville sectional; they are pictured here at the Hamilton County meet.

Zach McCoy, North Montgomery (junior, 22-7) vs. Zachary Steele, Westfield (senior, 21-12)  
Kyle McManus, Southmont (sophomore, 17-14) vs. Preston Mantel, Zionsville (senior, 19-3)  
Devin Acton, Seeger (freshman, 29-7) vs. Morgan Pruitt, Carmel (junior, 26-7)  
Brian Tucker, Fountain Central (freshman, 23-13) vs. Edrece Stansberry, Hamilton Southeastern (senior, 19-1)  
NOTES: Mantel is ranked 14th and Stansberry is rated 19th. Stansberry upset Mantel to win sectionals last Saturday.

126 pounds  
Jack Chastain, Hamilton Southeastern (junior, 32-1) vs. Jaren Oakley, Fountain Central (senior, 28-5)

Skyler Collins, Frankfort (sophomore, 21-12) vs. Jamie May, North Montgomery (senior, 25-6)  
AJ Belden, Westfield (senior, 29-7) vs. Hunter Eads, Attica (sophomore, 27-4)  
Caleb Archibald, Clinton Central (sophomore, 14-9) vs. Chandler Moore, Southmont (senior, 25-2)  
NOTES: This is a loaded class. Chastain is ranked fifth, Moore 11th and Belden 12th. If those three advance, as does May from North Montgomery, there will be fireworks.

132 pounds  
Cody Michael, North Montgomery (senior, 26-5) vs. Nick Patterson, Carmel (senior, 24-7)

Connor Moore, Southmont (sophomore, 22-9) vs. Lance Syverson, Fishers (senior, 18-5)  
Laine Frazee, Fountain Central (freshman, 29-10) vs. Sam Kern, Zionsville (junior, 24-12)  
Caleb Hanthorne, Seeger (senior, 31-6) vs. Evan Eldred, Westfield (sophomore, 27-2)  
NOTES: Eldred is ranked seventh, while Syverson is 20th.

138 pounds  
Dillon Eldred, Westfield (senior, 34-1) vs. Alex Haddock, Fountain Central (junior, 29-11)  
Jimmy Wallace, Hamilton Southeastern (sophomore, 25-9) vs. Clay Chastain (North Montgomery) senior, 27-5)

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Celebrate American Heart Month

Riverview Hospital wants to help you protect your heart this February by providing a variety of special screenings and events designed to help you identify risk factors for heart disease and how to prevent it.

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WRESTLING

Austin Smith, Lebanon (junior, 22-3) vs. Jake Farrar, Seeger (sophomore, 25-11) Kweisi Mak-Dawson, Fishers (senior, 17-7) vs. Wayne Highfield, Southmont (junior, 22-7)  
NOTES: Smith is ranked ninth and Eldred 17th, although Eldred beat Smith in the sectional last week.

145 pounds  
Tanner Webster, North Montgomery (freshman, 25-5) vs. Nick Fox, Carmel (sophomore, 17-11)  
Josh Weir, Southmont (sophomore, 16-14) vs. Jeffrey Helm, Westfield (senior, 25-6)  
Collin Strange, Fountain Central (junior, 25-15) vs. Jordan Lile, Fishers (senior, 5-2)  
Danny Brewer, Covington (freshman, 11-17) vs. Kellen VanCamp, Lebanon (junior, 27-5)  
NOTES: Lile is ranked ninth and sectional champion VanCamp is 12th. The two could meet in the semi-finals.

152 pounds  
Eli Carlson, Carmel (senior, 28-3) vs. Jack Southard, North Montgomery (junior, 15-16)  
Evan Stambaugh, Lebanon (freshman, 27-8) vs. Jordan Horath, Seeger (senior, 34-2)  
Michael Steele, Westfield (senior, 28-4) vs. Wyatt Kinderman, Covington (junior, 15-8)  
Mason Gaines, Fishers (junior, 24-11) vs. Chance Brown, Southmont (senior, 27-3)  
NOTES: Another tough class, with Carlson ranked eighth, Steele 10th and Brown 11th.

160 pounds  
Nick Borta, North Montgomery (senior, 30-0) vs. Alex Ragains, Frankfort (sophomore, 25-8)  
Coagan Bane, Fountain Central (freshman, 17-23) vs. Josh Sutcliffe, Fishers (senior, 10-6)  
Walker Uplinger, Turkey Run (sophomore, 19-9) vs. Corbin Pedigo, Western Boone (sophomore, 29-12)  
Daniel Shew, South Vermillion (junior, 22-7) vs. Ben Krega, Carmel (senior, 26-3)  
NOTES: Borta is ranked third and Krega 12th. Both were state qualifiers last year.

170 pounds  
Zach Worm, Southmont (sophomore, 22-7) vs. Drew Williamson, Zionsville (freshman, 27-10)

Kobi Wray, North Montgomery (junior, 18-14) vs. Jeffrey Scott, Clinton Central (senior, 24-3)  
Tanner Smith, South Vermillion (junior, 23-4) vs. John Theriot, Carmel (senior, 24-5)  
Tyler Girdler, Turkey Run (junior, 17-8) vs. Austin McCloskey, Western Boone (senior, 13-0)  
NOTE: The same three ranked wrestlers from last week's sectional - No. 1 McCloskey, No. 14 Scott and No. 18 Theriot - also made it to regionals.

182 pounds  
Jonathan Morales, Western Boone (junior, 31-6) vs. Jack Kay, Seeger (senior, 29-8)  
Griffin Steffy, Lebanon (junior, 24-8) vs. Nick Ratcliff, Covington (senior, 18-7)  
Adam Miller, Clinton Central (senior, 27-2) vs. Aeron Goodman, South Vermillion (senior, 23-6)  
Jack Johnson, Carmel (sophomore, 18-11) vs. Wesley Boone, North Montgomery (senior, 25-6)  
NOTE: Sectional champ Morales, at No. 20, is the only ranked wrestler.

195 pounds  
Jacob Aven, Zionsville (senior, 33-1) vs. Anthony Gregg, Southmont (junior, 15-15)  
Jeff Dixon, Hamilton Southeastern (senior, 24-5) vs. Jesse Archer, North Montgomery (junior, 22-9)  
Sam Hipple, Carmel (sophomore, 24-7) vs. Austin Eup, South Vermillion (sophomore, 25-5)  
Erik Hart, Lebanon (junior, 20-11) vs. Robert Manns, Crawfordsville (junior, 33-1)  
NOTES: Two ranked 33-1 wrestlers - Aven at No. 9 and Manns at No. 10 - would make this one of the best classes all by themselves, but No. 17 Hipple and No. 19 Dixon make it even tougher.

220 pounds  
Nate Archer, North Montgomery (sophomore, 26-6) vs. Daryn Milton, Westfield (junior, 25-9)  
Evan Piper, South Vermillion (junior 19-10) vs. Georges Brantley, Hamilton Southeastern (senior, 22-6)  
Nolan Morse, Crawfordsville (senior, 22-12) vs. Keion Garcia, Carmel (22-6)  
Caleb Martin, Southmont (junior, 16-8) vs. Christian Warner, Zionsville (senior, 29-2)

NOTES: No ranked wrestlers, but six wrestlers with 20-plus wins make this class wide open.

285 pounds  
Drew Hobick, Zionsville (junior, 19-9) vs. Connor Meier, Southmont (sophomore, 8-17)  
Cody Bauer, Lebanon (senior, 20-5) vs. AC Rudolph, Crawfordsville (junior, 15-6)  
Chet Maxey, Hamilton Southeastern (senior, 23-11) vs. Alex Fay, Fountain Central (senior, 29-11)  
Steven Chakiry, Fishers (sophomore, 11-11) vs. Brayden Smith, North Montgomery (senior, 27-3)  
NOTES: No one is ranked here, so expect another wide-open battle.

At Pendleton Heights

106 pounds  
Breyden Bailey, Cathedral (freshman, 37-0) vs. Chris Loy, Hamilton Heights (freshman, 20-14)  
Josef Eisgruber, Bishop Chatard (freshman, 17-14) vs. David Bryant, Pendleton Heights (sophomore, 18-5)  
Kian Shirazi, North Central (freshman, 9-15) vs. Mateo Barrantes, Noblesville (senior, 24-12)  
Weston Clark, Park Tudor (freshman, 8-9) vs. Garrett Allen, Frankton (senior, 28-1)  
NOTES: The second-ranked Bailey is the first of a handful of strong wrestlers who will compete at Pendleton.

113 pounds  
Tyler Flod, Pendleton Heights (sophomore, 25-3) vs. Collier Zelenka, Brebeuf Jesuit (freshman, 13-17)  
Bryston Sprecher, Noblesville (sophomore, 21-15) vs. Dattrion Vaughn, Lawrence Central (freshman, 12-12)  
Ian Lamb, Lapel (sophomore, 14-3) vs. Andrew Todd, Indiana School for the Deaf (sophomore, 23-5)  
Nick Smith, Guerin Catholic (sophomore, 19-13) vs. Skylour Turner, Cathedral (freshman, 34-5)  
NOTES: Turner is ranked sixth.

120 pounds  
Vance Ellis, Noblesville (senior, 21-1) vs. Isaiah Pedraza, Lawrence Central (sophomore, 5-15)  
Cance Carpenter, Frankton (junior, 26-4) vs. Bryce Lewis, Cathedral (sophomore, 14-19)

Trezdon O'Neal, Tri-Central (sophomore, 25-1) vs. Evan Behringer, Bishop Chatard (sophomore, 18-12)  
Leyton Peavler, Alexandria (junior, 21-9) vs. Roger MacKinnon, Lawrence North (junior, 14-7)  
NOTES: No ranked wrestlers, but Ellis and O'Neal both have just one loss.

126 pounds  
Nicholas Smith, Lawrence North (sophomore, 20-11) vs. Clayton Cowan, Hamilton Heights (freshman, 15-16)  
Elijah Glover, North Central (sophomore, 5-6) vs. Dawson McMahon, Guerin Catholic (sophomore, 22-12)  
Jesus Lanzano, Cathedral (junior, 8-7) vs. Dakota Cole, Elwood (junior, 28-5)  
Zavier Butler, Lawrence Central (freshman, 3-6) vs. Niko Barrantes, Noblesville (senior, 21-4)  
NOTES: Barrantes and Cole could be a great semi-final.

132 pounds  
Nate Long, Tipton (junior, 29-7) vs. David Hubert, Brebeuf Jesuit (senior, 15-13)  
Wesley Robinson, Pendleton Heights (senior, 17-5) vs. Jack Butler, Lawrence North (sophomore, 16-24)  
David Kitko, Noblesville (freshman, 14-6) vs. Jacob Meyer, North Central (junior, 6-11)  
Pierce Pickett, Lapel (sophomore, 18-6) vs. John Devine, Cathedral (senior, 29-11)  
NOTES: Two 29-win wrestlers, plus four more with winning records make this one interesting.

138 pounds  
Tommy Cash, Lawrence North (junior, 36-1) vs. Bryan Wisenberg, Tipton (senior, 18-16)  
Luke Speckmen, Cathedral (junior, 11-15) vs. Sam Staebler, Hamilton Heights (senior, 22-13)  
Jonathon Folson, Lawrence Central (senior, 8-4) vs. Brady Hawes, Elwood (junior, 24-11)  
Michel Vaulx, North Central (senior, 13-12) vs. Stephen Kitko, Noblesville (junior, 10-2)  
NOTES: Cash is third in the state.

145 pounds  
Zach Amos, Anderson (senior, 31-1) vs. Michael Troy, North Central (sophomore, 7-16)

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Tyler Hoal, Elwood (junior, 23-12) vs. Ivory Duerson, Lawrence North (senior, 32-8)  
Isaac Ray, Hamilton Heights (junior, 16-16) vs. Emmanuel Steele, Lawrence Central (freshman, 3-1)  
Bryce Mallernee, Frankton (sophomore, 11-9) vs. Ben Harvey, Cathedral (junior, 37-1)  
NOTES: Harvey is another third-ranked wrestler.

152 pounds  
Brant Larson, Cathedral (senior, 24-8) vs. John Leverque, Frankton (senior, 16-12)  
Drew Breitbach, Bishop Chatard (junior, 14-9) vs. Nathaniel Ryan, Alexandria (senior, 25-3)  
Bryan Carrender, Lawrence North (sophomore, 14-8) vs. Anthony Fuller, Anderson (junior, 21-9)  
Todd Hertenstein, North Central (freshman, 10-25) vs. Derek Noon, Noblesville (junior, 32-4)  
NOTES: Noon and Ryan have by far the best records.

160 pounds  
Derek Bryant, Elwood (sophomore, 22-6) vs. Anthony O'Connell, Indiana School for the Deaf (senior, 20-6)  
Chase Cochran, Pendleton Heights (sophomore, 16-12) vs. Cameron Jones, Lawrence North (sophomore, 28-7)  
Jacob Wormuth, Noblesville (senior, 24-11) vs. Mason Jones, Lawrence Central (junior, 23-10)  
Micah Ream, Hamilton Heights (junior, 14-17) vs. Vinny Corsaro, Cathedral (senior, 38-0)  
NOTES: Corsaro is ranked first, and a three-time state medal winner.

170 pounds  
Spencer McCool, Pendleton Heights (junior, 26-4) vs. Alec Eckert, Bishop Chatard (junior, 18-8)  
Mitch Mackesey, Noblesville (senior, 29-6) vs. Eddie Barks, Brebeuf Jesuit (senior, 22-7)  
Sammy Mireles, Elwood (senior, 29-4) vs. Ricky Samuels, Lawrence North (sophomore, 20-19)  
Codey Thomas, Tipton (senior, 20-12) vs. Ben Stewart, Cathedral (freshman, 25-3)  
NOTES: Stewart is yet another ranked Cathedral wrestler, at ninth.

182 pounds  
Blake Rypel, Cathedral (sophomore, 37-1) vs. Zach Stevens, Hamilton Heights (freshman, 11-16)  
Lance Mayfield, Lawrence North (junior, 18-18) vs. Nate Hein, Tipton (senior 25-3)  
DeSean Mills, Lawrence Central (senior, 24-9) vs. Matthew Boyll, Pendleton Heights (junior, 14-4)  
Erik Lopez, Park Tudor (junior, 12-5) vs. Ben Elliott, Noblesville (senior, 28-5)  
NOTES: A strong class here, with Rypel ranked first and Elliott 10th.

195 pounds  
Noah Schrader, Bishop Chatard (junior, 20-0) vs. Sam Vondersaar, Guerin Catholic (sophomore, 23-15)  
John Ogorek, Lawrence North (junior, 20-19) vs. Damion Sizelove, Elwood (sophomore, 20-10)  
Justin Stone, Lawrence Central (junior, 27-8) vs. Clayton Farr, Tipton (junior, 19-19)

Walter Haire, North Central (freshman, 13-26) vs. Bryant White, Anderson (sophomore, 24-0)  
NOTES: No one is ranked, but there are two undefeated wrestlers in Schrader and White.

220 pounds  
Rome Kayzer, Anderson (junior, 31-3) vs. Landon Bridges, North Central (junior, 4-5)  
Josh Stephens, Pendleton Heights (junior, 6-2) vs. Tremayne Perryman, Lawrence North (senior, 26-12)  
Cole Leining, Hamilton Heights (senior, 30-6) vs. Steven Trammell, Lawrence Central (sophomore, 13-17)  
Zach Harris, Alexandria (senior, 20-9) vs. Ryan Guhl, Cathedral (sophomore, 26-7)  
NOTES: Perryman is ranked 19th, with Leining and Kayzer bringing in 30-plus wins.

285 pounds  
Wesley Bernard, Cathedral (senior, 38-0) vs. Daniel Phifer, Tipton (sophomore, 24-9)  
Austin Berg, Lawrence North (senior, 9-10) vs. Darius Stanley, Tri-Central (senior, 23-2)  
Mitchell Kessler, North Central (senior, 22-19) vs. Zach Saylor, Anderson (sophomore, 24-10)  
Aric Huberts, Bishop Chatard (junior, 12-15) vs. Andre Porter, Hamilton Heights (senior, 31-1)  
NOTES: Bernard is ranked first and Porter fifth.

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Swimming post-season starts today...

# Sectional prelims begin state quest

By **RICHIE HALL**  
**Reporter Sports Editor**

The work that swim teams put in during the regular season - and before - starts to pay off today, as the girls swim sectionals begin.

Today is the preliminary round at Fishers, where Hamilton Southeastern will also compete. Swimming begins at 5:30 p.m., with top 16 finishers advancing to Saturday's finals.

Carmel will host, among others, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Noblesville and Westfield, but not until Friday. The prelims have been pushed back a day due to the weather; they will begin that day at 5:30 p.m.

The Tigers come into their own sectional as the state's fifth-ranked team, while the Royals are rated seventh. Both teams have several state-ranked swimmers. The highest of the group is junior Emily Moser, who is ranked first in the 500 freestyle and seventh in the 200 free. Believe it or not, she's actually seeded second in both those events in sectionals. Ahead of her in the 200 free is freshman Lauryn Parrish, while junior Abbey Schneider is the top 500 free seed. Nevertheless, all three swimmers are expected to qualify for state, along with sophomore Maggie Jahns, the second seed in the backstroke.

Hamilton Southeastern sophomore Robyn Clevenger is far and away the top seed in the 50 free and butterfly events. State-wide, Clevenger is rated seventh in the butterfly and eighth in the 50 free. Senior Gabi Mazero is top seeded and 24th-ranked in the breaststroke, with sophomore Natalie Mudd the first seed and No. 9-ranked swimmer in the backstroke.

Over at Carmel, the Greyhounds are overwhelming favorites to capture their 28th consecutive state championship in a couple weeks. But first things first: Carmel is the top seed in all eight individual events and all three relays in the sectional prelims.

Sophomore Claire Adams is seeded first in the 200 free and the backstroke, giving her two top seeds. Also seeded first for the Greyhounds are freshman Sammie Burchill in the individual medley, sophomore Veronica Burchill in the 50 free, senior Hanna House in the butterfly, junior Amy Bilquist in the 100 free, junior Claudia Sherman in the 500 free and junior Alex Clarke in the breaststroke.

Noblesville, the 17th-ranked team, has opposite sides of the spectrum helping out. Freshman Julianne Kaess is highly seeded in the 200 and 500 freestyles, while senior Emily Christophersen will help out in the IM and the butterfly. Sophomore Amy Hayes will be a strong swimmer in the breaststroke.

Westfield junior Emily Verbrugge is the fourth seed in the breaststroke and is close to a state cut time, as is senior Carin Ingram in the backstroke. All of the above-mentioned Millers and Shamrocks will also help out their respective teams in the relays.

Heights will be led by sophomore Mariah Oxley in the IM and breaststroke. Guerin Catholic freshman Abigail Maroney will help her team in the 200 and 500 freestyles.

**GIRLS SWIMMING STATE CUT TIMES**

- 200 medley relay: 1:50.19
- 200 freestyle: 1:54.18
- 200 individual medley: 2:08.64
- 50 freestyle: 24.30
- 100 butterfly: 58.53
- 100 freestyle: 52.83
- 500 freestyle: 5:06.06
- 200 freestyle relay: 1:39.60
- 100 backstroke: 58.76
- 100 breaststroke: 1:07.08
- 400 freestyle relay: 3:37.49

Any swimmer who achieves this time in Saturday's sectional finals will automatically advance to state.

FRIDAY: The Reporter takes a look at the diving competition.



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