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Hamilton County Reporter

Commentary

Bumpy budget impacts roads projects

By **JOHN BEERY**
Engineer, City of Noblesville

As the city continues to maneuver with a lean budget, one line item most in need of replenishing from alternative funding is road resurfacing.

Infrastructure is the backbone of the community and despite difficult economic times, residents expect a certain standard of road quality when traveling through our community. City infrastructure also is necessary to develop our local economy, attract new commercial investments and high quality residential growth. Having smooth, connecting roads not only increases the quality of life, but creates jobs and sets the stage for future development.



The outcome of finding alternative funding is pivotal to my department as we begin planning for 2016 projects this month. Right now, the 2016 budget allocates \$500,000 less for resurfacing as compared to 2015. This also excludes the repair of potholes, storm sewer inlets, sidewalks and resurfacing of our alleys, which have not been done since 1995.

Several infrastructure needs would be addressed if a trash fee is implemented at \$10.57 per residence per month. As the city increases its overall road mileage we must provide funding to maintain our road improvements and keep pace with the necessary maintenance. In 2016, the city will have more than 250 road center lane miles and 16 miles of alleys to maintain and the \$1.2 million budgeted in 2016 for maintenance/resurfacing which will be inadequate to keep pace with ongoing maintenance across the city. I want residents to know that major road projects (i.e. the proposed roundabout at South 10th Street and Greenfield Avenue) are paid for from our road impact fees and

are not impacted by the need of alternative funding. Further, resurfacing money reaches beyond our city streets and addresses heaved, cracked or destroyed sidewalks in the city. There is typically more demand for sidewalks and curb replacement than we have in available funding. Having more resurfacing money available means we'll be able to spend more on street and sidewalk improvements across the city.

Although we've been able to maintain our streets at an acceptable level, we have an expectation for a higher standard of quality. Residents expect that we meet and exceed these expectations. With the addition of this new funding source, we will be able to maintain and improve the road miles across the city thereby enhancing connectivity for all our citizens.

John Beery has served as Noblesville's city engineer since 2006. He may be reached by calling 776-6330.

The County Line

Are there options for a signal-free 37 in Noblesville?

By **FRED SWIFT**

The city of Noblesville says it does not have the money to participate in the massive improvement project of State Road 37 for which the State of Indiana is contributing \$100 million. This means that in the near term plans for creating a signal-free 37 will come only as far north as 146th Street.

This is unfortunate because expensive as the project is, it will not get less expensive in future years. The project needs to come as far north as State Road 32 to alleviate the congestion experienced by motorists from Noblesville and areas north of the city.

Are there options to be explored for finding a way to fund completion of this important highway improvement? I am not in a position to know what might be possible, but hopefully city officials will look into every possibility.

It would seem bonding as the city has done for other projects would be an option. Or, is there any benefit to creating a TIF district on the 37 corridor? Could federal funds be obtained? Since money will not be required immediately, is it possible to set aside some gas tax revenue each year to go toward the project?

With the volume of traffic increasing, it would seem wise to find a way to buy into the project as soon as possible. But, is it possible that opposition from some business owners along 37 is causing hesitation on the part of city officials?

Certainly we do not want to see tax-paying business suffer. But, there are ways of engineering for local access to make sure that customers can get to commercial areas. It is done elsewhere and it can be done here.

Businesses on 37 located there because of the visibility they gain from being on a major thoroughfare. They can survive with changes in traffic patterns as long as a path to their doors is reasonably simple and well marked.

For our public officials there are political considerations, we understand that. It looks like Gov. Mike Pence should benefit because motorists can see how it will benefit them. Local officials should look at the situation in much the same way. Providing the greatest good for the greatest number is usually good politics.

What is growing? Cover crops

Press Release

Have you driven down the highway this fall and wondered what is growing in the cropfields after harvest? Some fields have a big leafy plant that doesn't look like anything we normally grow and some fields look like bright green lawn. Some farmers grow winter wheat and it looks like a green lawn. It's called winter wheat because the seed is planted in October, germinates and grows till winter, lies dormant after a killing frost, grows in the spring and is harvested in early July. Unlike corn or soybeans that die when it gets too cold, winter wheat goes dormant over winter and survives.

The leafy plants are likely to be daikon radish. They're white and normally grow to be 1 inch diameter and 12 inches long. When planted early they can grow to be 4 inches at the top and 24 inches long. Turnips are also being grown. These "crops" are not for harvest but are tools being used to improve soil quality and water quality. These "cover crops" take up left over nutrients still in the soil that typically leach out into

our creeks and streams. The plant cover also prevents soil erosion, breaks up soil compaction, prevents weeds from growing and keeps the bacteria, fungi and other microorganisms energized below the ground. The cover crop can also improve bean or corn yields the following year. Gardeners are also using cover crops to improve the soil for vegetable production.

Cover crops often consist of a mixture of different plants. A common mixture is oats and radish. The two plants provide different benefits and both winter kill. Winter pea, crimson clover, triticale, rye grass and cereal rye are all being used separately or in combination as cover crops. If a field looks like a thick green grass it's probably winter wheat. If the "grass" looks a bit thin and not so green it's probably cereal rye or ryegrass.

If you want to know more about cover crops, contact the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District at 317-773-2181 or www.hamiltonswcd.org.



Photo provided

Leafy plants like this daikon radish are growing in cropfields. This is a type of "cover crop," which is a tool to improve soil and water quality.

Hamilton County begins bicentennial celebrations



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton County joined the celebration of Indiana's 199th birthday on Friday, and that also kicked off the festivities for the Hoosier State's bicentennial. A ceremony raising the bicentennial flag took place on the steps of the Hamilton County Judicial Center. Among those attending were county commissioners Christine Altman (far left) and Mark Heirbrandt (far right), state Representative Kathy Richardson (second from left) and the White River Brigade, a group that re-enacts scenes from Hamilton County's 19th century past.

Eight new troopers begin their career at the Indianapolis District

Eight new state troopers reported for duty Monday November 30th, at the Indiana State Police Post in Indianapolis. The troopers are from the class of 46 troopers who just graduated from the 75th Indiana State Police Recruit Academy on Thursday, November 19th.

In June of this year the class began 21 weeks of intense training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield. During the training period the recruits received over 500 hours of classroom instruction as well as nearly 300 hours of hands-on practical and scenario based training exercises.

Ryan Kenworthy, 30, from Greentown, Indiana graduated from Eastern High School. He attended Ball State University and graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Health and Physical Education. Kenworthy also holds a Personal Trainers Certificate from the National Association of Sports Medicine. Prior to working for the Indiana State Police, Kenworthy worked as an advanced Physical Education

teacher at Heritage Christian High School. Trooper Kenworthy and his wife live in Noblesville. He will be assigned to Boone County.

Perri Boykin, 23, is an Illinois native and graduated from Edwardsville High School in 2010. He attended Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and graduated in 2015 with a Criminal Justice Degree. Prior to joining the Indiana State Police Boykin worked as a camp counselor and sports referee at the YMCA. Boykin and his wife reside in Marion County. He will be assigned to Marion County.

Cameron Bottema, 30, is a central Indiana native graduating from Greenwood Christian Academy in 2004. Bottema holds bachelor degrees in Christian and Biblical Ministries and Master Degrees in Masters of Ministers and Master of Arts in Theological Studies and is currently completing the coursework for a Doctoral Degree from Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake; Indiana. Prior to his employment

with ISP, Bottema was the Sports Director at the Gathering Place at Community Church in Greenwood. He continues to serve as pastor at Bethel Friends Church in Mooresville, Indiana. Bottema is not a stranger to the Indiana State Police Department as his grandfather retired from the department at the rank of lieutenant in 1969. Trooper Bottema resides in Johnson County and will be assigned patrol duties Marion County.

Kenneth Lee, 25, of Indianapolis, attended Lawrence Central High School and studied Criminal Justice at Ball State University, graduating with a B.A. in 2013. Lee resides and will be assigned patrol duties in Marion County.

Nathan Parton, 30, grew up in Marion County, Decatur Township. Prior to joining the Indiana State Police Parton attended IUPUI for one year while obtaining an EMT certification and working at Federal Express at night. Parton has also served as a volunteer firefighter with the New Palestine Fire

Department. Trooper Parton resides in Morgan County and will be assigned Marion County.

Arturo Azcona III, 23, was raised in Hobart, Indiana and graduated from Chesterton High School in 2011. Azcona studied Criminal Justice at IUPUI in Indianapolis and currently serves in the Indiana National Guard as a 13B cannon crew member since 2012. Prior to his ISP career Azcona worked as a security lieutenant at Rolls Royce in Indianapolis. Azcona is from a law enforcement family as his father serves on the Gary Police Department in northwest Indiana. Trooper Azcona will be working Marion County.

Larry Miers, 30, was born in Jacksonville, North Carolina. Before joining the Indiana State Police he worked for the Marion County Sheriff's Department from 2007 to 2015. Miers is from a strong law enforcement family with an older brother working on the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, an identical twin brother working with the Marion County Sheriff's Office and his wife currently serves as a sergeant with the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Trooper Miers resides with his wife and daughter in Marion County. Miers will be working Marion County.

Benjamin Polley, 26, is from Avon, Indiana and graduated from Avon High School in 2008. Polley joined the United States Marine Corps and served as a military policeman for four years in Okinawa, Japan, Beaufort, South Carolina and one deployment to Afghanistan. Prior to joining ISP Polley worked as a security officer in loss prevention at Menards. Trooper Polley and his wife reside in Hendricks County and he will be patrolling Boone County.

The new troopers will continue their training for the next three months as part of the ISP Field Training Program. The Field Training Program pairs new troopers with veteran troopers, or Field Training Officers. Upon successful completion of their field training, they will be issued their cars and be assigned solo patrol responsibilities.

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Jack Edward Miller

April 30, 1934 - December 9, 2015

Jack Edward Miller, 81, of Sheridan, passed away on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at home surrounded by his family. He was born on April 30, 1934 to the late Paul H. and Pearl I. (Swope) Miller in Eaton, Ohio.

Jack graduated from Eaton High School with the class of 1952. After graduating high school Jack started farming with his grandfather. Jack then began to work for The Kroger Company, eventually transferring to Kroger's Distribution Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. Jack met his wife Nancy of 38 years while employed at Kroger. They were married on May 29, 1977 at the Sheridan First Christian Church. Jack was very proud to be involved in his community. He served justly on many community boards and was the past-president of the Sheridan Redevelopment Board. He was a member of the Sheridan Fidelity Lodge 309 where he was honored to serve as past-master four times. Jack was also a member of the Indianapolis Scottish Rite. He loved many sports; however, his favorites were golf, fishing and football.

Jack was privileged to have two loving families whom will miss him dearly. He had six children from his first marriage, Onda (Marty) Moran, Christopher (Diane) Miller, Gail (Russ) Locker, Sherie (Kevin) Miller, Jane (Jeff) Day, and Randy (Toni) Miller. He is survived by his wife, Nancy and her children, Mary Jennifer Tolley-Wallace, Mark A. (Laura), Matthew J. (Debby) and Timothy (Karen) Tolley. Jack was also a very proud grandfather and great-grandfather to several.

Jack's grandson Brett Tolley preceded him in death in 2008.

Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Monday, December 14, 2015 at the Sheridan Six Points Wesleyan Church, 1545 W. 226th Street in Sheridan, Indiana. Family and friends are invited to gather from 11:00 am till time of service. Pastor Steve Martin will be officiating. Burial will follow at Crownview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Peyton Manning Children's Hospital, 2001 West 86th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46260 or the Hamilton County Humane Society, 1721 Pleasant St #8, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060.

Condolences may be made at www.fisherfunerals.com.

Joe McDaniel

December 10, 2015

Joe McDaniel, 91, of Zionsville, passed away on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at St. Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis.

Joe proudly served his country in the United States Army, and was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. For 33 years, he was a supervisor at Western Electric Corporation, retiring in 1979. Joe lived to play golf, and scored 10 holes-in-one. He was club champion at several local country clubs; his true passion was golf. Joe was a loving and compassionate caregiver for his wife, Laura, especially during the last four years of her life; and loved & adored his grandchildren.

He is survived by his son, Bill (Mary Kay) McDaniel; grandchildren, Molly & Maggy McDaniel; and several nieces & nephews.

In addition to his parents, Joe was preceded in death in 2008 by his wife, Laura McDaniel; and sisters, Charlotte List and Rosemary Tyler.

Services will be held at 2:30 pm on Thursday, December 17, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville, with visitation 12:30 pm to the time of service. Rev. Tom Metzger will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Tee of Indiana, PO Box 516, Franklin, IN 46131; or Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 East 191st Street, Noblesville, IN 46060.

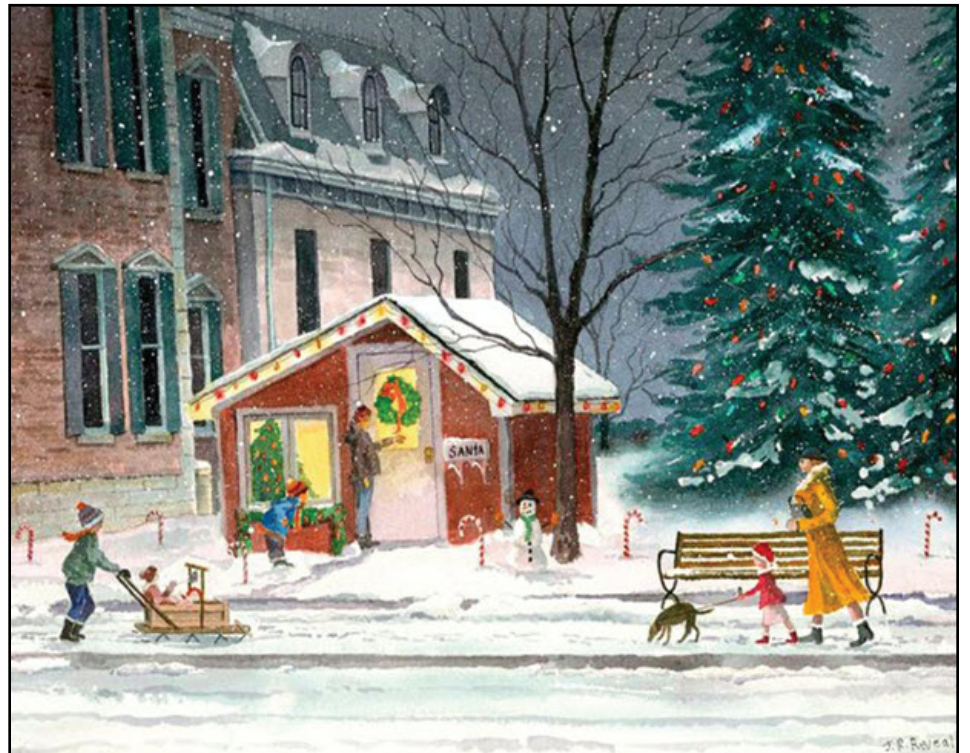
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Greg received his Bachelor of Science degree in Operations Management with a minor in Economics from Bradley University in Peoria, IL. He also received his MBA in Business Management from Bradley University.

Greg resides in Noblesville, Indiana, with his wife of 25 years, Patti. They have one son, Ethan. In his spare time Greg enjoys spending time with his family, running, playing games, and reading. He is an active member of Northview Church, where he currently serves as an Usher Captain. He has also served in the Jr High Ministry as a Dive Group Leader and an Adult Mission Leader.

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Notice is hereby given that the personal property of Mark Thompson being stored at a self storage facility owned by Drummond Realty, LLP and Drummond Realty II, LLP will be sold to satisfy the owner's storage lien. The sale will be conducted auction-style, with the property being sold to the highest bidder. This sale will occur at the Drummond Realty storage facility located at 11827 Greenfield Avenue, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 on December 12, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

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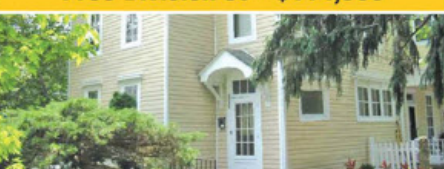
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Lady Millers 4-0 in HCC...

Fishers puts up fight in The Mill

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Getting a victory in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference is tough. Anywhere, home or away. Against anybody, regardless the team records.

That point was proven again last evening in The Mill as Noblesville slipped past Fishers, 64-51.

The win moved Coach Donna Buckley's Lady Millers to 4-0 in the HCC and 10-2 overall.

Fishers now is 2-9 overall and 0-3 in the conference.

Point proven; records mean little when teams battle in the conference.

And, Coach Michael Gaines' Lady Tigers did battle in this one.

"Fishers gave us a battle," said Buckley. "Our seniors did a good job giving us minutes. "Rachel (Shipman) hit two big 3-pointers. As a team, we had 17 assists."

Noblesville's warrior of the evening was senior Katelyn O'Reilly. She had 14 points and six rebounds.

"I wasn't sure she would be able to play (because of an injury)," Buckley said. "I was just happy to see her out there."

Alexis Shannon led Noblesville in scoring with 17 points. Brooke Herron also scored in double figures with 12 points.

Herron dished out nine assists. Emily Kiser had a big game on the boards with 12 rebounds. Kiser also had six steals.

Fishers' biggest problem was turning over the ball 26 times, and the Tigers couldn't overcome the experienced post play of Noblesville.

But, Fishers did outrebound Noblesville 38-28.

Megan Forbes led the Tigers with a career high 12 points and she also added four steals. Casey Walker came off the bench and notched 10 points and collected eight rebounds.

Fishers' next game is a big one, playing rival Hamilton Southeastern on Friday at the Coliseum. Tip-off time for the girls game is 6:30 p.m., with the boys to follow. Noblesville's next game is Dec. 15 at home against Anderson.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Fishers' Alexandra Bankovich (left) drives the ball as Noblesville's Rachel Shipman (center) and Katelyn O'Reilly guard her during the Tigers-Miller girls basketball game Friday at The Mill. Noblesville won 64-51, keeping itself undefeated in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference.

Noblesville 64,
Fishers 51

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Mallory Johnson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Olivia Morales	0-0	0-0	0	0
Maddie Knight	0-0	0-0	0	2
Haley Conway	0-0	0-0	0	1
Rachel Shipman	2-5	0-0	6	2

Alexis Shannon	6-14	3-5	17	3
Brooke Herron	3-6	2-2	11	3
Emily Kiser	1-3	7-19	9	1
Katelyn O'Reilly	8-12	4-5	14	3
Sam Salmon	0-1	0-0	0	1
Totals	18-37	16-22	60	16
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Alex Von Kamecke	2-5	0-0	6	0
Megan Forbes	5-9	0-0	12	1
Toni Grace	4-10	0-1	9	2
Amanda Surber	0-0	0-0	0	0
Alexandra Bankovich	3-8	2-3	8	0

Ali Gerka	0-6	2-3	2	0
Jaela Baskin	0-2	0-0	0	0
Audrey Turner	1-3	0-0	2	3
Hannah Kroehler	1-2	0-0	2	5
Casey Walker	4-6	2-2	10	1
Totals	22-53	16-22	59	16
Score by Quarters:				
Noblesville	14	12	18	20
Fishers	11	8	16	16

Noblesville 3-Pointers (4-15): Shipman 2-5, Shannon 2-5, Shannon 0-3, Herron 1-4/ O'Reilly 1-2, Salmon 0-1.

Fishers 3-Pointers (5-13): Kamecke 2-3, Forbes 2-3, Grace 1-2. Bankovich 0-1, Gerka 0-4.

Noblesville Rebounds (27): Shannon 3, Herron 3, Kiser 12, O'Reilly 6, , team 3'

Fishers Rebounds (38): Kamecke 1, Forbes 1, Grace 4, Bankovich 1, Gerka 1, Baskin 2, Turner 6, Kroehler 3, Walker 8, team 11.

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Brownsburg	0-	2	5-	5	56.6	53.6	3.0 Lost 1
Fishers	0-	3	2-	9	41.6	52.3	-10.6 Lost 7
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By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor
Over the years, the Carmel-North Central rivalry has produced some classic games.

Add the Friday clash between the Class 4A No. 8 Greyhounds and the 4A No. 1 Panthers at the Eric Clark Activity Center to the list. A truly back and forth contest ended with disappointment for Carmel, as NC's Antonio Singleton made a layin at the buzzer to give North Central a 48-46 victory.

The loss drops the 'Hounds to 0-2 in the Metropolitan Conference, and 2-2 for the season.

"Well, it's disappointing because you play almost 32 minutes there, did for the most part everything we needed to do to give ourselves a chance to win," said Carmel coach Scott Heady.

The Panthers' winning basket was borne out of patience - after the Greyhounds' Trenton Richardson tied the game with a layin with around two minutes to go, North Central got across the time line, and drained the clock down to 22 seconds. At that point the Panthers called a time-out.

North Central tried a 3-point shot once the clock was under 10 seconds. It missed, but the ball went out of bounds and back to the Panthers. After another 30-second time-out, Singleton got the ball and made the layin.

The rough ending didn't diminish the quality of the game, and especially the things that Heady said his Carmel team did right.

"We limited their transition points, we have eight turnovers for the game, we kept them out of the lane and we controlled the tempo," said Heady. "We did most of the things we needed to do to give ourselves a chance."

The Panthers led 12-7 after the first quarter, but the second period was all Carmel. Three-pointers by Sterling Brown and Cole Jenkins got the score tied at 13-all, and Preston Flamion's layin pushed the 'Hounds ahead 15-13. The lead then went back and forth until about the three-minute mark, when another '3' by Brown got Carmel back up 24-22. Singleton tied it with free throws, but Brown answered back with a couple foul shots of his own.

That started a 6-0 run, as Alex Falender hit a layin, and Carmel then drained the clock down, ticking off about 90 seconds. Sam Oliphant was fouled with 0.3 seconds left, and he made a couple free throws to get the halftime score to 30-24. It was a 23-12 second-quarter run for the 'Hounds.

But North Central ran through the third period, outscoring Carmel 13-6. Singleton's two foul shots tied the game at 35-35, then a layin by Mateo Rivera got the Panthers up 37-36.

The score was tied at 41-all with 5:31 left, and Oliphant changed that by making a 3-pointer. But a quick five points by North Central made the score 46-44. Richardson hit his basket, and that's when NC took control of the clock.

Brown ended the game with 15 points, including four 3-pointers. Flami-on grabbed six rebounds, and Richardson had five.

Carmel is back in action next Friday, hosting Pendleton Heights.

North Central 48, Carmel 46

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Sterling Brown	4-8	3-4	15	0
Alex Falender	1-3	2-2	4	2
Sam Oliphant	1-3	2-2	5	0
Preston Flamion	4-12	0-0	8	1
Trenton Richardson	4-6	1-2	9	4
Cole Jenkins	2-4	0-0	5	1
Ethan Merriweather	0-0	0-0	0	1
Britt Beery	0-0	0-0	0	3
Totals	16-36	8-10	46	12

Score by Quarters				
North Central	12	12	13	11 - 48
Carmel	7	23	6	10 - 46
Carmel 3-point shooting (6-14) Brown 4-6, Jenkins 1-3, Oliphant 1-2, Flamion 0-3.				
Carmel rebounds (20) Flamion 6, Richardson 5, Brown 3, Falender 3, Oliphant 2, Beery 1.				



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Carmel's Sterling Brown scored 15 points for the Greyhounds in their game with North Central Friday at the Eric Clark Activity Center. The Panthers beat the Greyhounds 48-46 on a buzzer-beating layin.

Crist burns nets for 36....

Weatherford hits winner



Weatherford

Hamilton Heights basketball coach Chad Ballenger talked during the week about hoping Sterling Weatherford becomes more like, well, Sterling Weatherford. Bingo. Friday evening at Cass Weatherford scored the game winner by finishing a drive to the basket at the buzzer as the Huskies got a huge 60-59 road win in the Hoosier Conference.

It was Heights’ first game in the conference. Overall, with the victory the Huskies moved to 3-2 on the year. Hamilton Heights plays again on the road tonight at Tri-Central. Heights had to battle to get the win at Cass. The home team led 16-8 after one quarter and 30-25 at halftime before the Huskies outscored Cass 35-29 in the second half. Weatherford got the game winner. Hunter Crist put on a show by scoring 36 points. Crist hit 12-of-21 shots, including going 5-of-9 from 3-point range. Weatherford and Crist also led the way on the boards with six rebounds each.

Playing 31:50 of the 32-minute game, Weatherford also had six of Hamilton Heights’ 13 steals. He finished the game with 10 points. The Huskies were a hot 22-of-42 from the field. Heights tonight will face a Tri-Central team which is 0-4. But, Tri-Central gave a good Eastern club a battle before losing 48-45 last evening.

Heights 60, Lewis Cass 59

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Max Wahl	2-4	0-0	5	3

Caymn Lutz	2-3	1-3	5	4
Hunter Crist	12-21	7-11	36	3
Sterling Weatherford	4-5	2-2	10	4
Drake House	0-0	0-0	0	0
Dustin Williams	0-1	0-0	0	2
Noah Wallace	0-0	0-0	0	0
Alex Trachtman	1-2	0-0	2	1
Tyler Wiltermood	0-2	0-0	0	4
Austin Sauerteig	0-2	0-0	0	1
TJ Freeland	1-2	0-0	2	1
Totals	22-42	10-16	60	23
Score by Quarters:				
Heights	8	17	13	22 – 60
Cass	16	14	10	19 – 59
Heights 3-Pointers (6-14): Crist 5-9, Wahl 1-2,				
Williams 0-1, Trachtman 0-1, Wiltermood 0-1.				
Heights Rebounds (17): Lutz 1, Weatherford 6,				
Crist 6, Wiltermood 1, Sauerteig 2, Freeland 1.				



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GC struggles with cold shooting...

Golden Eagles fall to Northwest

Northwest defeated Guerin Catholic 71-65 Friday night in the Eagles Nest.



Godfrey

The Pioneers led at every quarter break. The Golden Eagles were consistent with their field goal shooting, but not in a good way. After connecting only 32.1 percent shooting from the field in the first half, Guerin Catholic

only increased it to 33.3 percent in the second half. For the game the Golden Eagles made only 12 out of 32 2-point field goals, and made only 9 out of 32 3-pt. Shots. "We took some rushed shots tonight, and just struggled making any kind of shots," said GC Coach Pete Smith. "Northwest played a real good game, and we didn't. We won't beat any teams on our schedule shooting 32.8 percent from the field. They also out rebounded us. We just are not playing very well at this point in the season."

Christian Munson scored 23 points for Guerin Catholic (1-3). Matthew Godfrey scored 16 points and Calen Cunningham had a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds. The Golden Eagles are back in action tomorrow night hosting Muncie Central.

Jack Hansen	0-7	0-0	0	5
Calen Cunningham	5-7	2-6	12	4
Rhett Helt	2-4	2-2	6	2
Christian Daniels	1-3	0-0	3	1
Grant Fremion	0-0	0-0	0	0
Joey Weas	0-0	0-0	0	0
Kian Silis	0-0	0-0	0	0
Zach Munson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	21-64	14-22	65	18

Northwest 71, Guerin Catholic 65

Guerin	FG	FT	TP	PF
Cameron Lindley	1-7	3-4	5	2
Matthew Godfrey	5-14	2-2	16	2
Christian Munson	7-22	5-8	23	2

Score by Quarters
Northwest 14 16 18 23 - 71
Guerin 13 11 16 25 - 65
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (9-32) Munson 4-14, Godfrey 4-8, Daniels 1-2, Linley 0-4, Hansen 0-3, Helt 0-1.
Guerin Catholic rebounds (41) Cunningham 11, Munson 6, Lindley 5, Hansen 5, Godfrey 4, Daniels 2, Helt 1, team 7.

Halblieb has 28-point night...

'Blazers beat sectional host Bethesda Christian

The University High School Trailblazers improved to 5-1 on the season with a 65-44 win at Sectional host Bethesda Christian on Friday night.



Halblieb

Six foot-six sophomore Emerson Halblieb led the way with 28 points on 13 of 15 field goals, while 6-2 senior Connor Holly stuffed the stat sheet with 18 points, six rebounds, six assists and five steals.

The Patriots started hot, jumping out to a 16-7 lead with two minutes remaining in the first quarter before University seized the lead with a 15-0 run. Halblieb had seven points in the Blazers run.

University took a 28-22 halftime lead. After Bethesda Christian scored the first basket of the second half, University seized control with a 10-0 run to take a 38-24 lead with 4:35 left in the third quarter.

"I was really happy with our response on the road after Bethesda's fast start" commented Trailblazer coach Brandon Lafferman. "Emerson (Halblieb) had a fantastic game and Zack Hodgkin played excellent defense on Jake Mlagan."

University shot 9 of 11 from the field in the decisive third quarter and were 16 of 23 in the second half. "I was pleased with our shot selection tonight" concluded Lafferman.

The Trailblazers open Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference East Division play Saturday night when they travel to Class 1A No. 1 Liberty Christian. It will be University's second game against a top ranked team this season. The Trailblazers only loss is to the top ranked 3A team, Park Tudor.

University 65, Bethesda Christian 44

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Sam Nerney	0-2	0-0	0	2
Ethan Sickels	0-0	0-0	0	1
David Howard	2-5	2-2	6	4
Connor Holly	6-15	6-8	18	2
Josh Watson	1-4	0-2	2	0
Zach Hodgkin	0-2	2-2	2	3
Tyler Wott	0-0	0-0	0	0
Josh Alford	3-3	1-1	7	1
Emerson Halblieb	13-15	2-3	28	0
Ajay Wooden Jr.	1-2	0-1	2	0
Totals	26-48	13-19	65	13

Score by Quarters
University 12 16 18 19 - 65
Bethesda 16 6 11 11 - 44
University 3-point shooting (0-7) Holly 0-5, Nerney 0-1, Watson 0-1.
University rebounds (25) Halblieb 7, Holly 6, Hodgkin 5, Alford 3, Howard 2, Watson 1, Wott 1.

A Heartland heartbreaker

Sheridan falls by 2

Sheridan opened its Hoosier Heartland Conference season Friday evening with a tough 60-58 loss at Clinton Central.



Chesney

The Blackhawks started slowing, falling behind 24-16 in the opening period.

Two Blackhawks had big games for Coach Chris Schrank's team. Junior Aidan Roaten

had a career high 21 points and Jake Chesney added 17.

Roaten also led Sheridan with seven rebounds, while Chris Roberts and Tommy Glidden each pulled five.

Sheridan will be back in action tonight when the 2-2 Blackhawks host a very

tough Tipton team at Larry Hobbs Memorial Gym.

Clinton Central 60, Sheridan 58

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jake Chesney	5-16	7-13	17	2
Taylor Ly	0-0	0-0	0	2
Austin Hunter	1-3	0-0	2	0
Drake Delph	0-1	0-2	0	2
Weston Burtron	1-4	1-2	3	2
Tommy Glidden	0-4	2-4	2	3
Jack Waitt	0-0	0-0	0	0
Aidan Roaten	6-10	8-9	21	4
Patrick Weitzel	2-3	0-1	4	4
Chris Roberts	4-6	0-1	9	5
Totals	19-47	18-32	58	24

Sheridan 3-Pointers (2-10): Chesney 0-2, Hunter 0-1, Delph 0-1, Glidden 0-3, Roaten 1-1, Roberts 1-2.
Sheridan Rebounds (27): Chesney 3, Burtron 2, Delph 1, Glidden 5, Roaten 7, Weitzel 2, Roberts 5.

Fishers wrestling falls to Bearcats

The Fishers wrestling team lost a 40-28 dual meet to Muncie Central on Thursday.

Results now follow:

- 106: Alexander Strueder (F) pin 1st period 47 seconds over Jackson (MC)
- 113: Wills (MC) 9-3 over B. Dickerson (F)
- 120: Wable (MC) pin 2nd period 1:10 minute over G. Vrachnos (F)
- 126: Andrew Nicholson (F) pin 58 seconds 1st period over McCammon (MC)
- 132: Jaren Tunstill (F) pin 2nd period 1:43 minute over Taylor (MC)
- 138: Brown (MC) 8-4 over Caleb Wright (F)
- 145: Bell (MC) pin 3rd period 1:02 minute over Beau Wilbrandt (F)
- 152: Spencer Bischoff (F) 13-5 over Cole (MC)
- 160: Hayden Grow (F) pin 1st period 1:59 minute over Pryblla (MC)
- 170: Hayden (MC) 6-5 over Dan Stevens (F)
- 182: Reyes (MC) 12-4 over J. Ahmed (F)
- 195: Minton (MC) pin 1st period 1:26 minute over M. Fogarty (F)
- 220: Holmes (MC) 6-1 over N. Pairitz (F)
- 285: Dunn (MC) pin 1st period 9 seconds over L. Vasquez (F)

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Westfield gets back on track...

Defensive-minded ‘Rocks beat Zionsville

Westfield ran way with the fourth quarter, and ran back on to the winning track Friday night by beating Zionsville 42-24 in an away Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

The Shamrocks had won their first 10 games of the season before falling to Carmel on Tuesday, so this victory improved



Reeder

Westfield to 11-1 on the year. It also ended a five-game win streak for the Eagles, who are 8-2 and off to their best start since the 2003-04 season.

Conference-wise, the 'Rocks are now 2-0 and firmly in second place, behind only Noblesville's 4-0 mark.

The game was a defensive one, with Westfield leading 9-4 after the first quarter and 20-10 at halftime. Zionsville started to chip away at the lead in the third quarter, but the Shamrocks toughened up their defense in the fourth period, outscoring the Eagles 14-3.

Allison VanDyke poured in 16 points for Westfield, with Jalyn Foland adding 10 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. Haliegh Reinoehl scored eight points, pulled eight rebounds and blocked two shots. Abby Reeder made five steals.

The 'Rocks continue HCC play on Tuesday, traveling to Avon.

Westfield 42, Zionsville 24				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Abby Reeder	1-5	0-0	2	1

Haliegh Reinoehl	3-11	2-2	8	3
Annaleise Drudge	3-4	0-0	6	2
Allison VanDyke	6-10	4-4	16	1
Jalyn Foland	4-10	0-0	10	1
Morgan Clary	0-2	0-0	0	0
Sophia Kreag	0-4	0-0	0	2
Totals	17-46	6-6	42	10
Score by Quarters				
Westfield	9	11	8	14 - 42
Zionsville	4	6	11	3 - 24
Westfield 3-point shooting (2-14) Foland 2-6, Reinoehl 0-2, Kreag 0-2, Reeder 0-2, Clary 0-1, VanDyke 0-1.				
Westfield rebounds (24) Reinoehl 8, Reeder 4, VanDyke 4, Foland 3, Clary 2, Kreag 1, Drudge 1, team 1.				

Bre has big night as ...

Lady Royals win again

Hamilton Southeastern stayed in a red-hot chase for first in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference Friday by knocking off Avon 59-27.

Coach Chris Huppenthal's Lady Royals are 2-1 in the conference. HSE is 8-4 overall, and the Royals have won their last three games.



Jackson

Avon never had a chance in this one as the Royals jumped off to a 20-4 first quarter lead.

Southeastern held Avon to single digit scoring in each of the first three periods and gave up only 10 points in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, Southeastern hit 19-of-40 shots; 13-of-20 free throws and the Royals canned 8-of-15 shots from 3-point territory.

Bre Lloyd led Southeastern's scoring with 21 points and Malea Jackson also was in double figures with 12 points. Lloyd came within six points of matching the entire Avon team.

Southeastern's next game is a big one, playing Fishers at the State Fairground Coliseum on Dec. 18.

Southeastern 59, Avon 27				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Malea Jackson	4-5	1-1	12	1
Veronica Olson	0-2	0-0	0	0
Bre Lloyd	7-11	4-8	21	2
Haydbn Braun	0-1	0-0	0	0
Katie Myers	0-2	1-2	1	9
Megan Walton	1-5	4-4	7	0
Olivia Kegley	1-1	0-0	2	1

Kiki Sundling	0-0	0-0	0	0
Chelsea Maxey	1-1	2-3	4	1
Molly Watson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Amaya Hamilton	3-6	1-2	7	0
Kyndall Williams	2-6	1-2	5	4
Totals	19-40	13-20	59	14
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	20	9	15	15 - 59
Avon	4	4	9	10 - 59
Southeastern 3-Pointers (8-15): Jackson 3-3, Lloyd 3-4, Braun 0-1, Myers 0-2, Me. Walton 1-4, Hamilton 1-1.				
Southeastern Rebounds (21) Jackson 4, Lloyd 1, Me. Walton 5, Kegley 1, Sundling 3, Hamilton 3, Williams 6.				

Four in double digits...

Carmel's win streak reaches three

Carmel ran its win streak to three on Friday, traveling to Brownsburg and coming home with a 58-46 victory.

The Greyhounds actually trailed at halftime, down 23-20. But Carmel had the game tied at 38-all after three quarters, then blasted through the fourth period 20-8 to secure the win. The 'Hounds are now 8-2 for the season.

Four Carmel players reached double digits: Amy Dilk scored 17 points, Emily Kmec added 14, and Blake Smith and Carrie Larson each chipped in 10 points.



Kmec

The Greyhounds are back on the road Tuesday, traveling to Kokomo.

Carmel 58, Brownsburg 46				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	
Olivia Christy	0-2	1-2	1	
Celene Funke	2-5	2-2	6	
Emily Kmec	2-9	9-10	14	
Andi Kwasniewski	0-1	0-0	0	
Amy Dilk	5-9	7-9	17	
Molly Gillig	0-0	0-0	0	
Blake Smith	5-9	0-0	10	
Carrie Larson	3-7	3-6	10	
Mackenzie Wood	0-5	0-3	0	
Totals	17-47	22-32	58	
Score by Quarters				
Carmel	8	12	18	20 - 58
Brownsburg	4	19	15	8 - 46
Carmel 3-point shooting (2-9) Kmec 1-5, Larson 1-3, Christy 0-1.				
Carmel rebounds and fouls not available.				

Friday night basketball scores

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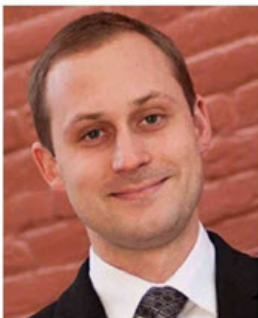
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East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	15	9	.625	-
Boston	13	10	.565	1.5
New York	10	14	.417	5.0
Brooklyn	7	15	.318	7.0
Philadelphia	1	23	.042	14.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	15	7	.682	-
Indiana	13	8	.619	1.5
Chicago	12	8	.600	2.0
Detroit	13	11	.542	3.0
Milwaukee	9	15	.375	7.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Charlotte	14	8	.636	-
Atlanta	14	10	.583	1.0
Miami	12	9	.571	1.5
Orlando	12	11	.522	2.5
Washington	9	12	.429	4.5

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oklahoma City	15	8	.652	-
Utah	10	11	.476	4.0
Portland	10	14	.417	5.5
Minnesota	9	13	.409	5.5
Denver	9	14	.391	6.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	24	0	1.00	-
L.A. Clippers	13	10	.565	10.5
Phoenix	10	14	.417	14.0
Sacramento	9	15	.375	15.0
L.A. Lakers	3	20	.130	20.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	19	5	.792	-
Dallas	13	10	.565	5.5
Memphis	13	11	.542	6.0
Houston	11	12	.478	7.5
New Orleans	6	16	.273	12.0

Defense powers Pacers to easy win over Heat

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After allowing more than 120 points in three consecutive games, it was no secret around the halls of Bankers Life Fieldhouse that the Pacers wished to return to the punishing defensive mentality that allowed them to win 12 of 14 games over a recent stretch.

And on Friday night against the Miami Heat, the Pacers did just that, holding Miami to 83 points, and just 35 in the second half, as Indiana cruised to a 96-83 victory, which snapped a three-game losing streak for the Pacers.

"We locked in on the defensive end. We were able to get some stops and turn them into baskets," Paul George explained. "It was neck-and-neck until (the fourth), and they couldn't recover after."

Although they got the win, it wasn't exactly a work of art on the offensive end, which is no surprise given that Miami has one of the stingiest defenses in the NBA. The Pacers hit on just 6-of-28 3-point attempts, which included missing on their first nine attempts from beyond the arc.

Paul George, despite racking up 23 by the night's end, was 7-of-17 from the field. He was, however, effective

from the charity stripe, nailing 8-of-8 from the line. His running mate C.J. Miles, connected on just 1-of-10 from deep.

Perhaps most efficient and effective from the Pacers was center Ian Mahinmi, who scored a Pacers career-high 18 points on 7-of-9 shooting, several of which were thunderous dunks that brought the packed house at the Fieldhouse to its feet. Mahinmi also grabbed 12 rebounds for the Blue & Gold.

"Offensively I felt like tonight we shared the ball and got a lot of good looks and that led us to get a win," explained Mahinmi, who also added two steals. "It was a 'get back on track' kind of game."

The win, which was Indiana's ninth consecutive home win over Miami, was in jeopardy late in the fourth as the Heat — led by Dwyane Wade (20 points) and Chris Bosh (23 points) — attempted to mount a fourth-quarter comeback, cutting their deficit down to just six points with six minutes remaining. But timely buckets from Monta Ellis and George down the stretch opened the lead up once more, allowing Indiana to close out the double-digit win.

In the third quarter, the Pacers ended things on an Ellis-led tear. The first-year Pacers guard hit a floater in a

lane, followed by a 3-pointer, then dished a dime to C.J. Miles to help Indiana close out the quarter on a 7-0 run that pushed the Pacers' advantage to nine points.

"It was just one of those nights where I was feeling good," Ellis said. "We needed this win. It was a total team effort."

Just one point separated the Pacers and Heat in the first half, as the teams traded the lead nine times and each scored 27 points in the second frame. Indiana struggled to find its shooting touch from deep in the first half, hitting on just 3-of-16 attempts from behind the arc.

Paul George, who surpassed 5,000 points for his career with his first made bucket on Friday, scored the Pacers' last seven points of the half, all via the free-throw line, to push the Pacers within one point at the break.

But in the second half, the defensive stops were the difference maker, as Indiana outscored the Heat 49-35, and finished off their Eastern Conference rival.

"As a whole, we got to the point where guys started getting into a rhythm and made some shots," Miles explained. "The biggest thing we talked about was, defensively, we were going to have to find a way to clamp down. Tonight we put some stops together in a row."

Clarke lifts Fuel over Komets in overtime

With one flick of the wrist forward Dylan Clarke brought the Indy Fuel's winless streak to a screeching halt. The forward's perfectly-placed shot 2:16 into sudden-death overtime propelled the Fuel (10-11-2-0) to a 3-2 road victory over the Fort Wayne Komets (10-8-1-0) Friday night at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. The win ended a tough 0-8-1-0 stretch for Indy, and was the club's first since a Nov. 21 triumph over the Quad City Mallards.

Clarke's goal came on the only shot during the 3-on-3 extra session. The veteran forward picked up a loose puck in the Komets end, skated the length of the ice and fired one past goaltender Pat Nagle's glove hand side to grab his sixth goal of the season. With the win Indy evened the season series with Fort Wayne at two victories apiece, with the two teams finishing a home-and-home series tomorrow night at Indiana Farmers Coliseum.

The Fuel and Komets traded goals in both the first and second period, with overtime becoming necessary after a scoreless third period. It was the second-straight meeting in

Fort Wayne between the in-state rivals that extended past regulation time; the Komets grabbed a 6-5 overtime win back on Oct. 24 in their previous outing at the War Memorial.

Nikita Kashirsky opened the scoring for the home team 10:29 into the first period when he jumped on a rebound created from a 3-on-2 rush.

Cody Sharib had an answer for the Fuel at 16:03, picking up a second-chance opportunity of his own. After a Rhett Bly shot was fought off by Nagle, Sharib swooped in from the left wing and popped the loose puck over the net minder's shoulder. The rookie's seventh tally of the season tied the game at one heading into the intermission.

The order of scoring was reversed in the second period, with Fort Wayne finding a quick equalizer to an Indy go-ahead goal. Alex Lavoie netted his seventh of the year on a beautiful unassisted rush at 9:53, barreling down the right wall and threading a shot under the crossbar from the bottom of the faceoff circle.

The 2-1 Fuel lead only lasted 2:43 before Fort Wayne defenseman Will Weber beat goaltender Mac Carruth to the five-hole in transition.

Carruth responded with a gutsy third-period performance, stopping all 12 Komets offerings in the last 20 minutes – highlighted by a pair of grade-A saves in the waning moments of regulation. The goaltender turned aside 28 of 30 shots on the night, picking up his fifth victory of the season. Nagle recorded 28 saves en route to picking up the overtime loss.

Indy's power play unit, coming into the night with a goal in a franchise-record five consecutive games, was held scoreless on six chances, including an extended 4-on-3 advantage in the third period. The Fuel killed off the only Komets man advantage they faced.

The two clubs face-off again Saturday night in Indy to cap off the weekend doubleheader, with a puck drop scheduled for 7:35 p.m.

Team USA owns lead after Duel in the Pool's first day

Simone Manuel (Sugar Land, Texas) set a short-course meters American record in the women's 100-meter freestyle and anchored the U.S. to a world record in the women's 400m medley relay to lead Team USA to a 74-48 lead over Europe on the opening night of the Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool at the Indiana University Natatorium on Friday. The two-day dual meet concludes at 2 p.m. Eastern Saturday.

Manuel came from behind at the 50-meter mark to win the women's 100m free in an American record 51.69, surpassing Natalie Coughlin's six-year-old mark. Her Stanford teammate Lia Neal (Brooklyn, N.Y.) took second in 52.08.

On the women's 400m medley relay, Manuel hit the water even with the European squad and pulled away down the stretch to touch in 3:45.20 to eclipse Team USA's four-year-old world record. Courtney Bartholomew (Holland, Mich.), Katie Meili (Colleyville, Texas) and Kelsi Worrell (Mt. Holly, N.J.) swam the first three legs of the American- and world-record-setting relay.

The men's 400m medley relay of Matt Grevers (Lake Forest, Ill.), Kevin Cordes (Naperville, Ill.), Tom Shields (Huntington Beach, Calif.) and Nathan Adrian (Bremerton, Wash.) followed with an American record of its own,

touching in 3:20.91. Grevers also added an American mark in the 100m back with his 49.25 leadoff split.

Also victorious in American-record fashion was Cody Miller (Reno, Nev.), an Indiana University product who rode a supportive crowd to a win in the men's 200m breast 2:02.33, and Shields, who took home the 100m fly in 48.63. Worrell, who touched second in the women's 100m fly in 55.42, also set an American record

With the score tied at 9-9 following the first two events, Team USA went 1-2 in both 100m freestyles to grab a lead it would not relinquish. In the men's race Adrian took the win in 46.57, with Josh Schneider (Cincinnati, Ohio) second in 46.66. The back-to-back sweeps pushed the Team USA lead to 25-11 through four events.

Other winners for the U.S. on night one included Ryan Lochte (Daytona Beach, Fla.) in the men's 400m IM in 4:02.78, Grevers in the 200m back in 1:48.97 and Melanie Margalis (St. Petersburg, Fla.) in the women's 200m breast in 2:18.35.

Carmel's Claire Adams competed in the 200 backstroke, placing fourth in a time of 2:02.47.

Television coverage of the Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool will air Sunday, Dec. 19 on Universal HD from 2-4 p.m. Eastern and NBC from 4-6 p.m. Eastern.

Middle school basketball results

The Hamilton Heights 7th grade boys basketball team fell to a solid Fishers team Tuesday 43-38.

Gus Etchison led the scoring with 19 , Isaac Wilson 5, Lucas Letsinger added 7. The B-team moved to 2-1 one falling to Fishers as well.

On Thursday, Heights was defeated tonight by a solid Westfield team 55-44. Leading the scoring for the Huskies was Wilson with 7, Etchison with 11, Austin Goodpaster with 8, and Lucas Letsinger with 10. The Huskies are now 5-3.

Heights was also defeated by the Rocks in the B game. Leading the scoring for the B team was Drew Pennington and Keaton Rednour each with 6.

The Noblesville East eighth grade boys basketball team was swept by Carmel Clay on Thursday.

The East Millers "A" team lost 29-27. Stats are as follows:

Zack Markovich 2 pts; Alex Hunt 4 pts; Jordan Gadis 10 pts, 7 rebounds; Kolby Bullard 5 pts; Jeffery Hemmelmarg 6 pts.

The "B" team lost 21-16. Stats are as follows: Trenton Reed 4 pts, 3 steals; Quincey Ellerbee 3 pts, 5 rebounds; Brett Baker 4 rebounds; Aidan Tillman 2 pts, 5 rebounds, 3 steals; Greg Langlois 1 pt; Luka Milovac 6 pts, 3 rebounds, 3 steals.

On Thursday evening, the Noblesville West 8th grade boys' basketball team defeated Kokomo Blue 48-29. Collin Cates was the leading scorer for the Millers with 15 total points. He was followed by Cameron Knight with 11 points, Grant Braun with 6 points, Harrison Christman and Brendon Fisher with 5 points each, Alex Zavac with 4 points, and Carson Sanders with 2 points.

The team's record is now 4-3 and they host Riverside JHS on Tuesday and Hamilton Southeastern JHS on Thursday. Games start at 5 p.m.

SCORES

Dwight (Ill.) 34, South Newton 28
East Noble 55, Bellmont 36
Eastside 58, Prairie Heights 37
Edgewood 52, Cascade 48
Evansville Central 72, Gibson Southern 53
Fairfield 54, Lakeland 32
Fort Wayne Luers 77, Fort Wayne Northrop 75, OT
Fort Wayne Snider 75, Fort Wayne Wayne 50
Fort Wayne South 72, Fort Wayne North 31
Goshen 47, Wawasee 37
Greencastle 57, South Putnam 33
Greenfield-Central 54, New Palestine 38
Hamilton Southeastern 59, Avon 27
Hammond Clark 51, Hammond Gavit 31
Heritage 36, Southern Wells 25
Homestead 66, Fort Wayne Dwenger 36
Huntington North 59, New Haven 26
Indianapolis HomeSchool 41, Traders Point Christian 24
Indianapolis International 48, Indiana Deaf 42
Indianapolis Tindley 103, Indianapolis Herron 27

Jay County 66, Adams Central 41
Kankakee Valley 45, Hobart 35
Kokomo 52, McCutcheon 34
Lafayette Jeff 58, Harrison (West Lafayette) 47
Lake Central 69, Michigan City 30
Lebanon 80, Western Boone 60
Leo 56, DeKalb 53
Marion 52, Richmond 39
Merrillville 53, LaPorte 23
Mishawaka 56, South Bend Riley 28
Monrovia 56, Speedway 19
Muncie Central 61, Logansport 40
New Castle 59, Shelbyville 19
Noblesville 64, Fishers 51
Northfield 50, Southwood 36
Northwestern 68, Taylor 56
NorthWood 40, Elkhart Memorial 34
Norwell 55, Columbia City 46
Oregon-Davis 88, Knox 29
Owen Valley 48, Brown County 39

Providence 47, Henryville 34
Riverton Parke 49, Turkey Run 36
Sullivan 50, South Vermillion 46
Terre Haute North 60, Terre Haute South 48
Tippecanoe Valley 61, North Miami 23
Tri 56, Shenandoah 42
Tri-West 55, Frankfort 12
Waldron 50, Morristown 45
Washington Twp., 59, Victory Christian 46
West Lafayette 75, Crawfordsville 19
West Noble 38, Churubusco 28
West Vigo 45, Northview 43
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Whitesville Trinity (Ky.) 51, Cannelton 38
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Winamac 38, LaVille 33

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