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TODAY'S WEATHER
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Hamilton County Reporter

Noblesville principals and teachers...

Challenge the Harlem Wizards

The teams are ready and the excitement is building!

The Harlem Wizards are coming back to Noblesville for an evening of non-stop basketball fun for your family! Can Noblesville's principals and teachers match up with the Wizards in a fast-paced game of basketball, a game of slam dunks, tricks, hoops and alley-oops?

This year's game - the third to be played in Noblesville - will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, in The Mill (the main gym) at

Noblesville High School. Doors will open at 6.

Tickets are on sale at each school and the Educational Services Center on River Road. You can download a ticket order at www.noblesvilleschools.org/foundation and send it to your child's school or mail it to Sharon Trisler, NSEF Executive Director, at 1775 Field Drive, Noblesville, 46060. Tickets also are on sale on the [Wizards website](#). (Scroll down this page for more ticket information.)

Advance-sale tickets are \$8 for students and senior citizens (60 and older) and \$10 for all other adults. Tickets at the gate are \$10 for students and senior citizens and \$12 for all other adults. Noblesville Schools' Senior Gold Cards will be honored.

You can enhance your game-night experience with the purchase of **Reserved Seats*** (\$17 each) or **Courtside Plus**** (\$30 each) tickets.

***Reserved seats** are close to the court; these ticket holders receive a free poster of the Wizards team. Only



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Carmel-based...

MISO to expand HQs, create 84 new jobs

Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) Inc., an independent regional electric transmission organization, announced plans today to expand its headquarters here, creating up to 84 new high-wage jobs by 2020.

The company will invest \$30 million in its Carmel campus, with the investment including costs for construction, new technology and leasing to reconfigure its 133,409-square-foot facility at 720 City Center Drive in Carmel to increase the efficiency of its operations. Construction is scheduled to begin in January, allowing MISO to support the expansion of its utility customers and work to ensure the reliable delivery of electricity across 15 states and the Canadian province of Manitoba.

"Over the last three years, Indiana's private sector has added 140,500 jobs with the help of companies like MISO," said Governor Mike Pence. "Indiana's unemployment rate stands at its lowest rate in more than a decade because job creators like MISO are looking at their options and choosing to locate their growth in the Hoosier business climate, which is one of the best in the nation. Today MISO joins a long list of home-grown companies that are expanding their headquarters in Indiana and creating more high-wage jobs for Hoosiers."

MISO currently employs more than 940 associates nationally, including more than 700 Hoosiers at its headquarters. The company has already begun hiring for information technology and engineering positions, with average wages expected to pay nearly double the Hamilton County average wage. Interested applicants may search for open positions on [the MISO website](#).

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Sheridan Library announces leadership for 2016



The Sheridan Public Library is pleased to announce members and officers of the Library Board for 2016. Seated (L to R) Katie Will (Board Member), Lisa Samuels (Board Vice President), Piper Zola and Abby Davis (ACTS Student Members) and Anita Leonard (Board Treasurer). Standing (L to R): Steve Martin (Library Director), John Vincent (Board Member), Loretta Sutherland (Board President), Barb Hybarger (Board Secretary) and Matt Lenseigne (Board Member). Missing: ACTS Student Member Garrett Davis.

The library board meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Sheridan Public Library, 103 West First Street in beautiful uptown Sheridan, just on the country side of Hamilton County, Indiana. Meetings are open to the general public and community members are encouraged to attend.

Ricker to visit Sheridan Rotary

Sheridan Rotary is pleased to announce that convenience store owner Jay Ricker will be its special guest on Tuesday, Feb. 2. Mr. Ricker is the chairman of Riker Oil which operates over 50 mid-Indiana gasoline convenience stores, including a recently opened store in Sheridan at the intersection of SR 38 and SR 47.

Ricker will be talking about his business in general and his plans for the Sheridan store in particular. Thus far the community response to the Sheridan outlet has been tremendous and well received in our community. Ricker's is well known for their clean locations and professional customer service and fair pricing.

Sheridan residents are invited to hear Mr. Ricker speak at the Tuesday Rotary meeting beginning at 6:45 pm in the Community Room of the Sheridan Public Library. If you would like to attend the Rotary portion of the meeting beginning at 6:15 pm, please contact any Rotary member or contact Rotary secretary Steve Martin at the Sheridan Public Library (317-758-5201).

Sheridan Rotary has formal meetings the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month at 6:15 pm at the Sheridan Public Library. The library is located at 103 West First Street in beautiful uptown Sheridan, just on the country side of Hamilton County, Indiana.

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****Courtside Plus** seating includes a 10-minute meet and greet with 2-3 Wizard players, a souvenir lanyard, a free team poster, and \$15 discount on the purchase of a Wizards replica jersey. Only 75 Courtside Plus seats will be sold. These must be purchased in advance.

This year’s Wizards team will be led by a player known by his initials, DP. DP will match wits with Noblesville coaches – Promise Road Principal Kelly Treinen and Stony Creek Principal Heidi Karst. He also will be on the court playing while he and his teammates entertain the audience with their basketball handling skills and on-court antics.

Noblesville’s team is shaping up to be one that will challenge the Wizards at every opportunity and use their sharp shooting skills to score some points in the process. For starters, the roster includes Principals Jack Lawrence (Hinkle Creek), Pat Haney (Noble Crossing), Joe Brown (North), Stacey Swan (NWMS), and Jeff Bryant (NHS). Joining Coach Treinen and Coach Karst on the sidelines will be their assistant coaches, Principals Christy Jordan (White River), and Assistant Principal Deanna Cline (Hazel Dell), and Superintendent Beth Niedermeyer.

- Here's the roster:
- Hazel Dell**
Chris Seago, 3rd Grade Teacher; Anden Mehringer, Secretary; Assistant Coach: Deanna Cline, Assistant Principal
 - Hinkle Creek**
Jack Lawrence, Principal; Chris Yount, PE Teacher
 - Noble Crossing**
Pat Haney, Principal; Mary Beth Riley, Assistant Principal; Bill Farley, Building Supervisor
 - North**
Joe Brown, Principal; Kim Arrowood, PE Teacher
 - Stony Creek**
Brad Davis, Assistant Principal; Bryan Hanan, Fifth Grade Teacher; Coach: Heidi Karst, Principal
 - Promise Road**
Jered Pennington, Assistant Principal; Coach: Kelly Treinen, Principal
 - White River**
Eric Bransteter, Assistant Principal; Bo Davidson, 3rd Grade Teacher; Assistant Coach: Christy Jordan, Principal
 - East Middle**
Mark Wilcoxon, 7th Grade Math Teacher; Assistant Coach: Ryan Rich, Principal

- West Middle**
Stacey Swan, Principal; Stephen Harmas, 6th Grade Science Teacher & 7th Grade Boys Assistant Basketball Coach; Dennis Flak, 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher & 7th Grade Girls Assistant Basketball Coach; Taryn Willson, 8th Grade Math Teacher & 8th grade Girls Basketball Coach
- High School**
Jeff Bryant, Principal; Brian McCauley, Social Studies Teacher & Boys Head Basketball Coach; Lance Scheib, Social Studies Teacher & and former Head Football Coach; Melissa Shotwell, Math Teacher
- Educational Services Center**
Assistant Coach: Beth Niedermeyer, Superintendent
- Tickets**
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The Wizards also are offering an opportunity for students to be **Wiz Kids**. Be sure to see the ticket order form for more information.

This game is a fundraising event sponsored by the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation. The Education Foundation provides classroom grants for schools throughout the school district as well as scholarships for seniors planning to pursue careers in education and teachers who are pursuing graduate degrees in education. More information about the game and the foundation is available by contacting Sharon Trisler at 773-2134, ext. 44123 or sharon_trisler@nobl.k12.in.us.

From Page 1 *By email, web or phone...*

Noblesville residents asked to report problem potholes

During this time of year, potholes develop on roads due to winter weather. While the Noblesville Street Department monitors roads daily, they also are asking for the public's help in reporting potholes. Residents who see large potholes are encouraged to report them so that the holes can be repaired as soon as possible.

“The street department is out filling potholes whenever the weather allows, which means when it’s not snowing or raining during the winter months,” Street Commissioner Patty Johnson said.

- For potholes on city streets, residents may report them through any of the following methods:
- Send an e-mail with the specific location of the pothole to NSD@noblesville.in.us.
 - Visit the city’s website (www.cityofnoblesville.org). On the homepage is a “Report a Pothole” button that will take you directly to the online form.
 - Call the street department at (317) 776-6348.
- For Indiana 19, 32, 37 and 38, residents must report potholes to the Indiana Department of Transportation at (317) 462-7751. As a reminder, the Noblesville Street Department is not allowed to maintain roads that fall under INDOT's jurisdiction – this includes plowing snow and repairing potholes.



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SCHEETZ

MISO

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“Indiana has been our home since we first started, and we are proud to continue that investment,” said John R. Bear, president and chief executive officer of MISO. “Fulfilling our mission of ensuring reliable operation of the electric grid requires the best and the brightest. This commitment to our Carmel facility will ensure that we have the people and technology to continue that mission in a way that provides value to our region.”

Formed in 1998, MISO became the nation’s first Regional Transmission Organization in 2001. The company acts as the “air traffic controller” of the electric grid by administering wholesale electricity markets. With its Indiana headquarters and additional facilities in Arkansas, Minnesota and Louisiana, the company helps its customers more efficiently distribute electricity, matching demand with generating capacity, resulting in billions of dollars in economic benefit each year.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered MISO Inc. up to \$1,600,000 in conditional tax credits and up to \$100,000 in training grants based on the company's estimated job creation plans. These incentives are performance-based, meaning until Hoosiers are hired, the company is not eligible to claim incentives. The city of Carmel will consider additional incentives.

"We congratulate MISO on its big news today and we celebrate the fact that they chose to expand here in Carmel," said Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard. "MISO has been a part of Carmel’s corporate family of 100-plus headquarters since the late 1990s and we look forward to watching their continued growth."

MISO’s growth comes at a record time for economic growth in the Hoosier State. Nearly 60 percent of the 140,500 private sector jobs created in the past three years have been above the state’s average wage. And last year, 323 companies made plans to locate or grow their operations in Indiana, projecting to create 26,555 new Hoosier jobs in the coming years with an average annual salary of more than \$51,700.

MISO ensures reliable operation of, and equal access to, high-voltage power lines in 15 U.S. states and the Canadian province of Manitoba. MISO manages one of the world’s largest energy markets, with more than \$37 billion in annual gross market energy transactions.

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Julie Ann Sutton

July 30, 1970 - January 25, 2016

Julie Ann Sutton, Age 45, of Sheridan, passed away on Monday morning, January 25, 2016, surrounded by her family at Riverview Health in Noblesville. Julie was born July 30, 1970 in Indianapolis, to Donald J. Smith and the late Linda Ann (Hopper) Smith-Spears. After graduating from Sheridan High School with the class of 1988, Julie earned her Associates Degree in Elementary Education from Ivy Tech. Julie loved working with children. She worked with KinderCare for 3 months as a caregiver of infants. In addition to coaching soccer for many years, she was also the aquatics instructor at the Stony Creek Swim Center for 9 years. Julie was a member of the Sheridan Six Points Wesleyan Church, where she loved attending bible studies.

Julie is survived by her loving husband, Larry Wayne Sutton II. He and Julie were married on May 7, 2011. She is also survived by her father, Donald J. Smith; her sons, Timothy J. Stepp (Michonne) and Neal Patrick Stepp, both of Sheridan; her daughter, Nikolette A. Sutton of Sheridan; 5 brothers, Daniel Smith, Scott Smith (April), Jason Spears, Aaron Spears and Steven Smith (Melissa); her sister, Michelle Smith Bagby (Aaron); and her canine best friend, Sage "like the spice".

She was preceded in death by her mother, Linda Smith-Spears; stepfather, Nicholas Spears; Maternal grandparents, Grover and Effie Hopper; and her first husband, Timothy Neal Stepp.

A Celebration of Life will take place from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at the Six Points Wesleyan Church, 1545 W. 226th St., Sheridan, Indiana 46069. Memorial contributions may be presented to Six Points Wesleyan Church.

DAILY BIBLE VERSE

And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

- Matthew 3:10

50 Years Ago

January 29, 1966

News: "The second and final semester of the 1965-66 year is underway in schools in Hamilton County. First semester tests have been completed and grades recorded on report cards."

Sports: "Noblesville Armory—What Fishers coach Ken Blad couldn't do with a little extra bench strength. The Tigers of Fishers displayed deadly shooting once again Saturday evening before a large Homecoming crowd at the Noblesville Armory but ran out of firepower late in the game and missed a big upset of Granville Wells' big and tough Rockets."

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Rep. Schaibley welcomes student pages to the Statehouse

State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) recently welcomed the following student pages to the Statehouse:

- [Danial Tajwer](#), from Carmel, attends Carmel High School;
- Katherine Sifferlen, from Zionsville, attends Zionsville West Middle School;
- Katie LaReau, from Carmel, attends St. Louis de Montfort; and
- Olivia Parker, from Carmel, attends the International School of Indiana.

As a House page, these participants toured government offices, helped staff with daily duties and joined Schaibley on the House floor as she conducted the people's business.

Schaibley said students aged 13 to 18 who are interested in the page program are encouraged to schedule their visit as soon as possible. Students who serve as pages are excused from school for the day and are responsible for their own transportation to and from the Statehouse. Session started Jan. 5, and runs through the second week of March. Recommended days to serve include Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays when the House is in session.

For more information or to fill out an application, please visit www.indianahouserpublicans.com/page-program or call 1-800-382-9841.



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Katherine Sifferlen

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Rep. Schaibley welcomes student pages to the Statehouse

Photos courtesy Donna Schaibley's office



Danial Tajwer



Olivia Parker

Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville receives \$1,000 Staples grant

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville has been awarded \$1,000 by Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., under a program that lets Staples associates direct donations.

“We are thrilled to receive this grant from Staples to support our Academic Success programs. One of these programs is our Power Hour program that we offer daily to our members. They receive help and guidance on their schoolwork by our dedicated staff and volunteers, complete enrichment activities and read books of their choice to foster a love of learning and to ensure they have bright futures ahead of them. We are appreciative of our local Staples store and its leadership who have worked with us to develop a wonderful relationship,” says Becky Terry, Executive Director of the Club.

This grant is part of a philanthropic initiative created by Staples Foundation which allows Staples associates around the world to direct funding to non-profit organizations that are focused on education or job skills. The program, called 2 Million and Change, encourages local community engagement by awarding larger grants to organizations where associates are highly engaged in volunteering or fundraising – up to \$25,000 per organization.

In 2014, Staples awarded more than \$2.4 million in grants to 1,056 local organizations in support of education and job skills programs, including tutoring for pediatric cancer patients, job skills development for individuals with disabilities, school supplies, mentoring and more.

“Staples Foundation is committed to encouraging associates around the globe to make a difference in their local communities and through 2 Million and Change we enable them to directly support the programs where they personally see the greatest need,” said Emily McCann, senior manager of community and giving for Staples, Inc.

Riverview Health to host joint replacement seminar

Riverview Health will host a joint replacement seminar from 6-7 pm on Thursday, February 18.

Dr. Jeffrey Ginther, a board certified and fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon, will discuss the latest techniques and procedures for hip and knee replacement, including anterior hip replacement and Exactech Guided Personalized Surgery (GPS) for knee replacements.

The joint replacement seminar will take place at Riverview Health in the Krieg DeVault Conference Room, located in the lower level of the Women’s Pavilion. A light dinner will be served. The program is free, but registration is required. Register at riverview.org/classes or call [317.776.7999](tel:3177767999).



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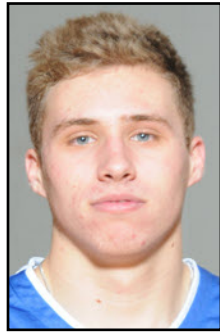
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Millers search for respectability....

Royals want to ice HCC crown

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

This one has tons of importance for both teams, this Hamilton County backyard battle tonight between host Noblesville and Hamilton Southeastern at The Mill.



Connor Rotterman
Southeastern

For Coach Brian Satterfield's Royals it an opportunity to at least clinch a tie for the Hoosier Crossroads Conference crown. The Royals are 4-0, with city-rival Fishers just a notch behind with a 3-1 record. A win, or loss, against Noblesville will leave Brownsburg (Feb. 19 at HSE) as the only conference hurdle on Southeastern's schedule, the only hurdle between what could be an undefeated HCC season.

For Coach Brian McCauley's Millers a win would return respectability to Noblesville's camp against its Highway 37 Corridor long-time rival. Southeastern has beaten Noblesville seven consecutive times. There was a 43-42 Noblesville sectional victory in 2010, but in regular season play Noblesville hasn't defeated Southeastern since a 57-51 win in the Hamilton County Tourney in 2007. Noblesville also won another regular season matchup, 46-45, that same season.

In a series which started in 1968 with a 71-53 Noblesville sectional victory, the Millers lead with 38 wins to 21 losses.

Still, today is today and Noblesville fans are having a tough time stomaching 11 Southeastern wins in the last 12 games of the series.

Neither coach is talking about that in pre-game comments.

"Hamilton Southeastern is having a very good season," offered McCauley.

"They have played outstanding teams and improved throughout the season. They are led by Zach Gunn, who is very versatile both offensively and defensively. Overall, HSE has excellent athleticism, size and skill."

Overall, Southeastern is 11-6. The Royals are coming off a 59-51 loss to Mt. Vernon, one night after edging Zionsville 48-47 in a huge Hoosier Crossroads game. The Royals had won three straight before losing to Mt. Vernon and will enter the Noblesville game with five wins in seven games.

"This will be a very tough game," said Satterfield. "Noblesville is on an upward swing and playing their best basketball of the season. Early they relied on John Kiser, but they have much better balance right now. We have to be much better defensively than we were this past weekend."

Noblesville is 8-6, and with a point here and a stop there the Millers could be even better. They lost by four points each on the road to Fishers and Carmel early in the season. They lost to Fort Wayne South in overtime and they lost double-overtime battles to Columbus East and Zionsville. They upset highly-ranked Logansport last time out and they've won three of their last four games.

Kiser leads Noblesville's scoring with a 21.9 average. Max Flinchum is scoring at an 11.5 clip and Corby Mertens is averaging 9.9 points a game. Gunn paces HSE with 18.5 points a game, followed by Greg Miller at 10.5 and Connor Rotterman at 8.3.

"I like the way our team has improved within the past several weeks," said McCauley. "We have improved defensively and that has helped us be competitive in our last four games. We still have room for growth, and I am excited that there is time left to try to reach our fullest potential."



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Corby Mertens is averaging 9.9 points per game for the Noblesville boys basketball team this season.

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A smashing Senior Night...

Shamrocks overwhelm Huskies

By RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor

Thursday was Senior Night for the Westfield girls basketball team, so the Shamrocks were pumped up to begin with.



Maddy Grennes
Westfield



Jalyn Foland
Westfield

Westfield took all that energy and used it to burn up the nets in The Rock, blasting its way to an 87-28 victory over Hamilton Heights. With that, the 'Rocks earned their 20th win of the season (against just three losses), and now await the winner of the Tuesday first-round Sectional 8 game between Noblesville and Anderson. Westfield hosts the sectional this year.

It was all Shamrocks from the start, as they led 12-2 just two minutes into the game. Westfield was in front 27-12 after the first quarter, 44-18 at halftime and 73-25 after three quarters, pouring in 29 points in that third period. Westfield had a 17-0 run during the second and third quarters.

"We played incredible," said 'Rocks coach Ginny Smith. Her team was efficient from the field, connecting on 48 percent of its total field goals, and 54 percent (12 of 25) from 3-point range. Westfield made three 3s in a row during the third period,

one each from Jalyn Foland, Maddy Grennes and Allison VanDyke.



Allison VanDyke
Westfield



Kayla Kirtley
Heights

The three above-mentioned players each soared over the 20-point mark: Grennes scored 25, Foland had 23 and VanDyke added 21 points. Foland nailed five 3-pointers, while Grennes made three. With all that offense, Westfield totaled 17 assists as a team; Abby Reeder dished out six and Grennes had four.

The Shamrocks' defense played well also, grabbing 20 steals. Reeder made six takeaways and Foland had four. Grennes and VanDyke both had eight rebounds.

One of the best moments of the game was when Haliiegh Reinoehl got in during the fourth quarter. Reinoehl has been battling sickness, but she was all dressed up and ready to go, taking to the floor for a

little over a minute to the happy cheers of her teammates and the crowd.



Bri Henson
Heights

else did."

As for the Huskies, they battled courageously, still playing hard until the final buzzer despite Westfield's relentless defense. Kayla Kirtley and Bri Henson both scored six points for Heights.

"Westfield's a great basketball team," said Huskies coach Omega Tandy. "They're well-coached, those kids have been playing together for a long time, and they absolutely executed today."

Tandy acknowledged there was some work to be done, especially when it came to turning the ball over. "We limited our possessions, didn't take care of the basketball," said Tandy. "We didn't play very good basketball today."

Heights, which is hosting Sectional 24 this year, finished the regular season 11-11 and will play a 19-3 Marion team Wednesday in the first round of the tournament. So it doesn't get any easier, and Tandy said the team "had a hard, hard conversation in the locker room" after the game.

"So we had to have some tough conversations, but we got to be ready to go on

Wednesday, and we'll see how the girls are ready and focused and respond tomorrow in practice," said Tandy.

Westfield 87, Hamilton Heights 28

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
AireAnna Stretch	1-3	0-0	2	1
Kayla Kirtley	2-9	1-3	6	1
Lauryn Wiley	0-0	1-2	1	0
Lexi Branham	1-5	1-2	4	1
Bri Henson	3-3	0-0	6	0
Ashton Runner	1-7	0-0	2	4
Logan Wiley	0-0	0-0	0	1
Audrie Catron	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ana Collar	1-4	3-4	5	2
Sydney Griffey	1-1	0-2	2	2
Abby Christiansen	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	10-32	6-12	28	13

Heights 3-point shooting (2-8) Kirtley 1-4, Branham 1-2, Stretch 0-2.

Heights rebounds (16) Kirtley 4, S. Griffey 4, Stretch 2, Branham 2, Runner 2, Henson 1, Lo. Wiley 1.

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maddy Grennes	10-15	2-2	25	3
Allison VanDyke	6-12	8-10	21	2
Abby Reeder	1-2	2-3	5	0
Jalyn Foland	8-11	2-2	23	2
Annaleise Drudge	1-4	0-0	3	3
Sophia Kreag	1-3	0-0	3	2
Morgan Clary	0-1	0-0	0	2
Ryann Bunting	1-2	0-0	2	0
Annabelle O'Hair	1-1	2-2	4	1
Emily Katter	0-0	1-2	1	0
Jade Shipley	0-1	0-0	0	0
Allison Dotson	0-1	0-0	0	0
Haliiegh Reinoehl	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	29-54	17-21	87	15

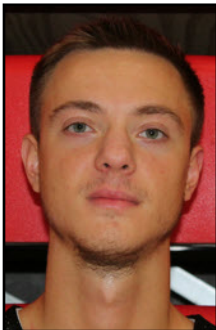
Westfield 3-point shooting (12-25) Foland 5-6, Grennes 3-5, VanDyke 1-5, Kreag 1-2, Drudge 1-2, Reeder 1-1, Reinoehl 0-1, Shipley 0-1, Clary 0-1, Bunting 0-1.

Westfield rebounds (32) Grennes 8, VanDyke 8, Reeder 4, Bunting 4, Drudge 2, Shipley 1, Kreag 1, Foland 1, O'Hair 1, team 2.

Score by Quarters				
Heights	12	6	7	3 - 28
Westfield	27	17	29	14 - 87

'Hawks fall in 2nd round

A first round winner over Frontier Tuesday in the opening play of the Hoosier Heartland Conference Tourney, Sheridan last evening fell into the losers bracket when losing to Eastern 62-39.



Roberts

Tri-Central, a 67-54 loser to Rossville last evening.

Earlier in the season, Tri-Central defeated Sheridan 76-60.

The loss last evening dropped Sheridan to 5-11 on the season. Sheridan has won three of its last six games.

Coach Chris Schrank's Blackhawks gave Eastern a battle for a half. The Comets led 16-15 after one quarter and only 28-23 at halftime before going on a 34-16 second half run.

Sheridan hit just 15-of-40 shots, including a cold 4-for-17 night from 3-point range.

No Blackhawk scored in double figures.

Leading scorer for Sheridan was Patrick Weitzel with 8 points.

Chris Roberts led with 7 rebounds.

Eastern 62, Sheridan 39

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jake Chesney	3-7	0-0	6	1
Taylor Ly	1-2	0-0	3	3
Sean Weitzel	2-8	0-0	6	4
Drake Delph	1-1	2-3	4	2
Weston Burtron	2-5	2-3	6	1
Tommy Glidden	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jack Waitt	0-0	0-0	0	0

Aidan Roaten	0-0	0-0	0	1
Patrick Weitzel	4-8	0-0	8	4
Chris Roberts	2-8	0-0	5	2
Nick Burnell	0-1	0-0	0	0
Rhett Williams	0-0	1-2	1	0
Tanner Swindle	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15-40	5-8	39	18

Score by Quarters:

Sheridan	15	8	4	12 - 39
Eastern	16	12	12	22 - 62

Sheridan 3-Pointers (4-17): Chesney 0-2, Ly 1-2, S. Weitzel 2-8, P. Weitzel 0-1, Roberts 1-4.

Sheridan Rebounds (22): Chesney 4, Ly 1, Delph 1, Burtron 4, Glidden 1, P. Weitzel 2, Roberts 7, Williams 1, Swindle 1.

Middle school news...

NEMS 8th-grade boys beat Carmel

The Noblesville East Middle School 8th-grade boys basketball team beat Carmel Middle School 36-19 in its last regular season home game.

The East Millers held Carmel to five points in the first half and outscored them 15-9 in the fourth quarter. Alex Hunt led East with 13 points. Jeffery Hemmelgarn played solid with seven points, eight rebounds and three blocks.

Noblesville East will play the winner of the Fall Creek vs. Hamilton Heights game on Thursday, Feb. 4 at East Middle School 7 p.m. in the second round of the Hamilton County Tournament.

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WNBA approves regular-season, playoff changes

The WNBA Board of Governors approved changes to playoff seeding and qualification procedures as well as the post-season format, effective with the 2016 season, the WNBA announced today. The reconfigured postseason structure, featuring live telecasts by ESPN networks of every playoff and Finals game in 2016, dovetails with a new, more balanced format for the regular-season schedule.

Beginning with the WNBA's historic 20th season, the eight teams with the highest winning percentages regardless of conference will qualify for the playoffs and be seeded based on their record.

Additional changes to the playoff structure are as follows:

- The number of playoff rounds increases from three to four. The top two seeds receive a bye to the semifinals (third round), and the third and fourth seeds receive a bye to the second round.
- Teams will be re-seeded after each post-season round.
- The first and second rounds are single elimination. In the first round, the No. 5 seed hosts the No. 8 seed and the No. 6 seed hosts the No. 7 seed. In the second round, the No. 3 seed hosts the lowest-seeded first-round winner and the No. 4 seed hosts the other first-round winner.
- The semifinals feature a best-of-five format, with the No. 1 overall seed playing the lowest remaining seed and the No.

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Indy Fuel news...

Free T-shirt, Garfield jersey auction on tap this weekend

The Indy Fuel's January schedule concludes with the Winter Whiteout and Indiana Farmers & Friends

Friday vs. Evansville IceMen

Time: 7:35 p.m. at Indiana Farmers Coliseum. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Winter Whiteout: WARNING: Initial forecasts call for whiteout conditions inside Indiana Farmers Coliseum! Arrive early for an outdoor street festival featuring ice sculptors, food and beverage and other fun activities. **All ticket holders in attendance will receive a free Indy Fuel Whiteout shirt courtesy of IBEW Local #481!**

Free App Friday: When the Fuel win, you win - thanks to South of Chicago Pizza and Beef! Every time the Fuel win on Friday this season, you can present your game ticket at any of the three South of Chicago Pizza and Beef locations for a free appetizer. The deal is valid for seven days after the Fuel victory.

Saturday vs. Evansville IceMen

Time: 7:35 p.m. at Indiana Farmers Coliseum. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Indiana Farmers & Friends: Garfield and Odie invade Indiana Farmers Coliseum

as the Fuel and IceMen sport specialty jerseys honoring our cartoon pals! Stick around after the game for your chance to bid on game-worn jerseys with a portion of the net proceeds being donated to The Shelter Pet Project. **All ticket holders in attendance will receive a Garfield plush animal compliments of Indiana Farmers Mutual Insurance!**

2016 Winterfest Beer Festival: Before the game make sure to stop by Champions Pavilion and Blue Ribbon Pavilion for the 2016 Winterfest Beer Festival! Over 90 Indiana breweries will be in attendance. Visit [here](#) for more information.

Matchup: Indy continues a string of eight-straight games within the Midwest Division as they host the IceMen for a doubleheader at Indiana Farmers Coliseum. The Fuel have won both prior meetings against Evansville in Indianapolis this year, coming in 3-2 and 3-0 victories on Jan. 8 and 9 respectively. Indy shows a 5-2-0-0 record through seven games of the 11-game season series between the Hoosier State rivals, and holds a 7-3-1-0 record all time against the IceMen.

Ticket Info: Available at [IndyFuelHockey.com](#) or at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum box office, as well as all Ticketmaster outlets. Get your tickets now to avoid long lines at the box office.

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2 overall seed meeting the remaining team. The Nos. 1 and 2 seeds will host Games 1, 2 and 5, and the lower-seeded teams will host Games 3 and 4 in their respective series. The WNBA Finals remain best-of-five and follow the same 2-2-1 format.

Most recently, the top four teams in both the Eastern Conference and Western Conference qualified for the playoffs and were seeded by conference standings. The East and West each held two best-of-three conference semifinals, followed by a best-of-three conference finals. The conference champions advanced to a best-of-five WNBA Finals.

Under the new, more balanced regular-season format, teams will face their five in-conference opponents in the following manner:

- Four games against one team (two home and two away)
- Three games apiece against the four remaining teams (two home and one away versus two teams; one home and two away versus the other two teams)
- Each team's opponent breakdown was selected at random and will be rotated annually to ensure a fair balance of the schedule.
- Games against the six teams in the opposite conference will be as follows:
 - Three games against each team (two home and one away versus three teams; one home and two away versus the remaining three teams)
 - The opponents for the two formats have been selected at random and will be reversed annually.

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<p>Thursday's scores</p> <p>Indiana 111, Atlanta 92</p> <p>Denver 117, Washington 113</p> <p>Toronto 103, New York 93</p> <p>Memphis 103, Milwaukee 83</p> <p>New Orleans 114, Sacramento 105</p> <p>Chicago 114, L.A. Lakers 91</p> <p>Friday's games</p> <p>Orlando at Boston, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Phoenix at New York, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Houston at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Miami at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Brooklyn at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.</p> <p>Charlotte at Portland, 10 p.m.</p> <p>L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.</p>
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East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	31	15	.674	-
Boston	26	21	.553	5.5
New York	22	26	.458	10.0
Brooklyn	12	34	.261	19.0
Philadelphia	7	40	.149	24.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	32	12	.727	-
Chicago	26	19	.578	6.5
Detroit	25	21	.543	8.0
Indiana	23	22	.511	9.5
Milwaukee	20	28	.417	14.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	27	21	.563	-
Miami	25	21	.543	1.0
Charlotte	22	24	.478	4.0
Washington	20	24	.455	5.0
Orlando	20	24	.455	5.0

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oklahoma City	35	13	.729	-
Portland	21	26	.447	13.5
Utah	20	25	.444	13.5
Denver	18	29	.383	16.5
Minnesota	14	33	.298	20.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	42	4	.913	-
L.A. Clippers	30	16	.652	12.0
Sacramento	20	26	.435	22.0
Phoenix	14	33	.298	28.5
L.A. Lakers	9	39	.188	34.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	39	7	.848	-
Memphis	27	20	.574	12.5
Dallas	26	22	.542	14.0
Houston	25	23	.521	15.0
New Orleans	17	28	.378	21.5

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

The future is now for the Indiana Pacers.

Myles Turner moved into the starting lineup on Thursday and lifted the Pacers (24-22) to a 111-92 win over the Atlanta Hawks (27-21). The rookie finished with 20 points on 9-of-17 shooting and six rebounds in the victory, which snapped Indiana's three-game losing streak.

Pacers head coach Frank Vogel told the media prior to the game that he planned to give the 19-year-old his first career start. After lighting it up offensively over the past week, Vogel felt that the 6-11 big man had earned more minutes and was intrigued by the idea of playing him at power forward alongside center Ian Mahinmi.

"Coach felt confident in the way I've been playing lately," Turner said. "He put me out there in a good position to go out there and play. It's all about opportunity, and tonight was a big one for me."

Turner and company led by 11 points with 10 minutes to play in Thursday's contest, but the Hawks responded with a 12-1 run. Atlanta even briefly took a 90-88 lead on Al Horford's dunk with 5:55 remaining.

But George Hill knocked down a 3-pointer 19 seconds later to put the Blue & Gold back in front and they quickly extended their lead. Paul George and Monta Ellis combined to knock down five straight free throws, then Ian Mahinmi ran the floor for a dunk that pushed Indiana's lead back to eight.

The lead continued to grow from there, as Ellis knocked down three jumpers and Turner buried another down the stretch. All told, Indiana closed the game on a 23-2 run.

"It was really on the defensive end," Ellis said of the Pacers' strong finish. "We were able to get stops and go on an 11-0 run. We needed this win. We were locked in down the stretch and came out with a win."

Even from the start of the night, the new starting lineup looked promising. The Pacers' two bigs connected on passes in the opening minutes. Turner made a nice dish from the right baseline to a cutting Mahinmi, but the Frenchman missed his dunk attempt. Nonetheless, Mahinmi returned the favor on the next possession, finding Turner when he dashed to the rim for the Pacers' first points of the evening.

The rookie acquitted himself well in his first rotation as a member of the starting lineup, logging six points on 3-of-5 shooting, three rebounds, and a block in 8:04 in the first quarter.

But interestingly enough, it was the Pacers' second unit that gave them their first sizeable lead of the evening. Indiana's reserves reeled off a 13-3 run a few minutes into the second quarter to take a double-digit lead. Jordan Hill scored six points in that stretch and C.J. Miles added five. Lavoy Allen, removed from the starting lineup in favor of Turner, racked up nine rebounds (four of them offensive) in

barely more than 10 minutes of playing time.

Turner and the starters maintained a multi-possession lead for the rest of the half, with Turner contributing a couple more buckets in the period.

Atlanta eventually tied the game at 63 midway through the third quarter, triggering a special sequence from Turner.

First, the rookie got Horford, the Hawks' former All-Star center, airborne on a pump fake, then converted a circus shot while drawing a foul (he made the free throw). On the next possession, he swished a 20-foot jumper from the right wing. Finally, Turner ran the floor after an Ellis steal and the veteran guard found the rookie for a two-handed dunk.

The crowd rose to its feet as Atlanta took a timeout, but no one in the building was as loud as the rookie, who unleashed a primal scream.

"During that time of the game I was real pumped up," Turner said. "It was pretty surreal afterward. It's cool, man. I've been dreaming about this my whole life. I'm glad I was able to go out there tonight and play our game."

While the Pacers' youngest player will likely get all the headlines, the team's oldest player shared the spotlight on Thursday. Ellis was excellent on both ends, tallying a game-high 25 points, five rebounds, six assists, and five steals. The 11-year NBA veteran was 7-for-11 from the field and 5-for-7 from 3-point range.

"Monta (Ellis) was spectacular tonight," Vogel said. "He's felt a little better, a little healthier that last four, five games."

George Hill was also extremely efficient, making 7-of-9 shots en route to 18 points and eight boards. Paul George joined his teammates in double figures, scoring all 11 of his points in the second half after battling early foul trouble.

Former Pike High School star Jeff Teague led Atlanta with 20 points and five assists. Horford added 14 points in the loss.

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