## Saturday, February 20, 2016

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**TODAY'S WEATHER** 



Sunny today, increasing clouds tonight with a 20 percent chance of rain after

LOW: 39 **HIGH:** 63



# Hamillton County Reporter

### The County Line

### Caucus to fill Council vacancy; Jim Dillon expresses interest

By FRED SWIFT

caucus of the Republican precinct organization to fill the vacancy on the council where Belden served for 23 years. It will be the second countywide caucus since January.

member-at-large, all county committeemen will be qualified to vote. The caucus will be called within 30 days. mainder of this year.

The county GOP just held a highly competitive caucus January 30 to elect a new county chairman following the is sometimes chosen although that is not required. So, Tech Gym in Noblesville.

The unfortunate passing of County Councilman Jim won in a contested vote. This week the GOP state commit-Belden on Sunday means another tee appointed a special committee to investigate.)

Belden's seat is up in this year's election. He had filed for re-election along with five others including incumbents Brad Beaver and Rick McKinney. Candidates seeking to join the council are Bill Dennis, George Kehl and Jeff Hern.

On Tuesday, Dr. James Dillon said he would be inter-Since Belden served as a council ested in filling out the remainder of Belden's term. Dillon, lived many years in Carmel where he served on the Clay Township Board. Interested in emergency medical servic-The person chosen will serve the re- es, he said he wants to support a public safety training adult children. center for Hamilton County that was proposed last year.

resignation of former chairman Pete Emigh. (Pete Peterson Hern, Kehl or Dennis could file to fill the vacancy, but any county Republican resident would be eligible to run to fill the last ten months of Belden's term.

Thus far Dr. Dillon is the only one to step forward wanting to complete the unexpired term. On some issues the council has been split 4-3 with Belden usually being one of the three. Belden supported the proposed training

Belden was 77 when he died early Sunday at his home a retired heart specialist, originally from Noblesville, has in Carmel. He had been a teacher and successful football coach at Westfield, Noblesville and finally Carmel before retiring in 1996. He is survived by wife, Beverly, and two

There will be no funeral service at this time. A memo-In situations like this a candidate on the primary ballot rial service will be held at 3 p.m. February 27 at the IVY

### **Hamilton County** has long history of growth

By MARY SUE ROWLAND



Pieces of history in Hamilton County have today, given way to the fastest growing country in state, where more people and families move than all of the other counties combined. Also remember in the

1800's, it was the

northern part of the county that was very successful and growing. The first Hamilton County Agricultural Fair was held in Cicero in 1860. The Hamilton County Agricultural Society was organized in 1837 but did not become active until 1856. Mary Green in 1837 was named post mistress of the first Westfield Post Office at its official opening. That was the same year that William Conner and his family moved into Noblesville on 8th Street near downtown and the railroad tracks. Sheridan was home to the Kercheval Homestead in 1842. In 1912, the Hamilton County Hospital Board appointed to establish and maintain a county hospital. The biggest flood in history as White River overflows. Fire destroyed downtown Sheridan. Cicero elevator burned and fire destroyed many businesses in downtown Carmel.

The Noblesville City Council ordered citizens arrested who let chickens, ducks and horses run at large in 1917. An explosion damages the Indiana Condensed Milk Company in Sheridan in the same year. It was 1924, when the first two traffic signals were installed in Noblesville. The same year the Noblesville Firemen bought their first radio for entertainment during the long hours working at the station. A nine hole golf course was opened at Forest Park in 1927. Forest Park held the first kite flying contest sponsored by M. Haas & Sons along with the first top spinning contest sponsored by M & M Shoes in 1928. There was ice skating both day and night at the Noblesville Bathing Pool due to the installation of "twelve large lights." The Carmel flowing well was opened in 1929 and continues to flow today. The 1930 census lists 4,805 citizens in Noblesville and the County census listed 23,444 citizens. Firestone offered prizes to the best growers of Victory Gardens in 1944 and the number of graduates from high schools: Jackson Central 56, Sheridan 53, Carmel 28, Westfield 23 and Noblesville 56. In 1961, the worst blizzard since

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## RATING SENIOR NIGI



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

The Noblesville boys basketball team celebrated its Senior Night Friday at The Mill, first by honoring its five seniors: Trainer Ashley Higgins, Manager Josiah Schmidt, and players Ryan Ogden, John Kiser and Brandon Barthel. Kiser made history by scoring his 1000th point during the third quarter, and Noblesville came from behind to beat Avon 60-53.



Photo provided

Guerin Catholic's boys basketball team celebrated its Senior Night Friday at The Eagles Nest with an exciting win over Pendleton Heights. Pictured: Rhett Helt, Cameron Lindley, Calen Cunningham, Christian Daniels, Christian Munson, manager Nathan

#### Touchdown...

## Jim Belden style

By JEFF JELLISON

Publishing a family owned newspaper can be challenging at



times. Publishing a family owned news-Don Jellison can be more than challenging at times.

times, it is best to keep my distance from to ask what the topic

of his next column will be or what position he will take on a community issue. Why? years. He ran a fullback up the middle and It doesn't matter what I think. Don will beat the drum, no matter what anyone

Early Sunday morning I received a phone call informing me Hall of Fame coach and Hamilton County Councilman Jim Belden had died.

Coach Belden and Don were good friends.

On Sunday Don was traveling out of state. I knew I had to make the phone call to tell Don what had happened. I knew that phone call wouldn't be easy. I knew as soon as Don returned home he would write time ago that when Jim Belden got in your a column honoring Coach Belden.

On Thursday the Reporter published Don's column. As expected Don talked about the history of his friendship with Belden. Also, as expected, Don announced

that on Friday he would make a recommendation on how the community could honor

I expected Don's recommendation to be something like adding Jim Belden's name paper who's editor is to Noblesville's Hare Chevrolet Field. Or naming Carmel's football field after the legendary coach. Or naming the Hamilton County Judicial Center in honor of the I've learned, at councilman that cared so much about Hamilton County.

What I didn't expect was for Don to call Don. I've learned not a play straight out of the Jim Belden play-

> Don did what Belden did for many scored a touchdown.

Don's fullback was the hotly contested Hamilton County Emergency Training Center, and he just called the play during a time when several county candidates are preparing their election campaigns.

The training center was important to Belden. Belden was passionate about public safety. I learned that first hand when Belden backed me into a corner of an elevator at the judicial center following a public meeting. I played for Belden. I was a student in Belden's class. I learned a longface, you had better take him seriously.

I agree with Don. The current Hamilton County Council needs to rethink their position on funding the training center and name it in honor of the person who believed in it the most.

### **Hamilton County marriage licenses**

Daniel Garcia Diaz, 34, Westfield; Patri- Alexander Ian Jeffries, 28, Cicero; Andrea cia Pacheco Guadarrama, 40, Westfield. Ann Baker, 68, Westfield.

Rakesh Balachandran Nair, 39, Noblesville: Pratima Anuradha Narine, 37, Noblesville.

Adam Clarke Lee, 31, Fishers; Sarah Elizabeth Taylor, 28, Fishers.

Zamantha Kahil Rivera-Amaya, 21, Noblesville; Jorge Luis Rangel, 25, Nobles-

Jeffrey Bradley, 52, Noblesville; Jodi Van

Meter, 50, Noblesville. Aaron Harrison, 31, Carmel; Whitney F. Evans, 28, Glen Ellyn, IL.

Gordon Lynn Castetter Jr., 49, Carmel; Carol Ann Lumpkin, 51, Carmel. Christopher Boyce Sherwin, 28, Nobles-

ville; Felisha Kay Doucette, 30, Nobles-

Angie May Emery, 41, Noblesville; Francisco Sanchez-Garcia, 31, Noblesville.

Renae Hughes, 19, Liberty, IN.

John Arthur Griep, 81, Valparaiso; Marcia Melissa Sue Merrill, 35, Noblesville; Christopher Lee Lotspeich, 40, Nobles-

John Martin Moore, 47, Noblesville; Kelli Renee Drake, 42, Noblesville.

Katherine Michelle Schiewer, 32, Noblesville; James Allen Campbell, 38, Nobles-

Stephanie Joanne Schultz, 45, Beloit, WI; David Patrick White, 51, San Antonio, TX Jacqueline L. Bracey, 38, Noblesville; Carl Sebastian Cordova, 36, Noblesville. Anthony J. Wren, 44, Noblesville; Tamela J. Sherman, 50, Castleton, IN

David Cottrell, 52, Indianapolis; Marilyn Warren, 52, Fishers.

Bryan Michael Reuter, 35, Fishers; Noel Stephanie Mulligan, 32, Fishers. Shweta Urva, 34, Indianapolis; Vishal Pu-

jary, 37, Indianapolis. Rachel Louise Mitchel, 32, Pittsboro, IN; Steven Scott Rucker, 36, Noblesville.

#### State park passes now available for loan from the Indiana State Library

With temperatures finally on the rise, thoughts are turning to the great outdoors and exploring all that Indiana has to offer. In honor of the state's bicentennial, the Indiana State Library has now provided each library with a state park pass for loan to library

When you are ready to hit the trail, simply stop by the Adult Services desk at either the Fishers or Noblesville Library and check for availability. Due to high demand, the passes will be available on a first come, first served basis, with no holds or renewals available. Passes can be checked out for up to 7 days.

Like other library materials, if passes are returned after the due date, late fees will apply. If passes are lost, a full replacement cost will be assessed

For further information, check out the library's website at hepl.lib.in.us.

#### Free admission...

## **Indiana State Police Museum** open this afternoon

Looking for something different to do cycle used by Indiana State Police troopers, weekend? Stop February 20th. The museum will be open to Dillinger days. the public from 12pm to 4pm and has free

the 1930s, an original 1937 Indian Motor- Street intersection.

the and learn about the history of the Indiana State Police Museum this Saturday, Indiana State Police dating back to the

The Indiana State Police Museum is located at 8660 East 21st Street, Indianapo-Come and see police cars dating back to lis, IN 46219 - near the Post Road and 21st



### ROWLAND

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1913 hits the county standing many sec tional attendees in Carmel. It was 1975, with a population increase of 19 percent since 1970 census, Hamilton County was declared, "the fastest growing county in the state." From cabins to stately homes, from dirt roads to brick to paved streets, interurban trains, oil and gas discoveries, swimming pools, golf and hospitals things grew and needs were met from 1783 to 1978. Many floods, wars, fires, towns built and industry changed during those almost 200 years. Everything needed to be done and everything was done. This was the foundation for the "fastest growing county in the state." Not to say there is still much to be done especially in the northern part of the county that often seems forgotten. With outstanding communities, continuing innovation and development in Hamilton County, a helping hand to the northern towns seems long overdue. Now Atlanta finds itself without any emergency services. That is a very serious situation and Atlanta surely needs a helping hand from its more successful "sisters" to the south and the County government. Let's see who will step up to help?

Dates and events taken from the "Remembrances" book written by John Foland, produced by Rowland Printing, watercolor drawings by Floyd Hopper and illustrated by Bruce Neckar in 1976 containing stories about Hamilton County his-

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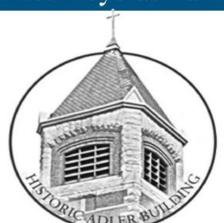
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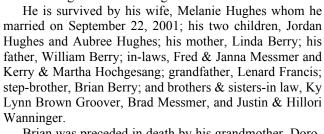
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### Brian Christopher Hughes October 2, 1978 - February 18, 2016

Brian Christopher Hughes, 37, of Westfield, passed away on Thursday, February 18. 2016 at St. Vincent Heart Center in Indianapolis. He was born on October 2, 1978 in Terre Haute, Indiana. Brian was

a computer consultant for Allegient Computer Consulting, and had been in the IT industry for 14 years. He had attended IU Bloomington and was a big IU and Colts fan.



Brian was preceded in death by his grandmother, Dorothy 'Dot' Francis.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, February 22, 2016 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 14598 Oak Ridge Road in Carmel with visitation beginning two hours prior to the service. Rev. David Huemmer will officiate. Private graveside services will be held at a later date at Hull Cemetery in Terre Haute, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, Greater Midwest Affiliate, Memorials and Tributes Lockbox, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674; or Child's Play Charity at: http://childsplaycharity.org/donate.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

#### **Public Information Meeting**

Roundabout – Allisonville Road and Cumberland Road – Please be advised, on Thursday, March 3, 2016, The Hamilton County Highway Department will hold a public information meeting for the planned roundabout at Allisonville Road and Cumberland Road. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to explain the project, discuss schedule, gather pertinent information regarding the area, and afford all interested persons an opportunity to ask questions on the proposed project.

Please direct all questions to:

David Lucas

**Project Coordinator** 

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E-mail: david.lucas@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

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### DAILY BIBLE VERSE

Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

- Matthew 4:12-16

### Marion L. Klingler Sr. August 4, 1945 - February 19, 2016

Marion L. Klingler Sr., 70, of Noblesville, passed away on the morning of Friday, February 19, 2016 at his home. He was born on August 4, 1945 to George and Hazel (Shirley) Klingler in Lebanon, Indiana.

For 25 years, Marion worked as a machinist with Indiana Gear Works, and with other companies after that time. Marion proudly serviced his country in the Indiana National Guard. He was a member of Elizaville Baptist Church, and more recently Noblesville First Church of the Nazarene. Marion loved to work on lawn mowers, enjoyed gardening, loved poodles, and preferred to be outdoors rather than indoors. Most of all, he put his family first and loved them dearly.

Marion is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Marilyn L. Klingler; son, Lee (Lori) Klingler; step-daughter, Lois J. (Larry) Bonebright; sisters, Gladys (Al) Siddel and Shirley Klingler; five grandchildren, Larry Calvin (Vicki) Bonebright, Lindsey Marie Bonebright (fiancé Jeff Needler), Jacob Levi Klingler, Jonathan Thomas Klingler, and Josiah William Klingler; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces & nephews.

In addition to his parents, Marion was preceded in death by his brother, David Klingler, as well as an infant brother.

Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Monday, February 22, 2016 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, Noblesville, with visitation from 12:00 Noon to the time of service. Pastor Shad Hill of Deer Creek Community Church will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville, Indiana.

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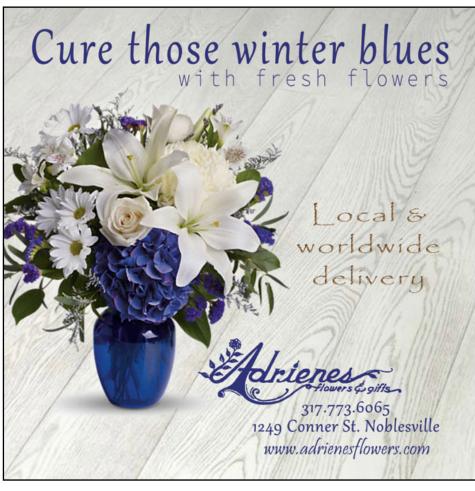
#### **COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE**

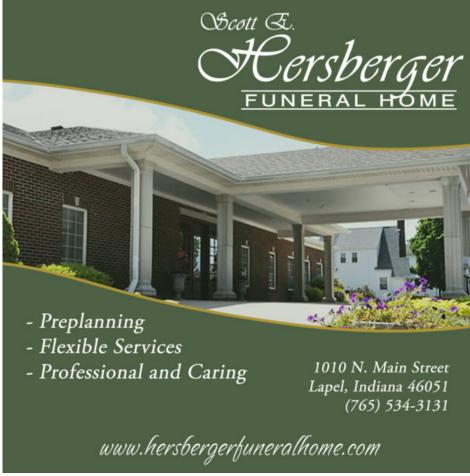
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program (YAP) Sustainability Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at the Carmel Community Life and Learning Center, 515 East Main Street, Suite 110 Carmel, Indiana. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of the sustainability of the YAP Program.

/s/ Dawn Coverdale,

**Hamilton County Auditor** 

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#### Westfield Chamber accepting applications for...

### 2016 Academic Scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for the 22nd annual Westfield Chamber of Commerce Academic Scholarships.

A \$1000 and two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to three graduating high school seniors who reside in Washington Township, Hamilton County, Indiana and who have plans of furthering their education. The \$1000 Scholarship to Ivy Tech is provided by Tom Warner and the two \$500 Scholarships to a university or college of the recipient's choice are sponsored by Busby Eye Care, LLC and Body One Physical Therapy & Sports Rehabilitation.

To be considered for these awards all essays must be in a word format and submitted to the Chamber office via email no later than March 31, 2016. Essays must be in a Word document format and interview two people outside your accompanied by the student information.

#### **Requirements:**

In addition to submitting student information, each candidate must write and submit a minimum 500-word maximum 1000-word essay. The essay should focus on the essay topic stated on page two of this document.

The essay is not intended to be a report on the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, its activities, or its history or the history of chambers of commerce in general. This essay is a position paper. It reflects a potential real situation, and your recommendation could be taken into consideration for remedy. You are expected to create a specific solution, advocate for that solution, and appease both sides of the debate. In awarding this scholarship a wellreasoned essay will be considered. The essay will be evaluated by community and the public at the Westfield Washington chamber leaders using the following criteria:

- Understands the Role of the Chamber in this endeavor
- · Well organized and supported with examples
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- Interesting to the reader
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- Overall impression
- To qualify for review, refrain from using names and/or identifying relationships

#### **Student Information:**

To be considered for these awards, essays must be submitted via e-mail as a document attachment info@westfield-chamber.org with all the following information in a cover e-mail no later than March 31, 2016.

- 1. Name.
- 2. Mailing Address.
- 3. Phone number and e-mail address.
- 4. Date of birth.
- 5. Year of High School Graduation.
- 6. High School from which you will
- 7. School you plan to attend.
- 8. Field of Study.
- 9. Have you applied at the above school?
- 10. Have you been accepted at that
- 11. Would you be willing to speak at a Chamber of Commerce meeting?
- 12. Name of High School counselor.

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This year's Essay Topic is as follows:

Over the past 10 years, Westfield has transitioned from a largely rural community to one that is on the fringe of several growing population centers. This growth has led to a more diverse population in terms of age, lifestyle and income. How does Westfield embrace this diverse population, and engage all our residents in our vision for a growing and more vibrant community?

We are asking Westfield area highschool students to write an essay addressing the challenges faced by community leaders in bringing this diverse population together to present a shared vision for Westfield going forward. How do we engage and embrace all voices while honoring our heritage, our traditions, and our foundation?

To construct your essay, we ask you to immediate family: A person in their 20s and another person over the age of 50. Ask them their thoughts on the recent growth of Westfield, and how they envision the growth of Westfield into the future. Each age group will have their own thoughts of where Westfield has been—and where it is headed. We would like your essay to contain the thoughts and opinions of each age group, then bridge those opinions with your own

(Audio-visual additions to your essay are encouraged, but not required.)

Submit via email no later than March 31,

Westfield Chamber of Commerce Office

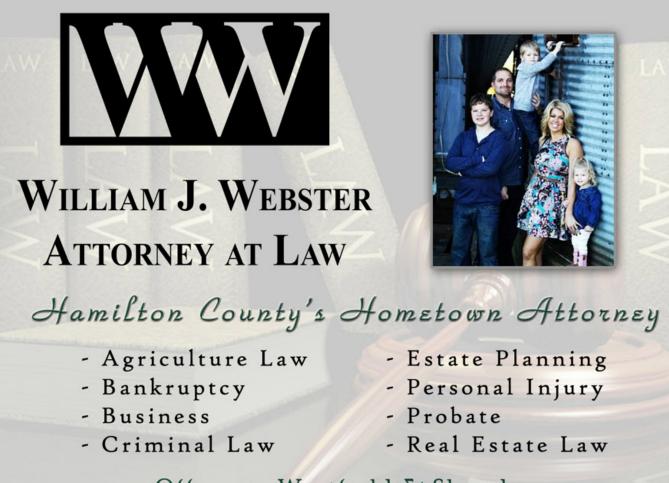
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Kiser reaches 1000...

## Millers get memorable Senior Night win

By RICHIE HALL

**Reporter Sports Editor** 

A historic occasion plus a huge comeback equals a Noblesville boys basketball Senior Night that won't be forgotten anytime soon.

The Millers found themselves down big in the second quarter, but resolutely worked their way back to a 60-53 victory over Avon Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at The Mill. The victory finished Noblesville's league play with a 4-2 record, good for third place in the conference.

At the beginning of the game, the spotlight was on senior John Kiser. He was only 15 points away from reaching the 1000-point mark, and the Miller fans were filled with anticipation for Kiser to get there. One fan kept a dry-erase board that detailed how many points Kiser had left to

Kiser scored the first basket of the game, but the Millers wouldn't score again for the remainder of the first quarter. The Orioles, meanwhile, zipped their way to a 14-2 first quarter lead. They continued their run into the second period, eventually taking a 20-4 lead with 5:19 left in the second period.

"Well, give Avon credit, first of all," said Noblesville coach Brian McCauley. "We weren't as prepared, and that's my fault. We didn't have the right position against their press."

Finally, at that point, Noblesville got itself going. The Millers followed a timeout with their first run of the game, scoring six unanswered points. Grant Bullard made a layin, and Kiser drained four foul shots. Noblesville closed the half with another 6-0 run, with Kiser scoring four of those points. That put the Millers within 25-20, and Kiser at 999 career points.

"When we started slow like that, I just kind of tried to take over, go to the bucket a little bit more and try to get to the free throw line and get fouls called on the other team," said Kiser.

Noblesville continued to chip away at Avon's lead in the third quarter, with Max Flinchum draining an early 3-pointer. He would spark another 6-0 run with the Millers down 34-27, rolling a basket in. Ryan Ogden helped out with a layin.

Kiser was soon fouled and sent to the line, and his first free throw finally got him to 1000, to the delight of the crowd. An announcement was made, and Kiser accepted the congratulations of his teammates. Then it was back to the line - there was still a game to win. His second free throw got the Millers to within 34-33.

"Coming out, I wasn't really pressing to put up a shot or anything to try to get the 1000th point," said Kiser. "I was definitely looking for a shot here or there." In other words, Kiser was just going to let it happen when it happened.

"Better for the team that way," said

get Noblesville on top for the first time since the start of the game, 36-35. Avon responded with a 3, but a layin from Ogden tied things up at 38-38, and that's where the score would be at the third-quarter buzzer.

"Really proud of our guys for keeping their composure, keeping their poise, " said McCauley. "We made the appropriate adjustment and switched a couple positions on their press, on our press-breaker, and that opened things up. And from there, we outscored them every quarter."

After several minutes of back-andforth, Noblesville took the lead for good when McGwire Plumer made a layin. That would be the start of a 9-0 run that took the Millers from being down 45-44 to up 53-45. Corby Mertens gave Noblesville some serious momentum when he scored off a steal while being fouled, then made the free throw for the 3-point play. Kiser and Plumer both made two foul shots to get the Millers up eight with 1:03 left. Noblesville

closed out the game from there. "Obviously John Kiser was very assertive," said McCauley. "I liked how we attacked the basket."



#### Reporter photos by Kent Graham

ABOVE: Noblesville's John Kiser reached the 1000-point mark during the Millers' comeback win over Avon Friday.

Kiser scored 22 points for the game, Flinchum soon drained a 3-pointer to including a 10-of-10 effort from the free throw line. The senior also grabbed seven rebounds. Mertens added 12, and Plumer hit two 3-pointers.

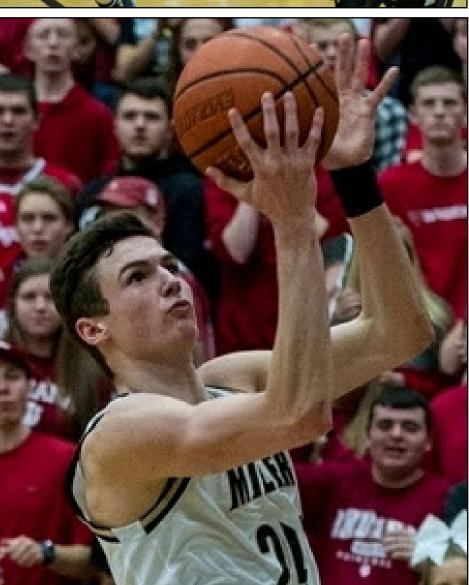
Noblesville wraps up its regular season next Friday with a trip to Lebanon.

#### Noblesville 60, Avon 53

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Max Flinchum	3-8	0-0	8	1
McGwire Plumer	2-6	4-4	8	1
Brandon Barthel	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ryan Ogden	3-3	0-0	6	2
John Kiser	6-12	10-10	22	1
Nolan Ginther	0-1	2-2	2	2
Corby Mertens	3-4	6-7	12	1
Grant Bullard	1-3	0-0	2	1
Nick Mills	0-1	0-0	0	4
Blake Taylor	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	18-38	22-23	60	13
Score by Quarters				
Avon 14 11	13 15	- 53		
Noblesville 2 18	18 22	- 60		
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Noblesville 3-point shooting (2-9) Flinchum 2-6, Plumer 0-2, Mertens 0-1.

Noblesville rebounds (21) Kiser 7, Ogden 3, Bullard 3, Flinchum 2, Plumer 2, Ginther 1, Barthel



6 Sports

#### Crist returns with 19....

# **Huskies upset the Indians**

#### By DON JELLISON

#### **Reporter Editor**

Hunter Crist is back; the defense was outstanding, and Hamilton Heights is in the championship game of the Hoosier Conference Tourney.

Could life be any better in Huskyland? Coach Chad Ballenger's Hamilton Heights Huskies, beaten 69-61 at Heights by Twin Lakes on Jan. 9, last evening got revenge, and then some, by beating the Indians on their court, 66-51, to move into the conference's championship game at Twin Lakes tonight.

Heights will play Tipton at 7:30 p.m. The Blue Devils advanced with a 45-25 win over West Lafayette.

"Great game; just a great game," Ballenger proclaimed. "It was an unbelievable game. Our defense was unbelievable.3

After battling to a 15-15 first quarter deadlock, the Huskies held Twin Lakes to 3 points in the second quarter and led 29-18 entering halftime. A 20-14 run in the third period finished off the Indians.

"We got into our press and forced an up tempo game," Ballenger said. "The first time we played them Holmes hit us for 29 points. Tonight we held him to 14. It was a great team performance."

Crist, who had missed eight games with a wrist injury, returned to the lineup and scored 19 points. He was 4-of-5 from 3point range. Ballenger said those numbers didn't surprise him.

"Hunter has been shooting good in practice," said the Heights coach. "He gave us another body out there tonight."

Another body is what the Huskies needed when Sterling Weatherford got into foul trouble and was held to 9 points.

Junior Caymn Lutz, who came on strong during Crist's absence, led the Huskies in scoring with 21 points, hitting 8-of-12 shots from the field.

Heights' defense, led by Lutz, Tyler Wiltermood, Crist and Weatherford, was the team's best of the season.

"We held them to 3 points in the second quarter and that came on a 3-point shot at the buzzer," said Ballenger.

Wiltermood, the 6-3 sophomore, led Hamilton Heights in rebounding with 7. Max Wahl, who scored 7 points, and Weatherford each collected 3. Wahl also passed out 5 assists and Austin Sauerteig had 3. Lutz led in steals with 4 and Wahl

Hamilton Heights in order to win the championship tonight will have to beat another team that defeated the Huskies during the regular season. The Huskies on Jan. 29, at home and without Crist, lost to Tipton 43-36.

Tipton is 16-1 on the year, its only loss coming to Eastern, 65-57, two games ago. HamiltonHeights is 14-8 and has won 3 of its last 4 games.

## Heights 66, Twin

Lakes 51							
Heights		FG		FT	ΤP	PF	
Max Wahl		3-4		0-0	7	1	
Caymn Lutz		8-1	2	5-6	21	3	
Hunter Crist		5-1	2	5-6	19	4	
Sterling Weatherford	d	3-7		3-3	9	3	
Drake House		0-0		0-0	0	1	
Dustin Williams		1-1		0-0	2	3	
Tyler Wiltermood		2-3		0-0	4	1	
Noah Wallace		0-0		0-0	0	1	
Austin Sauerteig		1-3		1-3	4	1	
Clayton Worthman		0-0		0-0	0	0	
TJ Freeland		0-0		0-0	0	0	
Totals		23-	42	14-18	66	17	
Score by Quarters:							
Heights	15	14	20	17 – 66			
T	4-	^		40 -4			

Twin Lakes Heights 3-Pointers (6-11): Wahl 1-2, Crist 4-5, Weatherford 0-1, Sauerteiig 1-3.

Heights Rebounds (21): Wahl 3, Lutz 2, Crist 2, Weatherford 3, House 2, Williams 2, Wiltermood

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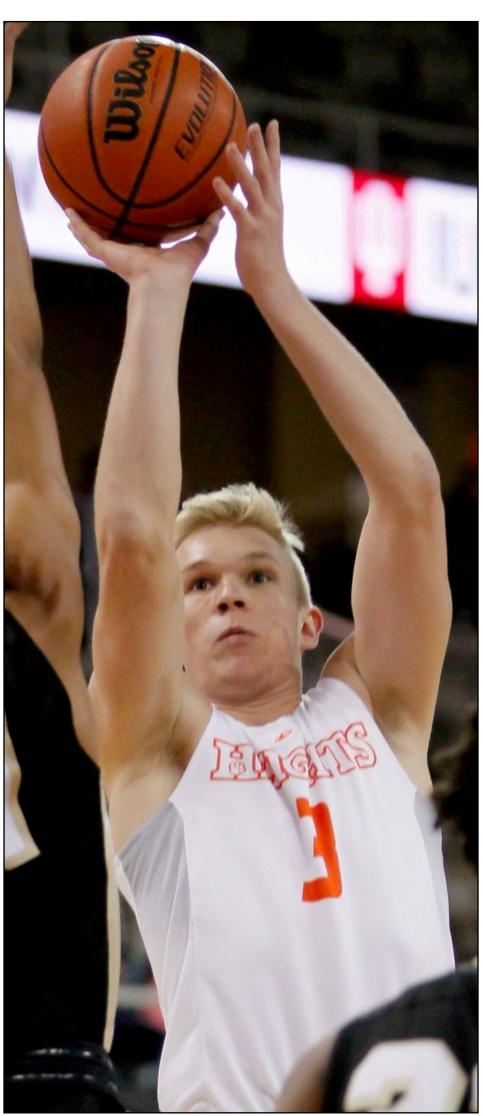
ABOVE RIGHT: Hunter Crist, coming back after missing eight games with a wrist injury, scored 19 points for the Huskies in their Hoosier Conference Tournament win over Twin Lakes.

BELOW: Caymn Lutz scored 21 points for the Huskies.

RIGHT: Tyler Wiltermodd had seven rebonds for Heights.



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# Golden Eagles win on Senior Night



Hansen

period, Guerin Catholic's boys bas- in the period and 12-12 for the contest. ketball team earned a 71-65 Senior in a loud and proud Eagles Nest Friday night.

the contest the Arabians made 16 out line on the evening. of 31 from behind the arc.

Coach Pete Smith's Golden Eagles made a nice second quarter comeback. Cameron Lindley's third 3-point field goal of the half gave Guerin Catholic a rare lead, 34-33, at halftime. However the Arabians were nearly unstoppable on offense in the third quarter. They scored the first four points in the half to take a 37-34 lead. Overall PHHS connected on 9 out of 12 field goals as they held their largest lead of the contest 57-44 if you're a Golden Eagles fan.

Chipping away, the Golden Eagles (12-11) fought and fought, getting into the bonus situation and to the free throw line early in period. Drives by Christian Munson did

Outscoring their opponents by 19 points in the final the damage. The 3-year starter nailed 8 out of 8 free throws

Trailing 65-61, Lindley pulled up and drained a 22-Night victory over Pendleton Heights footer in transition to cut the lead to one point. Guerin Catholic then applied full court pressure, and Pendleton committed a turnover. On their next possession off a set Pendleton Heights came out play, sophomore Jack Hansen found himself wide open on smoking, making six out of seven a reversal pass at the top of the key. He drained a 20-footer 3-point shots in the first quarter. to give the Golden Eagles their first lead of the half 67-65. Christian Daniels nailed a 3-point GC ended the game on a 17-3 run, as Matthew Godfrey and basket off a screen play to cut PHHS' Munson made four consecutive free throws after defensive lead to 20-13 at the quarter break. For stands and gave the Golden Eagles a perfect 16-16 at the

> "Super effort by our guys," said Smith. "We bogged down on offense for the final four minutes of the third quarter, but we bounced back and really executed the final eight minutes." "Defensively, we tried a number of different defenses, and finally the half court traps and some full court pressure maybe bothered them a bit," Smith said. "It was one of our best comebacks in our basketball history tonight."

Munson tied his career high, scoring 35 points to go heading into the fourth quarter. But what a fourth quarter, with 5 rebounds. Lindley finished with a season high 15 points and dished out five assists. Hansen added 11 points off the bench, as Smith started all five seniors on their Senior Night.

A week ago Friday Franklin Central outscored Smith's boys 27-2 in the fourth quarter but amazingly they regrouped to win in overtime. Friday night they amazingly outscored a red-hot Arabian team 27-8 in the fourth quarter to win their seventh straight game. They'll end the regular season Tuesday night at Anderson.

#### **Guerin Catholic 71. Pendleton Heights 65**

Guerin	FG	FT	TP	PF
Christian Munson	11-16	12-12	35	1
Rhett Helt	0-1	0-0	0	1
Cameron Lindley	5-10	0-0	15	3
Calen Cunningham	1-3	0-0	2	1
Christian Daniels	1-2	0-0	3	0
Matthew Godfrey	1-7	2-2	5	2
lack Hansen	4-6	2-2	11	1
loey Weas	0-0	0-0	0	1
Grant Fremion	0-0	0-0	0	0
Zach Munson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	23-45	16-16	71	10

Score by Quarters Pendleton 20 13 24 8 - 65

14 20 10 27 - 71 Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (9-22) Lindley 5-10, Godfrey 1-4, C. Munson 1-4, Hansen 1-2, Daniels 1-1, Helt 0-1.

Guerin Catholic rebounds (23) C. Munson 5, Hansen 5, Cunningham 5, Lindley 4, Godfrey 3, Daniels 1.

Miller bombs 27 as ....

# HSE ties for HCC crown

Playing without two of its two stars,



Miller

27-point explosion minutes of action. from Greg Miller and defeated Brownsburg, 66-55, Satterfield.

Friday evening. 45 victory over

Royals a tie with the Eagles for the Crossroads Hoosier championship.

Southeastern again played without H a m i l t o n Zach Gunn and Connor Rotterman, but free throws. Southeastern got a got back Brennan Schofield for a few

Miller was the difference, hitting 6-ofthe host Royals 9 fielders and 12-of-15 free throws.

HSE also got some balance. The win, coupled J'Donavan Bembry and Jack Davidson season next Friday on the road at with Zionsville's 67- each notched 9 points.

"We were up 15 points in the first half Fishers, gave Coach and led by at least 10 throughout the Brian Satterfield's second half," said Satterfield.

"It was a great team win. Everyone got Conference into the flow of the game."

Hamilton Southeastern hit 29-of-36 J'Donavan Bembry

The Royals pulled 31 rebounds, led by Miller, Davidson and Noah Smith with 6

Southeastern finished the conference "Miller knocked down shots," said season with a 5-1 record and overall is 13-10 on the season.

> The Royals will end their regular Lawrence North.

#### Southeastern 66, **Brownsburg 55**

Southeastern 12-15 27 3 Greg Miller

Aaron Etherington Trevin Trabue Jack Davidson Noah Smith **Brock Burns** Brennan Schofield Jay Tappler Aaron Shank Totals

Score by Quarters: Southeastern 21 11 13 21 - 66 Brownsburg 11 11 10 23 – 55 Southeastern 3-Pointers (5-18): Miller 3-5, Bembry 1-3, Etherington 0-2, Davidson 1-3, Smith 0-2,

Burns 0-2. Schofield 0-1. Southeastern Rebounds (31): Miller 6, Bembry 1, Etherington 2, Davidson 6, Smith 6, Burns 1, Shank 2, Schofield 3, Tappler 4.



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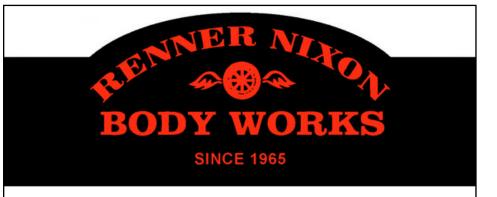
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7th road victory ....

# 'Rocks upset New Castle



Kristensen

off a 48-42 upset over schedule. a 14-5 New Castle team in the Trojans' fieldhouse Friday the Shamrocks have given themselves a shot at a 50-50 regular season

Westfield now is game with

Westfield pulled tough Mt. Vernon still remaining on the

Westfield has won two straight and seven of its last 10 games.

Facing a two-point deficit heading into evening and as a result the fourth quarter, the Shamrocks took the lead early on and never looked back.

> This was the seventh road opponent Westfield has defeated this season, the biggest total since 2005.

Coach Shane Sumpter's team outscored 10-11 with a Feb. 23 New Castle 17-9 in the fourth quarter.

Kyle Nicole scored five points and had seven assists with zero turnovers.

Charlie Warner led Westfield's scoring with 12 points and Robbie Lynch added 11. Ian Kristensen was just shy of a doubledouble with nine points and eight rebounds.

Westfield collected 23 rebounds, led by Kristensen with eight and Lynch and Warner with five each.

#### Westfield 48, **New Castle 42**

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Josh VanDyke	0-2	0-0	0	1
Kyle Nicole	1-2	2-2	5	2

2-3 Jonah Welch 3-6 4-9 0-0 Ian Kristensen Charlie Warner 12 Sawyer Olsen 0-0 48 Totals Score by Quarters: Westfield New Castle 13 11 9 Westfield 3-Pointers (5-12): VanDyke 0-1, Nicole 1-2, Kristensen -3, Warner 2-4, Olsen 1-2. Westfield Rebounds (23): Nicole 3, Lynch 5, Welch 1, Kristensen 8, Warner 5, Olsen 1.

4-8

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Robbie Lynch

Undefeated Warsaw next up....

# Carmel falls at Warren



Flamion

tough weekend with a quarters. tough loss Friday 47-44 MIC Conference battle at Warren Central.

The Warriors got off to a 15-10 first quarter lead, but it was a close fight all the

Carmel started a led 29-23 at halftime and 39-35 after three

The Greyhounds were 17-of-39 from the evening, dropping a field, including a cool 1-for-9 night from 3-point range.

> Most of the scoring for Coach Scott Heady's Greyhounds came from 3 players. Sterling Brown led the way with 15 points, followed by Preston Flamion with 14 and Trent Richardson with 9.

Flamion also had 7 rebounds and way. Warren Central Richardson collected 5.

The loss was Carmel's third in its last Alex Falender four games.

The Grevhounds will be back on the road tonight, playing at undefeated Warsaw.

Carmel will take a 12-8 record to

#### Warren Central 47, Carmel 44

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Cole Jenkins	0-1	0-0	0	1
Sterling Brown	6-10	2-2	15	0

Ethan Merriweather Garrett Covington 1-5 PJ Baron 0-3 Preston Flamion 5-8 Trent Richardson **Britt Beery Totals** 17-39 9-16 44 Score by Quarters: 10 13 12 9-44 Carmel Warren 15 14 10 8 - 47 Carmel 3-Pointers (1-9): Jenkins 0-1, Brown 1-4,

Falender 0-1, Baron 0-2, Flamion 0-1. Carmel Rebounds (22): Brown 3 Falender 1, Merriweather 1, Covington 3, Baron 2, Flamion 7,

Zionsville takes over in 2nd quarter...

## Tigers overwhelmed by Eagles



Wolter

self overrun by Zionsville in the second quarter, and that led the Eagles to a 67-45 victory Friday night.

ahead 17-15 after the first period, but Zionsville them 15-4 in the second to take a 30-21

Fishers found it- halftime lead. The Eagles then poured in 24 points in the third quarter and ran through the fourth as well.

Cameron Wolter led Fishers with 15 points; both he and Connor Washburn pulled five rebounds. Reid Stephens added The Tigers were nine points. Lance Dollison scored two 3pointers.

> The Tigers wrap up their regular season outscored Tuesday at Kokomo.

#### Zionsville 67, Fishers 45

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Fishers	FG	FT	TP
Lance Dollison	2-6	0-0	6
Cameron Wolter	6-9	3-5	15
Joe Counts	1-6	0-0	2
Andre Small	1-2	0-0	2
Zach Eaton	0-1	0-0	0
Connor Washburn	2-3	0-2	4
Willie Jackson	1-4	0-0	2
Caleb Reitz	0-1	0-0	0
Reid Stephens	4-9	1-1	9
Stevie Sontich	1-4	0-0	3

Nick Michel 0 Jeremy Szilagyi 0 0-2 0-0 0-2 Tyler Wolfe 0-0 18-49 6-11 18 Totals Score by Quarters 17 4 16 8 - 45 Zionsville 15 15 24 13 - 67 Fishers 3-point shooting (3-22) Dollison 2-5, Sontich 1-4, Counts 0-4, Stephens 0-2, Jackson 0-2, Szilagyi 0-2 Small 0-1, Eaton 0-1, Wolter

Fishers rebounds (24) Washburn 5, Wolter 5, Stephens 3, Jackson 3, Reitz 2, Counts 2, Small 1, Eaton 1, Dollison 1, Szilagyi 1.

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## Lions advance to HomeSchool State Final 4



**Schwartz** 

Final 4. For the first time in Indiana HomeSchool history 4 Indianapolis area teams will compete for the HomeSchool State title on Saturday in Fort Wayne.

The Northside Lions took care of business Friday night in their quarter final game against the Benton (County) Bucks

58-40 to secure their Final 4 spot at Fort Wayne's Woodside Middle School on Sat-

Northside started the game slow and Benton took advantage of the Lions mis-1st quarter with the Lions leading 11-7. The Vitales 1.

It will be an all Indianapolis Metro Area Northsiders started pulling away in the 2nd quarter as they stretched their lead to 30-19 by the end of the first half.

In the 3rd quarter the Bucks put on a run to pull within 4 points of the Lions. But Northside finished the quarter with a flourish to take a 12 point lead into the 4th quarter 46-38. In the 4th quarter the Lions clamped down on defense holding Benton area teams on Saturday in Fort Wayne to to 2 points and let the air out of the ball the last 3 minutes of the game to take the 58-40

Stephen Schwartz played an outstanding game in the post shooting 7-8 from the field and 4-4 from the charity stripe to lead the Lions with 18 points. Schwartz's team leading 12 rebounds also gave him a double-double for the game. Other Lions to make it into the scoring column were Daniel Abbott 11, Aaron Tharp 10, Erik Job 9, fires to stay within reach at the end of the Caleb Jones 5, Graham Stieglitz 4 and Riley

Riley Vitales lead the Lions with 4 assists. Aaron Tharp lead the Lions with 2 steal follow by Vitales, Erik Job, Stephen Schwartz, Caleb Jones and Graham Stieglitz all with 1 each. Vitales, Job and Schwartz all had one blocked shot each to lead Northside.

The Lions join three other Indianapolis decide the 2016 Indiana Christian Basketball Alliance (ICBA) HomeSchool State Tournament Champions. The Indianapolis Wildcats (1st seed) take Indianapolis' East Side Golden Eagles (4th seed) in the 10:00 AM game while Noblesville's Northside Lions 3rd seed) will square off in the 11:30 AM game against Indianapolis' Northwest Warriors (2nd seed) to decide who will play for the State title at 6:00

#### Northside Lions 58. **Benton Bucks 40**

Northside	FG		FT		TP	PF
Nick Jennings	0-0		0-0		0	0
Daniel Abbott	5-11	1	0-0		11	3
Riley Vitales	0-5		1-2		1	3
Erik Job	2-4		5-9		9	1
Stephen Schwartz	7-8		4-4		18	2
Aaron Tharp	4-12	2	1-2		10	2
Caleb Jones	2-4		1-1		5	3
Graham Stieglitz	2-7		0-0		4	1
Totals	22-	51	12-1	18	58	15
Score by Quarters:						
Northside Lions	11	19	16	12 -	- 93	
Benton Bucks	07	12	19	02 -	- 40	

Northside 3-Point Shooting (2-10): Abbott 1-2, Vitales 0-2, Tharp 1-5, Stieglitz 0-1. Northside Rebounds (39): Abbott 2, Vitales 3, Job 7, Schwartz 12, Tharp 7, Jones 2, Stieglitz 6. Northside Assists (15): Abbott 2, Vitales 4, Job 1, Schwartz 1. Tharp 3. Jones 3. Stieglitz 1. Northside Steals (7): Vitales 1, Job 1, Schwartz 1,

Tharp 2, Jones 1, Stieglitz 1 Northside Blocked Shots (3): Vitales 1, Job 1, Schwartz 1

Northside Turnovers: 11

#### State wrestling

## Four county wrestlers advance

Carmel

Four Hamilton County wrestlers will take on Jay County senior Andy Kohler this



**Evan Eldred** Westfield

each received medals today as they all won first-round matches at the IHSAA State Finals at Bankers Life Fieldhouse Friday night.

The first county wrestler to advance is Westfield 138-pounder senior Evan Eldred, who took care of Jennings Coun ty freshman Brooks Wathen with a 50-second

pin. Eldred wrestlers Prairie Heighs junior Riley Rasler today in the quarter-finals.

Hamilton Southeastern 182-pounder Spencer Irick advanced with a sudden vic-Davison. The Trojan was undefeated coming into the tournament. Irick, a senior, will

morning.

Two

Spencer Irick Southeastern

advanced wrestlers by pin. Senior Nick Fox, at 195, beat Brownsburg junior Isaac McCormick by fall, in a time of 3:51. Next up is Lake Central senior Jake Kleimola.

Meanwhile, senior Sam Hipple, a fourth-place finisher

year, beat Goshen senior Derek Paz in a 6-2 decision at 220 pounds. Hipple takes on Avon junior Gunnar Larson next.

Quarter-final matches begin at 9:30 tory, 3-1 over Chesterton junior Andrew a.m., with the semi-finals and wrestlebacks to follow. The consolation matches are at 5



Sam Hipple Carmel

p.m., with the championship matches under the lights at 7:30 p.m.

other first In round matches:

Hamilton 126: Southeastern senior Austin Holmes fell to Merrillville junior Michael DeLaPena in a 5-1 decision, ending Holmes' standout career after he placed fourth at state two 3-1, ending his season at 24-9.

at 195 pounds last years in a row. Holmes finished this season

pinned by undefeated Brownsburg sophomore Brayton Lee in 32 seconds. Smith finished 27-14.

Cowan dropped a 9-2 decision to Portage period. Dollens finished his season at 25-14.



**Nick Fox** Carmel

sophomore Kasper McIntosh. Cowan's season ended at 39-9.

152: Southeastern senior Jacob Ferris to Jennings County seniorAdnrew Herrin in a 5-2 decision. Ferris' season finished at 29-11.

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#### **Eastern Conference**

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East	W	L	PCT.	GB	Northwest
Toronto	35	18	.660	-	Oklahoma Cit
Boston	32	24	.571	4.5	Portland
New York	23	33	.411	13.5	Utah
Brooklyn	15	40	.273	21.0	Denver
Philadelphia	8	46	.148	27.5	Minnesota
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Pacific
Cleveland	39	14	.736	-	Golden State
Indiana	29	25	.537	10.5	L.A. Clippers
Chicago	28	26	.519	11.5	Sacramento
Detroit	27	28	.491	13.0	Phoenix
Milwaukee	22	33	.400	18.0	L.A. Lakers
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB	Southwest
Miami	30	24	.556	-	San Antonio
Atlanta	31	25	.554	-	Memphis
Charlotte	28	26	.519	2.0	Dallas
Washington	25	28	.472	4.5	Houston
Orlando	24	29	.453	5.5	New Orleans

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oklahoma City	40	15	.727	-
Portland	28	27	.509	12.0
Utah	27	27	.500	12.5
Denver	22	33	.400	18.0
Minnesota	17	38	.309	23.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	48	5	.906	-
L.A. Clippers	36	18	.667	12.5
Sacramento	23	31	.426	25.5
Phoenix	14	41	.255	35.0
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**Western Conference** 

Playoff push begins...

## Ellis' 3 helps Pacers past Thunder

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS

Courtesy nba.com/pacers

The Pacers' playoff push is off to a fantastic start. Monta Ellis hit a 3-pointer over Dion Waiters with 18.8 seconds remaining that broke a 95-95 tie and lifted Indiana (29-25) to a 101-98 road win over the Oklahoma City Thunder (40-15) in their first game after the All-Star break.

The win was a huge confidence boost for the Pacers, who had struggled to beat good teams on the road over the past two months. Prior to Friday's contest, the Blue & Gold hadn't beaten a team with a winning record on the road since they topped the Clippers in Los Angeles on Dec. 2.

The Thunder, meanwhile, had won seven of their last eight and 14 of their last 16 contests before Friday.

"It's a big win," Pacers All-Star Paul George told FOX Sports Indiana's Jeremiah Johnson after the game. "This is a good

team, especially playing on their floor. They play well here."

Head coach Frank Vogel agreed: "Hopefully this is a springboard victory."

Though they were playing their first game in nine days, the Pacers showed no signs of rust in the early going. Indiana's offense was firing on all cylinders, with George distributing, Ian Mahinmi and Myles Turner scoring in the post, and Ellis knocking down shots on the perimeter. The Blue & Gold led by as many as seven points in the first quarter.

But the Thunder surged in front in the second, reeling off 12 unanswered points to open up a double-digit lead. Oklahoma City maintained its advantage into the fourth quarter, but could never create enough separation to put the Pacers away.

Indiana eventually tied the game at 82 with seven minutes to play, as George dished to Turner for the tying layup.

The Thunder, however, answered quickly. Kevin Durant knocked down a jumper just 12 seconds later and then Russell Westbrook went coast-to-coast after a Turner miss for a layup that pushed the Thunder's lead back to four.

OKC extended its lead to seven before George Hill and Monta Ellis knocked down back-to-back threes to make it 93-92 with 1:53 to play. Indiana forced a turnover on the ensuing possession and had three shots within five feet of the basket that could have given the Pacers a lead, but couldn't convert.

Westbrook knocked down two free throws on the other end before Turner hit arguably the biggest shot of his young career. The 6-11 rookie spotted up in the right corner, took a dish from Ellis, and calmly knocked down his first NBA 3pointer to tie the game at 95 with 55.4 seconds remaining.

"Man, that kid is ready," George said. "He's ready for the big moment."

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Durant missed a 3-pointer on the other end, setting the stage for Ellis' heroics.

Ellis, who's taken most of the last-second shots in tie games over the course of the season, knocked down a 27-foot fadeaway over Waiters' arms to give Indiana its first lead since the 8:08 mark in the second quarter.

"I like being in those situations," Ellis told ESPN after the victory.

After a George free throw, Durant's three with 5.9 seconds left cut the Pacers' lead to one. George knocked down two more free throws and Westbrook's leaner at the buzzer missed, sealing arguably Indiana's biggest win of the season.

Ellis led the Pacers with 27 points, going 10-for-16 from the field. George added 22 points and a season-high 10 assists. Mahinmi provided an unexpected scoring punch, matching his career high with 19 points and 11 rebounds.

Turner chipped in 16 points, including his clutch 3-pointer, but he was just as effective on the defensive end. The 19year-old rookie swatted a career-high six shots in the win, with five of his blocks coming in the third quarter.

"I think Myles and Ian together out there is a pretty potent defensive frontcourt," Vogel said. "There were a couple (times) that I felt like both of those guys got a block on a possession. That's who we want to be, a team that protects the paint with great rim protection."

Fifth starter George Hill very quietly nearly registered his second career tripledouble, finishing the evening with nine points, 11 boards, and nine assists.

Durant led all scorers with 31 points and eight rebounds. Westbrook was also excellent in the loss, finishing with 23 points and a season-high 18 assists.

The Pacers' three-game road trip continues on Sunday night in Orlando. They also visit Miami on Monday before returning home to host the New York Knicks on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

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