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Denial of funds for HAND is sad

By **FRED SWIFT**
The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority on Thursday turned down a Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development (HAND) request for funds to redevelop the former Farm Bureau Co-op site at 8th and Walnut Streets in Noblesville.

The state authority administers federal housing funds and Hamilton County has gotten some assistance in the past. This time HAND sought \$9.5 million to build about 60 low to moderate income apartments on the site of Noblesville's grain milling operation for more than a century.

The denial of funds for HAND is sad for more than one reason. While not everyone favors federally subsidized housing, the fact is that the federal housing funds are going somewhere and certainly there are some lower income



folks in Noblesville who could use help in finding reasonable housing whether the state and federal housing folks recognize it or not.

And, trying to look at the situation fairly, Hamilton County as a whole is contributing more through taxes than many other areas and deserves to get some of that money back in the form of assistance for housing and infrastructure needs.

In addition, the proposed HAND project would go a long way to help jump-start improvements on the southwest quadrant of Noblesville which local officials are trying to do. The Co-op site has a historic component since it was the location of Noblesville's early grain milling center that contributed so much to the city's development in the 19th century.

HAND executive director Nate Lichti announced no specific plans for the next move on the project but said, "we plan to explore other options." That will include talking with community leaders to seek their input and assistance. The non-profit organization has renovated three

historic buildings for housing in Noblesville along with two new structures, and built the Spicewood apartment complex at Sheridan in recent years.

A very similar situation to the Noblesville Co-op project has befallen HAND's proposed project at Sheridan where the hope was to renovate the old Sheridan High School into apartment housing. The 85 year old structure has been vacant for several years and community leaders have been hoping to see it saved.

HAND which asked for \$6 million toward the Sheridan project, has gotten no funding approvals for five years. But, Lichti said, "HAND will continue to work toward restoration" of the historic Sheridan structure which includes the gymnasium where memorable Indiana basketball history was made.

Hopefully the state agency will reconsider Hamilton County's worthy proposals next year when HAND may apply again.

Riverview plans groundbreaking for...

New outpatient care center in Westfield

Riverview Health will host a groundbreaking for its new 105,000 square-foot outpatient care center at the northeast corner of US 31 and State Road 32.

"This new facility—which will serve as a "hospital of the future"—is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2017, and will enable Riverview Health to provide convenient access to high-quality outpatient and physician services to the Westfield community and surrounding areas," said Larry Christman, COO of Riverview Health.

A short ceremony will be held at 8 am on Tuesday, March 8, at the property south of Westfield Intermediate School and to the west of Shamrock Boulevard.

Cook authors bill for workplace functional Spanish

By **TONY COOK**
To ensure Hoosier students are better prepared to compete in the global economy, I authored a bill that would provide high school students the opportunity to take classes in newly created workplace functional Spanish. This bill would emphasize common Spanish vocabulary and acceptable grammar usage. Upon successful completion of the classes, students would qualify for credit and special language notations on their transcript.

Students would be able to start taking the elective Workplace Spanish classes that will count for credit and notation on their high school transcript as soon as the 2017-18 school year. The Indiana Department of Education would be in charge of the course description and an outline of acceptable units of study. I am proud to announce House Bill 1209 has now passed both houses and awaits the governor's signature to be signed into law!



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State Sen. Luke Kenley received the 2016 Guardian Award from the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB) Wednesday. He is shown here receiving the award from Indiana Gov. Mike Pence.

Busy Wednesday for Senator...

Kenley receives award, announces \$100 million grant

State Sen. Luke Kenley (R-Noblesville) was in the news Wednesday, as he received a major award, then made a major announcement.

Kenley received the 2016 Guardian Award from the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB) Wednesday. The NFIB honored Kenley at a celebratory luncheon, attended by small business owners and state legislators. The award was presented by Gov. Mike Pence, who also gave the keynote address. Kenley, alongside Reps. Tim Brown (R-Crawfordsville) and Dan Leonard (R-Huntington), were honored for their advocacy in keeping small business and employment a priority for the state of Indiana.

"I am honored to be recognized for my efforts by Gov. Pence and Indiana's small business owners," Kenley said. "In my twenty-four years as a member of the Indiana General Assembly, I have always held small businesses as a top priority, as they fuel our economy and create opportunities for hardworking Hoosiers. I am proud to work for a state that values hard work and innovation, and I will continue to advocate on behalf of business men and women who work to make a difference for this state."

The NFIB is a small-business association that aims to protect the rights of small businesses and their future. The NFIB is comprised of more than 325,000 business people that look to operate, own and grow their business.

Also on Wednesday, Kenley announced a \$100 million grant for the Indiana Biosciences Research Institute (IBRI) in Indianapolis from Lilly Endowment Inc. and the Eli Lilly and Company Foundation. IBRI is a non-profit research institute that aims to create solutions for people suffering from poor nutrition and metabolic diseases. Kenley was joined by Gov. Pence and other leaders in the life science industry at the announcement.

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Carmel resident...

Rutherford is candidate for Libertarian Party national chairman

By FRED SWIFT
Mark Rutherford, Carmel area resident and attorney in Indianapolis, is a candidate for national chairman of the Libertarian Party. He is a former national vice chairman of the organization which holds the position of third party on the Indiana ballot after the Republican and Democratic parties.
Libertarians will hold their national convention over Memorial Day in Orlando, Florida. Between now and then Rutherford will travel to a number of states campaigning for the chairmanship at party conventions.
Rutherford, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rutherford, is a 1978 graduate of Carmel High School. He has been involved in Libertarian politics for several years although not usually as a candidate.
The Libertarian Party has not had great election success in its 45 year history, but does hold a handful of state legislative seats, and claims 150 members elected to local office in the U.S. In Indiana there are five local officials elected as Libertarians.
The national party is conservative on issues of taxes, welfare and gun ownership, but liberal on individual rights including legalizing certain drugs and same sex marriage.

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The class completion and transcript notation would benefit both high school students and potential employers because it would signal that these student would be better prepared to effectively communicate on specific job sites. It would show potential employers that the students went above and beyond in their studies to become vocabulary functional in a language that helps them communicate more efficiently once in the workforce. This distinction would help promote knowledge and diversity and may encourage students to take more language course work to become more fluent.
I have also had the opportunity to sponsor and co-sponsor Senate bills in the House. Senate Bill 3 moved a portion of the code pertaining to funding for science, technology, engineering and mathematics teacher recruitment from a transportation code, to code that falls under Higher Education, which administers these STEM scholarships. This bill passed the House and has been returned to the Senate for consideration. It is called a technical corrections bill.
The data that charter school organizers currently report to the DOE have been used to compute components of charter school funding. Over the years, as the relevant statutes have been modified or superseded, the need for the data has changed. For example, some elements of the data were once used to determine the property taxes a resident school corporation had to levy on behalf of the charter schools attended by students with legal settlement in the school corporation. In 2009, the school funding formula was modified to eliminate property taxes, so resident school corporations no longer had to levy property taxes for charter schools. In 2015, the school funding formula was amended to make the funding per student for first-year charter schools in Marion County independent of the funding per student of the school corporation in which the students attending the charter school have legal settlement. The funding per student for the charter school was a weighted average of the funding per student of the school corporations. I sponsored SB 9, which eliminated this procedure because the data collected under the current statute can be obtained from other data collection reports that the DOE currently collects.
I am also sponsoring SB 279, which clarifies the procedure for extending a referendum tax levy. Under current law, the governing body of the school corporation has to adopt a resolution, the Department of Local Government Finance has to approve the language to be placed on the ballot, and the voters within the school district have to approve the levy. Under this provision, these actions must occur before Dec. 31 of the final calendar year in which the school corporation's previously approved referendum levy is imposed. Additionally, the number of years for which a referendum levy can be extended cannot exceed the number of years for which the original referendum levy was imposed.

The 2016 session is winding down. To learn more about the legislation mentioned in this article, please visit www.iga.in.gov.
If you have any questions or input, contact me at H32@iga.in.gov or 317-232-9678.

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.
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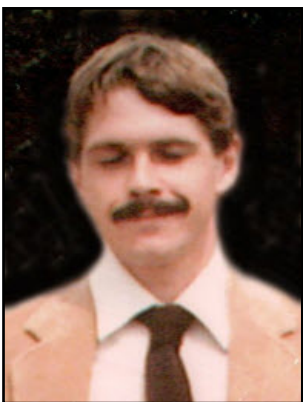
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Anthony Ryan Brooks

February 11, 1960 - February 24, 2016



Anthony Ryan Brooks, 56, of Noblesville, passed away on the evening of Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at Maple Park Village in Westfield. He was born on February 11, 1960 in Noblesville, Indiana.

Ryan attended Noblesville High School, obtaining his GED in 1980. For most of his life, he worked as a carpenter, his specialty being roofing & framing. Ryan worked for Don Roberts Remodeling of Noblesville, and enjoyed working with wood, as well as building and refinishing furniture. He was his own man, and did things his way. Ryan loved his cars and trucks, taking great pride in their appearance. He also enjoyed spending time with his family when he could.

Ryan is survived by his mother, Emma L. Brooks; father, Gordon W. Brooks; brother, Chris Brooks; nephew, Brandon Brooks; uncle, Terry (Marilyn) Duvall; in addition to several cousins & many friends.

Ryan was preceded in death by his grandparents, Austin & Cara Lee Duvall, and Lyman & Grace Brooks; and several aunts & uncles.

Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville, with visitation from 11:00 am to the time of service. Pastor Darrell Jones will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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DAILY BIBLE VERSE

And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

- Matthew 4:21

James R. Arbuckle

February 23, 1940 - February 25, 2016



James R. Arbuckle, 76, of Noblesville, passed away on the evening of Thursday, February 25, 2016 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. He was born on February 23, 1940 to Russell and Julia (Chambers) Arbuckle in Indianapolis, Indiana.

For over 40 years, Jim worked in installation and repair for Overhead Door, retiring in 2006. Antique dealing was his passion and hobby, and he also enjoyed raising a garden. Jim was a family man; he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother, and treated everyone like they were family. He loved watching sports, especially the Indianapolis Colts, the IU Hoosiers, and NASCAR, as he was a huge Jeff Gordon fan. Jim had a wonderful personality, and was known for his kidding and (mostly) teasing.

He is survived by his wife, Lynda Arbuckle; daughters, Dawn Moos and Beth (Dave) Lawler; son, Brad (Michelle) Arbuckle; grandchildren, Adam Moos, Allison Moos, Cassie Arbuckle, Kaitlyn Arbuckle, and Jay Arbuckle; great-granddaughter, Scarlett; special family, Nobbi, Arshi, & Jesse Singh; sister, Jane (Mac) McMurtrey; and several nieces & nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Greg Moos.

Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville with Deb Buehler officiating. Visitation will be from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on February 29, 2016 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hamilton County 4-H Council, Inc., 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville, IN 46060.

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Robert D. Higgins Jr

May 15, 1948 - February 25, 2016

Robert D. Higgins Jr, 67, of Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. He was born on May 15, 1948 to Robert and Eileen (Gray) Higgins in Elwood, Indiana.



Robert was an excellent businessman, and Founder and owner of Higgins Appraisal Group, Inc., Est. 2000. Rob enjoyed nature, sports and his family. He was the kind of man that lent a helping hand, would give all he had to a stranger, and fed and sheltered any creature. To know Rob was to love him. He made friends wherever he went.

Rob's strength was insurmountable as he fought to survive with all he had. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered as a husband, a dad, a papaw, a brother, an uncle, and a friend.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Higgins; three children, Scott (Lori) Higgins, Angela (Pancho) Alvarez and Robert (Jennifer) Higgins III; brother, Hal (Debra) Higgins; sister-in-law, Debbie Stansberry; son-in-law, John Edge; grandchildren, Anna, Emily, Elizabeth, Natalie, Allison and John Robert; and several nieces & nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kayli Dawn. Services will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 29, 2016 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville with visitation beginning at 4:00 pm prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heart Of Hoosierland Animal Shelter, 511 N. 14th St, Elwood, IN 46036.

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Nominations being accepted for...

2016 CCS Stephen A. Backer Teacher of the Year

Each year, the Indiana Department of Education conducts an Indiana Teacher of the Year program to recognize outstanding classroom teachers from across the state. Carmel Clay Schools (CCS) is invited to share in this special recognition program by honoring and nominating one teacher to be a representative at the state level of the program.

Nominations are now being accepted for the CCS Stephen A. Backer Teacher of the Year award until midnight on Sunday, March 13, at <http://goo.gl/forms/x0LqOnuiXS>.

Nominations can be made by students, parents, other staff members and community members. A selection committee will review the nominations and select the winner. The CCS Stephen A. Backer Teacher of the Year will then compete against teachers from across the state to represent Indiana in the National Teacher of the Year competition.

The Carmel Clay Schools Teacher of the Year award is endowed by the Stephen A. Backer Memorial. Throughout his life, Backer was an advocate and supporter of Carmel Clay Schools. He served on the Carmel Clay School Board of Trustees from 1994 to 1998 and from 2006 until his passing in March 2009. Stephen held the position of School Board President for five of those years. The Stephen A. Backer Memorial was started shortly after his passing and continues to receive donations. Donations in support of the Stephen A. Backer Teacher of the Year award can be made through the Carmel Education Foundation.

Indiana State Police participating in the ICJI March enforcement campaign

The Indiana State Police announced today they will join over 250 other Indiana law enforcement agencies to increase education and enforcement around dangerous and impaired driving. From March 4 through March 27, 2016, statetroopers, county deputies and city police officers all across Indiana will conduct high-visibility patrols specifically designated to identify and intercept those driving aggressively and under the influence.

"I enjoy the month of March, with all the great basketball as well as the St. Patrick's Day holiday, just as much as any other Hoosier," said Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter. "But I caution anyone thinking of using this, or any other reason, as an excuse for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol." Carter concluded, "Speaking for the state police, nearly all of us, like most of you, have friends and loved ones that will be out on the road driving responsibly. So if we see people who are driving dangerously; know that we will stop them and if they're impaired, they will be arrested."

Increased enforcement during March is a statewide effort supported by federal funding allocated to the Indiana State Police from the Traffic Safety division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). Over the course of this enforcement campaign the state police will have more than 150 troopers working overtime looking for aggressive or impaired drivers.

According to ICJI, in March 2015 there were 529 alcohol-related crashes across Indiana, resulting in 214 injuries and five fatalities. Additionally, during the same period, crash reports indicate

1,606 collisions occurred due to dangerous driving, resulting in 332 injuries and four fatalities. Dangerous driving includes such factors as "speed too fast for weather conditions," "driver distracted," and "driver asleep or fatigued."

"Keeping our roadways safe is a priority," said ICJI Executive Director Dave Murtaugh. "Our dedicated officers who patrol our roadways all across the state are the first line of defense. Motorist need to do their part to ensure our roadways are safe by making responsible choices. From watching the basketball tournament action to taking part in St. Patrick's Day celebrations, it's up to you to be safe and responsible. If you are going to drink, do not drive. It's that simple."

Crashes resulting from dangerous and impaired driving are preventable. The ISP and ICJI would like to remind motorists safe driving is as simple as following these easy steps:

- Before the celebration begins, **plan a safe way home**
- **Do not drive impaired**
- If you do drink, **use a taxi, public transportation, ridesharing service or designate a sober friend or family member, and give them your keys**
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, **call 911**
- If you know someone who is about to drive or ride impaired, **take their keys and help make arrangements to get them home safely**

For more information on Indiana's efforts on impaired driving prevention and enforcement, please visit: <http://www.in.gov/cji/2354.htm>.



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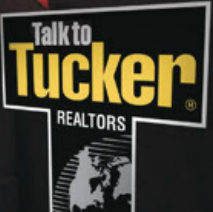
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Tough win over the Tigers...

Noblesville gets victory at Lebanon, 41-34

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor

A win for a basketball team's regular season finale is good. A tough win can be even better.

Noblesville got itself a good, tough win Friday night, as it traveled to Lebanon's Rosenstihl Gymnasium and came home with a 41-34 victory. That gave the Millers a 14-8 record to finish the regular season, and they now will focus their attention to the sectional, where Noblesville hosts Carmel on Wednesday in a first-round game.

The Millers battled with the Tigers for all four quarters, but were able to stay a basket or two ahead of Lebanon for most of the game. A fast start helped Noblesville's cause, as it led 12-2 at one point in the first quarter. John Kiser scored six points in that period alone.

Lebanon worked its way back into the game, closing to 12-6 by the end of the first period, then getting to within 12-9 early on. Baskets from Max Flinchum and Ryan Ogden got Noblesville back up 16-9, but the Tigers' Trevor Lakes scored the next six points, and were within 16-15 at halftime.

"We knew it would be that type of a game," said Noblesville coach Brian McCauley. "They're a tough team. They're physical. They're skilled."

Lakes opened the second half with a 3-pointer, giving Lebanon its only lead of the game at 18-16. Noblesville quickly regained the lead by going on a 6-0 run: Kiser and Ogden both made layins, and McGwire Plumer added two free throws.

With the momentum back on their side, the Millers steadily increased their lead, getting ahead by as much as 34-24 midway through the fourth quarter. The Tigers made one last push, hitting a pair of 3-pointers to cut Noblesville's lead to 35-32 with 1:05 to go.

Kiser got the Millers back up five, 37-32 with a layin. Lebanon cut the lead to 37-34 after Jaylen Washington answered with a layin. But there were only 12.9 seconds left at that point. The Tigers had to foul, and they got Kiser, who made both free throws to put the game out of reach. Just to be sure, Kiser blocked a 3-point attempt, and that led to another foul with 0.8 seconds remaining. Grant Bullard's two foul shots made the score the final margin.

"I was proud of our defensive effort," said McCauley, who noted that his Millers held Lebanon to single digits in the first three quarters.

"We made just enough free throws there and enough timely plays to seal the win," said McCauley.

Kiser ended up with a double-double of 16 points and 11 rebounds. Flinchum scored 11. Plumer handed out five assists, and Kiser blocked two shots.



Kent Graham/File photo

Noblesville's John Kiser earned a double-double of 16 points and 11 rebounds in the Millers' Friday win at Lebanon.

<div>Noblesville 41, Lebanon 34</div>					Nolan Ginther	0-0	1-2	1	4	Score by Quarters					
					John Kiser	7-10	2-2	16	2	Noblesville	12	4	11	14	- 41
					McGwire Plumer	1-3	3-4	5	1	Lebanon	6	9	7	12	- 34
					Grant Bullard	0-2	2-2	2	0	Noblesville 3-point shooting (0-8) Flinchum 0-3,					
					Brandon Barthel	0-0	0-0	0	1	Mills 0-1, Mertens 0-1, Plumer 0-1, Ogden 0-1,					
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF	Nick Mills	0-2	0-2	0	0	Kiser 0-1.					
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Crist, Weatherford combine for 53...

Huskies keep winning

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Not many teams, if any, will enter the upcoming Class 3A sectional at Marion any hotter than Coach Chad Ballenger’s Hamilton Heights Huskies.

After reversing regular season losses to Twin Lakes and Tipton last weekend to win the Hoosier Conference Tourney, the Huskies closed their regular season last night with a 69-63 overtime victory over a good New Castle team in the Husky Dome.

The win gives Hamilton Heights a 16-8 record entering the sectional. Heights has lost only to Tipton and Lawrence North in its nine games.

Heights got the tip and a bucket from Hunter Crist to open the overtime and then made the Trojans play catch-up. The Huskies were 3-for-4 at the line.

Heights did it with offense as Hunter Crist and Sterling Weatherford combined for 53 points.

Heights did it with defense, holding New Castle to just 11 points in the fourth quarter and to only 6 points in the overtime.

The Trojans led 16-14 after one quarter and Heights led 33-32 at halftime.

Crist continued to sizzle in this his third game since returning from a wrist injury. He connected on 6-of-13 shots; hit 3-of-5 shots from 3-point range, and finished with 29 points. He was 14-of-16 from the charity line.

“Hunter is playing really well,” said Ballenger.

Weatherford added 24 points.

“Sterling played a great first half, scoring 16 points,” said Ballenger.

The Huskies were 21-of-44 from the field, including a 7-of-14 night shooting 3-pointers. They also stuck in 20-of-25 free throws.

Weatherford just missed a double-double, yanking 9 rebounds.

Crist dished out 5 assists and Dustin Williams had 4.

“I was concerned we might have a letdown after last weekend,” Ballenger said. “Our practice Thursday evening wasn’t real good.”

Heights played the game without one of its double-digit scorers, Caymn Lutz.

“He has a groin problem; nothing serious,” Ballenger reported. “We just wanted him to have a few days off before the sectional.”



Brian Reddick/File photo

Sterling Weatherford scored 24 points for Hamilton Heights in its overtime win against New Castle Friday at the Husky Dome.

Heights 69, New Castle 63 (overtime)

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Max Wahl	0-1	5-6	5	3
Hunter Crist	6-13	14-16	29	2
Sterling Weatherford	11-21	0-0	24	3
Dustin Williams	0-2	1-2	1	4
Noah Wallace	1-1	0-0	2	3
Tyler Wiltermood	1-1	0-0	2	3
Austin Sauerteig	2-4	0-1	6	1
TJ Freeland	0-1	0-0	0	2
Totals	21-44	20-25	69	21

Score by Quarters:

Heights 14 19 10 14 12 – 69

New Castle 16 16 14 11 6 – 63

Heights 3-Pointers (7-14): Crist 3-5, Weatherford 2-4, Williams 0-1, Sauerteig 2-4.

Heights Rebounds (20): Wahl 2, Crist 3, Weatherford 9, Williams 1, Wiltermood 3, Sauerteig 2.

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No. 8 LN beats Southeastern...

Gunn is back



Gunn

No. 8 this week in the Class 4A poll.

There was some not-so-good news and a little good news as H a m i l t o n Southeastern closed its regular season Friday evening at Lawrence North. First, the not-so-good news. The Royals lost, 69-54, to a Lawrence North team which is ranked

The good news was that Zach Gunn returned to the lineup before the sectional. Gunn scored 5 points and collected a team-high 8 rebounds. Lawrence North had just too much power, rolling to a 21-10 first quarter advantage and leading 37-22 entering halftime. The second half was a 32-32 deadlock. Jack Davidson led the scoring for Coach Brian Satterfield's Royals with 14 points. Aaron Etherington also finished in double figures, notching 10 points. Etherington added 5 rebounds.

Southeastern dished out 16 assists in the game, with J'Donavan Bembyry, Davidson, Noah Smith and Brennan Schofield each getting 3. Southeastern finished its regular season with a 13-11 record.

Lawrence North 69, Southeastern 54

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Greg Miller	1-9	4-4	6	NA
J'Donavan Bembyry	0-2	0-0	0	NA
Aaron Etherington	4-7	2-2	10	NA

Trevin Trabue	0-1	0-0	0	NA
Jack Davidson	4-7	2-3	14	NA
Noah Smith	0-3	0-0	0	NA
Aaron Shank	3-3	0-0	6	NA
Brennan Schofield	2-5	0-0	5	NA
Zach Gunn	2-12	1-4	5	NA
Jay Tappler	3-11	0-0	6	NA
Totals	19-60	9-13	54	NA
Score by Quarters:				
Southeastern	10	12	17	15 – 54
Lawrence N.	21	16	18	14 – 69
Southeastern 3-Pointers (5-15): Miller 0-3, Bembyry 0-2, Davidson 4-5, Schofield 1-2, Gunn 0-3.				
Southeastern Rebounds (28): Miller 3, Bembyry 1, Etherington 5, Smith 4, Schofield 3, Gunn 8, Tappler 4.				

Long night in Frankton ...

Blackhawks defeated, 67-33



Weitzel

Sheridan closed its regular season Friday losing at a place where it is tough to win. The Blackhawks dropped a 67-33 contest at Frankton. Sheridan stayed close for a half, trailing 18-10 after one quarter and 30-22 at halftime. Then, the host Eagles exploded for a 37-11 run in the second half. Patrick Weitzel led the scoring for Coach Chris Schrank's Sheridan club

with 10 points. Chris Roberts and Jake Chesney each tossed in 8 points. With loss, Sheridan closed the regular season with a 9-15 record.

Frankton 67, Sheridan 33

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jake Chesney	4-10	0-0	8	1
Taylor Ly	0-3	0-2	0	4
Sean Weitzel	0-1	0-0	0	0
Drake Delph	1-3	0-0	2	1
Weston Burtron	0-3	0-0	0	1
Tommy Glidden	0-0	0-0	0	0

Jack Waitt	1-4	0-0	2	0
Aidan Roaten	0-0	0-0	0	0
Patrick Weitzel	5-7	0-0	10	2
Chris Roberts	4-10	0-2	8	1
Rhett Williams	0-0	2-2	2	1
Nick Burnell	0-0	1-2	1	0
Tanner Swindle	0-0	0-1	0	0
Totals	15-41	3-7	33	11
Score by Quarters:				
Sheridan	10	12	6	5 – 33
Frankton	18	12	16	21 – 67
Sheridan 3-Pointers (0-8): Chesney 0-2, Ly 0-2, Waitt 0-3, Roberts 0-1.				
Sheridan Rebounds (15): Chesney 2, Ly 4, Delph 1, Burtron 1, Roaten 1, P. Weitzel 2, Roberts 3, Burnell 1.				

Defense & scoring balance...

Carmel rolls to victory



Covington

Carmel finished the regular season last evening at the Eric Clark Activity Center doing what the Greyhounds have done most of the season playing good defense; getting strong scoring balance, and beating a tough opponent. This time, Coach Scott Heady's club drilled Brebeuf, 57-43. Four different Greyhounds scored in double figures, led by Garrett Covington with 3 points, Preston Flamion notched 11 and PJ Baron and Trent Richardson each finished with 10 points. Heady played 12 Greyhounds in the game. Carmel was in control most of the way, jumping to a 13-8 first quarter lead and carrying a 25-16 advantage to half. Carmel built that margin by allowing just 8 points in the first quarter and 8 points in the second period. The Greyhounds hit 22-of-39 shots from the field; were 3-of-6 from 3-point range and

the Greyhounds stuck in 10-of-12 free throws. Covington and Baron came close to double-doubles with 9 and 8 rebounds. With the win, Carmel finished the regular season with a 14-8 record.

Carmel 57, Brebeuf 43

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Cole Jenkins	0-0	0-0	0	0
Wes Middleton	0-0	0-0	0	0
Sterling Brown	1-6	4-4	6	2
Alex Falender	1-2	2-2	5	1
Ethan Merriweather	0-0	0-0	0	0
Garrett Covington	6-9	1-2	13	1
Sam Oliphant	0-1	0-0	0	0
PJ Baron	4-6	1-1	10	3
Preston Flamion	5-8	0-0	11	5
Trent Richardson	4-6	2-3	10	2
Britt Beery	1-1	0-0	2	1
Kurt Rafdal	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	22-39	10-12	57	15
Score by Quarters:				
Carmel	13	12	12	20 – 57
Brebeuf	8	8	13	14 – 43
Carmel 3-Pointers (3-6): Falender 1-1, Oliphant 0-1, Baron 1-2, Flamion 1-2.				
Carmel Rebounds (25): Jenkins 3, Brown 1, Covington 9, Baron 8, Flamion 1, Richardson 2, Beery 1.				

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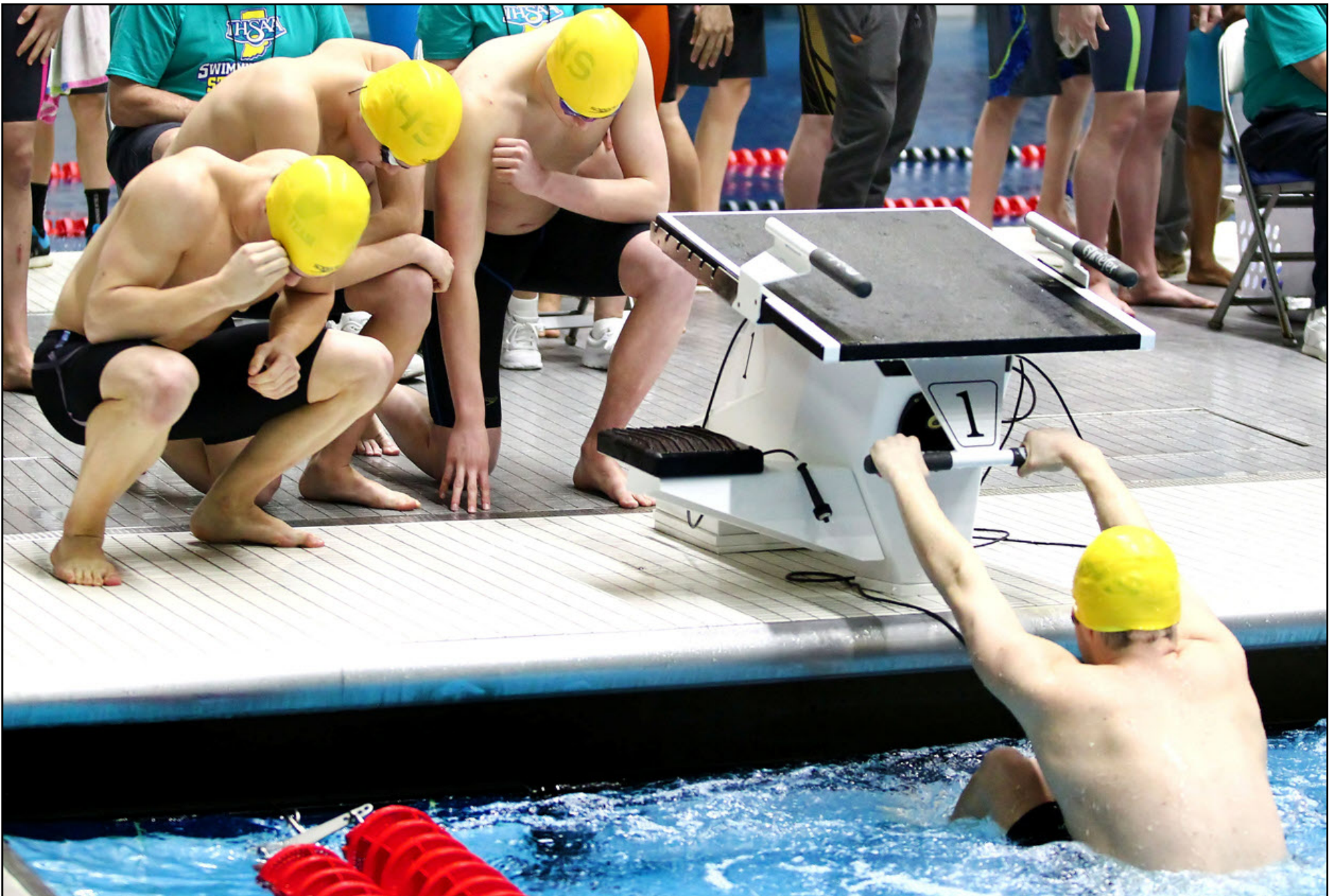


Photo by Bret Richardson

The Noblesville medley relay team gets on its mark at the boys state swimming preliminaries, which took place Friday at the IUPUI Natatorium.

Boys state swimming preliminaries...

Carmel’s Li, Fishers’ Brown earn top seeds

The Carmel boys swim team is in good position to defend its state championship after Friday's preliminaries at the IUPUI Natatorium.

The Greyhounds qualified 10 swims for today's championship heat and three more for the consolation heat. All three of Carmel's relays are into the championship heat, which is big because relays score double points. The Greyhounds' relay swimmers are Brett Sherman, Charles Vaughan, Jonathan Bledsoe and Stefano Batista in the medley, Troy Li, Batista, Andrew Rafalko and Cavan Boylan in the 200 free relay, and Li, Sherman, Vaughan and Batista in the 400 free relay

In addition, Li earned the top seed for the 200 freestyle, and will be seeded second in the 100 free. Vaughan earned championship heat places in the individual medley and breaststroke, as did Sherman in the 500 free and Batista in the breaststroke. Joseph Vinyard dropped one and a third seconds from his sectional final time to get a spot in the backstroke's championship heat.

Carmel's consolation qualifiers are Sherman and Rafalko in the IM, with Rafalko also making the consols of the breaststroke.

Fishers had five swims reach the championship heat and five more make the consols. The Tigers' Glen Brown will be the top seed in the backstroke and the second seed in the IM; he will be joined by Luke Ingram in the medley.

Fishers also sent two relays into the championship: The medley team of Brown, Ingram, Joseph Moser and Joel Crull and the 400 free team of Jota Iwase, Drake Stallworth, Nolan Yorkman and Brown.

Consolation qualifiers for Fishers are Iwase in the IM and butterfly, Yorkman and Jacob Reichert in the 500 free and Ingra in the breaststroke.

Hamilton Southeastern's relay group of Zack Teffteller, Matthew Netherton, Nicholas O'Connor and Brandon Brunelli qualified for the championship heat in the 200 free relay and the consolation heat of the 400 free relay. Netherton reached the consolation final of the 200 and 500 freestyles, as well.

Noblesville's Justin Ogle had the Millers' best finish with a 19th place tie in the breaststroke. Westfield's medley relay team of Ethan Moe, Alex Hand, Christopher Kenney and Thomas Kenney placed the highest for the Shamrocks, finishing 22nd.

The state finals begin with the diving prelims and semi-finals at 9 a.m., with swimming and diving finals starting at 1 p.m.

Positions 1-8 qualify for the championship heat, positions 9-16 qualify for the consolation heat.

200 medley relay: 4. Carmel (Brett Sherman, Charles Vaughan, Jonathan Bledsoe, Stefano Batista) 1:34.10, 6. Fishers (Glen Brown, Luke Ingram, Joseph Moser, Joel Crull) 1:35.53, 20. No-

blesville (Jacob Seyfried, Justin Ogle, Evan Diamente, Isaac Johnston) 1:38.41, 22. Westfield (Ethan Moe, Alex Hand, Christopher Kenney, Thomas Kenney) 1:38.53, 23. Hamilton Southeastern (Blake Ratliff, Zach Silcox, Jack Becker, Nathan Brown) 1:38.81.

200 freestyle: 1. Troy Li (C) 1:38.62, 11. Matthew Netherton (HSE) 1:42.36, 18. Nolan Yorkman (F) 1:43.43, 27. Zack Teffteller (HSE) 1:45.51.

200 individual medley: 2. Glen Brown (F) 1:48.73, 4. Vaughan (C) 1:49.55, 8. Ingram (F) 1:52.51, 10. Sherman (C) 1:52.70, 12. Jota Iwase (F), 14. Andrew Rafalko (C) 1:54.73.

50 freestyle: 25. Joel Crull (F) 22.09, 26. Cavan Boylan (C) 22.10.

100 butterfly: 14. Iwase (F) 51.52, 20. Bledsoe (C) 52.28, 21. Drake Stallworth (F) 52.32, 23. Moser (F) 52.62.

100 freestyle: 2. Li (C) 45.25, 21. Teffteller (HSE) 47.85, 26. C. Kenney (W) 48.88.

500 freestyle: 3. Sherman (C) 4:33.11, 9. Yorkman (F) 4:36.95, 13. Netherton (HSE) 4:40.37, 14. Jacob Reichert (F) 4:40.52, 18. Samuel Kuhn (F) 4:44.65.

200 freestyle relay: 4. Carmel (Li, Batista, Rafalko, Boylan) 1:25.45, 7. Southeastern (Teffteller, Netherton, Nicholas O'Connor, Brandon Brunelli) 1:26.40, 17. Fishers (Crull, Iwase, Moser, Ingram) 1:28.17, 23. Westfield (T. Kenney, C. Kenney, Hand, Cody Fenimore) 1:28.91.

100 backstroke: 1. Brown (F) 49.22, 5. Joseph Vinyard (C) 51.33.

100 breaststroke: 3. Vaughan (C) 55.60, 7. Batista (C) 56.95, 9. Rafalko (C) 57.18, 16. Ingram (F) 58.51, T19. Justin Ogle (N) 59.01.

400 freestyle relay: 3. Carmel (Li, Sherman, Vaughan, Batista) 3:06.46, 5. Fishers (Iwase, Stallworth, Yorkman, Brown) 3:08.67, 10. Southeastern (Netherton, Teffteller, Brunelli, O'Connor) 3:10.90, 27. Westfield (C. Kenney, T. Kenney, Nicholas Brauer, Moe) 3:20.09.

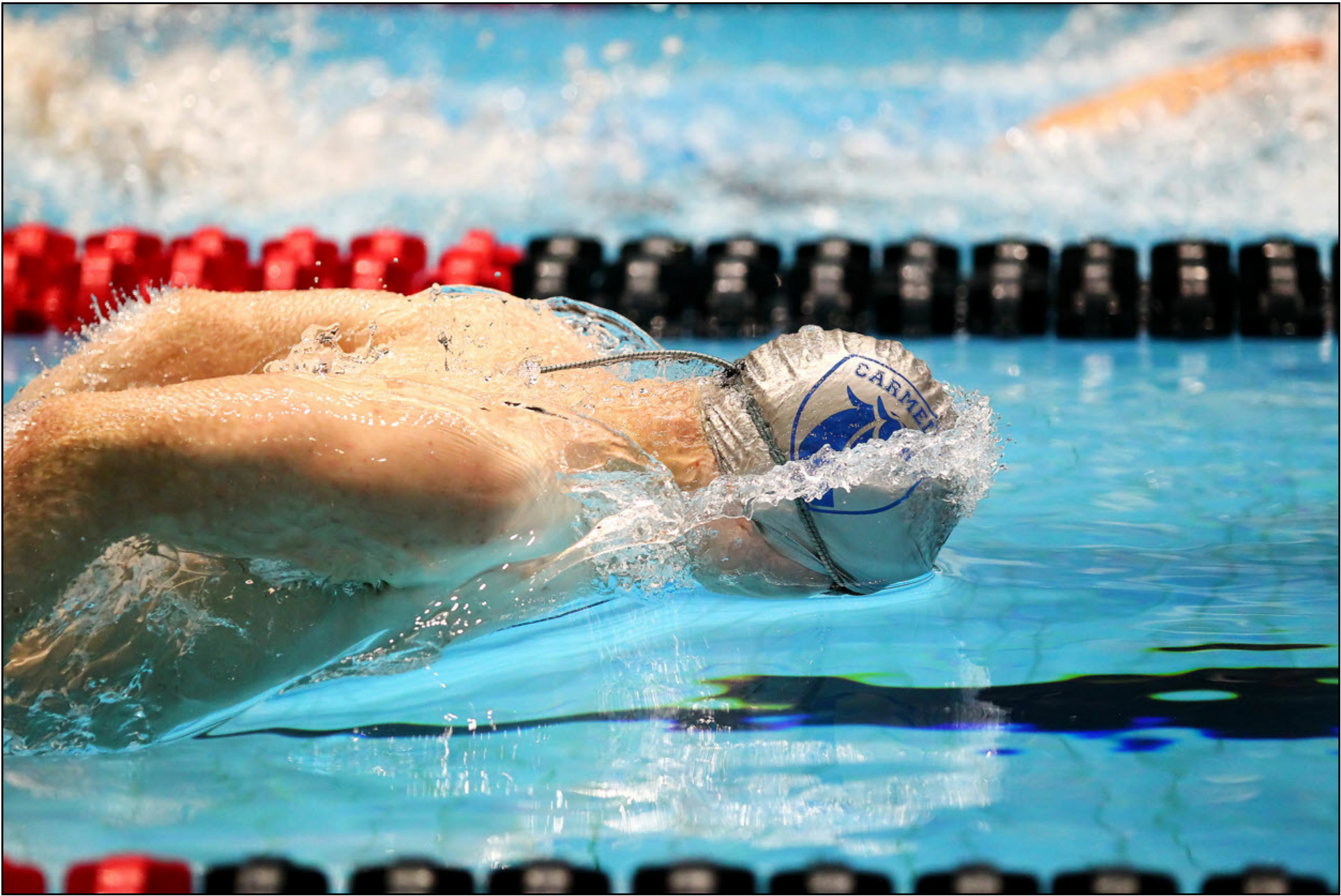


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Carmel’s Jonathan Bledsoe swims in the 100 butterfly.

Northside Lions competing in NCHBC Regional

The Northside Lions are competing in the National Christian HomeSchool Basketball Championships (NCHBC) Midwest Regional. Here is a summary of their games:

Northside Lions vs Fort Wayne Hawks

The Northside Lions were victorious in their opening game on Thursday to advance to the Gold Bracket. The Lions went up against the Fort Wayne Hawks in their matinee game and handled the Hawks with ease.

Northside lead 10-5 at the end of the 1st quarter and put the Hawks away in the 2nd quarter as they took a 31-14 lead into the intermission. The Lions came out with a stifling defense in the 3rd quarter holding the Hawks to only 2 points taking a 46-16 lead into the 4th quarter. The Northsiders took the air out of the ball in the 4th quarter and coasted to a 51-22 win.

Three players lead the Lions in double figure scoring. Graham Stieglitz 15, Aaron Tharp 12 and Stephen Schwartz 10. Other Lions contributing points were Caleb Jones, 6, Ian Smith 4, and Daniel Abbott and Erik Job with 2 apiece.

Leading the way in rebounds for the Lions was Daniel Abbott and Graham Stieglitz both with 8 boards. The Lions were lead in assists and steals by Caleb Jones. Jones had 4 assists and 3 steals. Stephen Schwartz lead Northside in blocked shots with 3.

Northside Lions vs Northwest Warriors

With the Lions opening round win under their belt, Northside looked to avenge last weekend's loss in the State Tournament as they were once again paired up with the Northwest Warriors in the second game of the Regional. The Lions had payback on their mind as they ended the 1st quarter leading 14-7. However, in the 2nd quarter the Warriors closed the gap and eventually took the lead was the Lions started to misfire from the field and ended the half trailing 22-20.

The 3rd quarter did the Northsiders in as their offense became stagnant causing them to settle for 3-point shots that wound not fall. When the 3rd quarter had ended the Lions found them on the short end of a 38-25 as the Lions only scored 5 points while Northwest put 16 points on the board going into the 4th quarter. The Lions made a brief run at the Warriors in the 4th quarter but Northwest too much for Northside to handle for the second week in a row going down 52-38.

Aaron Tharp lead the Lions in scoring with 10. Others in the scoring column were Stephen Schwartz 8, Daniel Abbott and Ian Smith with 6 each, Caleb Jones 4, and Erik Job and Graham Stieglitz 2. Stieglitz lead the Lions with 8 rebounds followed by

Caleb Jones and Ian Smith with 5 each. Jones had 2 assists to lead the Lions in that category. Five Lions had one steal apiece while Stephen Schwartz and Stieglitz lead the Lions with 2 blocked shots each.

Northside Lions vs Cincinnati Trailblazers

The Northside Lions lived one of Yogi Berra's famous quotes on Friday. "It's déjà vu all over again" as the Northsiders lost a heartbreaker to the Cincinnati Trailblazers in overtime 68-61. The Lions lead by 3 points with just 8 seconds to go in regulation but Cincinnati drove down the court, got separation from the defense and knocked down a 25 ft 3-pointer at the buzzer to send the game to overtime. The Lions lost to the Lakeshore Thunder earlier this year in Chicago the exact same way on a 3-point shot at the buzzer in regulation to send that game into overtime.

Northside got down early in this one trailing 11-3 at the end of the 1st quarter. Northside came roaring back in the 2nd quarter and tied the score two different times before the Trailblazers went on a run at the end of the half to lead 25-20. In the 3rd quarter the Lions were able to take charge and lead by as many as 5 points but they could not hold onto the lead as Cincinnati went on another run to take a 5 point lead 38-33 by the end of the 3rd quarter.

The Lions came back once again in the final stanza to take the lead only to have the Trailblazers retake the advantage on two different occasions. The Lions had a one point lead and caused a Cincinnati turnover that lead to what appeared to be a Daniel Abbott breakaway lay-up.

But the Trailblazers pushed Abbott in the back as he was shooting. Abbott missed the lay-up and many in the crowd thought the foul was clearly a flagrant foul but the officials didn't see it that way and gave Abbott just a 2 shot foul.

Abbott sank both shots with 8 seconds left but the uncalled flagrant foul call came back to haunt the Lions. Instead of the Lions getting the ball out of bounds after hitting the foul shots, Cincinnati brought the ball up court, a Trailblazer received the ball at the top of the key, stepped back to create separation from his defender, and hit the long 3-point shot just before the buzzer to tie the game.

In the overtime, the Northsiders could not connect on their end while the Trailblazers were connecting at their end of the court. The Lions eventually had to foul to get the ball back and that created their margin of victory for Cincinnati.

The Lions were lead in scoring by Daniel Abbott's 21 points followed by Graham Stieglitz's 18 and Stephen Schwartz's 11.

Others scoring for the Lions were Aaron Tharp 6, Erik Job 3, and Ian Smith 2.

Stephen Schwartz completed his double-double by leading the Lions in rebounds with 10. Caleb Jones lead the Lions in assists with 8. Schwartz lead the Lions with 2 steals and Riley Vitales, Erik Job and Schwartz all had one blocked shot each.

Lions Defeat Golden Eagles in Regional Play

The Northside Lions got back on the winning track in the Midwest HomeSchool Regional with a win over cross-town rival Eastside Golden Eagles late Friday night. The Lions and the Golden Eagles were on track for an old fashion shoot out during the first quarter. When the dust had settled the Lions were up by one point at 20-19.

In the second quarter the pace slowed with each team playing hard nose defense. However, Northside was able to extend their lead at halftime by outscoring Eastside 11-4 to take a 31-23 lead at the intermission. Both teams were misfiring in the 3rd quarter but the Golden Eagles were able to close the gap as the Lions held onto a 37-35 lead going into the 4th quarter.

The pace quickened in the final stanza but the Lions held the upper hand in the quarter scoring 22 points to the Golden Eagles 21 to win the game 59-53.

Daniel Abbott lead Northside in scoring with 20 points. Stephen Schwartz had 12 points and Caleb Jones and Aaron Tharp had 11 points each to round out double figure scoring for the Lions. Others in the scoring column were Erik Job 4 and Graham Stieglitz 1.

Stephen Schwartz had his second double-double of the day on Friday leading the Lions in rebounding with 13 to go with his 10 points. Others with rebounds were Daniel Abbott 8, Caleb Jones 6, Graham Stieglitz 5 and Erik Job 3. Caleb Jones lead Northside in assists with 5 and in steals with 2. Graham Stieglitz lead the Lions with 2 blocked shots.

The Lions (25-11) will finish out the Midwest HomeSchool Regional Tournament on Saturday as they take on the Illinois Crusaders in a 5:30 PM tilt.

Northside Lions 51, Fort Wayne Hawks 22

Northside	FG	FT	TP	PF
Nick Jennings	0-0	0-0	0	0
Daniel Abbott	0-2	2-2	2	1
Riley Vitales	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ian Smith	2-7	0-0	4	1
Erik Job	1-6	0-0	2	0
Stephen Schwartz	4-5	2-3	10	2
Aaron Tharp	3-9	4-6	12	3
Caleb Jones	2-2	2-2	6	2
Graham Stieglitz	6-10	1-1	15	0
Totals	18-41	11-14	51	9
Score by Quarters:				
Northside Lions	10	21	15	5 – 51
Fort Wayne Hawks	5	9	2	6 – 22
Northside 3-Point Shooting (4-14):	Abbott 0-1,	Smith 0-2, Job 0-1, Tharp 2-6,	Stieglitz 2-4.	
Northside Rebounds (37):	Abbott 8, Smith 7, Job 5, Schwartz 6, Tharp 2, Jones 1, Stieglitz 8.			
Northside Assists (12):	Abbott 3, Smith 3, Schwartz 1, Jones 4, Stieglitz 1.			
Northside Steals (9):	Abbott 1, Job 2, Tharp 2, Jones 3, Stieglitz 1.			
Northside Blocked Shots (4):	Smith 1, Schwartz 3.			
Northside Turnovers:	14			

Northside Lions 38, Northwest Warriors 52

Northside	FG	FT	TP	PF
Daniel Abbott	2-9	2-2	6	1
Riley Vitales	0-1	0-0	0	2
Ian Smith	3-4	0-0	6	1
Erik Job	1-5	0-0	2	3
Stephen Schwartz	3-7	2-2	8	5
Aaron Tharp	3-10	3-4	10	1
Caleb Jones	2-7	2-2	4	1
Graham Stieglitz	1-7	1-1	2	1
Totals	15-50	7-8	38	15
Score by Quarters:				
Northwest Warriors	7	15	16	14 – 52
Northside Lions	14	6	5	13 – 38
Northside 3-Point Shooting (1-16):	Abbott 0-2, Smith 0-1, Job 0-1, Schwartz 0-1, Tharp 1-6, Stieglitz 0-5.			
Northside Rebounds (25):	Abbott 1, Smith 5, Job 1, Schwartz 4, Tharp 1, Jones 5, Stieglitz 8.			
Northside Assists (6):	Abbott 1, Vitales 1, Tharp 1, Jones 2, Stieglitz 1.			
Northside Steals (5):	Vitales 1, Job 1, Schwartz 1, Tharp 1, Jones 1.			
Northside Blocked Shots (6):	Abbott 1, Smith 1, Schwartz 2, Stieglitz 2.			
Northside Turnovers:	10			

Northside Lions 61, Cincinnati Trailblazers 68 (overtime)

Northside	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Daniel Abbott	7-11	6-6	21	1	
Riley Vitales	0-1	0-0	0	2	
Ian Smith	1-3	0-0	2	3	
Erik Job	1-3	0-0	3	2	
Stephen Schwartz	3-6	5-8	11	4	
Aaron Tharp	2-6	0-0	6	4	
Caleb Jones	0-5	0-0	0	3	
Graham Stieglitz	7-12	0-0	18	1	
Unassigned	0-0	0-0	0	1	
Totals	21-47	11-14	61	21	
Score by Quarters:					
Northside Lions	3	17	18	17	6 – 61
Cincinnati Trailblazers	11	14	8	22	13 – 68
Northside 3-Point Shooting (8-15): Abbott 1-1, Job 1-1, Tharp 2-4, Stieglitz 4-9.					
Northside Rebounds (25): Abbott 4, Smith 3, Schwartz 10, Tharp 3, Jones 2, Stieglitz 3.					
Northside Assists (15): Abbott 5, Vitales 1, Schwartz 1, Jones 8.					
Northside Steals (4): Schwartz 2, Tharp 1, Jones 1.					
Northside Blocked Shots (3): Vitales 1, Job 1, Schwartz 1.					
Northside Turnovers: 9					

Northside Lions 59, Eastside Golden Eagles 53

Northside	FG	FT	TP	PF
Daniel Abbott	8-17	2-2	20	1
Riley Vitales	0-3	0-0	0	1
Ian Smith	0-0	0-0	0	0
Erik Job	1-4	2-2	4	1
Stephen Schwartz	5-5	2-3	12	2
Aaron Tharp	3-17	0-0	11	2
Caleb Jones	2-5	6-6	11	0
Graham Stieglitz	0-9	1-2	1	1
Totals	20-60	13-15	59	8
Score by Quarters:				
Northside Lions	20	11	6	22 – 59
Eastside Golden Eagles	19	4	9	21 – 53
Northside 3-Point Shooting (6-24):	Abbott 2-5, Vitales 0-1, Tharp 3-12, Jones 1-1, Stieglitz 0-5.			
Northside Rebounds (39):	Abbott 8, Job 3, Schwartz 13, Tharp 4, Jones 6, Stieglitz 5.			
Northside Assists (16):	Abbott 3, Vitales 3, Job 1, Schwartz 3, Jones 5, Stieglitz 1.			
Northside Steals (4):	Abbott 1, Schwartz 1, Jones 2.			
Northside Blocked Shots (3):	Schwartz 1, Stieglitz 2.			
Northside Turnovers:	6			

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Eastern Conference				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	39	18	.684	-
Boston	34	25	.576	6.0
New York	25	35	.417	15.5
Brooklyn	16	42	.276	23.5
Philadelphia	8	50	.138	31.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	41	16	.719	-
Indiana	31	27	.534	10.5
Chicago	30	27	.526	11.0
Detroit	29	29	.500	12.5
Milwaukee	24	34	.414	17.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	32	25	.561	-
Atlanta	32	27	.542	1.0
Charlotte	30	27	.526	2.0
Washington	27	30	.474	5.0
Orlando	25	32	.439	7.0

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oklahoma City	41	17	.707	-
Portland	30	28	.517	11.0
Utah	28	29	.491	12.5
Denver	23	36	.390	18.5
Minnesota	18	40	.310	23.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	52	5	.912	-
L.A. Clippers	38	20	.655	14.5
Sacramento	24	33	.421	28.0
Phoenix	14	44	.241	38.5
L.A. Lakers	11	49	.183	42.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	49	9	.845	-
Memphis	34	23	.596	14.5
Dallas	31	28	.525	18.5
Houston	29	29	.500	20.0
New Orleans	23	34	.404	25.5

Walker's layup sends Charlotte past Pacers

By GREG RAPPAPORT
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

Down by three with 40 seconds remaining, Paul George showed no signs of slowing down, hitting a tough shot in the paint to bring the Pacers within one point of the lead, 94-93, and giving George his game-high 32nd point.

On the other end, George Hill was able to trigger a jump ball with the seven-foot Cody Zeller, and subsequently won the jump, giving the Pacers possession down one with 30.7 remaining on the clock.

Monta Ellis and PG ran a high pick-and-roll and Ellis dove to the hoop, laying in a lead-taking bucket with 16.2 on the clock as the crowd erupted.

But during the Hornets' final play, inbounding the ball with 10 seconds left, Kemba Walker was able to evade the defense, scoring a go-ahead layup with 2.4 seconds left in the game.

The Pacers got one last look — a Paul George jumper from the elbow — but the shot sailed wide, sending Indiana to a gut-wrenching 96-95 loss in a game they nearly stole at the buzzer despite trailing for the majority of the evening.

After getting outscored by four in the third quarter, and trailing by seven entering the fourth quarter of play against the Hornets, the Pacers needed a spark to lift them back into the game.

So with nearly eight minutes remaining, Pacers head coach Frank Vogel reinserted

the starting lineup, something he usually doesn't do until the game's final five minutes of play.

The move paid off immediately, as Indiana got on a fastbreak and Myles Turner attempted to hammer a dunk to ignite the crowd. In what can only be categorized as a rookie moment, the slam was nothing but iron, caroming high into the air.

Luckily for the Pacers, however, the ball was rebounded by the Blue & Gold and ended up making it in the cylinder after all when George Hill (10 points) nailed a 3-pointer to bring Indiana back to within three.

With five minutes remaining, George Hill calmly sank two free throws to give Indiana its first lead since it was 15-14,

sending the Friday night crowd into bedlam. The free throws also capped a 13-3 Pacers run, setting up the final moments at The Fieldhouse.

"I think I gotta make a better read," said Ian Mahinmi of Walker's game-winner. "He's a fast point guard. I was up way too high. I allowed myself to get split. It's a mistake on my part. Next time, just treat it as a regular drop like I always do and make him shoot over me. I gotta grow from it. It's a painful mistake but I'll get better at it."

In the first half of play, the Pacers cut their deficit to just three at the break in dramatic fashion when George connected on a 40-foot buzzer-beating jumper to lift the Friday-night crowd at The Fieldhouse to its feet. It was part of George's game-high 17-point first half.

Coming out of the halftime locker room, the Hornets opened the game up, outscoring Indiana 24-20 and extending their lead to seven heading into the game's final quarter. At one point in the third, the Hornets led by 14, triggering Vogel to make a series of substitutions.

Marvin Williams, the Hornets' 3-point shooting power forward, had racked up 24 points midway through the third quarter, prompting Vogel to sub Solomon Hill in for Myles Turner, in an effort to stymie the dynamic forward.

Using a spread lineup, the Pacers started a rally, reeling off a 7-0 run behind a series of free throws and makes at the basket.

But to start the fourth quarter, the Hornets were threatening to put the game out of reach, requiring Vogel to sub his starters back in.

The starting five, spearheaded by George, was able to battle back into the lead in the game's final moments, but Kemba Walker's 22nd point proved to be the dagger, as the Pacers dropped a tight one on Friday night.

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