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## Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville to participate in #GivingTuesday

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville will participate in #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide. Occurring this year on Nov. 29, #GivingTuesday is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday. This charitable day kicks-off the holiday giving season and inspires people to collaborate in improving their local communities while giving back in impactful ways to the

organizations and causes they support.

This #GivingTuesday, the Club is challenging the community get involved by helping bridge the gap for ten Club members. Over 280 members visit the club each day after school for only \$45 per year, while the actual cost to the Club is \$428 per child, leaving a gap of \$383. The Club's goal for the event is to raise a total of \$3,830 to bridge the gap for ten Club memberships.

"A child left alone after school could easily become a victim," says Executive Director, Becky Terry. "It could be bullying, peer pressure, or other dangers. It happens more

than you know — even in our community. But your support on Giving Tuesday can change all that. In fact, it could quite possibly save a life. We are asking our supporters to help change the world this holiday by impacting the life of a child."

For those who are interested in supporting the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's #GivingTuesday initiative, please visit [www.BGCNI.org](http://www.BGCNI.org) to make a difference in the life of a local child.

## Ice sculptures on display on the Courthouse Square

**Reporter photos by Perry Williams**

ABOVE: Noblesville Main Street featured more than 20 ice sculptures as part of the annual Ice Festival. The sculptures were displayed prior to the annual tree lighting ceremony that took place Friday on the courthouse square. The ice sculptures will remain on display as weather permits.

LEFT: 4-year-old Leah Alexander, daughter of Drew and Emily Alexander, enjoyed the ice sculptures through the eyes of a child.

## The long arm of government overreach grabs Noblesville

By STEVE COOKE  
Noblesville Deputy Mayor

In my capacity as Deputy Mayor for the City of Noblesville, I have on occasion heard complaints about the problem of government overreach. Not the city's overreach, mind you, but from the state and federal government. Often, the examples of overreach come with an "unfunded mandate" — meaning we must implement some kind of required change that we didn't agree with, had no say in and we get the added pleasure of having to pay for it,

too. This would be humorous if I didn't see how much mandates end up costing the city and our taxpayers.

Sometimes, local government officials join together and we use our collective voices to *try* and overcome the mandated change. Or if still unsuccessful, at least we can take comfort knowing that we're not alone.

That is — until we learned this summer about the United State Postal Service's plans for mandating "cluster box units" (CBUs) for new residential developments in Noblesville. And a new neighborhood has already been forced into compliance.

A cluster mailbox is similar to what you see in apartment complexes where all the mailboxes are located in a central location for residents to retrieve their mail, or send mail out. The idea is that the Postal Service saves money

because carriers deliver and pick up in fewer stops. And you the homeowner get to march out into the snow to discover your mail has yet to arrive. Better luck next hike.

*What's the big deal you ask?*

For as long as Americans have been receiving their mail from a postal worker — at least not one on horseback — we've been accustomed to getting our mail at the end of our driveways. While cluster mailboxes are merely an added inconvenience for some, and unsightly for others — for older or disabled homeowners, cluster mailboxes are a burden, especially during inclement weather.

I know some will still say this sounds like a "first world problem" from a bunch of whiners — but consider this.

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Join the Main Street merchants for fun games and contests from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. On that same day, a Christmas celebration will be taking place at the Sheridan Community Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Capture Photography (website address [capturephotography.info](http://capturephotography.info)) by Kirk Green will be taking photographs as well. You may contact him at [capturedkg@gmail.com](mailto:capturedkg@gmail.com) to schedule a time for a family photograph for Christmas cards.

# COOKE

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From the information our Planning Department gathered over the summer, the City of Noblesville is the *only* community in Hamilton County required by USPS to have its builders construct cluster mailboxes for new neighborhoods. This federal policy was being applied by the Postmaster who oversees Noblesville: Mr. Clint Helmold.

This federal mandate essentially puts Noblesville at a distinct disadvantage in attracting residents and new developments. It also adds an extra burden on our City staff who are now expected to regulate cluster mailboxes to comply with USPS specifications. And like the worst of government regulations, this policy was enacted locally without a single notice for public input that we can recall.

When a local developer first brought this issue to the City’s attention, Mayor John Ditslear and our Planning Department immediately took up the cause. Their concerns were echoed by Congresswoman Susan Brooks, members of our Common Council, area realtors – and the residents who bought homes in a new neighborhood without knowing of this federal mandate.

We also met with Mr. Helmold, and pleaded that our community should not be singled out.

Unfortunately, our calls to halt this mandate were denied by Mr. Helmold, and in writing by USPS Greater Indiana District Manager Todd Hawkins who responded that the Postal Service is given the autonomy to determine the delivery of mail that is “adequate and necessary to meeting its basic function in the most efficient manner.”

Despite the Postal Service’s time-honored motto that promises, “Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night” to get the job done, our weather-worn and hard-working mail carriers are not to blame here – but rather the overreach of federal government without any input from local officials when such policies are applied haphazardly.

At the end of the day, we applaud all efforts by the federal government to cut costs whenever possible. But when each city’s Postmaster is free to determine which policies to follow and which to ignore, and neighboring communities are forced into varying mandates, what’s the point in having a federal policy at all?

And while we dislike cluster mailboxes in general, Noblesville residents in new

neighborhoods should not be subsidizing the budget shortfalls of the Postal Service for the benefit of all other Hamilton County residents.

Changes at the federal level may eventually make their way to the Postmaster in Noblesville. But, how many developments in the meantime will be forced to follow this ridiculous example of government overreach? *This is where you come in.*

I ask that you join with Noblesville and help us fight this example of government overreach. Seek out your Postmaster and plead your city’s case with e-mails and phone calls. In Noblesville, please e-mail Mr. Helmold at [clint.helmold@usps.gov](mailto:clint.helmold@usps.gov) or call 317-464-6850. Or – if you must – write him a letter and mail it to USPS, 1900 Pleasant Street, Noblesville, IN 46060.

I just hope you don’t have to walk far to put that letter in your mailbox.

Until next time, see you on the square.

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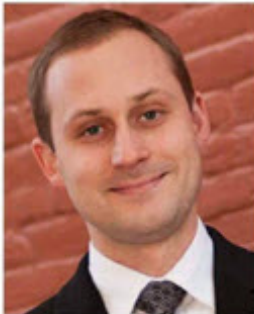
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Cheryl R. Miller

May 29, 1949 - November 23, 2016

Cheryl R. Miller, 67 of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 , at her home following an extended illness.

She was born on May 29, 1949, in Muncie, Indiana, to Raymond Russell Pinnell and Frances (Anderson) Pinnell Bourke.

Cheryl graduated in 1967 from Pendleton High School and received a Bachelors in Science and Masters in Education from Ball State University.

She taught for 33 years at the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Home in Knightstown.

Cheryl is survived by her husband of 44 years, Alva Larry Miller; one daughter, Jennifer Miller of Anderson; one sister, Patti (husband, David) Woods of Anderson; and a step-sister, Lana Beaudoin of Cadillac, MI.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a step-son, Michael Miller.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, November 28, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, 1010 Main North Street, Lapel, Indiana with Pastor Andy Marshall officiating. Burial will follow in Huntsville Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Monday, November 28, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home.

Online condolences: [www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com)

Janet S. Jones

September 13, 1948 - November 25, 2016

Janet S. Jones, 68, of Noblesville, passed away on the early morning of Friday, November 25, 2016 at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. She was born on September 13, 1948 to Charles and Molly (Roe) Boswell in Noblesville, Indiana.

Janet enjoyed raising and caring for her flowers and she also enjoyed eating at Panera Bread and Red Robin. She liked to spend time watching basketball and was an avid fan of the Indiana Pacers. Janet loved her family and her greatest joy was when her grandson was born.

She is survived by her son, Aaron (Toya) Jones; her daughter, Amy Jones; a grandson, Alex Jones; her mother, Molly Boswell and a brother, Allen Boswell.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thurman Jones.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Monday, November 28, 2016 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis. Funeral services will be at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96th Street, Suite 100 Indianapolis, IN 46278.

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Charles H. Lucas

November 20, 1943 - November 24, 2016

Charles H. Lucas, 73 of Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, November 24, 2016 , at his residents following a short illness.

He was born on November 20, 1943, in, Swandale, West Virginia, to Hubert Lucas and Helen ( Moore) Lucas.

Charles graduated from Clay High School in 1962 in West Virginia. He retired after 40 years as an electrician with Cameron Electric in Indianapolis. He was a trustee and a 20 year member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Carolyn (King) Lucas; daughter, Teresa (husband, James) Smith of Ingalls; son, Anthony, (wife, Connie) Lucas of Anderson; five grandchildren, Ray Lucas, Jessica Lucas, Adam King, Raine King, and Alicia Smith; three great-grandchildren Kadience Lucas, Hartleigh Lucas, and Brandon Earlywine; one brother, Sam (wife, Charlotte) Lucas; one sister Gwen (husband Steve) Nikirk, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Carlena Spencer.

A Funeral Service will be held at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 11818 State Road 32 East, Noblesville, IN 46060 with Pastor Mark Lowe officiating. Burial will follow in Brookside Cemetery, Lapel.

Visitation will be from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Tuesday, November 29, 2016, at The Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Noblesville.

In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 11818 State Road 32 East, Noblesville, IN 46060.

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DAILY BIBLE VERSE

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- Matthew 10:25

50 Years Ago

**News:** The crowing being done this year in Hamilton County-- agriculturally speaking-- is by the chickens: They have a right because their “production” is up by 2 percent over 1965. Earlier local farmers looked upon the 1966 crop production “as a dismal failure.” Now the corn crop looks better, but it’s still far below the bumper yields of a year ago.

**Sports:** Coach Phil Shelby’s Noblesville High School varsity wrestling squad, with eight returning lettermen from last season, stormed to a 39-15 victory in it’s opening match of the season Tuesday Evening at Decatur.

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Class 6A state football championship...

# Carmel wins in overtime



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Carmel won a dramatic Class 6A state championship game Friday night at Lucas Oil Stadium, beating Center Grove 16-13 in overtime. It's the first state title for the Greyhounds since 2011, and the eighth in school history.

By **RICHIE HALL**  
Reporter Sports Editor

It's overtime, you have the football and one score will win it. What's a team to do?

If a team has an excellent kicker and is smart, it will just kick the field goal, take the state championship trophy and run. Carmel has an excellent kicker, and the Greyhounds have been pretty smart about football over the past few decades.

"My assistants offered the idea, and it made a lot of sense," said Carmel coach John Hebert. "That way if we bobbled the snap or something like that, we could down it and then kick the next one. Fortunately, we got it down, and kicked it through and we won."

The 'Hounds were victorious in one of the craziest IHSAA state championship

games on record. Carmel edged Center Grove 16-13 in overtime to win the Class 6A championship Friday night at Lucas Oil Stadium. It's the first state title for the Greyhounds since 2011, and their eighth overall.

It was a 27-yard field goal by Conner Coghlan that secured the win for Carmel. Coghlan had already kicked two previous field goals, plus an extra point after Jerome Halsell that gave the Greyhounds the lead for the first time at 13-10, with under a minute to go in the fourth quarter.

"It's a dogfight out there," said Coghlan. "Center Grove is a good team, so any points we can get, we're going to take."

The Trojans had 46 seconds left in order to answer back. A key defensive play came

when Center Grove had 2nd-and-3 at its own 34. Trojans quarterback Jack Kellams launched a pass to Russ Yeast, but the Greyhounds' Jalen Walker was there to deflect it away.

"I saw Russ coming down the sideline, and I knew their quarterback was going to throw to him no matter what, so I was just trying to get over and make a play," said Walker. "I'm a little disappointed I didn't take the ball and end the game right there. But we finished strong, we finished that game out."

Eventually, Center Grove got down to the Carmel 33, and decided to try for a field goal, with one second left. The first try was interrupted by a Greyhounds timeout, but

Luke Eckert nailed a 50-yarder on his second attempt.

Thus, the score was tied at 13-13, and it was on to overtime. Carmel won the toss and opted to play defense on the first drive, giving the Trojans the ball at the 10-yard line.

Titus McCoy rushed the ball down to the 1 on the first play. But as it had been doing all game, the Greyhounds' defense came up with a huge play of its own. Ben Leary forced a fumble, and Austin Newland recovered it. With that, Carmel had the ball, and had kept Center Grove off the overtime scoreboard.

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LEFT: Connor Coghlan kicked three field goals for Carmel, including the game winner in overtime.  
RIGHT: Jerome Halsell’s 11-yard touchdown with under a minute to go in the fourth quarter gave the Greyhounds the lead for the first time in the game.

# CARMEL

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Center Grove did take a timeout right before Coghlan made his kick, but that just delayed the game-winner by a minute. Coghlan easily put the ball through the middle of the goal.

"I had no idea that I was going to kick it right away, but I was ready," said Coghlan. "I was ready to go and ready to give my team a win."

Carmel's victory was a remarkable showcase of courage and toughness. The Greyhounds had to absorb six turnovers in the game (four lost fumbles and two interceptions) in order to get themselves in a winning position. But Carmel's defense kept coming through time and again.

"It's not a pretty game, you know?" said Hebert. "Things don't go the way you always want them to. You make mistakes just like in life, but it's how you respond to them. We have each other's back, and I think that was evident tonight."

"The way our defense played, we weren't going to let Center Grove have anything easy. We held them to 10 points in the first half when we had three turnovers, and then we had three more turnovers in the second half, and we gave up three. We gave our offense a chance to win it, and they did."

Center Grove scored first, with Eckert kicking a 25-yard field goal with 2:14 left in the first quarter. The Trojans then got their lone touchdown of the game when McCoy punched the ball in from the 1-yard line with 2:52 remaining in the second period. Eckert's kick made the score 10-0.

But that gave Carmel enough time to get some points of its own. The Greyhounds moved the ball from their 27 to the Center Grove 25 thanks to solid short passing from Jake McDonald. Once at the 25 with two seconds left, Coghlan booted in a 42-yard field goal.

Coghlan would be called on again to kick, and he did at the 7:43 mark of the third quarter. His 22-yard field goal made the score 10-6. After that, the defenses took over, and neither team got close to the end zone again until the end of regulation.

The drive that got Carmel in a winning position started, ironically, after Center Grove's PJ Buck blasted a 66-yard punt down to the Greyhounds' 13-yard line. That set a new record for longest punt ever in a 6A championship game.

So, Carmel had to go 87 yards. And it did, with Halsell leading the charge. He made eight carries in the Greyhounds' drive,

culminating with an 11-yard run in to the end zone.

"He doesn't do things pretty, but he's tough and he just keeps going," said Hebert. "I'm really proud of him. I think he's capable of doing great things in life. I'm just happy that he's the one that scored that last touchdown, because he deserved it."

Halsell wound up carrying the ball 29 times for 142 yards, by far the leading rusher of either team. McDonald passed the ball solidly, completing 17 of 27 for 197 yards. Kurt Rafdal had the most catches, with eight receptions for 82 yards.

John Hokanson led the Carmel defense, with eight total tackles (six solo and two assists), including one for a loss. Jack Van

Remortel and Logan Burgess each made one sack; Burgess also had two tackles for a loss. Leary wound up with two forced fumbles, including the one in overtime that put the 'Hounds in a position to win.

Carmel completed its season with a 10-4 record. At the midpoint of the regular season, the Greyhounds were 2-3, but finished by winning eight of its last nine games.

"I wouldn't have had it go any other way," said Hebert. "The losses taught us so many things and we used those lessons to better ourselves and I just wouldn't have had it any other way."

### Carmel 16, Center Grove 13 (overtime)

Score by Quarters:

Center Grove	3	7	0	3	0 - 13
Carmel	0	3	3	7	3 - 16

#### Team Stats

	CG	CHS
First downs	14	20
By rush	10	10
By pass	4	9
By penalty	0	1
Rushing yards	43-144	43-174
Passing yards	73	197
Comp-Att-Int	9-16-0	17-27-2
Fumbles-lost	2-2	5-4
Penalties-yards	6-64	3-30
Punts-average	6-42.0	1-32.0

#### Scoring

##### First Quarter

CG - Luke Eckert 25-yard field goal, 2:14

##### Second Quarter

CG - Titus McCoy 1-yard run (Eckert kick), 2:52

##### Third Quarter

C - Coghlan 22-yard field goal, 7:43

##### Fourth Quarter

C - Jerome Halsell 11-yard run (Coghlan kick), 0:46  
CG - Eckert 50-yard field goal, 0:00

##### Overtime

C - Coghlan 27-yard field goal

#### Center Grove Stats

Rushing: McCoy 20-79, Russ Yeast 14-55, Mikala Gardner 2-7, Trevor Hohlt 1-5, Jack Kellams 1-minus 11, team 1-minus 1.  
Passing: Kellams 9-16-73  
Receiving: Yeast 5-49, McCoy 2-9, Kaleb Hennessy 1-9, Hohlt 1-6.

#### Carmel Stats

Rushing: Halsell 29-142, Will Schmidt 9-26, Jake McDonald 4-5, Camari Hunt 1-1.  
Passing: McDonald 17-27-197  
Receiving: Kurt Rafdal 8-82, Jalen Walker 6-51, Ethan Merriweather 2-60, Halsell 1-4.

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ABOVE: Carmel's Jalen Walker takes the ball down the field after making a catch during the Greyhounds' state championship football game with Center Grove Friday night. Walker had six catches on the night, and made a big defensive play late in the fourth quarter.

LEFT: Will Schmidt carried the ball nine times for Carmel, gaining 26 yards.

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ABOVE: The Carmel student section was out in full force as the Greyhounds battled their way to the Class 6A state championship.

LEFT: Everybody on the Carmel team wanted to get their hands on the state championship trophy.

BELOW: Vance Roudebush (77) and Zac Bowman (75) celebrated after Carmel won the game.

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No. 1 Carmel still perfect...

# ‘Hounds beat Royals, 53-43

In a Hamilton County girls basketball showdown, Class 4A No. 1 Carmel kept its perfect season intact Friday afternoon by beating 4A No. 7 Hamilton Southeastern 53-43 at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Greyhounds are now 6-0 for the year, while the Royals dropped to 7-2 after winning seven consecutive games.

Carmel got ahead early, leading 21-11 after the first quarter and 39-21 at halftime. Southeastern outscored the 'Hounds 22-14 in the second half, but the first-half lead was too much to overcome.

Amy Dilk scored 19 points for Carmel, leading all scorers. Tomi Taiwo added 10 points. Dilk grabbed nine rebounds, with Blake Smith and Jasmine McWilliams both getting seven. Smith also blocked a pair of shots.

Bre Lloyd led HSE with 14 points. Sydney Parrish pulled down eight rebounds, with Amaya Hamilton grabbing six and also blocking three shots.

The Greyhounds host 4A No. 5 Lawrence North on Tuesday, while the Royals travel to Noblesville on Wednesday.

Carmel 53, Southeastern 43				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Malea Jackson	1-8	0-0	2	2
Amaya Hamilton	2-8	2-3	6	5
Tayah Irvin	2-8	1-1	5	4
Bre Lloyd	5-15	2-5	14	4
Sydney Parrish	3-11	0-0	7	5
Molly Walton	1-2	1-2	3	2
Haydn Braun	2-3	0-0	6	1
Shelby Ford	0-2	0-0	0	1
Olivia Kegley	0-0	0-0	0	1
Sarah Howard	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	16-57	6-11	43	25
Southeastern 3-point shooting (5-20) Lloyd 2-6, Braun 2-3, Parrish 1-4, Jackson 0-2, Irvin 0-2, Hamilton 0-2, Walton 0-1).				
Southeastern rebounds (30) Parrish 8, Hamilton 6, Jackson 4, Lloyd 3, Irvin 3, Ford 2, Braun 1, Howard 1, Walton 1, Kegley 1.				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Amy Dilk	4-12	11-14	19	2
Olivia Christy	2-2	0-0	4	3
Tomi Taiwo	3-5	3-3	10	2
Blake Smith	3-8	2-3	8	3
Jasmine McWilliams	1-6	0-0	2	3
Reagan Hune	3-5	0-1	6	1
Mackenzie Wood	2-3	0-0	4	1
Molly Gillig	0-0	0-0	0	0
Sophie Bair	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	18-41	16-21	53	15
Carmel 3-point shooting (1-2) Taiwo 1-2.				
Carmel rebounds (31) Dilk 9, Smith 7, McWilliams 7, Taiwo 4, Wood 2, Gillig 1, Hune 1.				
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	11	10	13	9 - 43
Carmel	21	18	7	7 - 53

Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Carmel's Amy Dilk (left) and Hamilton Southeastern's Sydney Parrish battle for the ball during the Greyhounds-Royals girls basketball game Friday afternoon at the Eric Clark Activity Center. Carmel won 53-43.

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Friday's scores		Toronto 105, Milwaukee 99	
San Antonio 109, Boston 103		Miami 90, Memphis 81	
Washington 94, Orlando 91		Indiana 118, Brooklyn 97	
Cleveland 128, Dallas 90		Oklahoma City 132, Denver 129 OT	
New York 113, Charlotte 111 OT		Minnesota 98, Phoenix 85	
Chicago 105, Philadelphia 89		Portland 119, New Orleans 104	
Detroit 108, L.A. Clippers 97		Golden State 109, L.A. Lakers 85	
Utah 95, Atlanta 68		Houston 117, Sacramento 104	

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	10	6	.625	-
Boston	9	7	.563	1.0
New York	8	7	.533	1.5
Brooklyn	4	11	.267	5.5
Philadelphia	4	12	.250	6.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	10	6	.625	-
Charlotte	8	7	.533	1.5
Orlando	6	10	.375	4.0
Washington	5	9	.357	4.0
Miami	5	10	.333	4.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	12	2	.857	-
Chicago	10	6	.625	3.0
Indiana	8	9	.471	5.5
Detroit	8	9	.471	5.5
Milwaukee	6	8	.429	6.0

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oklahoma City	9	8	.529	-
Utah	9	8	.529	-
Portland	9	9	.500	0.5
Denver	6	10	.375	2.5
Minnesota	5	10	.333	3.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	13	3	.813	-
Memphis	10	6	.625	3.0
Houston	10	6	.625	3.0
New Orleans	6	11	.353	7.5
Dallas	2	13	.133	10.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	14	2	.875	-
L.A. Clippers	14	3	.824	0.5
L.A. Lakers	8	9	.471	6.5
Sacramento	6	10	.375	8.0
Phoenix	5	12	.294	9.5

## Pacers win, get six players in double figures

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS  
Courtesy [nba.com/pacers](http://nba.com/pacers)

The Pacers snapped a three-game home losing streak in emphatic fashion on Friday night at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. Indiana (8-9) put on an offensive clinic, rolling to a 118-97 win over the Brooklyn Nets (4-11).

After Wednesday's loss to Atlanta, Indiana's veterans said they needed to to play with better cohesion on the offensive end, making more cuts off the ball and getting everybody involved in the offense.

"We've just been preaching all week, (we said) after yesterday's practice, we wanted to move the ball and play together as a team," Pacers point guard Jeff Teague said. "We all had to make some sacrifices and that's what we did tonight."

They certainly looked like they turned a page on Friday, as they shot a season-best 55.2 percent and had six different players score in double figures in the victory.

"We had fun," Pacers forward Glenn Robinson III, who scored a team-high 20 points, said after the win. "We had fun playing tonight. We want to play like that every night."

The Pacers took an early 6-2 lead, but Brooklyn quickly surged back in front. The Nets scored on nine consecutive possessions, reeling off 11 unanswered points as part of that stretch.

The Nets led by as many as seven points in the opening minutes, but the Pacers surged back, closing the first quarter with a 14-3 run to take a five-point lead into the second.

The Blue & Gold extended their lead to double digits in the second quarter and led by as many as 18 points before

halftime. They could have led by even more if not for 10 early turnovers.

The hosts put the game away quickly after halftime. Indiana scored on 10 of its first 13 possessions out of the gate, opening the third quarter with a 24-8 run that pushed their lead to 31 points. The Nets never threatened the rest of the way, as the Pacers cruised to a comfortable victory, avenging an Oct. 28 loss in Brooklyn.

The Pacers won despite playing without several key pieces on Friday night. Paul George (sore left ankle and sore back) was a late scratch, joining Kevin Seraphin (sore left knee) and C.J. Miles (sore left knee) in street clothes. George, a three-time All-Star has now missed five of Indiana's first 17 contests.

During the first quarter of Friday's game, the team announced that George and Seraphin will also miss the Pacers next two contests. Indiana host the Los Angeles Clippers on Sunday and then tips off a four-game road trip on Wednesday night in Portland. There is no timetable for Miles' return.

George still played a motivational role in the win. The 26-year-old captain called a team meeting after Thursday's practice, helping set the tone for Friday's turnaround.

"He just told us we need more movement, we need to communicate just as much on offense as we do on defense," Robinson said. "And to have fun...I think we really took that to heart."

Robinson, starting in place of George, went 4-for-6 from 3-point range and finished with a career-best 20 points and five rebounds.

"Anytime I see Glenn playing well, it gives me energy," Pacers center Myles Turner said. "It gets me excited, it gets me going. I love it when Glenn's making an impact."

Rodney Stuckey tallied 18 points off the bench on 7-of-9 shooting, getting off his silky-smooth mid-range jumper at will.

Turner added 16 points and eight rebounds for Indiana, while Al Jefferson also scored 16 points off the bench. Monta Ellis chipped in 14 points while making all six of his shot attempts and Thaddeus Young scored 11 points against his former team.

Teague didn't score in double figures, but very nearly registered his first career triple-double. Teague had nine points, a career-high nine rebounds, and eight assists in under 24 minutes, but sat the final 15:22 rather than chase the statistical mark with the game well out of reach.

"I was told (how close I was)," Teague said after the game. "I looked up (at the scoreboard) a couple times and I started getting a little thirsty. I think that's why it didn't happen."

Center Brook Lopez led Brooklyn with 20 points in the loss, going 8-for-13 from the field and 2-for-3 from 3-point range. Sean Kilpatrick added 16 for the Nets, who have now lost six straight contests.

The Pacers will close out a four-game homestand on Sunday night when they host the Clippers at 6:00 PM ET. That will end a stretch in which Indiana hosts eight of nine games at The Fieldhouse. After Sunday's win, the Pacers have gone 4-4 thus far over that span.



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