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## Heights hosts Costa Rican students



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton Heights Spanish students have been hosting exchange students from Costa Rica for the past week. The Huskies have welcomed 17 students from three different high schools in the Central American country. Jane Shields, Heights Spanish teacher, is the faculty sponsor. The students and their hosts are pictured here after enjoying the Heights boys basketball win over Lapel on Wednesday. In addition, the Costa Rican students have taken trips to an Indiana Pacers game and the Children's Museum, among other destinations.



Photo provided

From new vendors to several special events, fun awaits at the Ice on Center Green now through March 11.

## A 'Festival of Ice' at Center Green begins in Carmel

**The REPORTER**

Ready to beat the winter blues? The City of Carmel has launched its first "Festival of Ice" at Center Green – a celebration of winter and ice surrounding the City's new Ice at Center Green outdoor ice skating rink. The festival will feature special events, special offers, a few new food vendors and skating sessions each Wednesday through Sunday until March 11.

"We know how much our residents and visitors love to join others and enjoy our festivals and events in the spring, summer and fall months. It's time we break out of our frozen state of hibernation and venture out together for some winter fun at our beautiful new ice rink," said Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard.

During the Festival, there will be daily concessions available at the skate office. The following food vendors will also be open on weekends and special events: Matt the Miller Tavern (serving beer, wine, wassail and their famous pretzel bites), Baked Cheese Haus (raclettes, soups, hot beverages), Pastries Chefs (croissants, muffins, panini, waffles,

sandwiches, cakes, hot beverages), Silkelicious (mac-n-cheese, pastries, chicken, hot chocolate) and the daily concessions hut (brats, hot dogs, coffee, hot chocolate).

Exciting winter fun awaits you at The Ice where there will be a wide variety of activities and events for all ages. Whether you en-

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## Forest Park to be hopping with Easter fun

**The REPORTER**

Noblesville Parks Department invites you join the fun and "egg-citement" at the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Forest Park. Come and find eggs loaded with surprises, listen to the DJ, jump in the

bounce house and much more. You can also get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. The festivities begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 24 at Shelter No. 5 in Forest Park, 701 Cicero Road, Noblesville. The

hunt will start at 11 a.m. sharp. There is no cost to participate and no need to register. Age groups are 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 and 7-10. The Noblesville Sunrises Kiwanis will host a pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Easter

Egg Hunt from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at the Forest Park Inn. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and milk. There is a \$5 charge for the breakfast. All proceeds will go towards a children's charity.

## Journey, Def Leppard coming to Noblesville

WISH-TV  
[wishtv.com](http://www.wishtv.com)

Two legendary classic rock bands are coming to Noblesville. Journey and Def Leppard have announced they

will be making a stop at the Ruoff Home Mortgage Music Center on July 3. The stop is a part of their Colossal Co-Headlining North American Tour. Tickets are set to go on sale Saturday, Feb. 3.

## Carmel Clerk-Treasurer announces run for County Council seat

**The REPORTER**

Christine Steinbock Pauley, the Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Carmel, announced last week that she will run for Hamilton County Council. She's seeking to replace Paul Ayers, a Carmel resident who decided to not seek a third term.



Pauley

Pauley said she decided to run because she believes her experience as Clerk-Treasurer and executive director of Carmel bond bank can now be best served at the county council level.

"I am a fiscal conservative who understands the need for strategic planning of investments while achieving the best possible financing options for the taxpayer," she said.

She filed her campaign papers on Jan. 10. She was joined by Paul Ayers, Hamilton County Council, District 4, and former Carmel Mayor Jane Reiman, both of whom support her campaign.

"My experience as a business executive in the defense industry and now as Clerk Treasurer in the area of municipal financing, budgets, payroll and bond markets, plus a working relationship with various Hamilton county departments, means I will be prepared to start working for all of Hamilton County on day one," she said.

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Pauley is a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in Materials Logistics Management. She worked for the Department of Navy as part of the Na-

val Air Systems Command and Naval Avionics Center, leading a contract management team responsible for preparation of bids, proposals and contracts.

She has three children: Daniel, Susan and Samantha. Pauley is an active member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church.

Hamilton County Council District 4 covers Westfield, Sheridan and western Carmel. Primary elections will be held on May 8.

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## ICE

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joy new adventures such as ice-carving competitions, family gathering nights or romantic skating under the stars, there are a variety of activities to coax you out into the crisp winter air.

Among the special events currently being planned:

- **BOGO Days** – Starting this weekend, buy one ice skating ticket and get one free on various days between now and March 11. Dates and times will vary. Follow the Ice at Center Green on social media for the latest updates.
- **Rockin' the Oldies Weekend** – Come out on Friday, Jan. 26 for a special night of classic music – the 60s at 6 p.m., the 70s at 7 p.m., the 80s at 8 p.m. and the 90s at 9 p.m. Then come back Saturday and Sunday for more classic rock piped over the loud speakers while you skate.
- **'Big Game' Tailgate on the Ice** – Sunday, Feb. 4, wear your favorite NFL jersey to skate for free in celebration of the NFL's Big Game.
- **USA Olympic Pride Weekend** – Join a special celebration of the opening weekend of the winter Olympics, Feb. 9, 10 and 11. Wear your red, white and blue and skate for free on Friday night and all-day

Sunday (skate rental not included).

- **Valentines Night Skate** – Romance lives on the Ice at Center Green. Bring your special someone to date night on the most romantic night of the year, Feb. 14. Free red roses for the ladies, love songs in the air and chocolates to enjoy.
  - **Ice Carving Competition Weekend** – Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 17 and 18, featuring professional ice carvers from around the Midwest in two days of ice carving competition at Center Green.
  - **IndyFuel Skate Night** – Lace up your skates and hit the ice with members of the Indy Fuel professional hockey team during a special appearance. Date and time TBA.
  - **Veterans Night Skate** – Free skate night for all military veterans and other special nights. Dates TBD.
- Keep an eye on the Ice at Center Green website and Facebook page for updates on these events and new events as they become available. Admission is free to Center Green for all special events; ice skating costs vary by day.
- The ice rink hours and prices are available online at [TheIceatCenterGreen.com](http://TheIceatCenterGreen.com).

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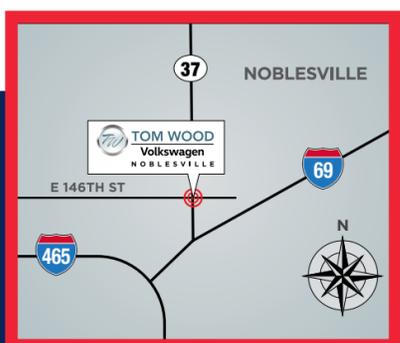
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# Indiana lawmakers ask for renewal of opioid public health emergency declaration

By **BRITTANY LEWIS**  
wishtv.com

Indiana senators and representatives are asking President Trump to renew the opioid public health emergency declaration. It's set to expire on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

Back in October, President Trump asked the Department of Health and Human Services to declare the opioid crisis a public health emergency, allowing the government to accelerate temporary appointments of people.

Public health emergencies typically expire after 90 days.

The public health emergency declaration allowed the government to redirect resources in various ways and to expand access to medical services in rural areas,

but it didn't bring in any new dollars.

Senator Joe Donnelly joined a number of senators in sending a letter to President Trump urging him to renew the declaration.

Here's what that letter said:

Dear Mr. President,

The opioid epidemic is devastating our country and it is only growing worse. Newly released data from the CDC shows that we lost more than 42,000 people to an opioid-related overdose in 2016. That's a 28% increase in overdose deaths compared to 2015 and a five-fold increase since 1999. Put another way, we lost more than 115 people every day in 2016 to opioids. That is why it is critical that we immediately take every possible step and use

every tool at our disposal to work to end this crisis.

On October 26, 2017, you declared a public health emergency with the goal of mobilizing federal resources and strengthening the federal response to the opioid epidemic. This emergency declaration expires on January 23, 2018. Unfortunately, we have seen too little action taken relative to the magnitude of the problem and urge you to immediately renew the opioid public health emergency declaration and to work with us to push for substantial funding to address the opioid crisis as part of the upcoming budget deal and omnibus negotiations.

Federal funding supports efforts to help stop the epidemic at every level. It is needed to prevent addiction, provide

treatment to those with substance use disorders, fund overdose reversal treatments and harm mitigation efforts, strengthen law enforcement, and support efforts to care for the many children who are the unwitting victims of this disease.

That is why it is critical that we work together to provide every federal agency with the resources that they need to help our states overcome opioid use disorders. Too many in our communities are losing their lives, families, and futures to opioids and we need to be doing everything humanly possible to help them.

We hope that you will immediately renew the opioid public health emergency and work with us to fight for the federal funding needed to adequately address this crisis.

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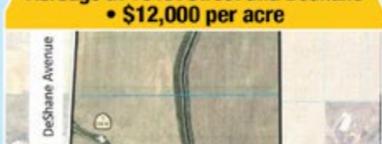
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# New at Hamilton East Public Library

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Here are the new library items lists for the week of Jan. 16:

### New Adult Fiction Books

1. Firefly Cove by Bunn, T. Davis
2. Fools and mortals: a novel by Cornwell, Bernard
3. Sunday silence by French, Nicci
4. Shroud of eternity by Goodkind, Terry
5. Promise not to tell by Krentz, Jayne Ann
6. Out of the ashes by Peterson, Tracie
7. The English wife by Willig, Lauren
8. The god gene by Wilson, F. Paul
9. Unbound: a Stone Barrington novel by Woods, Stuart
10. Direct fire by Tata, A. J.

### New Adult Nonfiction Books

1. Complete guide to prescription & nonprescription drugs by Griffith, H. Winter
2. Eating ethically: religion and science for a better diet by Crane, Jonathan K.
3. Greater Gotham: a history of New York City from 1898 to 1919 by Wallace, Mike
4. The Odyssey by Homer
5. Parisian charm school: French secrets for cultivating love, joy, and that certain je ne sais quoi by Callan, Jamie Cat
6. Off the charts: the hidden lives and lessons of American child prodigies by Hulbert, Ann
7. My friend fear: finding magic in the

unknown by Patel, Meera Lee

8. Counting backwards: a doctor's notes on anesthesia by Przybylo, Henry Jay
9. Design for CNC: furniture projects and fabrication techniques by Filson, Anne
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### New DVDs

1. Wish upon
2. Madam Secretary. Season 3
3. When calls the heart. Year four
4. Dickensian
5. A ghost story
6. George Gently. Series 8
7. The trip to Spain
8. Unforgettable. Season 4
9. The Limehouse Golem
10. Mean dreams

### New Music CDs

1. BCCIV by Black Country Communion
2. Violin concertos: Romances by Beethoven, Ludwig van
3. Blade runner 2049: original motion picture soundtrack by Zimmer, Hans
4. Bluebird of happiness by Braxton, Tamar
5. A brand new me by Franklin, Aretha
6. The bus songs by Keith, Toby
7. Cold dark place by Mastodon
8. Did it for the party by Big & Rich
9. Echo in the valley by Fleck, Béla
10. Every little thing by Pearce, Carly

## Next iPhone update will allow users to disable intentional slowdown

WISH-TV  
wishtv.com

Apple says its next iPhone update will allow users to disable the intentional slowdown.

Users will also be able to decide whether to reduce your phone's performance to extend battery life.

CEO Time Cook said the iOS update will be rolled out to developers next month. An update for consumers will follow.

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# Looking back as part of planning ahead

*"Without proper self-evaluation, failure is inevitable."*

— John Wooden  
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avenues are an "end all" when it comes to making real, positive changes in your fitness and wellness pursuits.

The most effective starting point to make dietary and fitness changes which will result in a healthier, more energetic life is "Review and Resolve" in my opinion. I have worked with many clients in their quest to reach their optimum health and fitness levels and I find that those who use the "R and R" method are most successful. So let's take a look at what that involves.

Although it is sometimes uncomfortable to "review" the past year and how we may not have incorporated a proper fitness regimen or concentrated on eating the most nutritionally balanced diet, that is a necessary part of a program to make meaningful changes which will benefit our health. An honest assessment of those items will help motivate us toward healthy changes. The Review also enables us to "resolve" to make any changes necessary to reach our goals. Remember that goals are never "black and white" as you may reach some of the goals and not others, or you may change those goals somewhere in the middle. I firmly believe

that a primary reason that we, as Americans, are overweight and often unhealthy is that we give up when our goals are not met to complete satisfaction. Sometimes we need to step back, take a deep breath, and continue on one step at a time.

Before you begin any fitness routine or make significant dietary changes, please consult your physician or licensed medical advisor. If you are pre-diabetic you need to know that, and if you have acute or chronic pain or discomfort issues those must be addressed. After you have had a wellness assessment by your physician, begin planning your wellness path which includes stretching and flexibility, strength training and aerobic activity. Most of us do not follow the most appropriate meal planning for our nutritional needs. Just as an athlete needs a coach to reach their goals, a certified fitness and nutrition coach can assist you in reaching yours; an investment that will provide a healthy return!

Sharon McMahon, CNWC  
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*The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.*

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder; Thou shalt not commit adultery; Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*

Matthew 19:18-19 (KJV)

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## Noblesville dominates Frankfort as three Millers outscore Hot Dogs

By CRAIG ADKINS

The Noblesville Millers wasted no time at all getting back to the winning side of things on Friday night in a very convincing win over the Frankfort Hot Dogs, 57-28.

Frankfort had two leads early at 2-0 and 4-2 and that's all it took to light a fire in the Millers.

Junior Xavier Hines tied the game at 2-2, but it was five straight points from fellow junior Jordan Schmidt that jumped Noblesville out to a 7-4 lead that they would only build on for the final three and a half quarters en route to a dominating home floor victory.

"Jordan Schmidt played one of his better games as of late and I'm really proud of his focus," said Noblesville head coach Brian McCauley on the play of his junior point guard.

Senior forward Ryan Barnes got his first two buckets on two of his six total offensive rebounds on consecutive possessions and Eagan Keever-Hill topped off the first quarter scoring to spring the Millers to a 13-6 lead after one.

The domination continued in the second as Keever-Hill knocked down his second field goal with a jumper from just inside the free throw line.

The Miller lead got into double-digits at 17-6 on a steal by junior Jaron Youree on Noblesville's second basket of the second, forcing Frankfort head coach Nathan Van Duyn to burn his first timeout with 7:36 left until halftime.

The timeout by the Hot Dogs didn't faze the Millers or remotely slow them down. The hosts would go on a 9-4 run the rest of the first half and cruise to a 26-12 halftime cushion.

The Hot Dog offense woke up a little in the third, but it was just a flash of production. A layup from Noah Dubree and a three from the left wing by Casey Henry



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Ryan Barnes earned a double-double of 12 points and 13 rebounds during the Millers' 57-28 victory over Frankfort Friday at The Mill.

and Frankfort got the lead back under 10 points at 26-17.

That would send the Millers into a scoring flurry, aided by their stellar defensive presence that forced turnovers, creating those opportunities.

Barnes started the scoring run with a reverse layup. Schmidt got fouled while

attempting a three and swished all three from the charity stripe. Next, Hines stole a pass and took it in for two and then drilled a long jump shot, just inside the three-point arc, now doubling up the Hot Dogs at 35-17.

Hines would nail a trey from the left wing in the final seconds of the third, pushing the Noblesville lead to 40-20.

"I thought Xavier Hines did a great job, scored 16 points, but was really letting the offense come to him and he did a great job of finding his spots," said McCauley on Hines and his ability to silently lead the Miller offense.

On a night that it seemed like nothing could go right for Frankfort, everything and more went right for Noblesville.

They were able to hold the visiting Hot Dogs to single-digits in all four quarters, which is a remarkable feat, no matter who you play.

Barnes would add three more field goals in the fourth that helped keep open a 48-26 margin before he took a well-deserved chair for the rest of the game.

"I thought Ryan Barnes was really physical and strong inside and he ends up with 12 points and 13 rebounds (six offensive). He solidified our inside game," said McCauley on his senior's great overall contributions.

In the final few minutes when McCauley had emptied his bench, the Millers were still putting points on the board and would win going away, pushing to a solid team victory, 57-28 over Frankfort.

It was a game where size and speed were big contributing factors and most importantly, how the Millers were in control

throughout, which made their fast break and transition points possible.

"I agree. I thought our transition was big. Schmidt stole a pass to score an easy basket. If you can get easy baskets, it just opens things up," said McCauley eluding to his Millers' defense creating scoring opportunities all evening for the offense en route to their lopsided win.

Frankfort drops to 4-9 on the season and will host Clinton Central (0-10) on Saturday, who lost on Friday to Rossville, 75-70. The Hot Dogs were led by a team-high 10 from Noah Dubree.

Noblesville improved its record to 8-6 and travels to Logansport (9-3) on Saturday. The Berries lost at home Friday night to McCutcheon, 89-65.

The Millers were led in scoring by the game-high 16 from Xavier Hines. He was joined in double-figures by Ryan Barnes double-double of 12 points and 13 rebounds, along with Jordan Schmidt also scoring 12 and dishing out four assists.

### Noblesville 57, Frankfort 28

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Noblesville				
Jaron Youree	2-8	0-0	4	2
Brendan Fisher	1-1	0-0	3	3
Jordan Schmidt	4-8	3-3	12	1
Eagan Keever-Hill	2-5	0-0	4	1
Jordan Gadis	1-1	0-0	2	0
Xavier Hines	7-14	0-0	16	1
Ryan Barnes	6-9	0-3	12	3
Evan Wilson	1-1	0-0	2	0
Alex Hancock	1-1	0-0	2	2
Totals	25-48	3-6	57	13

Score by Quarters  
Frankfort 6 6 8 8 - 28  
Noblesville 13 13 14 17 - 57  
Noblesville 3-point shooting (4-10) Hines 2-3, Schmidt 1-4, Fisher 1-1, Youree 0-2.  
Noblesville rebounds (24) Barnes 13, Keever-Hill 5, Youree 2, Hines 2, Fisher 1, team 1.



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# Sheridan's comeback against IMSA falls short

By RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor

Sheridan found itself close to making a comeback victory at Hobbs Memorial Hall Friday night.

After being down 38-22 to Indiana Math & Science Academy at halftime, the Blackhawks got to within two points twice in the fourth quarter. But it was not meant to be, as Sheridan fell to the Knights 63-57.

The 'Hawks trailed IMSA 17-14 after the first period, then were outscored 21-8 in the second. Still down 43-30 with 5:56 left in the third quarter, Sheridan went on a 6-0 run. Drake Delph started it with a jumper, then Nick Burnell made consecutive baskets.

A 3-pointer by Sean Weitzel got the Blackhawks within 47-41 at the end of the third. Delph then nailed a 3, and Ange Gnamkey followed that with a layin. Suddenly, Sheridan had cut the Knights' lead to 48-46.

IMSA pushed the lead back up to 53-46, but Burnell again hit back-to-back baskets to keep the 'Hawks close. Seconds later, Caleb Duke hit a 3 to get Sheridan within two again, this time at 55-53.

Duke would later drain another triple; that basket got the Blackhawks within 60-57 with 30 seconds left. But a traditional three-point play by the Knights' Kendrick Thomas with 11.9 seconds to go wrapped the game up.

"We can't fault them for the effort at all," said Sheridan coach Chris Shrank. "And that's what I just told them. The effort is great. If we can get that kind of effort all the time, we'll be fine."

"We've got to clean up little things. It's just little things. Layups, free throws, some attention to detail on a scouting report. So we're going to keep talking about that kind of stuff and it'll sink in. We'll keep after them."



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Sheridan's Ange Gnamkey scored 14 points for the Blackhawks in their Friday night game with Indiana Math & Science Academy at Hobbs Memorial Hall.

Gnamkey led the Blackhawks with 14 points, including six in the first quarter. The senior also blocked two shots. Burnell added 13 points and Delph scored 11. Jesse Kolb pulled six rebounds.

Sheridan is 6-5 for the season. The 'Hawks will be back on their home court tonight, hosting Hamilton Heights in a classic county rivalry game.

Schrank said he thinks it helps that his team will play a game right away: "You never want to sit on one like that too long," he said. The coach also noted that the Huskies will be "one of those challenge

games" for his team.

"It's always a game that, they're always tough, they're always disciplined, they do their jobs, they're physical, they're aggressive," said Schrank. "So it's one of those measuring stick kind of games to see where we're at."

Caleb Duke	3-5	0-2	8	3
Ange Gnamkey	7-8	0-1	14	5
Nick Burnell	6-9	1-2	13	3
Jack Waitt	1-7	0-0	2	2
Jeese Kolb	0-6	0-0	0	3
Brody Perry	0-1	0-0	0	1
Sean Weitzel	2-5	0-0	5	4
Tanner Swindle	0-4	0-0	0	1
Totals	24-53	4-10	57	23

## Indiana Math & Science 63, Sheridan 57

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Austin Hunter	1-1	2-2	4	0
Drake Delph	4-7	1-3	11	1

Score by Quarters  
 IMSA 17 21 9 16 - 63  
 Sheridan 14 8 19 16 - 57  
 Sheridan 3-point shooting (5-11) Delph 2-3, Duke 2-3, Weitzel 1-2, Waitt 0-2, Swindle 0-1.  
 Sheridan rebounds (18) Kolb 6, Burnell 3, Weitzel 3, Gnamkey 2, Hunter 1, Waitt 1, Delph 1, Swindle 1.

# No. 1 Carmel girls fall to No. 2 Pike in wild finish

By JIM BELSER

It was an action-packed contest with a wild finish but in the end, No. 2 Pike was able to hold on at the free throw down the stretch to prevail 58-53 over top-ranked Carmel at home Friday night in girls Class 4A basketball.

For Carmel coach Tod Windlan, the Greyhounds missed their chance with mistakes in execution when it mattered most. Carmel had a chance to tie it up as the clock ticked down to zero.

"I thought our kids didn't make very good reads," he said referring to his team's last possession. "When they were taking away the stagger coming out for the three, we never slipped it. We are down three and we are dribbling it around the three-point line like the old slot racers. We don't need a three at that point, we need a basket."

A back-and-forth fourth quarter turned into a mad scramble in the final minutes of the game. Up 51-46, Pike's Angel Baker hit a pair of free throws with 1:20 left. Carmel's comeback attempt from that point would be one to remember.

With the Greyhounds pressing all over the court, Blake Smith of Carmel hit a pair of free throws after being fouled on a layup attempt, following a Pike turnover. On Carmel's next possession after a steal, Teammate Maddi Sears buried a 3-pointer with 57 seconds left to cut it to 55-51. Then Amy Dilk of Carmel made a miraculous play that stunned the Pike crowd.

Executing a full court press along with



Taiwo



Sears

her teammates, Dilk collided with Tomi Taiwo on a near steal attempt and fell out of bounds. In the confusion, both teams scrambled for the loose ball until the Red Devils came up with the possession. Pike then attempted to push the ball up the court. Dilk, however, jumped into the passing lane and stole the ball in front of the Pike student section that had previously taunted her.

Dilk next quieted them by adding a tough off-balance layup while being fouled with 47 seconds left. The surprising score cut the lead to 55-53. Dilk missed the bonus, however.

Carmel had a chance to tie it up seconds later. But the possession ended in a forced, off balance 3-point attempt that missed with six seconds left. Baker of Pike hit the game's final two free throws.

The two team's top players didn't disappoint. Dilk of Carmel finished with 18 and was matched by Tomi Taiwo's 18.

Jasmine McWilliams, providing tough interior defense, ended with nine rebounds. The Carmel sophomore fouled out with three minutes left. Her presence was quickly missed as Pike immediately score twice on the inside following her departure.

"She's our leading rebounder. She's not coming out of a game like that very often. That last call was questionable. She was in perfect defensive position when she got that deflection," Windlan said.

Pike's superstar Angel Baker led with 25 on the night for the Red Devils. Baker was also instrumental in pushing the ball up the court for fast break scores on Carmel turnovers. Her main target was Michaela White who finished with 15.

Baker was 10-for-10 in the fourth quarter at the free throw line. Pike was 17-of-24 from the line for the game. Carmel totaled only five points from the free throw line on nine attempts.

"We were disorganized that last 30 seconds. It was a great game, we let them shoot too many free throws," Windlan said.

The game was tight throughout. Carmel started off with two inside scores from McWilliams and Smith to open a 6-0 first quarter lead, forcing a Pike timeout. The Greyhounds finished the first quarter up 16-14 despite two 3-pointers from Pike's Baker.

In the second quarter, Dilk scored on a left hander in the lane to tie the score 23-23. A steal by McWilliams of Carmel led to a rebound put back score by Taiwo moments

later. Dilk hit a 3-pointer as the last second ticked off the second quarter clock to take a 28-25 lead into the locker room.

"We didn't execute and read things when we needed to execute and read things," Windlan said. "They are a great team and the MIC is a great conference and we have another big one coming up with Ben Davis. Hopefully we will correct some of these errors going into it."

Carmel (20-2) will likely lose its No. 1 state ranking to Pike (20-1) when the new rankings come out next week. With the win, the Red Devils are undefeated Metropolitan Conference champions, finishing a perfect 7-0 in the league. The Greyhounds are 4-2 in the MIC.

Carmel next faces Cathedral in an away game at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

## Pike 58, Carmel 53

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Amy Dilk	8-18	0-2	18	4
Tomi Taiwo	6-14	0-0	15	3
Reagan Hune	2-4	3-5	7	4
Blake Smith	2-3	2-2	6	4
Jasmine McWilliams	2-5	0-0	4	5
Maddi Sears	1-1	0-0	3	0
Macy Berglund	0-1	0-0	0	0
Molly Gillig	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	21-46	5-9	53	20

Score by Quarters  
 Carmel 16 12 6 19 - 53  
 Pike 14 11 12 21 - 58  
 Carmel 3-point shooting (6-14) Taiwo 3-8, Dilk 2-5, Sears 1-1.  
 Carmel rebounds (25) McWilliams 8, Dilk 5, Smith 3, Hune 2, Taiwo 1, Sears 1, team 5.

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# 'Blazers run away from Pendleton Heights

David Howard scored 17 points to lead Class 1A No. 2 University to a 57-38 win over Pendleton Heights, the Trailblazers first win over a Class 4A opponent in program history.

Howard hit three consecutive three pointers as part of a 13-0 third quarter University run to break open a close game. The 6-5 senior had seven rebounds and three blocked shots.

Ethan Sickels had nine points on a trio of three pointers. Foster Flamion had eight points including a perfect six for six at the foul line. Sam Mervis came off the bench to add eight points while Zack Hodgkin posted another all around game with five points, five assists and seven rebounds.

"That's an awesome win for our pro-

gram" stated University coach Brandon Lafferan. "Pendleton is a good well coached team that played a tough zone defense. I thought David (Howard), Foster (Flamion) and Zack (Hodgin) showed great senior leadership tonight when the game was close. We did a great job defensively covering the three point line and rebounding."

University led 14-10 after the first quarter, with all five starters scoring. The 'Blazers maintained a small lead throughout the second quarter, taking a 23-22 lead to the locker room after the Arabians' Justin Shupe nailed a buzzer beating three pointer.

Pendleton Heights took their only lead of the game early in the second half at 24-23 on another Shupe basket. Hodgkin tied the game with a free throw just 13 seconds later and University took the lead for good with 7:10 left in the third on a Howard three pointer. Hodgkin found Sickels in the corner for an open three pointer before Howard hit two more triples for a 36-24 lead

with 3:35 remaining. A Shupe three pointer cut the lead to 36-27 at the end of the third quarter.

After the Arabians closed to within seven early in the fourth quarter, University put the game away with eight straight points. Howard made his final three pointer of the night before Flamion hit a pair of foul shots and Josh Watson nailed a three pointer for a 44-29 lead with 4:25 remaining in the game and the 'Blazers were never challenged down the stretch.

University held Pendleton Heights to just seven points in the first 12:40 of the second half as they continued their stretch of holding every opponent this year below their season scoring average. University entered the game allowing just 38.25 points per game, the fourth best defensive average in the IHSAA.

University is now 12-1 on the season and is off until Saturday, Jan. 27 when it plays a Pioneer Conference North game at Anderson Prep Academy. Pendleton Heights falls

## University 57, Pendleton Heights 38

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
David Howard	6-11	0-1	17	2
Quinn Steiner	1-2	0-0	3	0
Ethan Sickels	3-9	0-0	9	2
Camden Brown	1-1	0-0	2	0
Foster Flamion	1-4	6-6	8	1
Eyal Friedman	0-0	0-0	0	0
Sam Mervis	2-3	4-4	8	0
Josh Watson	2-4	0-0	5	4
Zack Hodgkin	1-3	3-6	5	2
Eric Major	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	17-37	13-17	57	11

Score by Quarters

Quarter	U	P
1st	10	12
2nd	5	11
3rd	11	38
4th	14	9
Total	40	70

University 3-point shooting (10-22) Howard 5-8, Sickles 3-8, Watson 1-3, Steiner 1-2, Flamion 0-1.

University rebounds (30) Howard 7, Hodgkin 7, Flamion 4, Watson 4, Mervis 3, Major 3, Sickles 1, Brown 1.

## Golden Eagles fall to Brebeuf

Before a sell-out crowd in Sweitzer Gym, Guerin Catholic was beaten by the host Brebeuf Jesuit Braves 61-46 in boys basketball action Friday night.

The game between the Circle City Conference rivals started with a Zach Munson runner, followed by a Jack Hansen lay-in off a sweet screen from Clay Hepp, staking

the Golden Eagles (9-6, 2-2 CCC) to a 4-0 lead. If the game could have ended then, the strong Guerin Catholic contingent in attendance would have been happy.

Sixteen straight points by Class 3A No. 10 Brebeuf off of five turnovers and six missed shots followed, and it was the deciding stretch of the contest for Brebeuf (8-5, 1-0 CCC). Hansen scored on the quarter's last possession to cut BJP's lead to 16-6 at the break.

In a rugged second quarter Brebeuf outscored GC 9-4, with Hansen and Munson each getting a field goal as the team's only points. Miami (Ohio) recruit Myja White had 10 of his game-high 17 points at halftime.

Behind eight points from Luke Godfrey in the third quarter, the Golden Eagles fought back from the 25-10 halftime deficit. Those were the junior's only points in the contest. The Brebeuf lead was carved down to six at one time in the third quarter after an 8-0 GC run. However Simon Banks drilled a 3-point shot after that, and the Golden Eagles never got closer than eight points after Banks' shot. GC missed four out of six free throws in the quarter to squander opportunities to get closer, especially after

a technical on a Braves' player. For only the second time all season Guerin Catholic was beat on the boards, 36-29. Compounding that deficit were shooting woes Friday night, as the Golden Eagles shot only 38.5 percent from the field for the contest.

"We were taught a lesson tonight", said GC Coach Pete Smith afterwards. "Now we'll see how we respond to the butt-whip-pin' they put on us and learn from it, beginning Saturday night against Richmond. They (Brebeuf) were more physical, dictated us to take contested shots, and played a real solid game."

Hansen finished with 14 points and nine rebounds, while Munson grabbed five rebounds and had 12 points. Hepp had four assists.

Richmond comes to town Saturday night to take on the Golden Eagles for the school's annual IHSAA's Champions Together event, in coordination with Special Olympics Indiana.

## Brebeuf Jesuit 61, Guerin Catholic 46

Player	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kian Sills	3-7	0-0	7	3
Clay Hepp	0-0	0-0	0	3
Luke Godfrey	3-6	0-0	8	1
Zach Munson	6-15	0-1	12	2
Jack Hansen	6-17	2-5	14	2
Drew Thieme	1-3	0-0	2	1
Bernie McGuinness	0-2	0-0	0	0
Roc Ricker	1-2	0-0	3	0
Matt Parenteau	0-0	0-0	0	0
Josh Osborn	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	20-52	2-6	46	12

Score by Quarters

Quarter	B	G
1st	6	4
2nd	20	16
3rd	16	9
4th	14	22
Total	61	46

Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (4-18) Godfrey 2-5, Sills 1-4, Ricker 1-2, Hansen 0-4, Munson 0-3.

Guerin Catholic rebounds (29) Hansen 9, Munson 5, Godfrey 4, Sills 3, Thieme 3, Ricker 1, Parenteau 1, team 3.

## Shamrocks lose tough game at Brownsburg

Westfield lost a tough Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at Brownsburg 63-57 on Friday.

The Shamrocks led 33-29 at halftime and 49-48 after three quarters, but were unable to hold off a tough Bulldogs offensive attack in the fourth quarter.

Zach Banks led Westfield in scoring with 25 points while Josh Van Dyke and Garrett Pollard both tossed in 8 points. Cam Simons had seven points for the 'Rocks as well.

Westfield is 0-3 in the conference and

5-7 overall. The Shamrocks play at Tri-West tonight.

## Brownsburg 63, Westfield 57

Player	FG	FT	TP	PF
Zach Banks	9	4-6	25	4
Chris Chin	1	0-0	3	2
Josh Van Dyke	3	0-0	8	2
Garrett Pollard	3	0-0	8	0
Benji Welch	1	0-0	3	0
Caleb Welch	1	0-0	3	4
Camden Simons	3	0-0	7	1
Totals	21	4-6	57	13

Score by Quarters

Quarter	B	W
1st	19	14
2nd	16	8
3rd	15	14
4th	13	15
Total	63	57

Westfield 3-pointers (11) Banks 3, Van Dyke 2, Pollard 2, Chin 1, B. Welch 1, C. Welch 1, Simons 1.

## Fishers beats Avon for first HCC win

Fishers picked up its first Hoosier Crossroads Conference win of the season at Avon on Friday, 64-39.

The Tigers built their lead after finishing the first quarter tied with the Orioles at 13-13. Fishers was ahead 29-24 by halftime and 39-31 after three periods. Fishers put the game away in the fourth quarter by scoring 25 points.

Terry Hicks scored 10 points in the fourth period and wound up the leading scorer with 17 points. Jeremy Szilagyi finished with 11 points and Alex Szilagyi scored 10; both made three 3-pointers in the game. Josiah Matthews also had a

3-pointer in the third quarter. The Tigers are 1-3 in the conference and 7-7 overall. Fishers is now off until next Saturday, Jan. 27, when it travels to Lawrence North.

## Fishers 64, Avon 39

Player	FG	FT	TP	PF
Josiah Matthews	3	0-1	7	4
Willie Jackson	2	5-8	9	2
Jeremy Szilagyi	4	0-1	11	4
Bryce Gee	0	0-0	0	3
Terry Hicks	8	1-3	17	1
Alex Szilagyi	3	1-3	10	1
Jordan Jones	1	0-0	2	3
Craig Yoho	1	0-0	2	1
Geoffrey Brown	2	0-0	4	2
Justin Long	0	0-0	0	0
Jack Maller	1	0-0	2	1
Totals	25	7-16	64	22

Score by Quarters

Quarter	F	A
1st	13	16
2nd	10	25
3rd	16	10
4th	25	8
Total	64	39

Fishers 3-pointers (7) A. Szilagyi 3, J. Szilagyi 3, Matthews.

## Greyhounds edged by Pike

The Carmel boys basketball team lost a back-and-forth Metropolitan Conference game with Pike 49-48 Friday at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Red Devils led 26-20 at halftime, but the Greyhounds roared back to go ahead 35-34 after three periods.

Pike led 45-42 with 2:20 left. Karsten Windlan cut the lead to one with a rebound and fast break basket, then put the 'Hounds up 48-47 by scoring with 7.4 seconds left. The Red Devils answered, scoring with 1.4 seconds left and held on from there.

Windlan led the Carmel scoring with 15 points, while John Michael Mulloy reached double-double status with 13 points and 11

rebounds. Cole Jenkins pulled five rebounds. This was the first MIC loss for the 'Hounds, who are now 3-1 in the conference. Carmel is 8-5 overall and travels to Brownsburg tonight for a 7:30 p.m. game.

## Pike 49, Carmel 48

Player	FG	FT	TP	PF
Luke Heady	2-11	0-0	5	0
Cole Jenkins	1-3	0-0	2	1
Karsten Windlan	5-7	3-4	15	3
John Michael Mulloy	3-5	7-9	13	3
Alex Jackson	3-6	1-1	8	2
Eddie Gill	1-2	0-0	2	4
Andrew Owens	1-2	0-0	3	0
Ben Frische	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	16-36	11-14	48	13

Score by Quarters

Quarter	P	C
1st	12	14
2nd	8	15
3rd	15	13
4th	14	16
Total	49	48

Carmel 3-point shooting (5-19) Windlan 2-4, Heady 1-6, Jackson 1-4, Owens 1-2, Jenkins 0-2, Gill 0-1.

Carmel rebounds (25) Mulloy 11, Jenkins 5, Heady 3, Owens 3, Jackson 2, Windlan 1.

## Royals stun No. 4 Zionsville, now 3-0 in HCC

In a Hoosier Crossroads Conference battle of top 10-ranked Class 4A teams, No. 8 Hamilton Southeastern blasted No. 4 Zionsville 78-50 at the Royals' gym.

It was the first loss of the year for the Eagles, and also knocked them back in the HCC race. The Royals are now tied atop the conference standings with Brownsburg; both teams have 3-0 records.

Aaron Etherington scored 21 points for Southeastern, including four 3-pointers. He was one of five Royals in double figures. Noah Smith added 15 points, handed out nine assists and made five steals. Chaz Birchfield reached double-double status with 12 points and 12 rebounds, also handing out four assists.

Mabor Majak added 12 points, eight rebounds and two blocked shots, while Nick Bowman scored 10 points and dished out five assists.

Southeastern is 13-2 overall and plays at Mount Vernon tonight.

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Girls basketball

# Huskies girls beat LCC for third place in conference

The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team clinched third place in the Hoosier Conference playoffs after a hard-fought 52-47 win over Lafayette Central Catholic Friday night at the Husky Dome.



**Branham**

Heights led 9-6 after the first quarter, but the Knights came back and took the lead, 25-23, by halftime. The Class 3A No. 10 Huskies regrouped and led 35-32 after three periods, then held on in the fourth quarter to run their win streak to nine consecutive games.

Central Catholic came into the Husky Dome on a five-game win streak, and made 11 3-pointers during the game.

"We didn't play well, but found a way to get it done," said Heights coach Keegan Cherry. "Great win for us against a team that

had the two best players on the floor." Bayleigh Runner scored 12 points to lead the Huskies, with Lexi Branham and Lauryn Wiley both adding 10 points. Branham handed out six assists, while Wiley and Ana Collar both collected five rebounds. Heights is now 15-6 and will host Frankfort on Tuesday.

## Heights 52, Lafayette Central Catholic 47

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ana Collar	3-4	2-5	8	4
Bayleigh Runner	4-7	2-4	12	2
Kayla Kirtley	2-7	2-3	7	3
Lexi Branham	3-9	4-6	10	0
Lauryn Wiley	4-7	2-2	10	4
Payton Dissett	1-4	2-2	5	0
Ella Shields	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	17-40	14-22	52	14

Score by Quarters

LCC	6	19	7	15 - 47
Heights	9	14	13	17 - 52

Heights 3-point shooting (4-13) Runner 2-4, Kirtley 1-4, Dissett 1-3, Branham 0-2. Heights rebounds (18) Collar 5, Wiley 5, Kirtley 3, Branham 3, Runner 2.

# Shamrocks fall to Brownsburg

The Westfield girls basketball team dropped a 49-33 Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at Brownsburg on Friday.



**O'Hair**

The Shamrocks and the Bulldogs were tied at 6-6 after the first quarter, but Brownsburg outscored Westfield 16-4 in the second period to take a 22-10 halftime lead. Annabelle O'Hair led the 'Rocks with nine points and five rebounds.

Westfield finished HCC play with a 2-4 record, and is 13-8 overall. The Shamrocks play at Arsenal Tech on Wednesday for their regular-season finale.

## Brownsburg 49, Westfield 33

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jade Shipley	1-6	0-0	2	0
Megan Rops	0-4	0-0	0	0
Karley Winger	0-8	2-2	2	0
Ashtin DeCraene	0-2	4-4	4	2
Sophia Kreaag	3-9	0-2	7	3
Ryann Bunting	3-7	1-1	7	2
Ava Henson	0-2	2-2	2	0
Annabelle O'Hair	3-7	2-3	9	3
Zoe Pentecost	0-0	0-2	0	1
Gigi Eldredge	0-0	0-0	0	0
Christy Ann Delahunty	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	10-45	11-16	33	11

Score by Quarters

Westfield	6	4	12	11 - 33
Brownsburg	6	16	14	13 - 49

Westfield 3-point shooting (2-14) Kreaag 1-6, O'Hair 1-1, Shipley 0-2, Bunting 0-2, Rops 0-1, Winger 0-1, DeCraene 0-1. Westfield rebounds (27) O'Hair 5, Shipley 4, Bunting 4, Kreaag 3, Winger 2, Pentecost 1, Eldredge 1, team 7.

# Golden Eagles cruise past Brebeuf

The Guerin Catholic girls basketball team won its second consecutive game on Friday, beating Brebeuf Jesuit 55-26 in a Circle City Conference away game.

The Golden Eagles led 24-20 at halftime, then ran away in the second half, where they outscored the Braves 31-6. Nicole Cunningham led Guerin with 22 points.

Sydney Geis added 12 points. Olivia Labus had a dominant night on the boards with 11 rebounds, with Grace Hackett corraling five rebounds. Claire Sawyer, Danielle Mason and Geis all had four steals.

Guerin Catholic finished conference play with a 1-3 record and is now 4-15 overall. The Golden Eagles host Herron at noon today.

## Guerin Catholic 55, Brebeuf Jesuit 26

Guerin	FG	FT	TP	PF
Claire Sawyer	0-4	0-1	0	3

Lauren Wagoner	1-2	0-0	3	0
Danielle Mason	0-1	0-0	0	1
Sarah Holba	0-0	0-0	0	1
Sophia Fernandez	0-0	0-0	0	1
Sydney Geis	5-8	1-3	12	0
Hanna Bills	1-9	1-1	3	1
Olivia Labus	1-2	0-0	2	2
Carly Hammons	1-6	2-2	4	0
Carly Wilson	1-2	0-0	2	2
Fiona Weber	0-1	0-0	0	0
Grace Hackett	3-5	1-1	7	1
Lexi Foerder	0-1	0-0	0	1
Nicole Cunningham	7-17	6-7	22	3
Abby McNeil	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	20-59	11-15	55	16

Score by Quarters

Guerin	12	16	15	55
Brebeuf	9	11	2	4 - 26

Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (4-20) Cunningham 2-7, Wagoner 1-2, Geis 1-2, Hammons 0-3, Sawyer 0-2, Bills 0-2, Hackett 0-1, Foerder 0-1. Guerin Catholic rebounds (29) Labus 11, Hackett 5, Geis 3, Weber 2, Cunningham 2, Sawyer 1, Wagoner 1, Mason 1, Bills 1, Hammons 1, Foerder 1.

# Royals win in overtime

The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team toughed out an overtime Hoosier Crossroads Conference win against Class 4A No. 10 Zionsville 51-45 Friday at the Royals' gym.

Southeastern led 15-11 after the first quarter, but the Eagles came back to go ahead 21-19 at halftime. Zionsville was up 33-29 after three periods before the Royals made their own run and tied the game at 42-42 at the end of regulation. Southeastern outscored the Eagles 9-3 in the extra period.



**Irvin**

Sydney Parrish scored 17 points for the Royals, with Malea Jackson adding 13 and Tayah Irvin scoring 11. Amaya Hamilton pulled six rebounds, while Parrish also blocked two shots.

The Royals finished HCC play with a

5-1 record and is guaranteed at least a second-place finish in the league. Brownsburg leads the conference at 5-0; the Bulldogs will play Zionsville next Friday.

Southeastern is 15-6 overall, and hosts Pike on Tuesday.

## Southeastern 51, Zionsville 45 (overtime)

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Malea Jackson	3-9	5-6	13	1
Tayah Irvin	4-6	1-6	11	1
Molly Walton	0-3	2-3	2	5
Sydney Parrish	6-12	2-2	17	4
Amaya Hamilton	2-7	4-4	8	1
Shelby Ford	0-1	0-0	0	3
Jackie Maulucci	0-2	0-0	0	0
Totals	15-40	14-21	51	15

Score by Quarters

Zionsville	11	10	12	9	3 - 45
Southeastern	15	4	10	13	9 - 51

Southeastern 3-point shooting (7-16) Parrish 3-6, Jackson 2-4, Irvin 2-3, Walton 0-2, Maulucci 0-1. Southeastern rebounds (20) Hamilton 6, Walton 4, Irvin 4, Parrish 3, Jackson 2, Ford 1.

# Heights girls wrestling team runner-up at state

The Hamilton Heights girls wrestling team again finished as runner-up in the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling state tournament, which took place Friday at Lawrence North.

The Huskies scored 64 points to clinch second. Penn ran away with the team championship by scoring 193 points.

Elle Hunter (at 88 pounds) and Markaela

Pugh (at 106 pounds) both finished as individual runners-up in their respective divisions. Also placing for Heights were Kami Speicher (third at heavyweight), Alexis Harber (fourth at 182 pounds) and Adyson Baber (fifth at 152 pounds).

Westfield's Melody Barrows placed second at 138 pounds, accounting for the Shamrocks' 18 team points and tied for 21st place finish.

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# Fishers swimming hosts College Events Classic

The Fishers swim teams hosted in their annual Tiger College Events Classic on Friday.

In the girls meet, Fishers finished a close second to Homestead, 581-554. Fort Wayne Carroll placed third with 389 points, followed by Center Grove with 140. The Tigers claimed three individual wins: sophomore Corinne Yorkman swept the 200 individual medley and 100 backstroke, while junior Samantha Hietpas won the 1000 freestyle.

Homestead also won the boys meet, scoring 546 to Fishers' 472. Carroll was third with 405 and Center Grove placed fourth with 235.

Junior Drake Stallworth was a triple winner, taking the 200 free race in addition to the 100 and 200 butterfly races. Senior Kyle Haflich won the 200 IM, sophomore Aaron Frolo triumphed in the 500 free and senior Cole VanDevender was first in diving.

Fishers will host Carroll and Greenfield-Central at 1 p.m. today in its Senior Day meet.

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# NBA standings

Friday's scores		Phoenix 108, Denver 100
Toronto 86, San Antonio 83	Brooklyn 101, Miami 95	New York 117, Utah 115
Washington 122, Detroit 112	Memphis 106, Sacramento 88	L.A. Lakers 99, Indiana 86

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	34	12	.739	-
Toronto	31	13	.705	2.0
Philadelphia	21	20	.512	10.5
New York	21	25	.457	13.0
Brooklyn	17	29	.370	17.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	27	17	.614	-
Milwaukee	23	21	.523	4.0
Indiana	24	22	.522	4.0
Detroit	22	22	.500	5.0
Chicago	17	28	.378	10.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	26	19	.578	-
Washington	26	20	.565	0.5
Charlotte	18	25	.419	7.0
Atlanta	13	31	.295	12.5
Orlando	13	32	.289	13.0

## Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	29	18	.617	-
Oklahoma City	25	20	.556	3.0
Portland	24	21	.533	4.0
Denver	23	23	.500	5.5
Utah	18	27	.400	10.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	37	9	.804	-
L.A. Clippers	23	21	.523	13.0
Phoenix	17	29	.370	20.0
L.A. Lakers	16	29	.356	20.5
Sacramento	13	32	.289	23.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	31	12	.721	-
San Antonio	30	17	.638	3.0
New Orleans	23	21	.523	8.5
Memphis	16	28	.364	15.5
Dallas	15	30	.333	17.0

## Pacers fall to Lakers as west coast swing continues

By GREG RAPPAPORT

Courtesy nba.com/pacers

On the fourth stop of their west coast swing, the Pacers never found their groove on offense, falling 99-86 to the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday night at the Staples Center.

The Pacers (24-22) entered the fourth quarter trailing by eight and were able to cut their deficit to as little as two with under six minutes remaining. But every time it seemed as if the Pacers would break through, Los Angeles responded with timely shooting, like when Lakers (16-29) guard Jordan Clarkson canned a 3-pointer with the foul at the four-minute marker to extend his team's lead back to seven.

Just a minute later, it was L.A. rookie Kyle Kuzma with the big shot, hitting a 3-pointer to put the Lakers up by 10 with two minutes left in the game, essentially ending the night for the Pacers, who shot a season-low 38.5 percent from the field.

From beyond the arc, the Pacers suffered one of their worst performances of the season, making just 2-of-25 looks from downtown. Indiana's poor 3-point shooting overshadowed an unsightly night from the free throw line for the

Lakers, who made just 2-of-14 looks from the charity stripe.

For the Pacers, Victor Oladipo led the way offensively, making 11-of-26 shots for 25 points. But on the other side, Clarkson was spectacular, making 14-of-19 shots for a game-high 33 points.

Both teams got off to slow starts on the evening, as the Pacers and Lakers combined for just 14 points over the first six minutes of play. By the time the Lakers called the game's first timeout, Thaddeus Young was the only Indiana player who had made a field goal, hitting on three of his first five attempts.

After the stoppage, Indiana's offense got things moving as the Pacers won the first quarter 25-18.

However, when the second quarter began, the Pacers' bench found itself unable to generate points, making just one field goal in the opening 3:32 of the period as the Lakers narrowed the score to 27-26.

With the offense unable to produce, the Pacers' defense began to falter as well, as the Lakers embarked on a 22-4 run to take a nine-point lead.

Oladipo led the team in scoring with during the first half with 11 points, but Indiana shot just 38 percent from the

field as the Lakers took a 47-39 lead into the locker room.

To begin the third quarter, Indiana's offense became the Oladipo show, as the dynamic scorer began to pour it in from all over the floor. In addition to his shooting, Oladipo slipped a pass to Sabonis on the pick-and-roll, who pounded it home and was fouled in the process, drawing Indiana within two points of the lead.

Sabonis finished his strong night with 15 points and 14 rebounds.

Minutes later, the second-year big man delivered another overpowering slam for his third and-one of the night, tying the game at 60.

Just as it seemed Indiana was tilting the game back in its favor, the Lakers responded with a deflating 12-2 run.

A deep 3-pointer from Lakers center Brook Lopez sailed wide at the buzzer, sending the teams into the fourth quarter with Los Angeles leading 74-66.

In the fourth, Oladipo and Sabonis combined to cut the deficit to just two points, but the Lakers always found a shot when they needed it, going on a late 12-0 run to wrap up their home victory as Indiana appeared out of gas on the second night of a back-to-back.

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