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Carmel girls net sectionals at Fishers Saturday night



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Carmel senior Amy Dilk cuts a piece of the net after the Greyhounds beat Hamilton Southeastern 68-48 to win Class 4A Sectional 8 Saturday night at Fishers. Carmel won its third consecutive sectional title and will play Zionsville in the semi-finals of the Kokomo regional next Saturday. Turn to Page 6 for complete game coverage.

Remembering Judge Ardery . . .

Politics, favorite topic for many this spring

I am told that many of our Reporter readers are interested in local politics. We are now entering a new election season with the primary only a little over three months away. The Republican primary is of great importance in Hamilton County because our 50 local elective officeholders are usually chosen in the primary. Democrats



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rarely are successful in the November general election. The last Democrat to win a county-wide election was Charles W. Ardery who was elected 60 years ago as judge of the Hamilton Circuit Court. Charlie is now 87 and a resident of the Robin Run Village, a

retirement community in northwest Indianapolis. He was elected in 1958 at the age of 35 in a stunning upset over the GOP candidate Warren Day. Charlie was a popular member of the local Jaycees, a prominent organization at the time. He also worked hard, really hard, to win election, getting some Republicans to jump the fence, and had the good fortune of running in a year when there was a

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Who we are meant to be

If you have not seen the movie. "The Greatest Showman" I would say to you, do not walk, but run, to your nearest theater. Be ready to engage your soul to the music and story of what may become one of the favorite movies of your lifetime. From the first few beats of the music, your entire being will be grabbed. There is no viewer discretion. It is one for all ages. Can you tell I loved the movie? I say that with the most passion the word "love," for a movie, invokes. It is a beautiful story of love and redemption. The marginalized people



From the Heart

JANET HART LEONARD

are celebrated. Happy day! Hallelujah! Anyone who has ever been made to feel "less than" will be moved. Words that have cut you to the quick of your soul will be sung again into existence only this time they will make you stronger. "This is Me" is sung by Keala Settle, who plays the bearded lady. Every time I listen to the soundtrack (which is a lot) I feel as though I have been to church. The storyline of this movie is told not only in the words spoken but the lyrics of the songs. Music speaks to the heart. Music

speaks to the soul. Anyone who has ever been broken by being made to feel less than. Anyone who has the scars of ugly words that were cast upon them. Anyone who has been afraid to step out of the darkness of their past. Anyone who has watched someone struggle with being different. You all need to see this movie. Who amongst us has not felt this way? Maybe not to the degree the "different" people of the circus felt, but exclusion hurts to any degree. Even P.T. Barnum was made to feel less than because of his being raised poor. Sometimes the actions and the voices from our past are stirred up and then

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New reservoir coming to Hamilton County

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For the first time in nearly 60 years, central Indiana is getting a new reservoir less than a quarter-mile away from Geist Reservoir.

Citizens Energy Group is hard at work on the "Citizens Reservoir Project," turning the current Irving Materials Inc. limestone plant just south of 113th Street and Olio Road into a fully functioning water storage reservoir.

Dan Considine, spokesperson for Citizens Energy, says the group purchased the property two years ago and expect the stone excavations to finish in late 2019. He says the quarry has been in operation since 1956, and crews have dug 250 feet into the earth on the 88-acre plot. That's perfect for the city's newest reservoir, he said.

"It's quite a simple solution to a really important issue," said Considine. "We're essentially going to let a very large quarry fill with water, and we're going to build some pumps



Photo provided

The gravel pit pictured to the west of Olio Road will become the new reservoir.

that will pump it into Geist, and it'll flow downstream over the dam and into our treatment plant." Considine says 60 percent of the water supply for Indianapolis comes from the Central Canal channel, fueled by Fall Creek and the White River. If problems arose in Central Canal or if Indianapolis experienced a serious drought, the city's water supply would take a noticeable hit. Building an additional reservoir costs around \$500 million, Considine says, but simply filling an out-

of-use quarry and building pumps will cost from \$20 million to \$30 million. "It's a really great cost-effective way to ensure water supply for Indianapolis," he said. "We're not on Lake Michigan. We're not on Lake Erie. We're not on the Ohio River . . . We really have to be smart and really plan well to make sure this area has the water it needs for economic growth and population growth." When the quarry is full, Considine says it'll hold about 3.5 billion

gallons — half of what Geist Reservoir currently holds, but with a much smaller footprint. However, that capacity means locals won't be able to enjoy a day out on Citizens Reservoir. It will be fenced in with no boating, swimming or fishing allowed. "It wouldn't be advisable to have a house with a dock, where at the end of the dock, your water is 250 feet deep," Considine says. "That wouldn't be wise." The reservoir is expected to be complete by 2020.

Dave Dugan sets Roundabout record in Carmel for cancer

By STU CLAMPITT
ReadTheReporter.com

First Oren Sands set the World Record for most time spent driving around a single roundabout. Next Sands drove every roundabout in Carmel in an attempt to set the record for most roundabouts driven through in a single day. Now, Carmel resident Dave Dugan has set a third record: most laps around a single roundabout. Friday morning Dugan drove 717 laps in 3 hours and 11 minutes around the Jackson Circle-Horseferry roundabout in Carmel's Village of WestClay while raising funds to support Cancer Support Community's free programs and services. According to Dugan, who has been a profession-



Dugan

al comedian for 35 years, Cancer Support Community provides support services for cancer patients and their families. "This fundraiser has been a long time in the making," Dugan told The Reporter. "It is something I've wanted to do for a while and we kicked it into a higher gear when in late summer." Like so many of us, Dugan has been affected by losing loved ones and friends to cancer. He mother passed away from cancer a few years ago. Then he lost several close family members in a short span of time and a good friend this past summer. "This group [Cancer Support Community] has a big annual fundraiser show

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nationwide trend favoring Democrats.

The judge served one six-year term and did not seek re-election. He moved to Indianapolis where he practiced law for many years. Charlie had grown up in a rural area near Westfield learning an appreciation for the law and politics from his mother, Phoebe Jane Ardery, a lawyer and red-hot Democrat herself.

While speaking of strong Democrats, current County Chairman Joe Weingarten is among those who are considering changing the name of the party's annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner. It seems some in the party feel that in our age of political correctness the Democrats should not have their traditional political gala named for slave owners as were both Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson.

Actually, former President Jefferson is considered to have been a Democratic

Republican in the days before parties were operating under their current names. By President Jackson's time in the 1820s-30s the name became simply Democrat. Jackson took a hit just last year when federal officials decided to take his portrait off the \$20 bill sometime in the near future because of some of his actions against American Indians as well as his record as a slave owner.

Meanwhile, Republicans are planning their annual gala, the Lincoln Day Dinner, which will be held this year in a new location at the 502 East banquet center in Carmel. They are planning on having the five candidates for U.S. Senate as honored guests at the March 22 event. One of the five will be chosen in the May 8 primary to challenge incumbent Sen. Joe Donnelly in November.

The county GOP has also moved their headquarters from Fishers to Westfield where they have more

office and meeting space as they prepare for the 2018 election cycle. They plan to gear up for a tough general election campaign as Hamilton County is seen as an increasingly important player statewide.

Also, county election officials are planning to continue to have early voting centers which presumably help encourage greater voter participation. The voting centers were well received in the 2016 election when locations were established at the Carmel Library and Fishers City Hall. This year there is consideration of another site in Westfield.

Hours and exact locations will be announced later. The general idea is to give voters an opportunity to cast their ballot during evening hours and weekends at locations closer to the homes of many citizens. Early voting will also continue to be offered at the Government and Judicial Center in Noblesville.

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every April and they asked me to host that last year," Dugan said. "It was a little different for me. I usually do about 45 minutes of comedy, but this was some comedy while being a host/MC, but also facilitating the serious part of the fundraiser. After meeting their director, I thought this was the perfect fit for the fundraiser I was going to put together."

Regarding turning left for hours on end, Dugan said, "I like to drive and I've had some really long road trips over the years. I'm hoping that some of that love of driving and being used to driving for a long time will come into play a little bit. But this will be a new adventure."

When asked about the effects of three hours of inertia, Dugan said, "I had no problems at all while driving other than a stiff neck but I do notice that I seem to lean to the left now."

There was no World Record for most laps around a single roundabout before Friday. Technically Dugan set a World Record by driving the first lap, then broke that record over and over for hours.

"There is no record for most laps," Dugan said. "The magical number 500 is in my mind. So, I'm hoping to get 500 and depending on how that feel, maybe more. I think I could do 500 in three hours."

He did get more, making 717 total laps in 3 hours and 11 minutes. That is an average of 3.75 laps per minute.



Photo provided

Comedian Dave Dugan completed 717 laps around this roundabout in WestClay Friday morning.

Carmel roundabout trivia

- There are 114 roundabouts in Carmel.
- In 2016 the Jackson Circle-Horseferry roundabout, used Friday to set Dugan's record, was named the world's most beautiful, winning the title "International Roundabout of the Year" by the UK Roundabout Appreciation Society. The British newspaper The Telegraph called this roundabout "a rather splendid gyratory."
- On May 17-20, 2011, Carmel played host to the 3rd International Conference on Roundabouts.
- Roundabout World Records set in Carmel include most time driving around a single roundabout, most roundabouts driven through in a single day, and now most laps around a single roundabout.
- The City of Carmel has not applied for the World Record for most roundabouts in a single city.

Support the cause

Though the roundabout run is over, you can still contribute to the fundraiser. Contributions to Cancer Support Community of Central Indiana are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. Their Federal Tax ID # is 35-1902427 and you can donate to Dugan's fundraiser with them at cancersupportindy.org/dave-dugan.

they have been putting into the project, including shooting a video to be used at an April fundraiser.

If you want to contribute to the cancer support fundraiser, go to cancersupportindy.org/dave-dugan.

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spill over into how we feel and respond in our present. They are captured in a vat of hurt and shame. What do we do with them? Brokenness. Ugliness. Cruel words. We become slaves to the opinions of others.

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More than 60 Hamilton County students make Indiana State dean's list

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Indiana State University has announced its dean's list for the fall semester of 2017. To be eligible for the list, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Carmel

Hannah Bintrim, Cameron Brady, Joshua Chinsky, Katelin DeCraene, Scott DeOliveria, MaKayla Horsby, Allison Houston, Mackenzie Joseph, John Lawless, Jacob Munoz, David Peterson, Taylor Schrock, Christian Scott,

Meredith Wettersten and Rachael Zaiger.

Cicero

Arick Crecelius, Jacob Riley and Steven Zamora.

Fishers

Myles Burke, Patrick Chavis, Matthew Dervenis, Jennifer Figueroa, Kyle Fox, Caroline Gipson, Julia Gordon, Brooke Hendricks, Hannah Jarvis, Haley Jordan, Julie Kelch, Justin Masri, Arianna Noble, Elisabeth Peskin, Isaac Shah, Antonia Smith, Jenna Smith, Kaitlyn Smith, Nathan Smith and Lilly Upchurch.

Noblesville

Riley Anderson, Jasmine Derico, Tyler Eschenfelder, Erica Freeman, Kathryn Higginbotham, Robert Higgins, Molly Hopper, Andrew Lima, Icess Manuel, Keaton Minick, Lacey Norris, Sally Roberts and Casey Taylor.

Westfield

Gabrielle Brown, Monica Burkett, Alexandra Carson, Matthew Johnson, Rebecca Pyle, Rebecca Rairdon, JeLisa Snowden, Dustin Taylor, Samantha Wanninger and Anne Watson.

Celebrate Valentine's Day in Fishers with annual Heart Hike

The REPORTER

Fishers Parks & Recreation invites the community to share their love of nature and enjoy ecotherapy during the Heart Hike for Valentine's Day. The free open house event is from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10 at **Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve**.

Along with staying active during the winter, the event also offers a chance to learn about the environ-

ment. As you hike with friends and loved ones, find the images of heart shapes found in nature that line the trail.

After your hike, warm up by the campfire with complimentary hot chocolate. Guests are encouraged to share their photos using #LoveFishers for a chance to be featured on the Fishers Parks & Recreation **Facebook** and **Twitter** pages.

Don't forget to show

your love of Fishers this February. All ages are invited to submit an essay sharing the reasons you #LoveFishers for a chance to win a family four-pack of tickets to Conner Prairie Interactive History Park. Essay entrants can qualify to win again by sharing a photo taken around Fishers using the hashtag #LoveFishers on social media. The deadline for submission is Feb. 28, so **submit your essay today**.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.

Matthew 20:17-19 (KJV)



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IMCU contributes \$2,529 to Noblesville High School

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Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU) recently presented a check for \$2,529 to Noblesville High School as part of an ongoing school spirit debit card program. The partnership allows Noblesville fans the opportunity to show their school spirit and support the athletic program by signing up for a Noblesville Millers themed debit card. Every time the card is used as a signature based transaction, Noblesville athletics benefits. The more cards that are in use, the larger the contribution. Since beginning the program in 2012, Noblesville High School has earned \$13,329 through this IMCU giveback program.

Thea Tye, IMCU's Noblesville Branch Manager, and Thorpe Miller, AVP, Sales and Marketing, IMCU, presented the check to Leah Wooldridge, Athletic Director, Noblesville High School, and Tony Oilar, Assistant Athletic Director, Noblesville High School, at the boys varsity

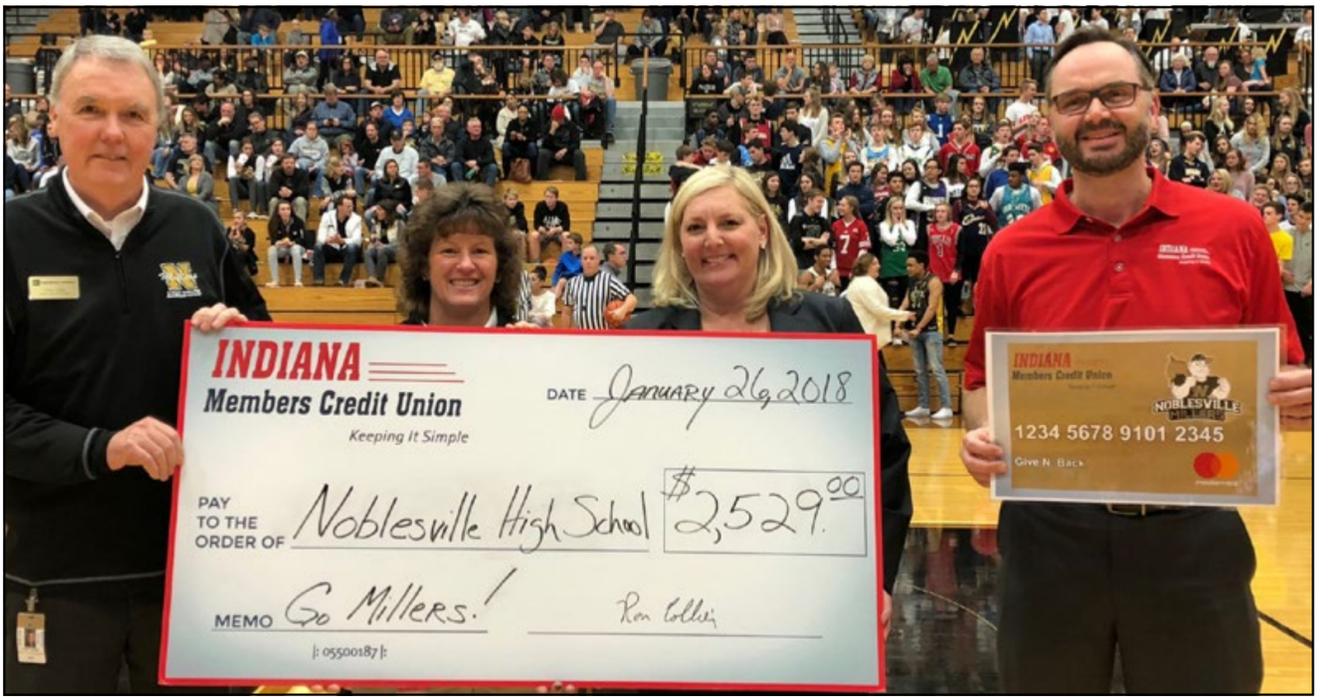


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Tony Oilar, Assistant Athletic Director, Noblesville High School, Leah Wooldridge, Athletic Director, Noblesville High School, Thea Tye, IMCU Noblesville Branch Manager and Thorpe Miller, AVP, Sales and Marketing, IMCU.

basketball game on Jan. 26. The card is available for issue to members at the IMCU Noblesville Branch,

9710 Butterfly Drive, as well as IMCU's other 25 Central Indiana locations. The IMCU Noblesville

Millers debit card is free to members with IMCU's free checking account and can be issued immediately

through IMCU's Instant Issue program, which allows members to receive their debit card on the spot. Help

support Noblesville Athletics and visit the IMCU Noblesville branch or imcu.com for details.

Centier Bank welcomes mortgage loan officer, branch manager

Coverdale joins Carmel Centier Bank

The REPORTER

Michael E. Schrage, President and CEO of Centier Bank, has announced the appointment of Lynne A. Coverdale as Mortgage Loan Officer, serving the Greater Indianapolis Community through the bank's Carmel Mortgage Production Office.



Coverdale

Coverdale has a Bachelor's Degree and MBA in Business Management Administration. She serves as a Board Member for the Humane Society for Hamilton County and is a Board Member for the Riverview Health Foundation.

"I am excited to join the Centier Family and be part of a team that values its clients and employees so highly. I love the holistic approach to client care. We listen to the client's needs and then create solutions. Centier is a bank that invests in the communities that we serve. Centier is family-owned and operated,

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To contact Lynne, call 317-844-4649 ext. 3966, email lcoverdale@centier.com or visit Lynne at the Centier Bank Carmel office, 244 E. Carmel Dr.

Cogdill joins Westfield Centier Bank

The REPORTER

Michael E. Schrage, President and CEO of Centier Bank, has announced the appointment of Chris Cogdill as the Branch Manager of the Westfield Branch.



Cogdill

Cogdill will be responsible for leading the branch team, maximizing retail growth and maintaining Centier's high level of customer satisfaction. He will also be an active member of the Westfield business community and will be involved in a number of community events and activities.

Cogdill is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Education, is certified by the Nationwide Multistate

Licensing System & Registry and is also a public notary. He comes to Centier with 10 years of banking experience and six years of financial center management experience.

"I am excited to join the Centier family because we really do put our clients and communities at the forefront of everything we do," explained Cogdill. "Being able to share the Centier story as we grow in the Indianapolis market is exciting."

To contact Chris, email ccogdill@centier.com, call 317-867-1884 or visit the branch located at 3002 State Road 32, Westfield. For more information on Centier Bank, visit centier.com.

Fishers road construction updates, week of Feb. 5

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131st Street

Periodic lane restrictions will occur at the intersection of 131st Street and Cumberland Road as utility relocation work is completed.

Morgan Drive

Morgan Drive will be closed between Lantern Road and Emmanuel Court for work on stormwater structures.

106th Street

Crews will be landscaping the center of the roundabout at 106th Street and Geist Road throughout the week, weather permitting. Temporary lane restrictions

may be in place as work is completed.

In an effort to locate utilities at the intersection of 106th Street and Allisonville Road, the westbound lane of 106th Street (just east of Allisonville Road) will be closed until all utilities are located. Westbound traffic on 106th Street will be forced to turn north.

Interstate 69

As part of a \$92 million design-build contract, Milestone has added a third lane in each direction to the median, repaired and resurfaced existing pavement, and rehabilitated bridges and drainage structures on 15 miles of I-69 in Hamil-

ton and Madison counties. Construction of an additional auxiliary lane between the 116th Street entrance ramp to I-69 South and the I-69 South Exit 204 ramp to 106th Street will continue through next spring.

I-69 South will be temporarily reduced to two lanes to allow space for the State Road 37 and 116th Street entrance ramps to safely merge while construction continues on the southbound auxiliary lane between the 116th Street and 106th Street ramps.

Questions about this project should be directed to INDOT via email or at 1-855-463-6848.

When did Indy host the Super Bowl?

The RPEORTER

1896 – William H. English died at his home in Indianapolis. He had served in the Indiana Legislature and the United States House of Representatives. He had been the Democratic candidate for Vice President in 1880. His English Opera House and Hotel was a landmark on Monument Circle.

1934 – Heavily shackled and surrounded by guards, John Dillinger faced a judge in Crown Point. He was charged with the murder of a policeman during a bank robbery. The Lake County Jail was under heavy security after rumors spread that Dillinger's friends would help him escape.

1940 – Norwegian figure skater and film star Sonja Henie dazzled the crowd at the Indianapolis Coliseum. "Gliding in long, graceful



arabesques, spinning like a jeweled top," wrote one reviewer, "she enchanted her audience as few local audiences had been enchanted before."

1970 – President Richard Nixon brought the Urban Affairs Council to Indianapolis. The President and six members of his Cabinet met with Indianapolis Mayor Richard Lugar and mayors from eight other cities. They were greeted by Governor Edgar Whitcomb as they came to discuss issues facing urban centers across the nation.

1992 – A Kentucky National Guard C-130 transport plane crashed into buildings housing Drury Inn and JoJo's Restaurant on the north side of Evansville. All five in the plane died along with eleven others on the ground.

2012 – Indianapolis hosted Super Bowl XLVI at Lucas Oil Stadium. The New York Giants defeated the New England Patriots, 21 to 17. The broadcast of the game on NBC broke the current record for the most-watched program in American television history.

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Girls basketball sectionals

Hot start leads Carmel to third straight title

By RICHIE HALL
Reporter Sports Editor

Carmel had one goal in mind as the girls basketball Class 4A Sectional 8 championship began Saturday night at Fishers: Let it fly.

The Greyhounds got off to an aggressive start, and that carried them to a third consecutive sectional title. Carmel, the second-ranked team in 4A, beat Hamilton Southeastern 68-48 to win Sectional 8 and qualify once again for the Kokomo regional.

The 'Hounds led 23-6 after the first quarter, with their two sharpshooters leading the way: Tomi Taiwo drained four 3-pointers in that period alone, while Amy Dilk threw in three triples.

"We wanted to play a real aggressive, physical game," said Carmel coach Tod Windlan. "We told our kids, our good shooters, 'When you're open, let it fly and shoot it with confidence.'"

That confidence carried through into the second quarter, in which the Greyhounds led 33-9 at one point. Reagan Hune added five points in that period, while Taiwo hit another '3,' bringing her total to five. After receiving a scare from Noblesville in Friday's semi-finals, Carmel wasn't about to let Saturday be a repeat.

"Yesterday, it was a battle for sure, and today we learned our lesson," said Taiwo. "We ran over sets again and we figured out what we needed to do to come out with a win and obviously make it easier for ourselves. And we made our shots."

The Royals finished the second quarter on a 7-0 run, cutting Carmel's lead to 33-16 at halftime. Molly Walton helped HSE out with four points, a free throw and a 3-pointer.

But the 'Hounds opened the second half on an 10-0 run. Taiwo scored seven of those points, starting with her sixth 3-pointer of the game. She was the game's leading scorer with 26 points.

Jasmine McWilliams scored the other three points, on a free throw and a layin. After that, Carmel continued to roll, enjoying its largest lead of the game in the third quarter at 51-22.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

The Carmel girls basketball team won its third consecutive sectional championship Saturday, beating Hamilton Southeastern 68-48 at Fishers. The Greyhounds will play Zionsville in the second semi-final of the Kokomo regional next Saturday.

"That team's good and we had them down close to 30 at one point," said Windlan, who credited assistant coach Craig Brunner with a good scouting report. "We really played well on both ends, and I thought we were the aggressor on both ends."

The Royals made a push in the fourth quarter, scoring eight unanswered points to get to with 56-41. Amaya Hamilton scored six points of that run, while Walton's quick steal turned into two more points. Southeastern was still within 58-43 with 3:38 left to go, but Carmel wouldn't allow them to get closer. The Greyhounds scored their last eight points from the free-throw line, going 8-of-8 in the final three minutes.

"It's definitely been like a journey, but doing it with the team I have has been awesome, and being able to play with the seniors that I have has just been great," said Blake Smith. She led the way on the boards, with seven rebounds. McWilliams collected six and Dilk had five.

Dilk also added 18 points and dished out nine assists. She did all this with her knee wrapped up after hurting it in Friday's game.

"It was just a tweak," said Dilk. "I just wanted to be able to play with my team and I just knew I had to gut it out. That's why I did it. I'm just proud of my team."

"Amy's just a warrior," said Windlan. "That knee's swollen and not real good and stuff. But she just got the heart. She wants to win. Reagan and Tomi, I thought were outstanding and Jasmine started going to the glass really hard, rebounding for us."

McWilliams and Hune both finished with 10 points.

Malea Jackson scored 14 points to lead the Royals, while Hamilton added 13 and Walton scored 12. Walton also pulled five rebounds for HSE, which finished its season 16-8.

Carmel, meanwhile, is now 24-2; that sets a new school record for wins in a season. Next up is Zionsville, the 10th-ranked team in 4A, in the noon semi-final of the Kokomo regional on Saturday, Feb. 10. The first semi-final will see Fort Wayne Carroll take on Fort Wayne South.

Carmel 68, Southeastern 48

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Southeastern				
Malea Jackson	4-10	4-4	14	3
Molly Walton	5-12	1-4	12	4
Amaya Hamilton	4-6	5-6	13	1
Tayah Irvin	1-7	2-2	4	4
Sydney Parrish	1-10	0-0	2	1
Jackie Maulucci	0-1	0-0	0	0
Shelby Ford	1-4	0-0	2	2
Lydia Self	0-0	0-0	0	0
Erikka Ededuwa	0-0	0-0	0	0
Bailee Poore	0-0	1-3	1	0
Totals	16-50	13-19	48	15
Southeastern 3-point shooting (3-15) Jackson				
2-3, Walton 1-3, Parrish 0-5, Irvin 0-4.				
Southeastern rebounds (19) Walton 5, Hamilton				
4, Parrish 3, Jackson 2, Irvin 2, Poore 2, Ford 1.				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Amy Dilk	4-11	6-6	18	1
Blake Smith	1-2	0-0	2	5
Tomi Taiwo	8-11	4-4	26	2
Jasmine McWilliams	3-5	4-6	10	2
Reagan Hune	4-6	0-0	10	3
Maddi Sears	0-0	0-0	0	2
Molly Gillig	0-0	0-0	0	0
Mackenzie Wood	0-2	0-0	0	1
Macy Berglund	0-0	2-2	2	1
Tally Seitz	0-1	0-0	0	0
Vanessa Mullins	0-1	0-0	0	0
Sophie Bair	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	20-39	16-18	68	17
Carmel 3-point shooting (12-19) Taiwo 6-8, Dilk				
4-7, Hune 2-2, McWilliams 0-1, Seitz 0-1.				
Carmel rebounds (35) Smith 7, McWilliams 6,				
Dilk 5, Taiwo 4, Mullins 2, Hune 1, Berglund 1,				
Wood 1, team 8.				
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	6	10	10	22 - 48
Carmel	23	10	18	17 - 68

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Class 4A regional pairings

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LA PORTE
Lake Central [21-6] vs. Kankakee Valley [21-3]
Penn [24-1] vs. Elkhart Central [17-8]

KOKOMO
Carroll (Fort Wayne) [19-6] vs. Fort Wayne South [22-4]

Zionsville [19-5] vs. Carmel [24-2]

DECATUR CENTRAL
Pike [24-1] vs. New Palestine [18-6]
Warren Central [16-7] vs. Brownsburg [19-5]

COLUMBUS NORTH
Columbus East [17-9] vs. Bedford North Lawrence [21-4]
Castle [23-0] vs. Center Grove [20-6]

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Huskies win championship in overtime

Hamilton Heights girls basketball coach Keegan Cherry could have said the exact same thing on Jan. 18 as he did on Saturday: "It was a hard-fought victory over a really good Yorktown team."

The two teams played each other to double overtime in January, and met again Saturday for the Class 3A Sectional 24 championship at Blackford. This game "only" went to one overtime, but the result was the same. A win for the Huskies.

Heights beat the Tigers 41-36, thus winning its first sectional title since 2013. The Huskies had to hold off a comeback by Yorktown in order to get the victory, as they lead 18-11 at halftime.

Yorktown pressed Heights early, but the Huskies were able to break the press and get up to that early lead. Kayla Kirtley had seven points in the first half, while Bayleigh Runner scored six.

The Tigers worked their way back into the game in the second half, eventually tying it up at 33-all by the end of regulation. Yorktown freshman guard Carley Culberson scored 23 points in the second half.

"She made a bunch of tough shots," said Cherry.

Heights was able to make the shots it needed as well, including a big 3-pointer from Lauryn Wiley. Once the Huskies got into the overtime, they started pressing and that helped them take control, forcing Yorktown into turnovers.

"The press kind of bothered them late," said Cherry. Really proud of the seniors, couldn't be happier for them."

Kirtley, one of the seniors, finished the game with 13 points, in addition to nine



Photo provided

The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team won the Class 3A Blackford sectional on Saturday, getting past another tough game with Yorktown, 41-36 in overtime. The Huskies will play Marion next Saturday in the Columbia City regional.

rebounds and two blocked shots. Runner added nine points, while Ana Collar pulled 10 rebounds to go with eight points.

Heights is now 19-7 for the season and will travel to the Columbia City regional next Saturday, Feb. 10. The Huskies will play Marion in the 10 a.m. semi-final game, with Fairfield and No. 9 Concordia Lutheran playing the second semi-final at noon.

Heights 41, Yorktown 36 (overtime)

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Heights				
Ana Collar	4-5	0-1	8	3
Bayleigh Runner	2-7	5-6	9	3
Kayla Kirtley	5-16	2-2	13	2

Lexi Branham	1-4	2-2	5	4	
Lauryn Wiley	2-5	0-0	5	1	
Payton Dissett	0-2	1-2	1	0	
Totals	14-39	10-13	41	13	
Score by Quarters					
Heights	10	8	4	11	8-41
Yorktown	6	5	7	15	3-36
Heights 3-point shooting (3-14)					
Kirtley	1-4				
Branham	1-3				
Wiley	1-1				
Runner	0-4				
Dissett	0-2				
Heights rebounds (31)					
Collar	10				
Kirtley	9				
Wiley	7				
Runner	4				
Dissett	1				

Trailblazers run away from Bethesda for Sectional 58 trophy

Senior guard Natalie Nickless served as a steady force, then sophomore forward Lindsey Syrek put the game away after the break, as University captured its first sectional championship in six years, defeating Bethesda Christian 74-55 in the Class 1A Sectional 58 title game Saturday night at the U Center.

Both teams looked anxious in the opening minutes, and the Patriots (18-6) took the early lead — the Trailblazers (18-7) didn't take their first lead until 4:07 into the game, when Nickless hit a 3-pointer to give University a 7-6 edge. That advantage was short-lived, though, and after trailing 15-12 at the quarter mark, University would not re-take the lead until its lone senior was involved once more. Nickless scored to tie the game up at 17-17, assisted a junior Haley Tomlinson bucket to give University the lead, then hit a 3 to push that lead to five, at 22-17.

The Patriots had a response, though, and clawed the game back to 22-22 midway through the second quarter — but it was Nickless ready to make the next move, finishing off an assist from junior guard Lily Snyder to put University ahead, 24-22. The Trailblazers never relinquished that lead.

Nickless scored 15 of her 20 points in the first half, many at key times. She gave University its first lead, assisted on the bucket to put them back ahead, then scored the points that put her team ahead for good. When University pushed its first-half lead to its greatest margin, 10 points at 34-24, it was again off a Nickless bucket.

Bethesda Christian closed the gap to 34-27 at the break with a 3-pointer in the closing seconds of the second quarter, but never got closer, as the Trailblazers finally were able to consistently establish Syrek in the post, who scored 16 of her team-high 22 points in the second half to pull away from the Patriots.

With the arrow in their favor coming out of the break, the Trailblazers got the ball to Syrek on the opening possession to



Photo by Jamie Owens

University won its first sectional championship in six years on Saturday, beating Bethesda Christian for the Sectional 58 title at the U Center.

lead 36-27. She hit two free throws the next time down the floor and, then followed it up with another bucket a few minutes later to run University's lead to 43-31. Lily Snyder closed the third quarter strong with a trio of buckets, including two 3-pointers, as University won the third quarter 19-8 to lead 53-35 through three. Lily Snyder finished with 16 points, two off her season high.

University salted the game away in the fourth quarter, never letting the lead get smaller than 13, at 54-41. That's when junior forward Lucy Snyder hit one of her two made field goals all night — but it was a key one, as it halted a quick 5-0 Bethesda Christian run and gave the Trailblazers some breathing room. Syrek scored three on an and-1 on University's next possession, then junior guard Haley Tomlinson broke out to help salt the game away, going

5-for-7 from the line late to clinch the win. The lead was at its largest when Syrek hit a free throw to put University up 69-45 with 2:23 to play before junior guard Brooke Andrus added an exclamation point from the free throw line late.

Before Saturday's game, the Patriots hadn't given up more than 62 points (a Dec. 7 loss to Tindley), nor had they lost a game by more than seven points (Dec. 27 against University). Both those measures of consistency fell dramatically in the championship game, as the Trailblazers raced to a 74-point offensive performance and downed the Patriots by 19, the largest margin of victory in the series since 2012.

For the first time since 2012, University is headed back to the regional at Southwestern (Shelbyville), and the Trailblazers will face their toughest test of the

season, playing No. 4 Jac-Cen-Del in the regional semi-final that will tip at noon. No. 3 Tindley looms as a likely opponent if University can pull off the upset.

University 74, Bethesda Christian 55

	FG	FT	TP	PF	
University					
Lindsey Syrek	8	6-7	22	4	
Brooke Andrus	1	4-6	7	0	
Lily Snyder	5	3-4	16	3	
Jhordan McGuire	0	0-0	0	4	
Lucy Snyder	1	0-0	2	0	
Haley Tomlinson	1	5-7	7	0	
Natalie Nickless	8	0-0	20	2	
Totals	24	18-24	74	13	
Score by Quarters					
Bethesda Christian	15	12	8	20	55
University	12	22	19	21	74
University 3-pointers (8)					
Nickless	4				
Li. Snyder	3				
Andrus	1				

Class 3A regional pairings

Courtesy John Harrell's website
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TWIN LAKES
Northwestern [25-1] vs. Mishawaka
Marian [21-4]
Knox [21-4] vs. Gary West [17-7]

COLUMBIA CITY
Marion [21-4] vs. Hamilton Heights [19-7]
Fairfield [22-2] vs. Fort Wayne Concordia [17-7]

DANVILLE

Benton Central [21-6] vs. Owen Valley [22-4]
Indianapolis Ritter [16-10] vs. Danville [23-4]

CHARLESTOWN

Greensburg [20-3] vs. Vincennes Lincoln [21-4]
Salem [22-4] vs. Evansville Memorial [16-6]

Class 1A regional pairings

Courtesy John Harrell's website
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CASTON
North White [19-4] vs. Lakewood Park [17-5]
Oregon-Davis [13-12] vs. Marquette Catholic [23-2]

TIPTON
Rockville [19-7] vs. Southern Wells [11-14]

Tri-Central [14-10] vs. Tri [21-4]

SOUTHWESTERN (SHELBYVILLE)

Indianapolis Tindley [23-3] vs. Bloomfield [14-10]
University [18-7] vs. Jac-Cen-Del [20-3]

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Girls swimming sectionals

HSE beats Fishers for title, Carmel cruises



Photo by Bret Richardson

The Carmel girls swim team dominated at the Noblesville sectional on Saturday, scoring 579 points. The Greyhounds also qualified all 27 swims to the state preliminaries, putting them in excellent position to go for a 32nd straight state title.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Hamilton Southeastern girls swim team won the sectional title at its own pool Saturday. The Royals scored 518 points and also qualified 12 swims for next week's state preliminaries.

As it always does, the battle between Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers for the girls swimming sectional championship came down to the late stages of the meet.

The Royals were the winners this year, celebrating another championship at their home pool during Saturday's sectional finals. Southeastern scored 518 points to take back the trophy. Fishers had won last year; this year the Tigers were second with 466 points.

"The girls did a good job," said HSE coach Andy Pedersen. "I'm really proud of them."

Just as important, both schools qualified several swims for next Friday's state preliminaries at the IUPUI Natatorium. The Royals will have 12 swims head to the next level, with Fishers qualifying 11.

Southeastern won six events, starting with a record-setting medley relay. The team of Abby Harter, Madison Kertin, Hannah Pugh and Emily Barnes sailed to victory in a new sectional mark of 1:43.48.

Barnes would later pick up a victory in the 50 freestyle, with Pugh triumphing in the butterfly. Harter finished first in the backstroke and led a 1-2-3 finish in that event, with all three swimmers getting under the state cut, thus automatically qualifying for state.

"I thought the kids swam great all day long," said Pedersen. "We've got some kids that aren't shaved yet. Cuts were great. From a technical perspective, on the walls, I thought we really left some time out there. I'm very excited about the fact that we could be better next weekend."

The Royals also won the 200 free relay, with Molly Pedersen, Kayleigh Witt, Bri Saple and Barnes swimming in that event.

Sarah Ballard won the diving competition, advancing her to the diving regional at Fishers on Wednesday. The top four divers move on to regional, and that includes HSE's Halli Siwik, who placed third.

State cut swimmers were Abby Harter and Pugh in the individual medley, Pedersen in the 100 free and backstroke, Olivia Harter in the backstroke and the 400 free relay team of Barnes, Witt, Pedersen and Abby Harter.

"Very exciting," said Barnes, an HSE senior. "I can't wait. This is my first time going all four events."

As a senior, Barnes knows how emotional the meet can be. "I definitely know how to handle it now, but it still is a roller-coaster of emotions the entire day," she said.

Meanwhile, the Tigers won four events. Hannah Pratt triumphed twice, in the 200 and 100 freestyles, with Samantha Hietpas leading a 1-2-3 finish in the 500 free - all three under the state cut. Pratt was also part of a winning relay, joining Amilia Nusbaum, Abigail Jahns and Kyla Srmcik to win the 400 free relay.

Also qualifying for state by beating the state cut: Corinne Yorkman, Miya Wai, Nicole Rueff, Ellen Fero in the medley relay, Nusbaum in the 50 free, Rueff in the butterfly, Jahns and Morgan Booth in the 500 free and Wai in the breaststroke. Morgan Casey and Grace Mousing both qualified for the regional in diving.

Unfortunately, the Tigers had to deal with a disqualification in the 200 free relay. First-year coach Joe Keller was proud of how his girls came back after that adversity.

"It's part of life and we're always building character in this sport," said Keller. "And it's a great sport because of what kids learn. Today, there were some learning moments."

"I was really proud how the girls came back, how they rebounded. They showed their fortitude. To win the last relay, that was pretty awesome after what had happened just previously."

Pedersen also said that he "just hated to see disqualifications play into the process."

"I have such a high level of respect for the Fishers coaching staff, their athletes," said Pedersen. "Our kids had a fantastic meet. So did theirs. It is what it is, I just wish it hadn't gone that way."

The sectional title is the 18th in program history for Southeastern. Also, both teams have several swims that could receive callbacks to state, meaning that they are fast enough to fill a field of 32 spots in an event once all the sectional champions and state cut qualifiers are placed. Those should be announced by Sunday evening on the IHSAA's website.

AT SOUTHEASTERN
Team scores: Hamilton Southeastern 518, Fishers 466, Pendleton Heights 309, Yorktown 283, Oak Hill 220, Anderson 109, Elwood 81, Marion 70, Liberty Christian 38, Lapel 12.

200 medley relay (State cut 1:48.96)

"A" Final: 1. Southeastern (Abby Harter, Madison Kertin, Hannah Pugh, Emily Barnes) 1:43.48, new sectional record, 3. Fishers (Corinne Yorkman, Miya Wai, Nicole Rueff, Ellen Fero) 1:46.51.

200 freestyle (State cut 1:53.22)

"A" Final: 1. Hannah Pratt (F) 1:50.96, 2. Abigail Jahns (F) 1:53.58, 3. Kayleigh Witt (HSE) 1:54.03, 4. Morgan Booth (F) 1:55.53, 5. Ellie Pedersen (HSE) 1:56.76, 6. Olivia Vicory (HSE) 2:00.83.

200 individual medley (State cut 2:06.95)

"A" Final: 1. Emily Weiss (Y) 2:01.51, 2. A. Harter (HSE) 2:05.07, 3. Pugh (HSE) 2:06.38, 4. Yorkman (F) 2:07.35, 5. Olivia Harter (HSE) 2:07.58, 6. Savannah Kennedy (F) 2:09.65, Wai (F) DQ.

50 freestyle (State cut 24.10)



Photos by Bret Richardson

ABOVE: Noblesville's medley relay team qualified for the state meet by finishing in a state cut time.

RIGHT: Westfield's Erin Verbrugge reacts after winning the backstroke in a state cut time. Verbrugge was the only non-Carmel swimmer to win an event at the Noblesville sectional on Saturday.



SWIMMING

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"A" Final: 1. Barnes (HSE) 23.62, 2. Amilia Nusbaum (F) 23.84, 4. Fero (F) 24.31, 5. Kyla Srmcik (F) 24.41, 6. Lauren Passios (HSE) 25.00, 8. Bri Saple (HSE) 25.30.

One-meter diving (Top four advance to regional)
1. Sarah Ballard (HSE) 457.70, 2. Morgan Casey (F) 443.70, 3. Halli Siwik (HSE) 423.10, 4. Grace Mousing (F) 421.00, 6. Ashley Sinicropi (HSE) 377.80, 9. Natalie Bryan (F) 330.30.

100 butterfly (State cut 57.08)
"A" Final: 1. Pugh (HSE) 56.39, 2. Rueff (F) 56.75, 4. Kara Robeson (F) 57.09, 5. Kertin (HSE) 58.31, 7. DaBin Jung (HSE) 1:00.47.

"B" Final: 9. Emma Julien (F) 1:02.80.
100 freestyle (State cut 52.34)
"A" Final: 1. Pratt (F) 51.72, 2. Nusbaum (F) 51.79, 3. Molly Pedersen (HSE) 51.94, 5. Srmcik (F) 53.10, 6. Witt (HSE) 54.22, 7. Saple (HSE) 55.13.

500 freestyle (State cut 5:05.24)
"A" Final: 1. Samantha Hietpas (F) 4:54.49, new HSE pool record, 2. Jahns (F) 4:59.14, 3. Booth (F) 5:03.57, 4. Passios (HSE) 5:24.36, 6. O. Vicory (HSE) 5:32.70.

"B" Final: 9. Anna MacLafferty (HSE) 5:37.59.
200 freestyle relay (State cut 1:38.71)
"A" Final: 1. Southeastern (M. Pedersen, Witt, Saple, Barnes) 1:36.16, Fishers DQ.

100 backstroke (State cut 57.84)
"A" Final: 1. A. Harter 55.28, 2. M. Pedersen (HSE) 56.28, 3. O. Harter (HSE) 57.16, 5. Yorkman (F) 58.19, 6. Robeson (F) 59.65, 7. Fero (F) 1:00.04.

100 breaststroke (State cut 1:05.97)
"A" Final: 1. Weiss (Y) 59.68, new sectional record, 2. Wai (F) 1:04.79, 3. Victoria Vicory (HSE) 1:06.12, 4. Kertin (HSE) 1:06.99, 5. Kennedy (F) 1:10.14, 6. E. Pedersen (HSE) 1:10.31, 7. Kayce Ingram (F) 1:11.48.

400 freestyle relay (State cut 3:35.14)
"A" Final: 1. Fishers (Nusbaum, Jahns, Srmcik, Pratt) 3:28.35, 2. Southeastern (Barnes, Witt, M.

Pedersen, A. Harter) 3:28.49.

Over at Noblesville, Carmel put itself in excellent position to continue its state championship streak by qualifying all 27 of its swimmers for the Natatorium.

The Greyhounds won the sectional title with 579 points, giving them a 35th sectional championship and record 34th in a row. Carmel won 11 of the 12 events.

Individual Greyhound champions were Kelly Pash in the 200 and 100 freestyles, Trude Rothrock in the IM and butterfly, Grace Pangburn in the 50 free, Alaina Heyde in diving, Kendra Bowen in the 500 free and Grace Estabrook in the breaststroke. Carmel also swept all three relays: Colleen Duffy, Estabrook, Meredith Berglund and Avery Williams took the medley relay; Pangburn, Samantha Waples, Rachel Young and Maggie Love triumphed in the 200 free relay and Ashlyn Underhill, Rothrock, Bowen and Pangburn swam the first-place 400 free relay.

Qualifying by the state cut were: Underhill and Bowen in the 200 free, Katie Dougherty and Young in the IM, Alyssa Conley and Duffy in the 50 free, Berglund and Williams in the butterfly, Underhill and Young in the 100 free, Dougherty and Hannah White in the 500 free, Duffy, Taylor Conley and Sarah Myung in the backstroke and Alyssa Conley and Sarah Jarding in the

breaststroke. Emma Toomey placed third in diving and will join Heyde at the Wednesday regional in Fishers.

The host Millers placed second with 364 points, just edging out Westfield's 361. Noblesville had four state qualifiers, with Caitlin Marshall (butterfly) and Sammy Huff (breaststroke) the two individuals getting state cut times.

Both girls swam in the qualifying medley relay with Jordan Cooley and Abby Harvey - an all-freshman lineup. Noblesville finished the meet with Gillian Cripe and Sophie Carmosino joining Marshall and Huff on the qualifying 400 free relay.

The Shamrocks sent three swimmers to state. Erin Verbrugge broke through to win the backstroke, making her the only non-Carmel winner at the sectional. Verbrugge qualified for the IM with a state cut, and also joined Molly Ruggles, Katherine Hand and Mia Herzog to get a state cut time on the medley relay. Several of Noblesville and Westfield's times could be good enough to get callbacks as well.

Hamilton Heights finished a strong fourth with 219 points. Jordyn Feiwell placed second and will advance to the regional. Rachel Sanquetti took fourth in the 200 free and fifth in the backstroke; her backstroke time could potentially get a callback to state.

Guerin Catholic scored 127 points to take seventh place. The 400 free relay team of Mary Cline, Stephanie DeLancey, Gwen Ronnau and Catalina Dunasky finished fifth.

AT NOBLESVILLE
Team scores: Carmel 579, Noblesville 364, Westfield 361, Hamilton Heights 219, Maconaquah 153, Western 142, Guerin Catholic 127, Tipton 96, Kokomo 92, Northwestern 59, Eastern 43.

200 medley relay (State cut 1:48.96)
"A" Final: 1. Carmel (Colleen Duffy, Grace Estabrook, Meredith Berglund, Avery Williams) 1:45.11, 2. Westfield (Molly Ruggles, Erin Verbrugge, Katherine Hand, Mia Herzog) 1:48.12, 3. Noblesville (Jordan Cooley, Sammy Huff, Caitlin Marshall, Abby Harvey) 1:48.66, 4. Heights (Rachel Sanquetti, Emily Lester, Claire Sloderbeck, Tara Holder) 1:53.52, 6. Guerin Catholic (Clare Cline, Catalina Dunasky, Danielle Hunckler, Mary Cline) 2:02.66.

200 freestyle (State cut 1:53.22)
"A" Final: 1. Kelly Pash (C) 1:47.68, 2. Ashlyn Underhill (C) 1:49.72, 3. Kendra Bowen (C) 1:50.19, 4. Sanquetti (HH) 1:56.50, 5. Kerry Effinger (W) 1:58.17, 6. Gillian Cripe (N) 1:59.86, 7. Brooke Haflich (N) 2:00.72, 8. Tina Berger (N) 2:03.77.

"B" Final: 9. Lauren Martin (W) 2:04.25, 10. Lauren Rowe (W) 2:04.31, 14. Allison Osborne (HH) 2:15.02.

200 individual medley (State cut 2:06.95)
"A" Final: 1. Trude Rothrock (C) 2:01.45, 2. Katie Dougherty (C) 2:03.52, 3. Verbrugge (W) 2:05.96, 4. Rachel Young (C) 2:06.04, 5. Huff (N) 2:08.73, 6. Hand (W) 2:09.72, 7. Cooley (N) 2:16.23, 8. Elizabeth Mulanax (N) 2:18.52.

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University competed at the Zionsville sectional, scoring 61 points.

The Trailblazers' highest finish was in the 400 free relay, where Charlotte Kumler, Regan Hooker, Macy Paton and Caitlin Clark placed seventh.

AT ZIONSVILLE
Team scores: Zionsville 550, Lebanon 303, McCutcheon 275.5, West Lafayette 256, Harrison 244, Lafayette Jefferson 180.5, Clinton Central 103, Frankfort 95, Lafayette Central Catholic 80, Carroll 75, University 61.

200 medley relay
"B" Final: 10. University (Charlotte Kumler, Caitlin Clark, Regan Hooker, Macy Paton) 2:10.60.

200 freestyle
"B" Final: 10. Kumler 2:11.43.

200 individual medley
"B" Final: 12. Hooker 2:34.93.

100 backstroke
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100 breaststroke
"B" Final: 13. Hooker 1:21.00.

400 freestyle relay
"A" Final: 7. University (Kumler, Hooker, Paton, Clark) 4:23.36.

Millers battle before falling to Marauders



Schmidt

Noblesville fought to the end before falling to Mount Vernon 52-45 in a Saturday road game.

The Millers trailed 25-19 at halftime, but were still within 38-34 after three quarters, and had a couple chances in the fourth period.

Jordan Schmidt led the way with 16 points, including five 3-pointers. Schmidt started the game hot with three of his triples in the first period, and threw in two more in the third.

Xavier Hines added 14 points, including four 3-pointers. Ryan Barnes scored nine points and collected nine rebounds. Schmidt also handed out five assists.

"I was very proud of how our team kept fighting despite being down much of the second half," said Noblesville coach Brian McCauley. "We put ourselves in position to tie the game with a three-pointer with 31

seconds left and the score 43-46. Jordan Schmidt shot well and had a career high 16 points and Xavier Hines made some critical shots to give our team an opportunity to tie the game with under one minute. We'll keep working to find a way to finish games."

The Millers are 8-9 and continue their road trip by playing at Brownsburg Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

Mount Vernon 52, Noblesville 45

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Noblesville				
Brendan Fisher	0-2	0-0	0	0
Jordan Schmidt	5-11	1-2	16	5
Xavier Hines	5-12	0-0	14	2
Eagan Keever-Hill	1-3	0-0	3	1
Ryan Barnes	4-9	1-2	9	2
Alex Hancock	0-1	0-0	0	1
Jaron Youree	1-1	0-0	3	2
Totals	16-39	2-4	45	13

Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	9	10	15	11 - 45
Mount Vernon	14	11	13	14 - 52
Noblesville 3-point shooting (11-23) Schmidt 5-10, Hines 4-9, Youree 1-1, Keever-Hill 1-1, Fisher 0-2.				
Noblesville rebounds (20) Barnes 9, Keever-Hill 3, Youree 2, Hines 2, Fisher 1, Schmidt 1, Hancock 1, team 1.				

Huskies dominate Twin Lakes

Hamilton Heights dominated Twin Lakes 73-47 in a Saturday afternoon game at the Husky Dome.

Heights trailed 17-12 after the first quarter, but turned it on in the middle periods, outscoring the Indians 47-16. Three Huskies reached double figure scoring.

Gus Etchison led with 20 points, with Camron Knott adding 14, including two 3-pointers. Drayden Thomas scored 10 points. Tyler Wiltermood led the boards with nine rebounds, while Etchison and Hudson Hochstedler both pulled five rebounds.

The Huskies are now 9-7 and riding a five-game win streak. Heights will play at the Husky Dome again on Tuesday, taking on Frankton.

Heights 73, Twin Lakes 47

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Heights				
Max Beale	3-3	0-3	7	0
Drayden Thomas	4-8	1-2	10	2
Gus Etchison	8-13	3-3	20	1
Caleb Bean	0-1	0-0	0	4
Hudson Hochstedler	1-1	1-2	3	0
Sam Wahl	1-1	0-0	3	1
Michael Cross	2-4	0-0	4	0
Camron Knott	6-11	0-1	14	0
Tyler Wiltermood	3-5	2-2	8	1
AJ Field	1-3	0-0	3	2
Dawson Phifer	0-0	0-0	0	1
Brent Pennington	0-0	0-0	0	1
Grant LePoidevin	0-1	1-2	1	1
Kray Leininger	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	29-51	8-15	73	14

Score by Quarters				
Twin Lakes	17	8	8	14 - 47
Heights	12	27	20	14 - 73
Heights 3-point shooting (7-18) Knott 2-7, Thomas 1-3, Field 1-2, Etchison 1-2, Wahl 1-1, Beale 1-1, LePoidevin 0-1, Wiltermood 0-1.				
Heights rebounds (32) Wiltermood 9, Etchison 5, Hochstedler 5, Beale 3, Thomas 3, Knott 2, Bean 2, Cross 1, Field 1, Leininger 1.				

Golden Eagles beat Panthers

The intensity couldn't have gotten any higher Saturday afternoon in the Eagles Nest as Guerin Catholic tangled with North Central in boys' basketball. In the end it was the Golden Eagles taking advantage of a 16-2 run during a six-minute stretch of the final quarter that propelled them to a 72-62 victory over the Panthers.

When you get North Central head coach and Hamilton Heights great Doug Mitchell and GC mentor Pete Smith paired against each other on the sidelines, you can count on the action both on the court and on the sidelines being fast and furious. An 11-3 run in the first quarter allowed North Central to leap out to 16-5 lead. But the Golden Eagles roared back. A 3-point field goal by sophomore Bernie McGuinness and a traditional three-point play by point guard Clay Hepp helped GC tie the game at 18-all by the quarter break.

Six points by Zach Munson and five points by junior Kian Sills helped Guerin Catholic outscore NC 18-15 and take a three-point lead into the locker room at halftime, 36-33. However Panther guard Caleb Pack found seams in the Golden Eagles' defense to drain three 3-point field goals as Mitchell's Panthers outscored Guerin Catholic 17-11 after intermission break and lead 50-47 heading into the final stanza.

Five Golden Eagles scored in the fourth quarter, with Drew Thieme's power lay-up serving as an exclamation point to the run in the final seven minutes of the game. GC ran its lead to 72-59 before a North Central 3-point shot ended the scoring. The inside play of Jack Hansen, who scored 12 of his game-high 23 points in the period, and two strong post moves in the paint by Munson powered Guerin Catholic (12-7) to outscore the Panthers 25-12 in the final eight minutes of the contest.

"I was proud of our guys, they made a few mistakes but overall stayed composed and attacked the basket and paint in the final period," said Smith. "With only a day to prep for North Central and then to find out Friday at practice that we'd be without Luke (Godfrey) this afternoon, it was great to see Bernie answer the bell and bring Luke's toughness on the court when he was in there." Godfrey suffered a high ankle sprain in the fourth quarter of Thursday's victory over Sceecina, and is expected at a minimum to also miss next Friday home game against Indianapolis Washington.

Pack finished with 18 points for North Central, who shot 42.9 percent from behind the 3-point arc but only 38.7 percent overall from the field. Guerin Catholic was 25-50 from the field (50 percent) and made 17-23 free throws in the physical contest. Joining Hansen in double-digit scoring was Munson with 16 points and Sills with 13. GC held a 34-28 rebound advantage, with Hansen grabbing 15 and McGuinness five. Hepp and Sills both passed out six assists.

Guerin Catholic 72, North Central 62

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Guerin				
Kian Sills	4-10	2-2	13	1
Clay Hepp	3-5	1-2	8	3
Drew Thieme	2-4	0-0	4	2
Zach Munson	6-12	4-5	16	1
Jack Hansen	8-14	7-10	23	3
Bernie McGuinness	2-4	3-4	8	3
Matt Parenteau	0-0	0-0	0	0
Roc Ricker	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	25-50	17-23	72	13

Score by Quarters				
North Central	18	15	17	12 - 62
Guerin Catholic	18	18	11	25 - 72
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (5-14) Sills 3-6, McGuinness 1-2, Hepp 1-2, Hansen 0-2, Ricker 0-1, Munson 0-1.				
Guerin Catholic rebounds (34) Hansen 15, McGuinness 7, Munson 5, Thieme 3, Sills 2, Hepp 1, team 1.				



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Guerin Catholic's Zach Munson scored 16 points for the Golden Eagles in their 72-62 win over North Central Saturday at the Eagles Nest.

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Minnesota 118, New Orleans 107
 Utah 120, San Antonio 111
 Denver 115, Golden State 108
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Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	38	15	.717	-
Toronto	35	16	.686	2.0
Philadelphia	25	25	.500	11.5
New York	23	30	.434	15.0
Brooklyn	19	34	.358	19.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	30	21	.588	-
Indiana	30	24	.556	1.5
Milwaukee	28	23	.549	2.0
Detroit	25	26	.490	5.0
Chicago	18	34	.346	12.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	30	22	.577	-
Miami	29	24	.547	1.5
Charlotte	22	29	.431	7.5
Orlando	15	36	.294	14.5
Atlanta	15	37	.288	15.0

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	34	22	.607	-
Oklahoma City	30	23	.566	2.5
Portland	29	23	.558	3.0
Denver	28	25	.528	4.5
Utah	24	28	.462	8.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	41	12	.774	-
L.A. Clippers	26	25	.510	14.0
L.A. Lakers	20	31	.392	20.0
Phoenix	18	35	.340	23.0
Sacramento	16	36	.308	24.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	38	13	.745	-
San Antonio	34	21	.618	6.0
New Orleans	28	24	.538	10.5
Memphis	18	33	.353	20.0
Dallas	17	36	.321	22.0

County wrestlers qualify for semi-state

The Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern and Westfield wrestling teams all claimed champions at Saturday's North Montgomery regional.

The Greyhounds picked up victories at 120 pounds by Brendan Mattingly and at 160 pounds by Jack Eiteljorge. Mattingly remains undefeated for the year at 33-0. Overall, Carmel qualified 10 wrestlers into next Saturday's New Castle semi-state by virtue of their top four finishes.

Hamilton Southeastern advanced eight wrestlers to semi-state and picked up a 106-pound championship from Jacob Simone. Westfield got two champions, 113-pounder Carson Eldred and 138-pounder Noah Robinson, and sent six wrestlers on to semi-state.

Fishers qualified two wrestlers on to New Castle in 138-pound runner-up Alexander Strueder and 170-pound runner-up JD Farrell. Sheridan's Justin Delph finished third at 152 pounds and also moves on to semi-state.

In the team standings, Carmel finished second to Zionsville, while HSE placed fourth and Westfield was fifth.

AT NORTH MONTGOMERY

Team scores: Zionsville 184, Carmel 139.5, North Montgomery 124, Hamilton Southeastern 95, Westfield 90.5, Southmont 46, Fishers 30, Lebanon 29.5, Crawfordsville 17, South Vermillion 12.5, Clinton Central 11, Sheridan 11.

106 pounds: 1. Jacob Simone (HSE), 2. Suhas Chundi (CA)

113 pounds: 1. Carson Eldred (W), 3. Jake Shafer (CA)

120 pounds: 1. Brendan Mattingly (CA), 4. Jacob Lemieux (HSE)

126 pounds: 2. Kyle Holman (CA), 4. Luke Brogan (W)

132 pounds: 2. Milo Merkel (W)

138 pounds: 1. Noah Robinson (W), 2. Alexander Strueder (F), 3. Jacob Garcia (HSE)

145 pounds: 4. Garret Sharp (CA)

152 pounds: 2. Kyle Saez (W), 3. Justin Delph (SH)

160 pounds: 1. Jack Eiteljorge (CA), 2. Ethan Blake (HSE)

170 pounds: 2. JD Farrell (F), 4. Ranvir Sandhu (HSE)

182 pounds: 2. Logan Hart (CA), 4. Ryan Mahoney (W)

195 pounds: 2. Andrew Irick (HSE), 4. Cameron Bacon (CA)

220 pounds: 3. Haakon Van Beynen (CA), 4. Crae Kunkleman (HSE)

285 pounds: 3. Jack Williams (CA), 4. Nathan Shuey (HSE)

Three Noblesville wrestlers qualified for the semi-state after their finishes at the Pendleton Heights regional on Saturday.

Dalton Huffman was the runner-up at 126 pounds, while 132-pounder Justin Johnson-Sparks and 138-pounder Gary Kitko both placed fourth in their respective classes.

Guerin Catholic's Jeff Dunasky took second at 145 pounds and also moves on to semi-state. Qualifiers from Pendleton Heights also advance to New Castle.

AT PENDLETON HEIGHTS

Team scores: Cathedral 242, Lawrence North 80, Frankton 70, Elwood 60, North Central 57.5, Mount Vernon 51, Pendleton Heights 51, Lawrence Central 44, Noblesville 29.5, Lapel 28, Anderson 17, Tipton 16, Guerin Catholic 14, Bishop Chatard 9.

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Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Carmel's Tomi Taiwo (22) scored 26 points for the Greyhounds in their sectional championship win on Saturday. Pictured at far left is Hamilton Southeastern's Malea Jackson, who scored 14 points for the Royals.



Photo by Jamie Owens

Lindsey Syrek scored 22 points for the Trailblazers in their sectional championship win over Bethesda Christian on Saturday.

Stephenson's spark leads Pacers past 76ers

By GREG RAPPAPORT

Courtesy nba.com/pacers

After being outscored in two straight quarters, the Pacers entered the fourth clinging to a one-point lead over the visiting 76ers. During the third quarter, the Pacers posted just 14 points, with the offense stuck in a rut.

But to open the fourth, Lance Stephenson delivered an electric shock to the Pacers and a sold out Bankers Life Fieldhouse, scoring or assisting on six field goals to open the final quarter and hitting two free throws to move a one-point lead to a 10-point lead as the Pacers held on the rest of way, en route to the 100-92 victory on Saturday night.

"He did a great job, when Lance plays like that and is effective like that, it takes a lot of pressure off everyone," said Victor Oladipo of his teammate after the game. "He just did a great job on both ends tonight."

By the time Lance's playmaking frenzy was over, a 3-pointer from the wing made it a 96-83 Pacers lead with under four minutes remaining, essentially pushing the game out of reach for the 76ers.

As Lance danced, shot, and passed his way through the quarter, Indiana's impressive 24-17 final frame was also aided by Oladipo, who scored four of his team-high

19 in the fourth.

The balanced scoring performance from the Pacers (30-24) helped blunt the impact of Philadelphia 76ers center Joel Embiid's night. The first-time All-Star was all over the floor on Saturday, scoring 24 points and grabbing 10 rebounds while playing in the second night of a back-to-back for the first time in his career.

Just one day after giving up a franchise-record 49 points in the first quarter, the Pacers got off to a far better start, leading by six after 12 minutes of play.

To start the second quarter, Indiana's offense went on a dominating 7-0 run, causing 76ers head coach Brett Brown to call timeout just 1:31 into the quarter after Stephenson delivered a highlight-reel, no-look pass to Domantas Sabonis that resulted in a thundering slam.

"I whipped it back," laughed Stephenson of his pass. "But my teammates is ready. I do it in practice in a lot and they catch it. So they're used to it."

With the bench unit in, center Al Jefferson had a stellar quarter, scoring seven points to help bolster Indiana's lead. But the 76ers' second unit wasn't without fight as Jerryd Bayless canned two triples, getting the score to a 44-35 Pacers lead as head

coach Nate McMillan called timeout with 7:43 left in the frame.

Following the timeout, Philadelphia (25-25) continued its barrage of 3-point shooting, with forward Dario Saric hitting threes on back-to-back Sixers possessions.

Saric's threes ended up being part of a 19-6 76ers run, pushing Philly ahead 51-50. But from that point forward, Indiana's offense regrouped, outscoring the 76ers 12-6 to close the half as the Pacers carried a 62-67 lead into the locker room.

As the second half began, the effects of both teams' back-to-backs were apparent, with neither offense able to generate traction. After 8:35 of play in the second half, the teams had combined for just 21 points.

Even with the low scoring, the 76ers managed to win the frame 18-14, cutting Indiana's lead down to 76-75 as Embiid beat the buzzer with a midrange jumper to close the quarter.

In desperate need of a spark, the Pacers turned to their usual source of fire and energy to start the fourth quarter as Lance Stephenson ignited the crowd with a series of impressive plays.

Stephenson executed a stepback jumper, a laser pass to Jefferson, and a 3-pointer to cap a 7-2 Pacers run to start the

fourth, causing a quick timeout from the 76ers as Indiana opened up an 83-77 lead.

But even after the 76ers answered with buckets from Trevor Booker and Ben Simmons, Lance continued to wreak havoc on the 76ers, scoring or assisting on all six of Indiana's field goals to begin the fourth quarter as the Pacers opened up an eight-point lead.

After the 76ers called timeout, the stoppage did little to slow the overpowering play of Stephenson, who stroked a 3-pointer from the wing to put Indiana up by 13 points.

"I thought defensively, he was keeping his man in front and he was rebounding the basketball. That's what we expect him to do," explained Pacers head coach Nate McMillan of Stephenson's performance. "Bring energy off the bench and be solid on both ends of the floor. And when he plays that way, he really helps this club."

The 76ers made a brief run in the final moments of the game, getting the deficit down to six points after J.J. Redick connected on three free throws.

But with under a minute left, Sabonis slid across the floor headfirst for a loose ball, recovering the rock and dishing it to Darren Collison for an easy basket, sealing the game for the Blue & Gold.