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# Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, Hoosier Heritage Port Authority sign contract

**The REPORTER**

A 15-year operating agreement was inked between the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority and Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, Inc. in late March. The new "Nickel Plate Express" tourism rail line will begin operations on 12 miles of track between Atlanta and Noblesville later this summer.

"This is huge step forward," said Toni Dickover, president of the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, Inc. Board of Directors. "Now, we can begin restoration of the track and finalize our late summer, fall and

holiday schedule."

The Hoosier Heritage Port Authority, formed in 1994, manages the 37 miles of rail track from Tipton to 10th Street and the remaining track in Indianapolis. The track is owned by Fishers, Noblesville and Hamilton County, and the appointed representatives to the authority oversee all aspects of the rail line.

Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad will operate the Nickel Plate Express excursions on Saturdays and Sundays, with service to downtown Noblesville expected in 2019.

Deanna Holt has been hired as its executive director, and she began work in mid-March planning the program calendar.

Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Inc. will manage train programming and marketing with excursion rail service contracted to Atlanta Pacific LLC Rail, owned by Thomas G. Hoback, former founder and owner of Indiana Rail.

Improvements to the Arcadia Depot, downtown Atlanta and on the express's passenger cars are under way. Delivery of the equipment is expected later this summer once track restoration is complete.

**About Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Inc.**

Formerly the Arcadia Depot/Heritage Center/Arcadia Arts Initiative, Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Inc. is a nonprofit. The organization will serve as the governing body for the new heritage railroad operation, Nickel Plate Express. It will manage train programming and marketing with excursion rail service contracted to Atlanta Pacific Rail, LLC.



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(From left) Runner-up Isaiah Amsbury, Sheridan High School Language Arts teacher Mrs. Becky Pitzer, Rotary Speech Contest coordinator Dale McCullough, and the speech contest winner for 2018 Graffin Gubocki.

## Sheridan Rotary speech winner

**The REPORTER**

Sheridan's Rotary Club recently held their annual speech contest which showcases the talents of local high school speech class students. The winner of the contest receives a \$150 award for her or his efforts

and a chance to compete at the Rotary District level for a \$1,000 award.

As has been done in past years, the Sheridan club contacts Sheridan High School speech teacher Mrs. Becky Pitzer in the fall semester and provides

her with the chosen theme for the year. The Rotary International organization chooses a theme which is always something to do with Rotary and its various activities throughout the world. Students who wish to participate then research

the topic and write a five to seven minute speech which they must memorize and present to the local club in February or March. The contest is good experience for students as it mimics

See Rotary . . . Page 2

## Allisonville Road Trail nears completion

By **LARRY LANNAN**  
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If you have been motoring along Allisonville Road the past few weeks, you have seen construction along that roadway and there will be more coming.

A trail beginning at Conner Prairie and heading south is nearly finished, according the City of Fishers Assistant Director of Engineering Hatem Mekky. The rain and unseasonable weather have not set the project back.

There will be a small gap in the trail's connection to 131st Street, allowing for future construction in that area. The gap will be



Photo provided

The trail project connecting Conner Prairie to downtown is nearly finished along Allisonville Road.

filled once the overall construction is complete.

However, there is more to come along that heavily-traveled street.

A planned widening of Allisonville Road was to have been under construction

in 2019, but with other road projects planned (particularly the State Road 37 construction expected to begin in earnest in 2019) the Allisonville Road widening plans have been moved up and are

projected to be complete by the end of 2018 (assuming no major construction delays). This will include improvements at 131st and 126th streets.

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## Carmel Gazebo Concert Series expands this year

**The REPORTER**

The popular Summer Family Concert Series at the Gazebo at Carmel Civic Square will expand in 2018 with two additional concerts and a season that now extends through the end of September. The 2018 season will consist of 16 family-friendly concerts and mark the 25th Concert Series at the Gazebo. Kicking off the season at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6 will be the ever-popular Flying Toasters performing a variety of crowd-pleasing tunes.

The free family concerts continue on Wednesday evenings through Sept. 26 (except for July 4) at the Gazebo. Performers feature a mix of pop, rock, jazz and country musical performances. All shows will begin a half-hour sooner at 7 p.m.

through the entire season. In addition, at 6 p.m. on both June 20 and Aug. 29, children's favorite, Ruditoonz, will give a performance for kids of all ages.

Attendance at the free concerts has increased steadily since the series began in 1993. Now, as many as 2,500 people attend each Wednesday. The Summer Family Concert Series at the Gazebo is presented by the Carmel Fountain Square Committee, a non-profit volunteer organization and is fully funded by local government, individual and corporate sponsors.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic supper to enjoy this Carmel summer tradition. In case of rain, concerts will be held in the Fire Station #41 bay area of the Steven A. Couts Fire Head-

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## Noblesville reminds residents to keep signs out of rights-of-way

**The REPORTER**

As primary elections approach, the City of Noblesville reminds residents that temporary and opinion (campaign) signs are prohibited from city right-of-way through the Noblesville Unified Development Ordinance. To enforce the code, Noblesville crews will out removing campaign and other illegal signs from city right-of-ways on Saturday, April 7 and April 21.

Areas that should remain sign-free include right-of-ways, medians and vision corner clearance (signs close to the roadway that create a sight obstruction).

INDOT also is conducting sign sweeps in state right-of-ways. INDOT personnel are required by

Indiana Code 9-21-4-6 to remove all unauthorized signs within the state right-of-way. Noblesville has permission to assist the state in removing unauthorized signs on state routes, which include State Roads 19, 32, 37 and 38.

Removed signs will be taken to Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St. Signs may be claimed by the owner during normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. At this time, there is no cost to reclaim signs. Signs that are not claimed by May 31 will be recycled.

For questions about sign placement or to report signs placed in the right-of-way, contact the Noblesville Planning Department at 317-776-6325 or [plandep@noblesville.in.us](mailto:plandep@noblesville.in.us).



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## ROTARY

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what successful people will do for the rest of their lives in whatever career they choose. And getting a few bucks of pocket change for winning is a nice incentive for the winning student. And the runner-up student also gets a smaller cash award.

For many years now the Sheridan Rotary Club speech contest has been organized by long-time member Dale McCullough. As many people know, Dale has been a very successful local businessman and knows the importance of speaking extemporaneously at various functions. He is quite encouraging of the young students who are just beginning their work lives and provides an excellent example of what can be accomplished by being able to speak well in public.

The Sheridan Rotary Club meets formally twice a month on the first and third Tuesday evenings at 6:15 p.m. at the Sheridan Public Library in the Community Room. These meetings feature a sit down meal and a guest speaker or presentation. The other Tuesdays of the month are dedicated to accomplishing community projects or club business meetings. Rotary is an excellent way for people to make a contribution to their community. If you are interested in attending a meeting or want more information, please contact any Rotarian if you know of one, or come by the library and talk with Steve Martin.

## TRAIL

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The Allisonville Road construction project should be bid in May, with construction starting in mid-summer.

"During the construction, there should be traffic maintained along Allisonville Road," said Mekky. "[Expect] some limited closures, or some closures on 126th and 131st just to get those tie-ins and elevation differences going in. You will not have 126th and 131st [streets] closed at the same time."

The tree removal project underway the past few weeks along Allisonville Road is to make way for the intersection improvements and lane expansion.

The trail along Allisonville Road is part of a plan to connect Conner Prairie with downtown Fishers.

"It will be really great for our residents to be able to just take their bike and ride safely to Conner Prairie, to visit their exhibits or go to Symphony on the Prairie," Fishers City Director of Public Relations Ashley Elrod said. "I think it's an exciting connection point."

That trail connection from downtown Fishers to Conner Prairie should be available by the end of summer this year.

The trail connecting Conner Prairie and downtown Fishers was originally named the Nickel Plate Trail, but will be renamed. The planned trail along the Nickel Plate Rail Line is expected to receive the moniker of Nickel Plate Trail. That trail plan is awaiting a decision by the Federal Surface Transportation Board.

You can keep up-to-date on traffic in Fishers by visiting the Drive Fishers section of the city website [at this link](#). If you are a Twitter user, you can get updates regularly by following [@DriveFishers](#).

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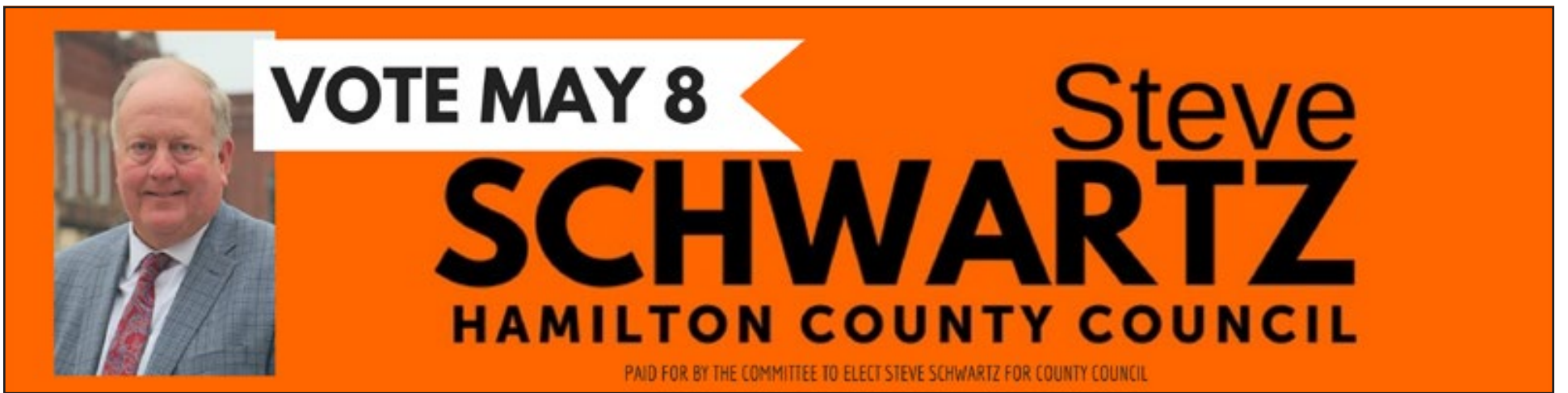
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# Reader responds to Fred Swift's column

Dear Editor:

I will never understand why Noblesville needs to be more like Carmel. Carmel has its qualities, but Noblesville is UNIQUE!

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Why compete with Carmel? We have everything anyone would want and it is right here in Noblesville. So what if parking is at a premium. Isn't parking at a premium everywhere in great small communities? It is just something we live with.

Please leave the downtown parking as it is and quit competing with Carmel.

**Marilyn Conner**  
 Noblesville

## CONCERTS AT THE GAZEBO

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quarters located at Two Civic Square, north of the fountain.

Carmel will continue having recycling bins alongside trash receptacles on the lawn of the Gazebo. Also returning is the popular "Bike There, Borrow a Chair" program that allows patrons to ride their bikes to Civic Square and then borrow a chair for the concert, courtesy of the National Bank of Indianapolis. Please note that the Fountain Square Committee has a no pet policy on the lawn of City Hall during the Gazebo Concerts.

For a complete listing of the concert dates and performers, please see the attached schedule or visit the [CarmelGazeboConcerts.org](http://CarmelGazeboConcerts.org) website.

### 2018 Summer Family Concert Series at the Gazebo

Wednesday evenings:  
 June 6 – Sept. 26

**June 6 – Flying Toasters**  
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**June 13 – Rick K & The Allnighters**  
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**June 20 – Hunter Smith Band**  
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part alternative, all exceedingly entertaining.

### June 27 – My Yellow Rickshaw

Everything (and we mean everything) from Skynyrd to Usher, Zac Brown Band to Miley, The Temptations to Bieber, even rap and an Irish jig or two.

### July 4 – No Show

### July 11 – Blue River Band

The Midwest premier country band with a splash of rock and roll. Known for their high energy, fun, charisma and all around great music, they will keep you on your toes all night and coming back for more time and time again.

### July 18 – 45 RPM (sponsored by Indiana Members Credit Union)

A multinational band that takes its audience on a magical journey back to the music that changed rock history. Faithfully reproducing the hits of the British invasion and America's musical response!

### July 25 – Parrots of the Caribbean

The Parrots of the Caribbean, a.k.a. POTC Band, is the high energy, original trop-rock stage show that "puts the ROCK in Tropical Rock" as they feature a "Salute to Jimmy Buffett."

### Aug. 1 – The Bishops (sponsored by Indiana Members Credit Union) 25th Anniversary Celebration

Always a great entertainment choice, The Bishops bring musical variety, professional-level musicianship and sound – a show that many label "the best cover band touring Indianapolis today."

### Aug. 8 – Dave & Whitney

From their cowboy boots to their down home roots ... Country music has seeped into their veins right from the Southern Indiana soil. They grew up on well

water, bluegrass pickin' and gospel singin'.

### Aug. 15 – Stella Luna & the Satellites

Stella Luna & the Satellites have created a buzz with their high-energy live shows performing today's current hits, crowd favorites and timeless classics from many different styles of music.

### Aug. 22 – The Woomblies Rock Orchestra

This band's set list includes a wide selection of classic rock, soul and R&B

hits, all with the backing of a string orchestra.

### Aug. 29 – Soul Street

With a fat brass section, a tight rhythm pocket and scorching vocals, Soul Street entertains by generating recognizable and danceable renditions of your past R&B/soul favorites.

### Sept. 5 – Mix Tape

Indy's premier 90s party band ... with a few new and classic tunes too.

### Sept. 12 – Mike and Joe

Mike and Joe is a really good modern rock cover

band based out of Chicago.

It's kind of as simple as that. "Kind of" except for the fact that the band is widely regarded by its peers as one of the very best sounding cover bands in the entire nation. It's impressive.

### Sept. 19 – Endless Summer Band (sponsored by Indiana Members Credit Union)

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### Sept. 26 – The Doo!

Indianapolis based "The Doo," aka Zanna-Doo!, is a high-energy dance band providing soulful vocals and rock solid beats that keep fans moving all night long.

Also be sure to catch RUDITOONZ children's show at 6 p.m. on June 20 and Aug. 29.

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# Bone density, fitness go hand-in-hand

"I knew very little about osteoporosis before I was diagnosed. When I found out I was shocked..."  
 - Ursula Andress, actress and former 'Bond Girl'



on another topic of personal interest to me – the importance of strength and resistance activity for women over 50. Resistance training can counteract the weakening effects of modern and sedentary living. Obviously most of us ladies in a particular age category want to look as fit as possible, which is a

great goal but not the primary factor I will discuss today. Sorry to do this but here are some sobering statistics: According to the CDC (Center for Disease Control & Prevention) the latest statistics show that approximately 5 million women over 50 suffer from osteoporosis and 80 percent of those who suffer from the disease in this country are women. The AAOS (American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons)

estimates that 70 percent of those who suffer injuries from falls do not return to their pre-injury status. While the tendency to suffer from bone density issues is often hereditary, there are activities which can stave off some of those issues. (There are also nutritional objectives which I will save for another time.) Addressing mobility, range of motion, functionality, all of these are critical to our health and well-being. Strength training can also benefit a reduction in blood pressure, lower back pain, arthritic pain – not to mention increasing the ability to lift household items, climb stairs, participate in golf, tennis, etc. There are many avenues to resistance and strength training which can be achieved by taking classes or working with a personal trainer. Some people prefer

to utilize free weights, resistance bands, or exercise machines, or even their own body weight. Those with knee and back issues can effectively benefit from aqua workouts as well. Flexibility is crucial as well to maintain range of motion and balance. At this point I will re-emphasize my passion for the importance of maintaining bone density, because without it we set ourselves up for a fall, both literally and figuratively. The pain of broken bones together with the loss of independence is something that we need to address. Having said that, I urge you to meet with your physician to access your risk for osteoporosis and the efficacy of strength and weight training for you. Studies of postmenopausal women report that strength training can increase bone mineral density in the spine. Before

beginning a program on your own or through a supervised class, it is very important to undergo a thorough medical examination to determine which activities are best for you. Your physician should provide you with a medical evaluation of fracture risk, muscle strength, range of motion, fitness and gait. A stronger body will serve you well physically in the years ahead and boost your confidence in your appearance and energy level. Good advice for those over 50, definitely. Forty-somethings, not a bad idea for you as well!  
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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.*

## Sen. Lanane: Legislature fails to lead on redistricting reform

By **TIM LANANE**  
 State Senate Minority Leader

The 2018 session of the Indiana General Assembly will be remembered for its chaotic finish. But just as troubling were the numerous bills that died in the legislature well before the final day. This year, majority policymakers rejected all measures to expand voting rights, including those with bipartisan support. Bills were filed to make absentee voting easier, extend polling hours, allow all Indiana college students to use their IDs at the polls and to reform redistricting – the process of drawing legislative and congressional districts in the state. None of these measures passed the Indiana General Assembly. I am especially disappointed that redistricting reform efforts once again failed. Currently, there are no standards that legislators must follow when drawing maps, which makes it easier for districts to be drawn with a partisan advantage. My colleagues and I have introduced bills and offered amendments to correct this practice for well over a decade. I had hoped the supermajority could come to an agreement and eliminate partisan redistricting after a 2016 bipartisan committee recommended that an independent commission draw

the maps. Despite the committee's recommendation, legislation has not advanced. Last week the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a case to determine whether a congressional district in Maryland, which was drawn to give one political party a distinct advantage, is unconstitutional. Last year, the court heard a similar case based on whether the maps in Wisconsin had an unconstitutional level of partisan bias. It is clear that the Supreme Court recognizes that partisan gerrymandering is an issue. This exercise has disenfranchised voters for years by eliminating competitive districts and creating a system where politicians pick their voters instead of voters choosing their elected officials. Unfortunately, new map-making technology has taken this practice to levels never before seen. My Republican colleagues have argued that we should wait for the Supreme Court to weigh in before making any changes to our redistricting statute. This approach is misguided. Regardless of what the Supreme Court decides, Indiana can strengthen its own laws to take bias out of the system and draw

more representative maps. If the Supreme Court rules that partisan gerrymandering is unconstitutional, we will have to implement redistricting reform anyway. If the Supreme Court rules that it is not unconstitutional, Hoosiers still expect legislators to act to ensure fairness in our elections. Over this summer, I urge my fellow lawmakers and candidates for office to listen to their Hoosier constituents on this issue and be prepared to come back next year willing to take a serious look at removing politics from the redistricting process. In my own conversations with voters of both political parties, the momentum is on the side of those looking to change our current system and protect voting rights. These individuals expect their elected officials to do their job on a variety of issues, and this is one topic where the legislature continues to fail.  
 Sen. Lanane represents Indiana Senate District 25 which includes portions of Madison and Delaware counties, including the City of Muncie and the southeastern portion of the City of Anderson. For more information on Sen. Lanane, call 1-800-382-9467 or visit [IN.gov/S25](http://IN.gov/S25).



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(From left) Thorpe Miller, AVP Sales and Marketing, IMCU; and Michelle Study-Campbell, Chief Executive Officer, Ronald McDonald House Charities Central Indiana.

## IMCU contributes \$8,075 to Ronald McDonald House

### The REPORTER

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IMCU's AVP of Sales and Marketing, Thorpe Miller, presented the most recent check to Michelle Study-Campbell, Chief Executive Officer, RMHCCIN, at the State of the House Breakfast and Annual Meeting on March 14.

The card is available for issue to members at IMCU's 26 Central Indiana locations. The RMHCCIN debit card is free to members with a free checking account and can be issued immediately via IMCU's Instant Issue program,

which allows members to receive their debit card on the spot. To support RMHCCIN, those interested should visit an IMCU branch or [imcu.com](http://imcu.com) for details.

### About Indiana Members Credit Union

Indiana Members Credit Union, headquartered in Indianapolis, was founded in 1956 on the campus of IUPUI. IMCU has since

grown to 26 branches in Central Indiana, offering consumer and business members a better financial alternative and a full array of products and services. Traditionally offering better rates on loans and deposits, IMCU maintains true to its roots by "Keeping It Simple" for members. For more information, please visit IMCU online at [imcu.com](http://imcu.com).

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## Letter guidelines this election season

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Letters to the Editor addressing new topics about the upcoming election or the policies of individual candidates will be accepted until the end of business on Friday, April 27 and will be published on Saturday, April 28.

Letters in response to new topics published in our April 28 edition will be accepted until Tuesday, May 1 and will be published in our May 2 edition.

These deadlines will give candidates and their supporters the opportunity to reply to letters sent the last week of April.

Please send your letters to [News@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:News@ReadTheReporter.com).

Letters to the Editor do not represent the opinions of The Reporter or our staff.



### Meeting Notice

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Personnel Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, IN (Conference Room 1A). The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of personnel issues.

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# Be prepared for spring's extreme weather

## The REPORTER

Indiana storms in the spring and summer can produce potentially damaging weather. In 2016, there was a total of five fatalities and \$15.36 million dollars in property damage in Indiana caused by

weather-related hazards, according to the most recent data supplied by the National Weather Service. Knowing what to do before and after a storm can help protect your family and your property.

"Far too often residents

of Indiana are not aware if they have adequate coverage from their insurance policies, especially when it comes to damage as a result of storms that produce heavy rains and cause flooding. The Department urges Hoosiers to review

their insurance policies, including rental insurance to make sure they understand their coverage before a disaster hits," said Indiana Department of Insurance Commissioner Stephen W. Robertson.

The Indiana Department of Insurance offers tips on disaster preparedness, including what to do before and after a storm hits, and how to protect yourself from fraud.

### Understanding extreme weather hazards

Check the weather online or a broadcast outlet every morning to better understand what the day may bring. Unpredictable weather means storms can come on quickly, taking you by surprise. Consider the following:

- Tornadoes can hit anywhere, anytime. Of the 50 states, 49 have experienced a tornado since 2005. Make sure to identify a shelter and practice an annual family tornado drill.

- Flash floods are the cause of the most deaths associated with severe weather. It takes just 12 inches of rushing water to carry away a car. Don't ever drive or walk into flood waters and never underestimate the power of flowing water.

- Lightning is common, even if getting struck is rare. Stay inside during a lightning storm and take precautions such as unplugging your appliances and avoid talking on a phone.

### Create a home inventory

To make the claims process easier, create a home inventory of your belongings. Include identifying information about your possessions (brand name, price, purchase date, model, serial number and receipts) and take photos. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) has created a free smartphone app that will help you create a database of your possessions. The app is available for **iPhone** and **Android**. A simple-to-use printable **home inventory checklist** is also available.

If you don't have time to create a full list of the items in your home, consider videotaping and/or taking photographs in every room. The more detail you include, the easier it will be for your insurer to evaluate your loss. When making your list, open drawers and closets, and don't forget to document what's in your basement, garage and storage buildings.

Once you've created your inventory, send the information to your insurance agent and/or keep it on your app.

### Collect your insurance information

Before a storm hits, review your insurance policies. Make sure you know what is and is not covered. If you have questions, contact your insurance agent or insurer.

Store electronic copies of your insurance policies

with your home inventory and keep paper files in a safety deposit box. Make sure to have a copy of your policy declarations page listing all of your coverages, as well as your insurance cards.

Collect the 24-hour contact information for your insurance agent and insurer and enter it as a contact on your smartphone. Make a list that includes your policy numbers, insurer and insurance agent's phone numbers, website addresses and mailing addresses. Also, check to see if the company or agent has an emergency information hotline. It is a good idea to store this information – and your home inventory – in a waterproof, fireproof box or safe. If you evacuate your home, take this information with you.

**Note:** Flood damage is generally not covered by a standard homeowners or renter's insurance policy. If you have a separate **flood insurance policy**, remember to include a copy of the policy and the contact details for the insurer on your list. Flood is a covered event in most auto insurance policies. If you need flood insurance, you'll want to purchase it now because typically there is a 30-day waiting period from the date of purchase before the policy goes into effect. For more information about flood insurance, check out **this consumer alert on spring flooding** issued by the Indiana Department of Insurance.

### Prepare for the worst

To help lessen the damage caused by a storm, take stock of your home. Clear your yard of debris that could become projectiles in high winds and trim dead or overhanging branches from trees surrounding your home. Ensure the roof sheathing is properly secured. Fasten end gables to the roof. Latch doors and garage doors properly. Secure shutters and outdoor furniture.

For personal safety, identify the nearest storm shelter and have an emergency or evacuation plan for your family. Practice your evacuation plan, making sure everyone knows where emergency supplies are stored. Have a storm survival kit that includes bottled water, a first-aid kit, flashlights, a battery-operated radio, at least three days of nonperishable food items, blankets, clothing, prescription drugs, eyeglasses and personal hygiene supplies.

If you must evacuate your home, turn off all utilities and disconnect appliances, reducing the chance of additional damage and electrical shock when utilities are restored.

For more information about how to prepare your family and home for the weather threats, visit the **American Red Cross**.

### After the storm

The days following a natural disaster can be confusing and stressful, but report your insurance claim(s) as quickly as possible to help protect your financial future.

Contact your insurer

and/or agent with your policy number and other relevant information. Be aware that your policy might require that you make this notification within a certain time frame.

Document damage by taking photographs/video before you begin any clean-up. After you've documented the damage, make repairs necessary to prevent further harm to your property (cover broken windows, leaking roofs and damaged walls). Don't make permanent repairs until your insurer has inspected the property and you have reached an agreement on the cost. Be prepared to provide the claims adjuster with records of any improvements you made prior to the damage. Save all receipts, including those from temporary fixes.

If your home is damaged to the extent that you cannot live there, ask your insurer or insurance agent if you have coverage for additional living expenses.

Work with your insurer to learn what documents, forms and data you need for your claim. Keep a diary of all conversations you have with the insurer and your insurance agent, including names, times and dates of the calls or visits and contact details. Provide your insurer with all of the requested information, as incorrect or incomplete information may delay your claim.

If the first offer made by the insurer does not meet your expectations, be prepared to negotiate. If there is a disagreement about the claim, ask the insurer for the specific language in the policy and determine why you and the insurer interpret your policy differently. If you believe you are being treated unfairly, contact your state insurance department.

### Protect yourself from fraud

Home repair fraud is common after a major weather event. Get more than one bid from contractors and request at least three references. Ask for proof of necessary licenses, building permits, insurance and bonding. Record the contractor's license plate number and driver's license number, and then check for any complaints with the **Better Business Bureau**. Finally, be wary of contractors who demand up-front payment for repairs. Ask for references and verify contractors are legitimate.

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*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

*Matthew 23:37-39 (KJV)*

## Mildred Louise Couch August 31, 1930 – April 5, 2018

Mildred Louise Couch, 87, Noblesville, walked into Heaven to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, April 5, 2018. She was born on August 31, 1930 to Charles and Maude (Ivey) Miller in Harlan, Ky.



Mildred was a beautiful soul and gentle spirit. She was kind and generous to all she met, and lived her life with grace, dignity, love and independence. Mildred touched so many hearts and lives. She will be dearly missed by her many family and friends.

Mildred is survived by her husband, Roy Couch; and two children, Sue (Harry) Boggs-Wyatt and James (Dana) Couch. She is also survived by a brother, Louie (Gladys) Miller; and sister, Barbara Gayle. Mildred was blessed with 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, LeRoy Couch; four brothers; one sister; and one grandson.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with visitation from 11 a.m. to the time of service. Pastor Alfred Parks and Pastor Darrell Jones will officiate. Burial will be at Carey Cemetery in Noblesville.

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**Baseball**

# Millers tough out series finale with Fishers

By **RICHIE HALL**

**Reporter Sports Editor**

Sometimes the best wins are the ugly wins.

Noblesville got one of those Friday afternoon at Fishers, outlasting the Tigers 6-3 to finish up play in that Hoosier Crossroads Conference series. Class 4A No. 2 Fishers had already taken the first two games of the series on Thursday, so this marked the 4A No. 5 Millers' first HCC victory of the season.

Since the Tigers had already clinched the series the night before, it would've been easy for Noblesville to play indifferent baseball on Friday. But the Millers would have none of that, screaming and cheering in bitterly cold weather (this is April, isn't it?) and eventually scoring three runs in the top of the seventh to take control of the game.

"I think our kids were much tougher than they were last night," said Noblesville coach Justin Keever. "It's gritty, not pretty, right? That's what it comes down to. We can't worry about what we look like. We just got to go out and just compete. They gave us some opportunities and we were able to cash in on some of them."

Both teams matched each other run-for-run over the course of the first five innings, beginning with one run each in the first. The visiting Millers got on the board when DJ Owens singled in Tyler Owens. Fishers got its turn in the bottom of the first, when a center field single by Grant Richardson scored JJ Woolwine.

Noblesville got back in front in the second inning, with Jackson Ramey getting Brady Walden home on a sacrifice fly. Reese Sharp struck out the Fishers side in the second inning, so the Tigers had to wait until the third inning to answer back, but did so in a big way: Matt Wolff sent a triple into right field to get Richardson home and tie the game at 2-2.

The Millers made quickly made it 3-2 in the top of the fourth. Jackson Ramey put down a bunt, then reached on an error, and



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Reese Sharp threw 10 strikeouts in four and two-thirds innings for the Millers in their Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at Fishers on Friday. Noblesville won 6-3, earning its first conference victory of the season.

that was enough to get Walden in for his second run of the day. Again, Fishers made some big hits to answer in the fifth inning: Richardson hit a two-out triple, then Kiel Brenzewski sent a double into left field, thus sending Richardson home. The game was tied again.

Noblesville kept the pattern going in the sixth inning, when Mark Goudy's left field single scored Connor Vanosdol, giving the Millers a 4-3 lead. Kade Gorman (who came in to pitch in the fifth inning) retired the Fishers side 1-2-3 to get Noblesville into the seventh. Gorman then was the leadoff man, and he singled on to first - his first base hit ever. That really got the Millers fired up.

While all this was going on, Keever - cool as a cucumber - sent Zac Tuinei on to first to run for Gorman. Tuinei moved to second on a fielder's choice, then had to stay there when Fishers got a strikeout for the second out.

That brought up Sharp, who was intentionally walked. Ramey was next, and he reached on error, loading the bases. Randolph then drew a walk, which scored Tuinei, then Camden Nagel (running for Sharp) scored on an error.

"Coach Keever did a good job of getting his guys ready to play and bounce back after two losses last night, just like I knew that they would," said Fishers coach Matt Cherry. "His guys brought energy. Nothing taken away from them because they capitalized, but we walked eight guys, hit two guys and didn't put ourselves in a position to win. They capitalized on our mistakes."

In the bottom of the seventh, Bryce Randolph made a remarkable one-handed catch to get the first out. Fishers got two men on when Richardson reached on an error, then Brenzewski singled. Another error got both Tigers into scoring position, but the game ended when DJ Owens made

an unassisted double play for the final two outs.

"I thought Reese Sharp was really strong on the mound," said Keever. "Kade Gorman comes in and slams the door. The play by Bryce Randolph in right center field there to start that bottom of the seventh there was a game-changer, really. They had the middle of their order up and all three really good hitters."

"I just thought our kids played tough today. And it was an awful day in terms of the elements and they just came out and competed all seven innings."

Sharp finished the game with 10 strikeouts in four and two-thirds innings, an outstanding effort against Fishers' big hitters. Both Brenzewski and Richardson had two hits for the Tigers. Fishers' Jon Vore and AJ Waltermann both struck out four.

Noblesville is now 4-4 for the season and will begin an HCC series with Westfield on Thursday. The Tigers are 5-3 and play at Greenfield-Central on Tuesday.

### Noblesville 6, Fishers 3

Noblesville	AB	R	H	RBI
Tyler Owens	2	1	0	0
Mark Goudy	5	0	1	1
DJ Owens	4	0	1	1
Jacob Thiemann	3	0	0	0
Kade Gorman	1	0	1	0
Zac Tuinei	0	1	0	0
Cooper Miles	4	0	0	0
Brady Walden	2	2	0	0
Reese Sharp	2	0	1	0
Camden Nagel	0	1	0	0
Jackson Ramey	3	0	1	1
Connor Vanosdol	0	1	0	0
Bryce Randolph	1	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

Fishers	AB	R	H	RBI
JJ Woolwine	4	1	0	0
Craig Yoho	4	0	0	0
Grant Richardson	3	2	2	1
Kiel Brenzewski	4	0	2	1
Tristan Baker	0	0	0	0
Matt Wolff	2	0	1	1
Alex Jamieson	2	0	0	0
Jack Roudebush	3	0	0	0
Nick Lukac	2	0	0	0
Daniel Owens	1	0	0	0
Ben Burton	3	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>

Noblesville pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Sharp	4.2	3	2	4
Gorman (W)	2.1	0	0	1

Strikeouts: Sharp 10, Gorman 2. Walks: Sharp 1, Gorman 1.

Fishers pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Jon Vore	3	3	2	2
AJ Waltermann	2.2	1	0	0
Griffin Rhoads	0.1	0	0	1
Baker	0.2	2	0	1
Wolff	0.1	0	0	0

Strikeouts: Vore 4, Waltermann 4, Baker 1, Wolff 1. Walks: Vore 5, Baker 2, Waltermann 1.

Score by innings

Noblesville	110	101	2-6	53
Fishers	101	010	0-3	54

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# Anderson beats Huskies on walk-off single

Hamilton Heights fell to Anderson 4-3 in a Friday away game. The Indians led 3-0 after three innings. The Huskies got on the board in the fourth, after Cole Meyer scored on a fielder's choice by Sam Rupe. Heights had to wait until the seventh inning for its next score, but it tied the game. Michael Cross hit a double into left field to get Sam Wahl and Luke Theiser home. But in the bottom of the inning, Anderson hit an RBI single to score the winning run. Sam Fulton pitched five innings and struck out five. "We just weren't very sharp tonight," said Heights coach JR Moffatt. "Some of that has to do with a lack of reps due to

weather and not being on the field much. We are an older team but only three of our guys logged large varsity minutes last year. We have a lot of talent and being on the field regularly will really change who we are quickly." "We haven't had a practice on our field since March 22, there may be a lot of teams in that same boat. We were in some different situations tonight than we were last night, we didn't handle them well, more reps will take care of cleaning that up. The weather isn't anyone's fault, you just have to fight through it and get better. We will, I'm not concerned about that. These guys fought and didn't quit and did a great job giving themselves a chance to win the game. Anderson

did a good job of hanging in there too. It was snowing for a good part of the game and I thought both teams showed a lot of resolve and enthusiasm." The Huskies were to play at the North Central tournament tomorrow, but that has been canceled. Heights' next game will be its Hoosier Conference opener, with the Huskies hosting Class 3A No. 2 Western on Tuesday. "They are very good and we are excited to take another step forward," said Moffatt.

## Anderson 4, Heights 3

Heights	AB	R	H	RBI
Michael Cross	3	0	1	2

Cole Meyer	4	1	1	0
Gabe Reel	2	0	0	0
Alex Roth	0	0	0	0
Sam Fulton	3	0	0	0
Sam Rupe	3	0	1	1
Issiac Hickok	0	0	0	0
Ike Peterson	3	0	0	0
Cobe Koors	2	0	0	0
Sam Wahl	3	1	1	0
Luke Theiser	3	1	0	0
Totals	26	3	4	3

Score by innings  
 Heights 000 100 2-3 4 2  
 Anderson 201 000 1-4 8 2  
 2B: Cross. SB: Reel.  
 Heights pitching IP R ER H  
 Fulton 5 3 1 5  
 Theiser 1 1 1 1  
 Reel 0 0 0 2  
 Strikeouts: Fulton 6. Walks: Fulton 3, Theiser 1.

# Droste's homer powers Royals past Morgan Park

After eight innings of a slugfest, the only way to end a game is on a home run. That's how Hamilton Southeastern did it Friday in its game with Morgan Park (Ill.) at the Super Preps tournament. Greyson Droste sent a 1-2 pitch sailing over the center field fence for a home run, and that lifted the Class 4A No. 7 Royals to a 6-5 win over Morgan Park. Morgan Park led 5-3 midway through the sixth before the Royals scored twice to tie the game. Michael Dillon led off with a triple, then Anthony Eggers singled him home. Cole DeWael then reached on a fielder's choice, was moved to second after Matt Buckingham was hit by a pitch, then

raced home after Jacob Daftari reached on error. That tied the score at 5-all. Neither team scored in the seventh inning, so they played on. Rutger Poiry retired the side in the top of the eighth, which set up Droste's homer. Southeastern scored one run each in the second, third and fourth innings. Brayton Harrison scored in the second on a bases-loaded fielder's choice from DeWael. Droste got the third-inning run after Harrison reached on error, then Droste's double in the bottom sent Anthony Eggers home. Droste finished the game 4-for-5, with two runs scored and two batted in. Carter Lohman pitched the first three and

a third innings, striking out eight. Tyler Schweitzer entered the game in the fourth inning, then struck out four over the next two and two third innings. Poiry got the win. The Royals are now 3-3 for the season and play one more game at the Super Preps. Southeastern will take on Glenbrook South (Ill.) at 10 a.m. today.

## Southeastern 6, Morgan Park 5

Southeastern	AB	R	H	RBI
Anthony Eggers	2	1	1	1
Cole DeWael	5	1	0	1
Matt Buckingham	4	0	1	0
Greyson Droste	5	2	4	2

Cam Bolling	0	0	0	0
Jacob Daftari	4	0	1	0
Jake Stout	3	0	0	0
Brayton Harrison	4	1	0	0
Jack Dewolf	4	0	2	0
Zach Boyle	0	0	0	0
Jacob Garcia	1	0	0	0
Michael Dillon	3	1	1	0
Totals	35	6	10	4

Morgan Park 021 020 00-5 2 4  
 Southeastern 011 102 01-6 10 0  
 HR: Droste. 3B: Dillon. 2B: Droste 2. SB: DeWael, Eggers. HBP: Buckingham, Stout.  
 Southeastern pitching IP R ER H  
 Carter Lohman 3.1 3 3 1  
 Tyler Schweitzer 2.2 2 2 1  
 Griffin Lohman 0.1 0 0 0  
 Rutger Poiry (W) 1.2 0 0 0  
 Strikeouts: Lohman 8, Schweitzer 4, Poiry 1.  
 Walks: Lohman 5, Schweitzer 2, Lohman 2.

# Rebels come back against Carmel

Carmel found itself on the wrong side of a comeback Friday, as the Greyhounds lost to Class 4A No. 4 Roncalli 8-5 at the Rebels' field. Carmel jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning, thanks to Drew Kelly's two-RBI single. Roncalli scored one in the bottom of the first, but the 'Hounds added two more in the third. Jack Van Remortel doubled in Jared Greene, then Jackson Adams hit a sacrifice fly to get Van Remortel home and make the score 4-1. The Rebels scored five runs in the fourth inning to take a 6-4 lead. Robbie Levine scored on a sixth-inning wild pitch to cut Roncalli's lead to 6-5, but a two-out double scored two runs for the Rebels in the bottom of the sixth. Greene went 2-for-4 on the night, with both of his hits doubles. Carmel is now 0-2 and plays another ranked team this afternoon: The Greyhounds travel to Penn for a 2 p.m. game with the 4A

No. 8 Kingsmen. Roncalli 8, Carmel 5  
 Carmel AB R H RBI  
 Jared Greene 4 1 2 0  
 Jack Van Remortel 4 1 1 1  
 Will Richter 3 1 1 0  
 Urbanowski 1 0 0 0  
 Jackson Adams 2 1 0 1  
 Drew Kelly 2 0 1 2  
 Robbie Levine 0 1 0 0  
 Drew Harding 3 0 0 0  
 Evan Petruzzi 3 0 1 0  
 Tanner Simmons 0 0 0 0  
 Ethan Pryor 1 0 0 0  
 Alex Brooks 3 0 0 0  
 Totals 26 5 6 4  
 Score by innings  
 Carmel 202 001 0-5 6 4  
 Roncalli 100 502 x-8 9 2  
 2B: Greene 2, Van Remortel. SB: Adams. SAC: Adams. HBP: Kelly, Simmons.  
 Carmel pitching IP R ER H  
 Drew Olssen 3.1 4 3 3  
 Aiden Bradbury 2.0 4 2 5  
 Brooks 0.2 0 0 1  
 Strikeouts: Olssen 2, Bradbury 2, Brooks 1.  
 Walks: Olssen 2, Bradbury 2, Brooks 1.

# Golden Eagles fall to Ritter

Guerin Catholic dropped a 1-0 game to Cardinal Ritter at Grand Park on Friday. The Raiders scored their run in the top of the second inning. The Golden Eagles were held to just four hits, including a second-inning triple by Luke Godfrey. Jake Andriole pitched five and two thirds innings, striking out eight. Guerin Catholic is now 1-2 and hosts Bishop Chatard on Tuesday to begin a Circle City Conference series. Cardinal Ritter 1, Guerin Catholic 0  
 Guerin AB R H RBI  
 Keenan Taylor 3 0 1 0

Owen Hargrave	3	0	0	0
Jake Andriole	3	0	1	0
Alex Washlock	0	0	0	0
Luke Godfrey	3	0	1	0
Bennett Ely	3	0	0	0
Nate Bingman	2	0	1	0
Sam Joyal	2	0	0	0
Wes Gingerich	2	0	0	0
Brendan Downey	2	0	0	0
Totals	23	0	4	0

Score by innings  
 Cardinal Ritter 010 000 0-1 2 0  
 Guerin Catholic 000 000 0-0 4 1  
 3B: Godfrey.  
 Guerin Catholic pitching IP R ER H  
 Andriole 5.2 1 1 2  
 Downey 1.1 0 0 0  
 Strikeouts: Andriole 8, Downey 2. Walks: Andriole 5, Downey 3.

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ABOVE: Noblesville's Tyler Owens slides into home to score the first run of the game in the first inning. Pictured for Fishers is catcher Kiel Brenzewski, who was 2-for-2 for the Tigers, including a double.



LEFT: Noblesville's Kade Gorman pitched two and a third innings of relief and got the win for the Millers in their Friday game with Fishers.

BELOW: Fishers' JJ Woolwine puts down a bunt.



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# NBA standings

Friday's scores	
Detroit 113, Dallas 106 OT	New York 122, Miami 98
Charlotte 137, Orlando 100	Toronto 92, Indiana 73
Philadelphia 132, Cleveland 130	Sacramento 94, Memphis 93
Atlanta 103, Washington 97	New Orleans 122, Phoenix 103
Boston 111, Chicago 103	Minnesota 113, L.A. Lakers 96

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
z - Toronto	57	22	.722	-
x - Boston	54	25	.684	3.0
x - Philadelphia	49	30	.620	8.0
New York	28	51	.354	29.0
Brooklyn	26	53	.329	31.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
x - Cleveland	49	31	.613	-
x - Indiana	47	33	.587	2.0
x - Milwaukee	42	37	.532	6.5
Detroit	38	41	.481	10.5
Chicago	27	52	.342	21.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
x - Miami	43	37	.538	-
x - Washington	42	38	.525	1.0
Charlotte	35	45	.438	8.0
Orlando	24	55	.304	18.5
Atlanta	23	57	.287	20.0

x - clinched playoff berth

## Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
x - Portland	48	31	.608	-
Utah	46	33	.582	2.0
Oklahoma City	45	34	.570	3.0
Minnesota	45	35	.563	3.5
Denver	44	35	.557	4.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
y - Golden State	57	22	.722	-
L.A. Clippers	42	37	.532	15.0
L.A. Lakers	34	45	.430	23.0
Sacramento	26	54	.325	31.5
Phoenix	20	60	.250	37.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
z - Houston	64	15	.810	-
New Orleans	45	34	.570	19.0
San Antonio	45	34	.570	19.0
Dallas	24	56	.300	40.5
Memphis	21	58	.266	43.0

y - clinched division z - clinched conference

# MLB standings

Friday's scores	
Atlanta 8, Colorado 3	San Diego 4, Houston 1
Cleveland 3, Kansas City 2	L.A. Angels 13, Oakland 9
Baltimore 7, N.Y. Yankees 3, 14 innings	L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, postponed
Pittsburgh 14, Cincinnati 3	
Toronto 8, Texas 5	
Milwaukee 5, Chicago Cubs 4	

## American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	6	1	.857	-
Toronto	5	3	.625	1.5
N.Y. Yankees	4	4	.500	2.5
Baltimore	3	5	.375	3.5
Tampa Bay	1	6	.143	5.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	4	2	.667	-
Chi. White Sox	3	3	.500	1.0
Cleveland	3	4	.429	1.5
Detroit	2	4	.333	2.0
Kansas City	1	4	.200	2.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	6	2	.750	-
L.A. Angels	6	2	.750	-
Seattle	3	3	.500	2.0
Oakland	3	6	.333	3.5
Texas	3	6	.333	3.5

## National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	5	1	.833	-
Atlanta	5	2	.714	0.5
Washington	4	3	.571	1.5
Philadelphia	2	4	.333	3.0
Miami	2	5	.286	3.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Pittsburgh	6	1	.857	-
Milwaukee	5	3	.625	1.5
Chi. Cubs	3	4	.429	3.0
St. Louis	3	4	.429	3.0
Cincinnati	1	5	.167	4.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Arizona	6	1	.857	-
Colorado	4	4	.500	2.5
San Francisco	3	3	.500	2.5
L.A. Dodgers	2	5	.286	4.0
San Diego	2	6	.250	4.5

# Pacers struggle against Raptors

By GREG RAPPAPORT

Courtesy nba.com/pacers

One night after one of their most complete wins of the season, the Pacers struggled to ever find a flow on Friday, falling 92-73 to the East-leading Raptors.

Things were off from the start for the Pacers (47-33), who missed 14 of their first 16 shots of the night, giving an early lead to the hosting Raptors.

There was a brief rally by the Pacers bench in the second quarter, but it was quickly erased by a Raptors (57-22) team hungry to clinch the top spot in the East, which it accomplished with Friday's victory.

The Pacers shot a paltry 29.1 percent on the night, and only had one player (Trevor Booker) reach double digits by the time the fourth quarter began.

While Indiana's defense managed to slow down the Raptors during the first half, the third quarter proved to be

when the game finally got out of reach. After opening the frame with a 3-pointer from Victor Oladipo, Toronto stepped on the accelerator, outscoring the Pacers 27-16 in the frame and taking a 23-point lead into the fourth.

In the final quarter, with the game out of reach, Pacers head coach Nate McMillan unloaded his bench as the Raptors cruised to the victory at the Air Canada Centre.

During the game's opening quarter, a jumper late in the frame by Cory Joseph finally broke the Pacers into the double-digits, but the Blue & Gold trailed 26-14 by the end of the first.

In the second, Indiana's bench unit got to work on the deficit, at one point silencing the crowd with a left-handed slam by Booker. Moments later, a 3-pointer from Lance Stephenson cut the Raptors' lead down to just five, as the hosts led 32-27 with under six minutes remaining in the half.

When the starting units returned to the game, the Raptors were able to regain control of the contest, opening up a 10-3 run to extend their lead back to double digits.

By the time the horn sounded, Indiana trailed 45-33 and shot just 25 percent as a team in the first half.

In the third, the Pacers got the period started off right as Oladipo sent in a 3-pointer to bring the deficit back to single digits. But from there, Toronto's offense continued to churn, moving ahead by more than 20 points when Ibaka connected on his fourth 3-pointer of the evening.

Toronto's defense continued to clamp down on the Pacers throughout the quarter, holding Indiana to just 16 points in the frame as the Raptors took a 72-49 lead into the fourth.

From there, the Raptors were able to cruise to the victory, handing the Pacers a loss in their final back-to-back of the season.

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