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Carmel Rotary helping to prep Home Place Gardens playground

The REPORTER

More than a dozen volunteers from the Carmel Rotary Club are expected to spend their Saturday morning finishing up playground installation at HAND's new Home Place Gardens affordable rental community in Carmel.

Volunteers will begin spreading playground mulch on the site at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20. A crew from Recreation Unlimited in Noblesville began assembling commercial-grade play equipment there this week.

Once the necessary safety surfacing is in place, the playground will open for Home Place Gardens residents and their guests to enjoy. The play project was funded with grants from Carmel Rotary, 100+ Women Who Care of Hamilton County and Meyer Najem Construction.

Home Place Gardens is HAND's seventh affordable rental community in Hamilton County and the first to include housing for families with children. Constructed on 2.4 acres south of 106th Street between College Avenue and the Monon Greenway, Home Place Gardens has a total of 10 rental units



Photo provided

Volunteers will begin spreading mulch on the new playground this Saturday.

for seniors and families.

The \$2.6 million project was funded with loans and grants from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, Hamilton County, Prevail Inc., Crosser Family Foundation and Woodforest National Bank.

Home Place Gardens is

located between 106th and 105th street, just east of McPherson Street. Please enter the development from 105th Street. On-site parking is limited.

About HAND

Founded as Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development in 2003, HAND owns seven affordable rental communities

throughout Hamilton County, leasing a total of 106 units to low-income individuals and families. This year, it acquired 17 duplexes in Lebanon, extending its reach to nearby Boone County. Its mission is to be a leader in promoting prosperity and diversity in its communities by providing quality housing opportunities.

Election catching imagination of voters?

Are voters more enthusiastic or more "turned off" by the upcoming general election which is now less than three weeks away? If absentee and early voting are indications,



FRED SWIFT
The County Line

the answer seems to be they are much more interested than in most non-presidential elections.

The county elections office reports that walk-in traffic for early voting is averaging 500 per day. And, more than 5,000 voters have requested mailed ballots. The great interest is partially because of the increasing popularity of early voting coupled with particular in-

terest due to national publicity over the importance of control of Congress.

In any event, Hamilton County does have an important local election with dozens of offices to be voted upon. This year is called an off-year election, but with all the offices at stake from U.S. Senate to township board, it has more implications for local residents than the presidential year election.

For example, voters will choose school board members who can alter the course of local school

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Former Fishers Police Chief Mitch Thompson sentenced to probation

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Former Fishers Police Chief Mitch Thompson pleaded guilty to one charge Tuesday.

Mitch Thompson was sentenced to probation for operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person.

The charge, and now sentence, stems from a July 2018 three-vehicle crash in the intersection of 96th Street and Keystone Parkway. At the time of the incident, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department said Thompson

got behind the wheel, causing the crash.

Following the incident, Thompson resigned from his position with the Fishers Police Department.

As part of his probation he must also submit to random drug and alcohol testing, and avoid consuming alcohol for one year.

In addition to 363 days of probation, Thompson's license was also suspended for 90 days, retroactive back to Aug. 1. His license was restored on Oct. 16.



Thompson

HSE Schools redistricting: Where it stands

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com



Larry Lannan

Hamilton Southeastern Schools are in the midst of a process aimed at redrawing the district's school boundaries, grades kindergarten through eighth grade, for the start of the 2019-2020 school year, beginning in August of next year. If you have been reading social media in the Fishers area, there are plenty of comments about what is happening so far, and some of the comments are not complimentary.

The new Southeastern Elementary, currently under construction near Southeastern Parkway and Cyntheanne Road, will be welcoming students in August 2019. Hence, the need to redistrict school boundary lines.

Mike Fassold, long-time teacher in

the HSE system, currently at Fishers Junior High School, has served on redistricting committees in the past but has chosen not to take on that role this time around. Mr. Fassold made some very pertinent comments recently on his Facebook page.

Here is part of that post:

Each plan has Fishers Junior High/Sand Creek Intermediate School between 80 and 85 percent capacity. This should have been a show-stopper for each plan. The growth is on the eastern side of our district. FJH/SCIS and Riverside JH/IS should be filled to 105 percent each so that redistricting can be delayed as much as possible for those schools. Fall Creek Junior High/Intermediate School and HSE Intermediate School/Junior High should be the schools with enrollment at the 80 to 85 percent level so that they can adapt to growth easier.

The neighborhoods that feed Cumberland Road Elementary School not going to FJH/SCIS is interesting as

many of those kids can walk home from events at the FJH. The route from these neighborhoods to Riverside is at best convoluted ... It seems the soon to be opened 106th Street is a straight shot for those neighborhoods that empty on to 106th.

To review the three scenarios as they are posted on the HSE Schools webpage on Oct. 15, use [this link](#).

It should be noted there are two community dialogue sessions scheduled. The first is set for Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Fishers High School, with the second the following evening, Thursday, Oct. 25, at HSE High School. Each begins at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The HSE School Board plans a work session on Nov. 20 to review the work of the various groups and the options they have offered. Superintendent Allen Bourff will present the administration's proposed boundaries at the Nov. 28 school board session. The board is scheduled to vote on the final redistricting plan Dec. 12.

Join the fun this Halloween season in Noblesville

The REPORTER

Fall is officially here, and the City of Noblesville is pleased to announce its upcoming Halloween activities:

Family Halloween Party

The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department and the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs invites families to the annual Family Halloween Party at its new location, Federal Hill Commons, 175 W. Logan St. The free event will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26. Guests are invited to come dressed

in their favorite Halloween costume – and for that evening's weather – while trick-or-treating at local vendor booths. There also will be plenty of outdoor activities including games, music, a trackless train, a free photo booth sponsored by Tenth Street Photography and food trucks.

In addition to the event's new location, the costume contest is also getting an update this year with an online photo competition. Categories include most creative, cutest, scariest and family. Those interested in entering the photo contest must submit their entries electronically by noon on Mon-

day, Oct. 22. Photo contest entries may be submitted via email to amink@noblesville.in.us or by direct message to the Noblesville Parks and Recreation Facebook page. Public voting will run from 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23 through noon on Friday, Oct. 26 on the Noblesville Parks and Recreation Facebook page. The photos with the most "Likes" will be awarded and announced at the Halloween party. Winners must be present to win.

"With a new location and home for the costume contest, parks and recreation staff is confident this Halloween party will be better

than ever," said Recreation Program Coordinator Amber Mink. "We are excited to bring the event to Federal Hill Commons, where we have more than 30 vendors in the extended Trick-or-Treat Village. We also can't wait to see all of the costume contest pictures submitted and the amazing outfits."

Trick-or-Treat Times

The official trick-or-treat hours in the City of Noblesville will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31. The Noblesville Police Department will have extra patrols out that evening to provide additional security.

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HCFRW Soup and Salad Supper next Thursday

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The Hamilton County Federated Republican Women will hold their annual Soup and Salad Supper from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., Sheridan.

Come join the supper for an evening of fun, surpris-

es, and good food. You can also meet Republican office holders and candidates. This meeting is free to all members and sponsors. There is a \$10 charge for guest.

Members, please bring a dish as follows:

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systems. Township officials will be elected who in some communities will decide the future of their fire and rescue services.

At the county level, races for sheriff, county commissioner and county council will determine whether or not there will be any major changes in public services ranging from law enforcement policy to highway improvement.

And, of course, at the national level, the outcome of our Senate race could possibly determine majority control and therefore future of national administration policy.

So, it is probably not wise to listen to cynics who may say elections don't matter and politicians are all the same. Such statements are by and large not true. Elections do matter.

Both political parties, of course, know this and are working harder than in most off-year elections to get their voters to participate. Democrats, feeling there is a national trend in their direction, are working harder locally than they have in years. Republicans, knowing they have a challenge, are also working harder than they usually do in fall elections to maintain their advantage.


Hamilton County Federated Republican Women Fall Soup & Salad Supper

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Kim Fortner and Paul Fourshee, authors of the coffee table book, *Mrs. Randolph, a small town portrait*, hold the design for the cover of their new book.

New book celebrates Sheridan photographer

The REPORTER

The historians who visited Sheridan last spring from Cadiz, Ky., have announced the release of their newest publication. *Mrs. Randolph, a small town portrait* is a 282-page coffee table book from the desks of Kim Fortner and Paul Fourshee.

Mrs. Randolph was a photographer in Sheridan from 1914 to 1946. She began her photography career at the young age of 17 when her husband purchased the studio of Quarles and Keates (rhymes with gates) in downtown Cadiz, Ky., in 1893. She moved in 1914 to Sheridan and purchased Grace Bartlett's Studio (the George Glass Studio) and continued her photography business until her death in 1946.

Ms. Fortner said, "Mamie Randolph is remarkable because she was a successful business woman in a man's world."

This attractive book includes a wonderful history of Mamie Randolph, and it is interesting just how much history the authors were able to discover. Actually, Fourshee and

Fortner are old hands at digging up history as they have worked for years researching and writing history articles for an annual community historical reenactment. Many locals will remember Mamie's son Jack and Bessie Randolph from the Hippodrome movie theater.

The majority of the book is a photo album of two small towns. The book contains over 500 pictures many of which were contributed from several local collections.

While the photos are not organized in any particular sequence, the book is divided into a Sheridan section and a Cadiz section and has a flowing sense of order. The pictures are pleasingly arranged with captions for each photo identifying the subject and the picture's owner. Another asset, often overlooked, is a handy index.

If you wish to see the book, the Sheridan Public Library has a copy. The book can be purchased by contacting the authors at mrsrandolphbook@gmail.com. The authors have also created a website for those interested: mamierandolph.com.

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Grindstone Charley’s breaks ground in Westfield



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City officials and owners of Grindstone Charley’s recently broke ground on a new restaurant near the Monon Trail at 17470 Wheeler Road in Westfield. Grindstone Public House, Noblesville, owner Blake Fogelsong told the Reporter he expects the new restaurant in Westfield to be open in mid-2019.

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Opioids discussed at GOP Breakfast



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(From left) At Wednesday morning's Hamilton County Republican Breakfast, Coroner John Chalfin, Prosecutor Lee Buckingham and Sheriff's Captain Dennis Quakenbush presented an update on opioid and other drugs' increasing toll on Hamilton County and steps taken by local and state officials to combat the problem.



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Tickets on sale now for Miller-Palooza

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools Education Foundation's (NSEF) largest annual fundraiser, Miller-Palooza, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9 at Purgatory Golf Club, 12160 E. 216th St., Noblesville. This “jeans and jewels” themed event will include casino style games, a silent auction, food, drinks and prizes.

Proceeds from the evening will go to support education grants at all 10 Noblesville schools and will benefit a significant portion of the district's more than 10,000 students. In the past, NSEF has provided grants for classroom projects and school initiatives such as classroom libraries, community gardens, summer book mobiles, STEM projects, guest speakers and learning tools for students with special needs.

“Our mission is to support and enhance the education experience for Noblesville

Schools' students and teachers,” said Adriann Young, executive director Noblesville Schools Education Foundation. “Miller-Palooza is our largest fundraiser of the year and we are excited to invite the community to join us for a fun evening in support of a great cause-our students.”

The Miller-Palooza silent auction will be online prior to the event and is expected to showcase a variety of offerings including a Colts football package, Indy Racing experience, Disney World park hopper tickets, a private plane ride, Chicago museum packages, local restaurant and shopping options and more.

For more information regarding sponsorships, donations or tickets contact Adriann Young at adriann_young@nobl.k12.in.us or 317-773-3171 ext. 10431. Tickets for the evening are \$75 per person and can be purchased at noblesvilleschools.org/foundation.

Jefferis named VP of Business Banking at Centier

The REPORTER

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him, Saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles: And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again. And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldst do for us whatsoever we shall desire.

Mark 10:32-35 (KJV)



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Fishers, Southeastern teams come together...

HSE wins Rugby Indiana Fall 7s state championship

By **RICHIE HALL**

Normally Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers are rivals, but this past weekend, the rugby teams from both schools came together to win a state championship.

Playing under the Hamilton Southeastern name, the team won the Rugby Indiana High School Fall 7s championship, which took place in Elkhart. The HSE team defeated Penn 21-12 in the final game.

The team consisted of 13 Southeastern and seven Fishers players. HSE coaches Matt Kwiatkowski and Troy Dixon, and Fishers coach John Hurley collaborated with each other; Kwiatkowski said there "was a lot of continuity" between the players from both schools.

"It was a very rewarding season as the team comprised of seven Fishers players and 13 HSE players who mostly had not every played with each other come together and play rugby at a very high level," said Kwiatkowski. "Rugby is not a game that you can win at a high level with a few standouts and they played that way through the beginning of the season but put it all together in the end."

Southeastern went undefeated in the tournament, first defeating Avon 26-10 and Cincinnati St. Xavier in pool play. HSE then beat Fort Wayne Carroll 33-10 in the semi-finals before its win over Penn in the title game.

Southeastern's final score came from Isaac Haneline, on what Kwiatkowski called "a great play off of a kickoff return" to seal the game. Donovan Riley made a no-look pass to Haneline, who ran to a 60-meter score as time was winding down. That gave HSE a 21-7 lead and sealed the game.

Riley was named the MVP of the tournament. He and Haneline were joined in the semi-final and championship matches by Josh Everett, Zach Swingle, Ethan Hackenberg, Anthony Arnce, Jackson Williams, Daniel Nevins, Jaylen Webb, Jacob Chastain.

Players that competed in the pool matches were Mon'dale Hernandez, Joey Atwell, Aaron Gonzales, Daniel Tully, and Jacob Hays. Other regular season players



Photos provided

The Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers rugby teams combined to win the state championship at the Rugby Indiana High School Fall 7s tournament in Elkhart this past weekend. HSE went undefeated in the tournament, beating Penn 21-12 in the final game to claim the championship.

were Dakota Duncan, Dash Decaudin, Daniel Holt, Isaac Ledford, and Joshua Tilaar.

The Fishers and Southeastern teams combined to go 19-2-1 in the regular season, but had to drop to one team for the championships, as there weren't enough players to field two sides because of Fall Break.

"A few of the Fishers players were making comments about how they didn't want to put on the royal blue jersey in the beginning, even joking that they were worried that it would 'burn their skin,' but in the end, they played great team rugby and scored the championship sealing try (similar to a touchdown in football) on a pass from

a Fishers player to an HSE player for the score with nearly every player touching the ball prior to that pass," said Kwiatkowski.

The coach was also excited about the result for another reason.

"I am a graduate of Penn so it was pretty exciting getting to play and defeat both the team that I played for in high school as well as my first rugby coach, Bart Bottorff who was very happy to see one of his old players still involved with the game and succeed and was very complimentary talking about the way our boys played," said Kwiatkowski. In addition, Rugby Indiana executive director

Wayne Eells told the coaches that Southeastern's semi-final match against Carroll was the best high school 7s match he had ever seen.

Ten teams were part of three pools, mostly coming from central and northern Indiana. Carmel, Noblesville, Westfield and Brownsburg all had teams compete at state. Four teams also had an additional team there; they competed in a "festival" pool, along with a team from Angola in northeastern Indiana. Several girls teams competed as well, including sides from Fishers, Westfield and Carmel.



Hamilton Southeastern won four games in the tournament to claim the trophy.

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ISCA announces boys All-District players

Several Hamilton County soccer players were named to the All-District Team in their respective district by the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association.

The following players in District 2 were named to the All-District Team: Jacob Kane, Hamilton Southeastern; Reese May, Fishers; Chayton Davidson, Hamilton Southeastern; Sean Williams, Hamilton Southeastern; Zaden Eby-Holmes, Hamilton Southeastern; Gabe Imes, Noblesville and Josh Lovett, Noblesville.

Four players were named to the All-District Second team: Elliott Mozingo, Fishers; Palmer Ault, Noblesville; Brendan Weiger, Fishers and Adam Carter, Noblesville.

Three players in District 3 were named to that All-District Team: Brodie Sullivan, Carmel; Nick Rogers, Westfield and Sam Hildebrand, Carmel.

Football previews

Huskies, ‘Hawks go on the road, GC hosts Athenians

Sectional play for the Hamilton Heights football team will begin this year like it did last year: At North Montgomery.

The Huskies travel to the Chargers' field on Friday for the first round of play in Class 3A Sectional 26. That is one of three games involving Hamilton County teams that will take place this weekend. Guerin Catholic hosts Crawfordsville for another Sectional 26 game, while Sheridan travels to Tri-Central to open play in 1A Sectional 40.

RE-MATCH FOR HEIGHTS

This will be second trip to North Montgomery for Heights this season. The two teams met back on week two, and the Chargers won 19-7.

Since then, North finished its regular season with a 3-6 record, including a 2-5 mark in the Sagamore Conference. In addition to the Huskies, the Chargers beat Crawfordsville 34-7 and Frankfort 55-6, while losing to North Putnam 28-12, Southmont 28-0, Lebanon 24-12, Western Boone 60-14, Tri-West 16-12 and Danville 43-36.

Complete stats for North Montgomery are unavailable, but the Chargers appear to be a young team. Junior Jaron Bradford is the quarterback, while senior Bryce Claycomb is North's leading rusher and juniors Kade Kobel and Kai Warren the top receivers.

Senior Daniel Fritzen is the leader in tackles for the Chargers.

Heights finished the regular season 2-7, winning its regular-season finale last week against Twin Lakes. Sophomore quarterback Isaac Wilson has completed 51 of 114 passes for 643 yards, including six touchdowns.

Junior Deshawn King is the Huskies' leading rusher with 404 yards. Senior Tad Defoe has a team-leading 22 catches for Heights (including two scores), while junior Camron Knott's five touchdowns are part of his total of 14.

GOLDEN EAGLES HOST ATHENIANS

Guerin Catholic will welcome Crawfordsville to the Eagles Nest on Friday in its first-round sectional game.

The Athenians are 1-8 for the season, finally getting their first victory of the season last Friday in a 50-8 rout of Frankfort. Before that, it had been a rough season for Crawfordsville, with losses to Greencastle 9-0, West Vigo 31-7, Western Boone 69-0, Danville 40-7, Southmont 49-28, North Montgomery 34-7, Lebanon 36-13 and Tri-West 56-13.

Cale McCarty led the way for the Athenians in their win, with five total touch-

downs. Crawfordsville's best runner is Steven LaTre, who has run for 672 yards this season, including two TDs. Senior Cameron Saunders has been stepping up as the Athenians' quarterback, including a touchdown pass last Friday.

The Golden Eagles are 5-4 for the season. Junior Christian Gelov has completed 78 of 182 passes for 933 yards, that includes eight touchdowns. Junior Bernie McGuinness leads the GC receivers with 21 catches, while junior Patrick Hagel has 15 receptions. Both have scored one touchdown.

Leading rusher Dylan Crossen missed last week with an injury. Several Golden Eagles have stepped up, including sophomore Jagger Albert, who rushed for 58 yards last week in Guerin's game with Roncalli. Senior Charles Bock leads the GC defense with 77 tackles, with senior Hank Bates making 10 tackles for a loss. Both players also have four sacks on the season.

'HAWKS TRAVEL TO TRI-CENTRAL

Sheridan will head north to Tri-Central on Friday for its second game of the season against the Trojans.

The two teams played each other in Week 3 at Bud Wright Stadium, with Sheridan winning 52-0. Since then, the Blackhawks have gone on to a 7-2 regular season record an undefeated Hoosier Heartland Conference championship.

Tri-Central is 2-7, with its wins coming against Clinton Prairie 3-0 and Carroll 6-0. In addition to Sheridan, the Trojans have lost to Frankton 20-0, Taylor 34-7, Delphi 44-6, Eastern 55-7, Lapel 42-6 and Clinton Central 14-9.

Tri-Central is playing with a very young team. Quarterback Mason Pickens is a sophomore, and has completed 28 of 70 passes for 443 yards and four touchdowns. He is also the Trojans' leading rusher with 408 yards and three scores.

Another sophomore, Deitric Johnson, has 13 receptions, including three TDs, while on defense he has made 11 tackles for a loss and five sacks. Junior Ethan Mason has rushed for 376 yards, and also leads Tri-Central on defense with 87 tackles.

Sheridan quarterback senior Drake Delph has been efficient passing the ball this season, completing 37 of 66 passes for 702 yards and 11 touchdowns. Senior James Manis is the leading rusher with 1090 yards and 14 TDs, while Jesse Kolb has caught 19 passes, including nine touchdowns.

Kolb also has the most tackles for Sheridan with 87, with sophomore Cameron Hovey right behind him by making 86 stops. Nine Blackhawks have at least 50 tackles this season; junior Chris Starks has made 12 for a loss, with Manis getting 10 for a loss. Manis also has nine sacks.

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Hamilton Heights quarterback Isaac Wilson (12) has passed for 643 yards and six touchdowns this season.

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Orlando 104, Miami 101	Utah 123, Sacramento 117
New York 126, Atlanta 107	Denver 107, L.A. Clippers 98
	Phoenix 121, Dallas 100

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Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	1	0	1.00	-
New York	1	0	1.00	-
Toronto	1	0	1.00	-
Brooklyn	0	1	.000	1.0
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Detroit	1	0	1.00	-
Indiana	1	0	1.00	-
Milwaukee	1	0	1.00	-
Chicago	0	0	.000	0.5
Cleveland	0	1	.000	1.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Orlando	1	0	1.00	-
Washington	0	0	.000	0.5
Atlanta	0	1	.000	1.0
Charlotte	0	1	.000	1.0
Miami	0	1	.000	1.0

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Denver	1	0	1.00	-
Utah	1	0	1.00	-
Portland	0	0	.000	0.5
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1.0
Oklahoma City	0	1	.000	1.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
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Perfect start for Pacers in 111-83 win

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

The Indiana Pacers have high hopes for the 2018-19 season. Wednesday's season opener provided plenty of reasons for optimism, as the Pacers (1-0) raced out to an early lead and cruised to a 111-83 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies (0-1) on Opening Night presented by Kroger at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

The new campaign couldn't have started much better for the Pacers.

The Blue & Gold got solid contributions from returning stars (16 points, five rebounds, and five assists for All-Star guard Victor Oladipo) and new additions (14 points, four boards, and six dimes from free agent acquisition Tyreke Evans).

They got solid production from starters (19 points for Bojan Bogdanovic, 10 points and eight rebounds from Thaddeus Young) and key reserves (14 points and 15 boards from Domantas Sabonis, 11 points and six rebounds from Cory Joseph).

In all, seven Pacers players finished in double figures and the Blue & Gold held Memphis to just 29.8 percent shooting in a dominant performance.

"It was Opening Night, I think everybody was juiced up and ready to go," said starting center Myles Turner, who had a solid game himself with eight points, eight rebounds, and four blocks. "(We were) just flying around and had each other's back."

Both teams appeared to have Opening Night jitters at the start of Wednesday's contest, as each offense sputtered out of the gates. The Pacers, however, found a rhythm midway through the quarter.

Indiana reeled off seven successive points to open up a 15-8 lead. The second unit provided a nice spark from there, with Sabonis and Evans attacking the paint to help Indiana take a 27-16 advantage by the end of the frame.

The bench picked up where it left off to start the second quarter. Indiana's suffocating defense held Memphis without a field goal for nearly five minutes, allowing the Blue & Gold to put together a 13-0 run and open up a 23-point lead.

"This is a unit that was really good last year with some different pieces," said newcomer Doug McDermott, who chipped in 12 points off the bench. "We've been trying to click in training camp and we're starting to learn each other's game."

"We feel like we have a great second unit. We can build

off what the first unit does and we're going to try to do that all year."

Overall, the Pacers held the Grizzlies to just 37.2 percent shooting in the first half and took a 56-37 lead into the break. Oladipo then scored eight of his 16 points in the third quarter to help Indiana keep the visitors at bay.

The Pacers took a 76-58 lead into the fourth quarter. A lineup consisting of Young and four reserves opened the final frame with a 12-3 run to put this one on ice.

Bogdanovic hit his first six shots and finished the night 7-for-9 from the field and 3-for-3 from 3-point range to lead a balanced effort by the Blue & Gold.

"We are deep this season," Bogdanovic said. "We've got eight or nine starters on our team. That will really help us through the whole season."

Marc Gasol scored all of his team-high 13 points for Memphis after halftime, but was just 2-for-11 from the field. Garrett Temple added 12 points and Mike Conley scored 11 for Memphis, but that duo went a combined 7-for-24.

Indiana heads to Milwaukee for a Central Division showdown with the Bucks on Friday night at 8:30 p.m. They'll be back at The Fieldhouse a night later to host the Brooklyn Nets at 7 p.m.

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