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### TODAY'S WEATHER

 Today: Mostly cloudy, with snow in the morning and midday. Totals up to around one inch.

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# Students, first responders share lunch



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Noblesville Fire Department and Police Department staff joined Noble Crossing students for lunch Friday as part of Noblesville Schools' Hungry, Hungry Heroes program. The program invites first responders to a free monthly lunch with students at all 10 of the district's schools and is funded through a grant from the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation. The goal of the program is to honor first responders while offering students more opportunities to interact with important role models, leading to safer and more positive school environments. **(Left)** City of Noblesville Public Safety Director Chad Knecht and Noblesville Police Assistant Chief Brad Arnold enjoy lunch with Noble Crossing third graders. **(Right)** Noblesville Fire Department Chief Matt Mitchell chats with a Noble Crossing student over lunch.

# Full STEAM ahead in Fishers, Duke educational partnership program

By LARRY LANNAN  
[LarryInFishers.com](#)

In education parlance, the acronym STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, arts and math. Wednesday, Fishers High School students were involved in a STEAM competition sponsored by Duke Energy and POWER Engineers.

The project is funded by a \$5,900 grant from Duke Energy Foundation coupled with a \$6,695 grant from POWER. The program introduces high school students to STEAM concepts.

In one session, students were tasked with designing power transmission lines, thinking about all the factors involved in accomplishing such a task. Papers were strung around the room, representing power lines.

"They were told to take their crepe paper and connect point A to point B," said Lew Middleton of Duke Energy. "The only restriction was they could not do it in a direct line. They had to creatively find ways around. As the exercise went on, they learned about different obstacles, different challenges that would come up, when trying to locate a power line."

Teams will continue to work over the



Photo provided

Fishers High School students work on a power grid building exercise.

next eight weeks. Once proof of concept has been demonstrated, the students will create presentations using selected technology, such as drone photography, 3D printing and virtual reality.

"We feel very fortunate to be included in this endeavor with Duke and POWER. This experience helps make what we're teaching students in the classroom relevant," said Fishers High School Principal Jason Urban. "We are thankful of community partners that are willing to invest in our students."

The event concludes on April 30 at Fishers High School. Teams will have 30 minutes to present their final presentations to a panel of leading industry experts.

# Lantern Road construction to impact Fishers Elementary

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The continuing construction along Lantern Road south of downtown Fishers will begin to impact access to Fishers Elementary School beginning Monday, Feb. 10. The Hamilton Southeastern School Board was briefed on this at a recent board meeting.

The Morgan Drive intersection with Lantern Road will be closed due to the road work. Fishers Elementary will be accessed via 106th Street during this phase of construction.

Also, Southeastern Parkway south of 136th Street is scheduled to be limited to one lane from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10. Road crews with flags will be handling traffic control duties during the period of lane restriction.

# Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen named to IBJ's Forty Under 40



Photo provided

Chris Jensen, in his second month of serving as Noblesville's newly elected mayor, was recently honored with the *Indianapolis Business Journal's* Forty Under 40 Class for 2020. Individuals selected to IBJ's list represent entrepreneurs, doctors, government officials and executives considered by the news publication as a group of "Indy's rising stars." Jensen celebrated the honor on Friday with staff members and supporters. **(Front row, from left)** Deputy Mayor Matt Light, Community and Economic Development Director Sarah Reed, Mayor Chris Jensen, the Hon. Steven R. Nation, Elaine Jensen and Administrative Manager Michelle Glodowski. **(Back row, from left)** Anne Hathaway of Hathaway Strategies, Justin Swanson of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP, Public Safety Director Chad Knecht and Brian Gamache of Hathaway Strategies.

# Options Schools, Indiana National Guard Youth Academy partner

**The REPORTER**

In an effort to continue making a positive impact on students across the state of Indiana, Noblesville-based Options Schools and the Indiana National Guard Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy have come together in order to provide students with an opportunity to continue progressing towards their high school diploma.

The Indiana National Guard Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy (HYCA) is part of the National Youth Challenge Program, which was established in 1993 by the National Guard and has graduated over 1,895 Cadets since the program was founded in 2007.

The Youth Challenge Program was developed to change the life path of young men and women between the ages of 16 and 18 who have dropped out of high school or are severely deficient in credits by bringing structure and discipline with an emphasis on the eight Core Components. HYCA empowers youths to embrace responsibility, achievement and positive behavior, while also instilling confidence, fostering ambition and increasing employment opportunities.

HYCA is a 17 1/2-month, two-phase, quasi-military training academy, with the first 5 1/2 months of the program referred to as the Residential Phase in which Cadets live at the HYCA campus in Knightstown, Ind. The program has been based in Knightstown since 2010.

Serving students in grades 6-12, Options Schools are free, public charter schools with brick and mortar campuses in Carmel and Noblesville, and a new campus opening in Westfield in August 2021. Options also offers additional programs that serve students throughout the state

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## Community News

### Wayne-Fall Lions supporting Fishers FFA students

The Wayne-Fall Lions Club will hold a ham and bean dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. on the last day of National FFA Week, Saturday, Feb. 29. All donations will go to the Hamilton Southeastern/Fishers FFA. FFA members will serve for a free will donation at the Lions Club, 11940 E. 191st St., Noblesville.

## Hello, Hamilton County

### With Mr. Weatherman, Paul Poteet





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## Join HCFRW to honor county’s women leaders

**The REPORTER**  
Join the **Hamilton County Federation of Republican Women (HCFRW)** on Thursday, Feb. 27 and celebrate a century of women's right to vote. The event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at GAI Consultants, 9998 Crosspoint Blvd., Suite 110, Fishers. HCFRW has planned an “Art Walk” for the event with the work of several local women artists on display. Food will be provided by Nameless Catering Company. Drinks will be available as well. To top off the evening, HCFRW will celebrate all the women leaders of Hamilton County by welcoming Cecilia Coble and Laura Campbell, presidents of the Fishers and Carmel city councils, respectively. This event is free and everyone is welcome – women and men. Bring a friend or two and renew your membership for 2020. [Click here](#) for more information.

## OPTIONS

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of Indiana (serving over 90 school corporations). With a high-quality, individualized approach, Options was founded in 2002 and specializes in providing students with an inclusive environment and a student-to-teacher ratio of 15-to-1. As is the case within all Options Schools programs, flexibility for students remains an important focus. Options @ HYCA students are able to continue to earn credits towards their high school diploma while attending HYCA. Students will have the ability to graduate from Options if eligible, transfer back to their home high school following HYCA graduation or continue with one of the many Options programs available. “There are many similarities when it comes to the mission and focus of Options Schools and the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy, which makes it exciting to be able to have the two organizations work together,” said Mike Gustin, Options CEO/President. “We are excited that our partnership with the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy is going to help provide more students with a high-quality education and benefit the lives of young people across Indiana.” Learn more at [Options-Schools.org](http://Options-Schools.org).








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*I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn’t something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don’t often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we’re breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.*  
– **Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville**

**To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:**

- Art supplies (for children to journal and express their emotions)
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# Adam’s annual Oscar picks

I’ve been following movies and the Academy Awards for as long as I can remember, and for more than a decade I’ve made it a point to see all of the Best Picture nominees prior to the big ceremony. I will release a ranking of my favorite Best Picture nominees and which ones I think will win.

Most years it’s pretty clear which two or three films have a chance to take home that golden statuette.

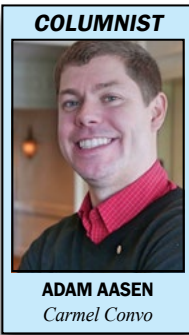
Last year, I assumed *Roma*, *A Star is Born* and *Green Book* would be the best contenders, and *Green Book* was victorious.

*The Shape of Water* was no surprise to me the year before that, although *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri* had a chance to upset.

And the battle between *La La Land* and *Moonlight* was pretty clear, although little did we know the announcement would be so complicated.

For this year, there’s four or five films that have a chance, which is kind of odd.

*Parasite*, *1917*, *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*, *The Irishman* and *Jojo Rabbit* all lead the pack when you consider wins in previous award shows leading up to Oscar night. Awards like the Golden Globes, Critics Choice, Screen Actors Guild, the BAFTAs, Writers Guild and more are all predictors of who will win. But no clear frontrunner has



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emerged.

So, here’s who I’m predicting will take home the gold this Sunday.

**Best Film: *Parasite***

This will be historic because it’ll be the first time a foreign language film takes home Best Picture. Considering there’s no real frontrunner, I think that history will persuade voters and they’ll choose this genre-bending thriller from South Korea. Although I wouldn’t be surprised if *1917* or *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood* win since they won best drama and best comedy at the Golden Globes.

**Best Director: Sam Mendes (1917)**

There’s a good chance that Bong Joon-Ho (*Parasite*) or Quentin Tarantino (*Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*) win, but I think the voters will split the vote between best picture and best director and honor Mendes, who previously won in his debut film *American Beauty*. *1917* is a technical marvel and while it might not have the acting or emotion of *Marriage Story* or the other nominees, it’s definitely a superbly crafted film that’s amazing to look at.

**Best Actor: Joaquin Phoenix (Joker)**

Like the rest of the acting categories I’ll mention later on, he’s been sweeping the award show circuit and

his win is nearly guaranteed. Not only did he give an excellent performance in *Joker*, but he’s long overdue for this award after giving amazing performances in *Walk the Line*, *The Master*, *Her* and more. Personally, I also really like Adam Driver’s performance in *Marriage Story* and he’s an Indiana native, but I think he’s going to have to wait for another year.

**Best Actress: Renee Zellweger (Judy)**

I watched this movie and while I didn’t love the film I was impressed by her performance. She inhabits the role of Judy Garland and she’s been sweeping the awards circuit. Personally, it felt a little Oscar-baitey to me and I would have preferred Saoirse Ronan in *Little Women*, but Zellweger will likely take home her second Oscar on Sunday.

**Best Supporting Actor: Brad Pitt (Once Upon a Time in Hollywood)**

Brad is due. Again, another actor who’s been sweeping the awards and he’s been around for so long and has appeared in so many Best Picture nominees and his only Oscar win so far was as a producer for *12 Years A Slave*. He’ll finally win an acting Oscar, and it’s fine by me since he gives a career-best performance and shines in a film that I really liked but I didn’t love. Despite any of my issues with the movie he was in, Pitt was electric on screen and I applaud his win. I am disappointed though that

Willem Dafoe wasn’t nominated for *The Lighthouse*, a small black-and-white indie film released by A24 this year. You’re glued to the screen when he acts in this film and Dafoe is past due for an Oscar win (I was disappointed that he lost Best Actor to Gary Oldman two years ago. Dafoe was fantastic in *The Florida Project* that year).

**Best Supporting Actress: Laura Dern (Marriage Story)**

This might be the only win for this fantastic movie made by Noah Baumbach, husband of another Best Picture nominee director Greta Gerwig. Dern brings her character to life and shines in only a few scenes and she’s also sweeping the awards leading up to the Oscars (notice a pattern?). I don’t see her having much of a threat but Scarlett Johansson could upset. I’m happy that newcomer Florence Pugh received a nomination but she won’t win. I was surprised that Jennifer Lopez was snubbed for *Hustlers*. I wasn’t surprised but disappointed that Zhao Shuzhen wasn’t nominated for *The Farewell*. She was the heart of that movie.

**My Personal Rankings (1 being my favorite)**

1. Ford V Ferrari
2. Parasite
3. Marriage Story
4. Little Women
5. 1917
6. Joker
7. The Irishman
8. Once Upon a Time in Hollywood
9. Jojo Rabbit

# Don’t play politics with your portfolio



COREY SYLVESTER  
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You’re probably aware this is an election year. During the next several months, the candidates will discuss issues that should greatly interest you as a citizen. But as an investor, how concerned should you be with the results of the presidential and congressional elections?

Maybe not as much as you might think. At different times, the financial markets have performed well and poorly under different administrations and when different parties have controlled Congress. And after all the votes are counted, outcomes in the investment markets can be unpredictable. Consequently, you’ll be helping yourself greatly by not making big moves in your portfolio in anticipation of new legislation or political moves down the line.

Of course, that’s not to say that nothing emerging from Washington could ever have an impact on your investment decisions. For example, if a future president and Congress decide to change the capital gains tax rate, it could affect some of your choices, such as which stocks and stock-based mutual funds you should buy, and how long you should hold them.

Overall, though, your investment results will ultimately depend on actions you can take, including these:

- **Making changes for the right reasons** – While the results of an election may not be a good reason to make changes in your investment portfolio, other factors can certainly lead you to take steps in this direction. For one thing, as you get closer to retirement, you may want to shift some – though certainly not all – of your investment dollars from more growth-oriented vehicles to more conservative ones. Conversely, if you decide, well in advance, that you

might want to retire earlier than you originally thought, you may need to invest more aggressively, being aware of the increased risk involved.

- **Following a long-term strategy** – In pretty much all walks of life, there are no shortcuts to success – and the same is true with investing. You need to follow a long-term strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, and you need the patience and perseverance to keep investing in all markets – up, down and sideways.
- **Avoiding mistakes** – Many people think of an investment mistake as failing to “get in on the ground floor” of some company that ultimately grew to huge proportions. But it’s pretty hard to become an early investor in companies like these, many of which start out as privately held businesses without any stockholders. Furthermore, companies with shorter track records can be much more unpredictable investments. However, you do want to avoid some real mistakes, such as chasing “hot” stocks. By the time you hear about them, they may already be cooling off, and they might not even be appropriate for your needs. Another mistake: failing to diversify your portfolio. If you only own one type of asset, such as growth stocks, you could take a big hit during a market downturn. Spreading your dollars over a wide range of investments can help lower your risk exposure. (However, diversification by itself can’t guarantee a profit or protect against all losses.)

After Election Day, regardless of the outcome, you can help keep your portfolio on track by not playing politics with it.

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## New at Hamilton East Public Library

### The REPORTER

Here are the new library items lists for the week of Feb. 3:

### New Adult Nonfiction Books

1. 999: the extraordinary young women of the first official transport to Auschwitz, by Heather Dune Macadam
2. Bowls: vibrant recipes with endless possibilities, by America’s Test Kitchen
3. eBay for dummies, by Marsha Collier
4. How to stay in love, by James Sexton
5. iPhone for seniors, by Dwight Spivey
6. Mediterranean Instant Pot: easy, inspired meals for eating well
7. Tiny habits: + the small changes that change everything, by B.J. Fogg
8. Decluttering, by Jane Stoller

9. Must know high school basic Spanish, by Jean Yates
10. Fanocracy: turning fans into customers and customers into fans, by David Meerman Scott

### New Adult Fiction Books

1. The secret guests, by Benjamin Black
2. When you see me, by Lisa Gardner
3. The Vanishing, by Jayne Ann Krentz
4. The River murders, by James Patterson
5. Many rivers to cross, by Peter Robinson
6. Moral compass, by Danielle Steel
7. In the shadow of Vesuvius, by Tasha Alexander
8. Westering women, by Sandra Dallas
9. House on fire, by Joseph Finder
10. A longer fall, by Charlaine Harris

### New DVDs

1. Keeping Faith. Series 2
2. Code geass. Hangyaku no Lelouch 1: Koudou the movie
3. Code geass. Hangyaku no Lelouch 2: Handou the movie
4. War
5. Ad astra
6. Bennett’s War
7. Judy
8. The wedding march: Wedding march 2, resorting to love
9. Prophecy
10. Drunk parents

### New Music CDs

1. Africa speaks, Santana
2. ANIMA, Thom Yorke
3. Apollo: atmospheres & soundtracks, Brian Eno
4. Blood, Collective Soul
5. Lieder, Renee Fleming
6. Control: the remixes, Janet Jackson
7. Echo in the canyon:

- original motion picture soundtrack, Jade Castrinos
8. Fear no more, Afters
  9. Game of thrones. Season 8: music from the HBO series, Ramin Djawadi
  10. Gold & grey, Baron-ess

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Letter to the Editor

Coomer “privileged, humbled”  
to be inducted into Hall of Fame

Dear Editor:

On Friday evening, Jan. 31, during halftime of the Noblesville and Hamilton Southeastern basketball game, the Athletics Department on Noblesville High School held its Induction Ceremony for the Noblesville Sports Hall of Fame. I was privileged and humbled to be part of that class. The inductees were Terry Coomer, Betty Heppner, Krissi Meek, Matt Sparks and the 2014 Baseball State Champions.

My wife Kim and I are 1973 graduates of Noblesville High School. We want to thank Assistant Athletic Director, Tony Oilar, and Noblesville High School for all their kindness to us. What a wonderful ceremony!

As I stood out on the floor my mind went back in time to younger days. I thought of several people who helped me as a young boy, coaches Jim Gilliam, Eddie Collins, Ron Fleming, Don Jellison, Phil Shelby, Jim Belden, and Don Dunker. Noblesville has had many great athletes, support people, and great coaches who have made it possible for athletes to do great things. I am also thankful for Southside Park where I first learned to throw a baseball and many hours playing against the older boys who taught me a lot. Also, for Forest Park where the summers and many hours were also spent playing with many teammates which in 1972 culminated in a group of young men from Noblesville winning the 1972 Advanced Babe Ruth Indiana State Championship. We also represented Noblesville in a seven-state champion playoff in Alpena, Mich., where we defeated the Kentucky State Champion. I want to thank my teammates for all the great memories and all our successes. You guys were always great!

It has been a while since we have been “home.” We had a great time reconnecting with classmates, teachers, and friends. Kim and I were glad to see classmates, Jan Brandenburg, Amy Griffin, Rand Woodward and Jeff Zeckel who came out to support the inductees.

Tony Oilar did a wonderful job in coordinating and the plaques were very impressive. I am glad my plaque will be hanging in the “Hall of Fame” for years to come and maybe will be an encouragement to other students in a small way to do well.

While I live far away in Arkansas, I will always be a Miller and Kim and I are so very thankful to have grown up in Noblesville and educated in Noblesville schools.

Kim and I appreciate our friend and classmate former State Representative Kathy Richardson for presenting my Hall of Fame plaque to me. I will always cherish the moment and Kathy’s friendship with Kim and me.

My only regret was my two mentors, former Noblesville High School Baseball Coach Don Dunker and friend of 50 years, Babe Ruth baseball coach, and iconic sports writer Don Jellison were not here to see it, but I am sure they were looking down and smiling upon it!

Again, thank you Noblesville High School, it meant a lot to us. It was a beautiful evening!

**Dr. Terry Coomer**  
*Little Rock, Ark.*



Soil & Water  
annual meeting  
set for Feb. 20

**The REPORTER**

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) announces its annual meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20 at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds in the O.V. Winks building, located at 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

The HCSWCD is continuing the tradition of an evening meeting and a chili supper. The meeting will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. and is free. This year the event will feature various local exhibitors and speaker Melissa Widhalm from Purdue Climate Change Research Center presenting her topic, *Building Resiliency for Tomorrow’s Climate*.

Attendees at the annual meeting will be presented with a summary report of 2019 SWCD activities and a vote will be held to elect a supervisor for the one open position on the SWCD board. The SWCD Board of Supervisors Election Candidate is Jared Kakasuleff. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

Please RSVP by Feb. 14. Online registration is available at [hamiltonswcd.org](http://hamiltonswcd.org) or by calling (317) 773-2181. For more information, contact Hamilton County Soil and Water at [soil.water@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:soil.water@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) or (317) 773-2181.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer wants more info on Carmichael costs

Dear Editor:

Carmel’s Redevelopment Commission executive director recently informed the City Council the \$40 million Hotel Carmichael under construction would cost \$58.5 million due to rising material and labor costs. To cover the shortfall, he said, the Commission unilaterally is dipping into pots of money it has collected.

One of those pots holds the proceeds of a mortgage the Commission has taken out on a building it built and actually paid off.

He neglected to tell the Council how the material and labor cost escalation was affecting all the other projects in which the Commission is investing borrowed money, what the balances are in the pots of cash stashed here and there, what other buildings the Commission owns and can mortgage in the future at what price.

He did point to money-saving steps taken in what was to have been a luxury hotel including but not limited to substituting brick for the stone exterior, replacing the marble lobby floor with a synthetic material and using common shingles instead of slate roofing. So much for luxury.

The city’s hired hotel management firm is now taking reservations beginning in September (the hotel might open in May) and a king-sized bedroom goes for \$119, or just about what other hotels in the area charge.

Recalling the Center for the Performing Arts was to have cost \$17 million but ran \$262 million (and counting), Carmel taxpayers need to fasten their seat belts. Turbulence ahead.

**Bill Shaffer**  
*Carmel*

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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.*

*Acts 2:25-27 (KJV)*

### Marthann Greeman

September 28, 1951 – February 3, 2020

Marthann Greeman, loving mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on February 3, 2020 at the age of 68. Born September 28, 1951 in Noblesville, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Kathleen (Owen) McMurtry.

Marthann graduated from Indiana University in 1983 with a degree in nursing. She worked as a registered nurse at Tipton Hospital for many years prior to going to work at the office of Dr. Vincent Delumpa. Marthann was a wonderful nurse who took her job and the responsibilities that came with it very seriously. She retired from nursing in 2015.

Marthann was a devoted mother. She was always present for her kids' and grandkids' activities, even if she had worked all day. When she wasn't attending her grandkids' events, you could usually find her watching sports on TV. She loved all things Indiana University, especially Hoosier basketball. Cream and Crimson may have taken priority in the winter, but her summers were dedicated to the Cubs and the fall to her beloved Chicago Bears. Marthann was also an avid reader who loved getting lost in a good book. She also enjoyed taking lake trips with her family and getting in a little fishing while she was there.

She will be greatly missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Marthann is survived by her loving husband, Phil Greeman. She and Phil were high school sweethearts and were married on August 31, 1969. They celebrated 50 years of marriage this past August.

Also surviving are her two daughters, Katie Deboy (Jason), Mulberry, Ind., and Lori Barrett (Blaine), Frankfort; six grandchildren, Nolan, Maggie, Avree, Aidan, Anson and Amrin; her brother, William McMurtry (Gayla), Sheridan; and her sister, Kay Yeager (Merlyn), Spencer, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Jeannie and Jane; and one brother, Tom.

A celebration of Marthann's life will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 2 p.m. until the time of service. Pastor Jeremy Turner will be officiating.

Memorial contributions in her honor may be presented to the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association.

### Margaret Rose Curley

September 2, 1952 – January 11, 2020

Margaret Rose Curley, Carmel, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 11, 2020. Margaret was born on September 2, 1952, to John Dennis Curley and Doris Geraldine Richardson Curley.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lebanon. Margaret lived in Thorntown, Ind., where she enjoyed being in the company of her beloved horses, dogs and cats. She was an avid reader of books and was a mentor to her many nieces and nephews.

She has joined in heaven her father, mother, brothers Martin, John, James Leo and her best friend and sister, Elizabeth. Margaret is survived by her brothers Patrick, Michael, Tom and sisters Karen, Mar Joan, Jane and Kathy, and by her many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 319 E. South St., Lebanon.

Donations can be made in her name to the Humane Society for Hamilton County.

### Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5), the Hamilton County Airport Authority will meet in an executive session at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, at the Indianapolis Executive Airport, 11329 E. State Road 32, Zionsville. The purpose of the executive session is to receive information about and interview prospective employees.

The Airport Authority will meet again for the same purpose at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18; and again at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, in the Community Room at Washington Woods Elementary School, 17950 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield.

The Noblesville Common Council Downtown District Committee will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020, in Conference Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.



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## Girls basketball Sectional 8

# Fishers, HSE reach championship game

By RICHIE HALL

**WESTFIELD** - The Class 4A Sectional 8 girls basketball championship game will be a Mudsock rematch.

Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern both advanced to the final after semi-final wins Friday night at Westfield. The third-ranked Tigers won an exciting first semi-final over the host Shamrocks 58-56 on a last-second layin by Katie Burton. In the second game, the No. 5 Royals beat Noblesville 59-42 with an outstanding defensive effort in the middle quarters.

Tonight's game will tip off at 7:30 p.m.

### PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Fishers and Westfield were tied at 56-56 with seconds to go, the result of a Shamrocks comeback in the fourth quarter. Alyssa Crockett had just made two free throws to tie the game, and the Tigers had the ball. Tamia Perryman took the ball across the 10-second line and handed it off to Burton, who rushed in to the lane and laid it in as the clock wound down.

Making the game-winner is something a basketball player dreams of doing. But it never hurts to practice when the moment becomes reality, and Burton was prepared for it.

"Hailey Smith, Olivia Smith and Katie Burton stay after practice almost every day, and they play one on one against each other," said Fishers coach Lauren Votaw. "They have put themselves in those situations. It's a great testament to what hard work will do for you."

"We just play one on one, basically, to get better at our craft around the rim, finishing with contact," said Burton. "We don't play with fouls. We just get better and so when moments like this happen, we know the ball needs to be in one of our hands and just attack it."

Both teams were in attack mode from the start. There were several lead changes in the first quarter, which finished with the Tigers ahead 16-15. Three players from each team made a 3-pointer, with Kaitlynn Feagan's triple putting Fishers in front at the end of the period. Audra

Emmerson had five points for the Tigers in that quarter, with Ava Henson scoring five for the 'Rocks.

Burton took over in the second period, starting it with back-to-back 3s, then making a layin to get Fishers up 24-15. Crockett ended the run with a pair of free throws, but a basket by Olivia Smith and another Burton 3-pointer moved Fishers ahead 29-17.

Westfield responded with an 8-0 run, as Henson nailed two 3-pointers, with an Ashtin DeCraene basket in between. Lydia Stullken's two free throws gave Fishers a 31-25 lead at halftime.

The Tigers stayed in front by a three to eight-point margin in the third quarter. Hailey Smith took over during the last portion of the period, scoring eight points in a span of about two minutes.

A layin from Burton gave Fishers a 47-35 lead in the fourth quarter. Westfield promptly went on a 9-0 run, which included five points from Crockett, to get within 47-44. With two minutes left in the game, Olivia Smith made a pair of free throws, and then it became a contest from the line. Both teams were outstanding, as the Tigers made 9 of 10 and the Shamrocks were 8 of 9.

"Credit to Ginny Smith and her Shamrocks," said Votaw. "I mean, goodness gracious. They would not go away. They're well-coached, they're resilient and they hit free throws. It was a free-throw battle there down the stretch. That was good basketball, both teams knocking them down."

Burton finished the game with 25 points, including three 3-pointers, and pulled four rebounds. Hailey Smith added 10 points. Tamia Perryman collected nine rebounds.

Crockett scored 28 points, with seniors Henson adding 13, including three 3s, and DeCraene scoring 12. Both had four rebounds. Crockett earned a double-double as she also pulled 12 rebounds and handed out five assists.

"I don't have any words for what I feel for what my kids did tonight," said



Reporter photos by Kent Graham

Fishers' Katie Burton (left) scored 25 points for the Tigers, including the game-winning basket, during Friday's Sectional 8 semi-final game between Fishers and host Westfield. At right is the Shamrocks' Alyssa Crockett, who scored 28 points.

Westfield coach Ginny Smith, as her team finished the season 14-11. "They were relentless, they were inspiring, they were gritty, they were tough. They were amazing. We got down 10, 12 points at one point. My team of November or December would have laid down and quit. My kids kept fighting tonight. They believed they could win that basketball game and I think it showed."

Fishers is now 22-1, setting a new school record for season wins.

"They are just such a fun group to coach," said Votaw. "And that's what I was so excited about. I'm excited I get to coach these kids for one more day. And yes, 22 wins is fun and this is a special team, I've said that all year, but they're special because of the way they love each other. It's just so fun to be a part of."

### DEFENSE TAKES OVER

Noblesville started the second semi-final game strong, leading Southeastern 12-7 after the first quarter. Ashlynn Shade scored nine of those points, including a 3-pointer that gave the Miller a 7-5 lead midway through the period.

But the Royals took control in the second quarter, outscoring Noblesville 16-2. Jackie Maulucci got Southeastern within one after hitting a 3-pointer, then a layin moved HSE ahead 13-12. The Royals would not trail again. Lauren Morris made a 3-pointer, then Makayla Hinshaw scored on back-to-back baskets, following that up with a 3.

Shade hit a putback at the end of the quarter, making the halftime score 23-14. The Royals then cruised through the third period, going on a 15-4 run. Ryan Viele helped out with five points, including a triple. Morris and Maulucci also added

3-pointers.

The fourth quarter was mostly free throws. Sydney Parrish made 13 of 18 foul shots in that period, which helped the Royals keep their lead around 15 points. Lydia Self hit a 3-pointer midway through the quarter.

Parrish finished the game with 15 points and also pulled seven rebounds. Maulucci added 12 points and Hinshaw scored 11. Morris had five rebounds, with Self and Viele both collecting four; Viele also had four steals. Southeastern is now 22-2 for the season.

Royals coach Chris Huppenthal said his team did a much better job in the second quarter, and noted that in the third quarter, his team didn't turn the basketball over.

"When you're talking about tournament basketball, you put a team's back to the wall, they're going to come out swinging, they're going to come out fighting," said Royals coach Chris Huppenthal. "That's what Noblesville did. We told our kids every year, Coach Buckley does a great job of getting her kids ready at this time, two years ago they almost upset a Carmel team on Friday night. We knew they were going to be ready. We knew they were going to box-and-1 us. I just don't think we did a very good job of identifying what we needed to identify. But, with all that being said and everything, we're playing tomorrow."

Shade scored 24 points, while Mallory Miller pulled seven rebounds. Anna Kiser had five rebounds for the Millers, who finished 10-13.

"I thought we had a strong year," said Noblesville coach Donna Buckley. "Re-

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Hamilton Southeastern's Ryan Viele scored six points for the Royals in their Sectional 8 semi-final win over Noblesville on Friday.

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Noblesville's Ashlynn Shade scored 24 points for the Millers during their sectional game with Hamilton Southeastern.

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cord-wise, it doesn't really look like that, but Sagarin, I think had us in the top 20 in the state. We're young. We played one of the toughest schedules and it's exciting to know that we bring a lot back next year. The future's really bright. I'm proud of our seniors and what they did for us. Their leadership was amazing. I feel like we're headed in a really positive direction, so it's really exciting."

FISHERS 58, WESTFIELD 56				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Audra Emmerson	2-8	1-3	6	2
Kaitlynn Feagan	2-5	0-3	5	0
Tamia Perryman	1-4	0-1	3	4
Lydia Stullken	0-4	3-4	3	1
Katie Burton	8-16	6-7	25	4
Hailey Smith	4-7	2-4	10	3
Olivia Smith	1-2	4-4	6	3
Katie Howard	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	18-48	16-26	58	18
Fishers 3-point shooting (6-18) Burton 3-6, Emmerson 1-5, Feagan 1-4, Perryman 1-2, H. Smith 0-1.				
Fishers rebounds (21) Perryman 9, Burton 4, Feagan 3, O. Smith 2, Stullken 2, H. Smith 1.				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Olivia Robey	0-2	0-2	0	2
Alyssa Crockett	8-16	10-12	28	2
Ava Henson	5-11	0-0	13	2
Jessica Castor	1-3	0-0	3	4
Ashtin DeCraene	3-5	4-4	12	3
Emily Robinson	0-3	0-0	0	3
Chesney Tebbe	0-1	0-0	0	2
Madi Kerrigan	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	17-41	14-18	56	19
Westfield 3-point shooting (8-18) Henson 3-5, Crockett 2-3, DeCraene 2-3, Castor 1-3, Robinson 0-2, Robey 0-1, Tebbe 0-1.				
Westfield rebounds (30) Crockett 12, Henson 4, DeCraene 4, Tebbe 3, Robinson 2, Castor 2, Robey 1, team 2.				

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 59, NOBLESVILLE 42				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ashlynn Shade	10-21	2-2	24	1
Abby Haley	0-5	1-2	1	4
Mallory Miller	0-1	5-7	5	2
Anna Kiser	0-2	0-0	0	2
Emily Wood	0-1	4-4	4	4
Kailyn Ely	3-4	0-1	6	3
Kaitlyn Shoemaker	0-1	0-0	0	2
Dani Mendez	0-0	2-4	2	3
Totals	13-35	14-20	42	21
Noblesville 3-point shooting (2-10) Shade 2-7, Shoemaker 0-1, Haley 0-1, Miller 0-1.				
Noblesville rebounds (23) Miller 7, Kiser 5, Shade 3, Haley 2, Wood 2, Mendez 1, team 3.				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jackie Maulucci	4-9	2-2	12	1
Makayla Hinshaw	4-7	1-2	11	2
Lauren Morris	2-6	2-2	8	2
Sydney Parrish	1-5	13-18	15	2
Bailee Poore	0-0	0-0	0	1
Lydia Self	1-2	1-2	4	1
Ryan Viele	2-8	1-2	6	2
Olivia Brown	0-0	1-2	1	2
Brin Bair	0-0	0-0	0	0
Riley Makalusky	0-0	2-2	2	0
Bri Baker	0-0	0-0	0	0
Lauren Stewart	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	14-37	23-32	59	13
Southeastern 3-point shooting (8-23) Maulucci 2-5, Morris 2-5, Hinshaw 2-4, Viele 1-6, Self 1-1, Parrish 0-2.				
Southeastern rebounds (25) Parrish 7, Morris 5, Self 4, Viele 4, Maulucci 2, Poore 2, Hinshaw 1.				
Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	12	2	8	20 - 42
Southeastern	7	16	17	19 - 59

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'Blazers upset by Covenant Christian

University's first foray in to Class 2A sectional play came to an abrupt end Friday night, as the second-ranked Trailblazers fell to 14th-ranked Covenant Christian 54-48 at Western Boone.

University struggled to get their offense moving against the battled tested Warriors and fell behind by 13 points entering the fourth quarter. The Trailblazers held Covenant Christian without a fourth quarter field goal and battled back to have a chance to tie the game in the last ten seconds, but a three point attempt was blocked and the Warriors made the last three of their 12 fourth quarter foul shots in the last five seconds to ice the game.

The Blazers were led by their seniors, Maddi Sears and Lindsey Syrek who each had 12 points. Syrek had 10 rebounds and seven blocked shots before fouling out in the closing seconds. Freshman Payton Seay had 10 points, five rebounds and three assists. Kelsey DuBois had nine points and five rebounds.

Trailing 42-29 after the third quarter, University's comeback began with a rebound basket by DuBois and a Syrek field goal. Two Covenant Christian free throws reset the lead at 11 before University scored seven points in less than a minute on field goals by DuBois and Syrek and a three pointer by Sears.

The Blazers hit another offensive lull, not scoring for nearly two minutes while the Warriors added three foul shots. Sierra Hinds scored with 2:45 left then Jordan Patterson stole the ball and made a lay-in and University was within 47-44 with 2:33 left.

Three more Covenant Christian free throws gave the Warriors a 50-44 lead with 1:36 remaining. After a DuBois steal, Sears hit another three pointer for to cut the lead to 50-47. Covenant Christian added a foul shot with 50 seconds

left before Hinds split a pair of foul shots with 38 seconds remaining to bring University within 51-48.

The Blazers defense forced a turnover with 30 seconds remaining. After a timeout with 10.7 seconds remaining, Sears' three point attempt from the right corner was deflected. The Warriors grabbed the rebound and added three more foul shots in the final seconds.

University finishes 22-2 on the season. Covenant Christian improves to 16-8 and advances to play the host Western Boone Stars in Saturday's championship game.

The Warriors won the game at the foul line, making 24 of 26 attempts, including 12 of 17 in the fourth quarter. University was 7 of 9 at the charity stripe for the game.

Syrek ends her University career with 1,812 points, good for third all-time among Hamilton County girls. The New Jersey Institute of Technology recruit finishes with 458 blocked shots, fourth best in Indiana history per the Hickory Husker Record Book of Indiana High School Basketball. Syrek finished with 1,161 career rebounds, good for seventh all time in state history. She made 53.6 percent of her field goals over four years, 10th best in state history. Syrek is University's first NCAA Division I basketball recruit and first Indiana Junior All-Star.

COVENANT CHRISTIAN 54, UNIVERSITY 48				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kelsey DuBois	4-8	1-2	9	4
Sierra Hinds	1-5	1-2	3	2
Lindsey Syrek	6-11	0-0	12	5
Payton Seay	3-4	3-3	10	3
Maddi Sears	4-12	2-2	12	2
Jordan Patterson	1-7	0-0	2	5
Arrion Sherrod	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	19-47	7-9	48	21
Score by Quarters				
University	9	12	8	19 - 48
Covenant	14	15	13	12 - 54
University 3-point shooting (3-16) Sears 2-6, Seay 1-2, Hinds 0-4, Patterson 0-4.				
University rebounds (28) Syrek 10, DuBois 5, DuBois 5, Sears 4, Hinds 4.				

GC falls to Heritage Christian

Guerin Catholic fell to Heritage Christian 68-50 in Friday's semi-finals at Class 3A Sectional 27 at Bishop Chatard.

Heritage was in control from the start, leading 29-12 after the first quarter. The Eagles extended that advantage to 46-26 by halftime. Olivia Labus scored six points for the Golden Eagles in the second period. Heritage Christian then led 59-35 after three quarters.

Labus led the Guerin Catholic scoring with 13 points, while Nicole Cunningham added 10 points, including three 3-pointers. Katie Koger and Delaney Klee both made one 3-pointer.

The Golden Eagles finished their season with a 9-15 record.

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN 68, GUERIN CATHOLIC 50				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Katie Koger	1	3-4	6	0
Aliyah Dorsey	4	0-1	8	2
Nicole Cunningham	3	1-2	10	2
Kathryn Loso	3	0-0	6	1
Olivia Labus	5	3-6	13	1
MT Ford	0	1-2	1	0
Delaney Klee	2	1-2	6	1
Ally Sponhauer	0	0-0	0	0
Caitlyn Sharpe	0	0-1	0	0
Megan Cobb	0	0-0	0	0
Natalie Fernandez	0	0-0	0	0
Mia Thompson	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	18	9-18	50	7
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	12	14	9	15 - 50
Heritage Christian	29	17	13	9 - 68
Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (5) Cunningham 3, Koger 1, Klee 1.				

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Eastern Conference				
Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	38	14	.731	-
Boston	36	15	.706	1.5
Philadelphia	32	21	.604	6.5
Brooklyn	23	27	.460	14.0
New York	16	36	.308	22.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	44	7	.863	-
Indiana	31	21	.596	13.5
Chicago	19	34	.358	26.0
Detroit	19	35	.352	26.5
Cleveland	13	39	.250	31.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	34	17	.667	-
Orlando	22	30	.423	12.5
Washington	18	32	.360	15.5
Charlotte	16	35	.314	18.0
Atlanta	14	39	.264	21.0

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Denver	36	16	.692	-
Utah	33	18	.647	2.5
Oklahoma City	32	20	.615	4.0
Portland	24	29	.453	12.5
Minnesota	15	35	.300	20.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Lakers	38	12	.760	-
L.A. Clippers	36	15	.706	2.5
Phoenix	21	31	.404	18.0
Sacramento	20	31	.392	18.5
Golden State	12	40	.231	27.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	33	19	.635	-
Dallas	31	21	.596	2.0
Memphis	26	26	.500	7.0
San Antonio	22	29	.431	10.5
New Orleans	21	31	.404	12.0

Friday scores	
Philadelphia 119, Memphis 107	Oklahoma City 108, Detroit 101
Washington 119, Dallas 118	Phoenix 127, Houston 91
Boston 112, Atlanta 107	Sacramento 105, Miami 97
Toronto 115, Indiana 106	Utah 117, Portland 114

## Raptors pull away from Pacers again

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS  
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

For the second time in three nights, the Pacers went toe-to-toe with the Toronto Raptors. But once again, Indiana faltered down the stretch, this time going scoreless over three and a half minutes to allow the Raptors (38-14) to pull away for a 115-106 win on Friday night at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

The loss was the fourth straight for Indiana (31-21) and came on the heels of giving up an 11-0 run to close the game in Wednesday's 119-118 loss in Toronto.

Domantas Sabonis had 19 points and 16 rebounds for Indiana and Victor Oladipo added a season-high 15 points on 5-of-11 shooting and four assists, but the Pacers couldn't string together enough stops to stave off the Raptors' offensive attack.

At times it felt like Indiana was playing tennis against a wall, as Toronto answered seemingly every big shot from the Blue & Gold.

Serge Ibaka led the Raptors with 22 points and 10 rebounds, while Fred VanVleet added 20 points and seven assists for the defending NBA champions, who have now won a franchise-record 13 consecutive contests.

"They played well today," Oladipo said. "Credit them. They're a scrappy team. They are scrappy, simple as that, and they play well together. They have a great chemistry. You can tell they've been playing together for a long time."

Starting for the first time at home this season, Oladipo got off to a promising start. The two-time All-Star entered Friday's contest shooting just 24.5 percent in four games since returning from a year-long absence due to a ruptured quad tendon, but he connected on his first three attempts against Toronto.

Oladipo opened the scoring by utilizing a pump fake before side-stepping away from his defender and swishing a 3-pointer. He followed that with a right-handed floater on the next Pacers possession, then blew by his man for a reverse layup a little over a minute later.

Indiana led 27-26 following Malcolm Brogdon's layup with 1:44 left in the first quarter, but the Raptors closed the opening frame with a 10-4 run that included their sixth and seventh 3-pointers of the quarter to take a 36-31 lead into the second.

Toronto led 52-43 with 6:21 left in the third quarter following six straight points from Ibaka. Indiana answered, however, with a 13-4 run to climb back within one. That surge was capped by a memorable sequence where Jeremy Lamb hit a 3-pointer and then T.J. McConnell stole Rondae Hollis-Jefferson's inbounds pass and dished to Oladipo, who raced in from midcourt and converted an acrobatic layup that brought the home crowd to its feet and forced a Raptors timeout.

The Raptors maintained a narrow lead for the remainder of the half, though the Pacers had three chances to take the lead on their final possession of the second quarter.

Myles Turner drove and rose up for what would have been the dunk of the year, but threw it off the back iron. Oladipo corralled the rebound and got the ball back in Turner's hands, but he missed a three. Justin Holiday came down with yet another offensive board and Oladipo had a good look at a mid-range jumper, but that also rimmed out as Indiana headed to halftime trailing, 64-63.

Lamb finally gave Indiana the lead on a layup 1:02 into the third quarter, but the lead would be short-lived, as OG Anunoby put Toronto back in front with a corner three 14 seconds later. The Blue & Gold tied the game on three occasions over the next few minutes before the Raptors surged back ahead with nine unanswered points.

Indiana scored the last five points of the third quarter, holding Toronto scoreless over the final 3:05, to trim the deficit to 87-83 entering the fourth.

Raptors All-Star guard Kyle Lowry exited the game with 2:42 remaining in the third quarter with whiplash and did not return, a significant blow for the visitors. At the time of his injury, Lowry had already accumulated

16 points and 11 assists in 28 minutes.

Nonetheless, the visitors kept Indiana at bay for much of the fourth quarter. Seemingly every time the Pacers strung a bucket or two together, the Raptors would immediately score on the next possession to thwart any thoughts of a rally.

"We didn't do a good job of keeping the ball in front," Pacers head coach Nate McMillan said. "When we had breakdowns on the perimeter, they're penetrating and kicking and they have five guys out there that can shoot the three ball."

Eventually, Terence Davis hit a 3-pointer with 5:16 remaining, then added a putback dunk at 4:39 to extend the Raptors' lead to 109-99.

Oladipo hit one of two free throws with 3:15 left for Indiana's first point since the 6:47 mark, but Pascal Siakam answered with a layup on the other end.

An Oladipo 3-pointer made it 111-103 with 2:45 to play, but another dunk from Davis with 1:46 remaining essentially put the game away for the visitors.

Six Pacers finished the night in double figures. Brogdon tallied 18 points, six rebounds, and eight assists, while fellow starter Lamb added 11 points. McConnell (12 points, six rebounds, seven assists, and two steals) and Justin Holiday (12 points and four boards) also joined the club off the bench.

Davis finished with 17 points on 7-of-11 shooting and eight boards off the bench for Toronto. Anunoby added 16 points and Siakam chipped in 15 points and four boards.

The Pacers won't have long to rest as they return to action on Saturday night, when they host rookie sensation Zion Williamson and the New Orleans Pelicans on the second night of a back-to-back.

"We've just got to stay positive and stay together," Sabonis said. "We can't start pointing fingers at anybody...tomorrow we have another chance to try to get on the right track."

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