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Coroner's annual report...

## Accidental drug overdoses account for 23 deaths last year



Chalfin

By FRED SWIFT

Accidental drug overdoses accounted for 23 deaths in Hamilton County last year, according to Hamilton County Coroner John Chalfin's annual report. These deaths were second only to suicides during 2016. The types of drugs involved included heroin which was at least partially involved in 10 of the cases.

The coroner was called to the scene of 217 deaths during the year, and made reports on another 158 at local hospitals. Of the 375 total, 293 were ruled to be due to natural causes.

There was only one homicide investigated by Chalfin last year. There were 10 traffic fatalities including one pedestrian and one bicycle accident. There were 13 attributed to other types of accidents, mostly falls and drownings.

But, the most common non-natural death involved suicide. Of the 31 cases, 18 were caused by gunshots, and 11 by hanging.

Autopsies were conducted in 104 of the overall cases, and toxicology screens were taken in another 127.

There was not any one time of the year that stands out in the report as particularly deadly. Of the deaths investigated, 209 were males and 166 were females. The average age of the deceased was just short of 64, far under of the average lifespan of the overall population.

## Hello, Hamilton County

### The Reporter

The Reporter is proud to announce the addition of Paul Poteet, your "Hoosier Weather Daddy," to our team!

"I have been fortunate to partner with great brands over the last 38 years of media work, and I'm happy to be working with the Reporter, and saying 'Hello Hamilton County!'" Poteet said.

Paul will be bringing you a weekly video update on events in our county and we've even talked him into forecasting the weather for us . . . not that the last part involved much arm twisting. You just can't beat Poteet when it comes to accurate forecasting. And yes, we will throw in some news too. We are a newspaper, after all.

Poteet's video will appear on the Reporter's "welcome page" (the first page you see each morning when you open your email from the Hamilton County Reporter that contains the link to the newspaper.)

About the opportunity to finally talk about weather and events closer to home, Poteet told The Reporter, "I live in Hamilton County, so this is a forecast I better get right!"

Many of you have noticed we have a new website. Thanks for making it a hit on our first week out of the gate. For the rest of our loyal readers and supporters who are not reading this on our website, come on over to [ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com) and see what is happening in Hamilton County. We will be adding new sections and features in the weeks to come and we welcome your suggestions for making it the website you think of first in Hamilton County news.

In addition to Poteet's video on the Hamilton County Reporter's welcome page, you will find a link to Paul Poteet's own weather website, [www.paulpoteet.com](http://www.paulpoteet.com), and on [ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com), so you can have



Poteet

## Clifford announces campaign for Sheriff

Bill Clifford formally announced his campaign for Sheriff of Hamilton County on Wednesday. Clifford has served Hamilton County for nearly 30 years in law enforcement. The event took place in front of the first Hamilton County Jail symbolizing his commitment to build upon the contributions of prior administrations to the safety and well-being of Hamilton County citizens.

"In the service of others is where I receive a sense of calm," Clifford said. "Whether it be as an officer of the law or as an individual, we can all offer those in need a path to restore their safety and dignity."

Clifford emphasized three key factors for his mission to better the community: addressing the opioid epidemic, understanding the intersection of mental health issues and law enforcement, and holding sex offenders accountable.

"There are good people who, because of a medical condition, become addicted to a pain management solution," Clifford said. "As your next Hamilton County Sheriff, I pledge to you that working with the community to help restore our families and bring a solution to this opiate addiction will be top priority."

With almost nine years of prior experience as a sex crime detective, Clifford knows the importance of championing the rights of the victims. Clifford wants to ensure that offenders follow the law and are held accountable.



Photo provided

Bill Clifford announced his campaign for Sheriff of Hamilton County Wednesday. Clifford has served the county in law enforcement for nearly 30 years.

"Everyone has a right to say no and it is important that the victim understands it is never their fault," Clifford said. "Our message will be clear to offenders—we're watching."

Although Clifford is the first to announce in the race for Sheriff, he understands that more may follow.

"The other candidates, when they choose to announce, will be my friends and they will continue to be my friends," Clifford said. "Members of the Sheriff's department need to spend their time fighting crime, not fighting each other."

## Thinking out of the box

### By MARY SUE ROWLAND

The article is taken from the Hamilton County Business Magazine written by Mike Corbett, editor with permission to rewrite for the Hamilton County Reporter. The article / interview "The Flaw of Attraction" research questions the value of tax incentives for economic development was written by Mike Corbett as an interview with Dr. Michael J. Hicks, Ball State University Economist. Go to the Business Magazine to see the entire article as originally written.

Millions of tax payer dollars are offered up each year to new and existing businesses in order to secure the new construction or to retain the business in the given community. Often Hamilton County communities get into a bidding war as the development community approaches more than one location to get the best deal. It is not unusual for an existing business to say, "We love the



community but we must move on for business opportunity". That is code for what kind of money will make us remain in the community. At hearing that statement the community starts to offer dollars to retain the business. Many times, only a few new employees are guaranteed. Very little is gained by the community and the opportunity to reinvest in the community to help all citizens is lost.

Dr. Michael J. Hicks in a presentation to the Westfield Chamber of Commerce believes these incentives just don't work especially in the long run. It is clear that capital based tax incentives does nothing to induce net employment growth or net business investment. The worst of these are abatements followed by tax increment financing (TIF). These kinds of abatements and TIF, generally move tax revenues away from local government or shifts the cost to other local taxpayers. Only 2% of new employment since 1990, come from relocation of firms. Dr. Hicks also suggests that firms who make their money from the sale of bonds and negotiating abatements are the winners and want to keep the economic

development community coming along in support.

**"It is an unpleasant reality that the fortunes made by bond attorneys plays a bigger role in the deployment of economic development dollars than does the welfare of citizens and communities in Indiana," according to Dr. Hicks.** Most communities do not even track the total dollars given away or the cumulative effect to the city or town. The argument for incentives is that everyone is doing it and how can we attract new business if we (the cities) do not play the game? Dr. Hicks believes in a multi part answer.

- Cities must make themselves a place where people want to move by crafting top flight schools, making their communities safe, offering public spaces where citizens can enjoy themselves. Making their city squares the type of venues that a varied type of recreation and retail business world want to locate.
- There is a viable argument for business attraction to occur at a broad regional





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Indiana State Police participates in Tri-State Human Trafficking Initiative

Troopers and Motor Carrier Inspectors with the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED) of the Indiana State Police joined neighboring states to raise awareness about human trafficking during the week of January 23-27. The Indiana State Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Michigan State Police take the crime of human trafficking seriously and will continue to educate the public and enforce laws that crack down on traffickers.

The goal of the week-long Tri-State Human Trafficking Initiative was to train and educate those in a position to see human trafficking taking place, such as motor vehicle drivers, public transportation companies, rest area attendants and truck stop employees. ISP personnel focused on educating commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers through presentations at company safety meetings, and speaking with drivers and employee’s at rest stops, truck stops and ISP scale facilities across the state.

These individuals can act as the eyes and ears of Indiana’s highways, and by teaching them the signs of human trafficking and how to report it, they are yet another resource to protect humans from trafficking and exploitation.

While no recoveries were reported during the weeklong event, the ISP CVED conducted 20 presentations to over 700 people and distributed over 3,280 window decals, wallet cards and brochures during the events and individual contact with CMV drivers.

“Truckers Against Trafficking is an organization founded by truckers to combat human trafficking across North America. Commercial motor vehicle drivers are in unique position to help law enforcement identify suspected human trafficking as they perform their daily duties across the nation,” said Captain Jon Smithers of the Indiana State Police. “Truck stops and rest parks have historically been utilized by human and sex traffickers and CMV drivers have the opportunity to be the eyes and ears of law enforcement in these locations.”

To report a trafficking tip, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline Resource Center at 888-373-7888 or text BeFree to 233733. The toll free number is available anywhere in the US, 24/7. To learn more about Human Trafficking or request a presentation for your group, business or organization contact the Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division at (317) 615-7373.

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level rather than such duplication of offering dollars for business.

- Spending money on attracting firms to the really fine communities in Hamilton County borders on the absurd. Hamilton County is the fastest growing counties in the US and should do nothing to lure new businesses that ups the cost on current residents and firms who have already invested in the community. Hamilton County is successful because of investments in quality of place, not business attraction.
- The availability of workers is the overwhelming location determinant and has been so for several decades.
- Studies give human capital the strongest edge in attracting and retaining business.

The new game in town is the single paying TIF where a district is created that returns the tax increment back to the single payer instead of within a geographic area for one project. Ball State, LSA, USI and Purdue have all published studies that report the benefits of TIF are much smaller than their costs. TIF and tax abatements pull close to a billion dollars a year out of local government coffers. That is one out of every seven dollars and for most communities and that is more than property tax caps.

**“Make no mistake about it, the need for Hamilton County to have to supplement school funding through property tax referenda is due to the excessive use of TIF and tax abatements”, according to Dr. Hicks. He continues to say, “Development incentives are not a free lunch. It costs real money and lost opportunities to do other things for their communities. All voters should understand this and hold consulting firms, elected official and economic development folks accountable. Building the community first for all the citizens is the goal and business will follow.**

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If you are not yet an email subscriber, sign up and we’ll send you Paul Poteet’s weekly video as well.

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**MEETING NOTICE**

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County E911 Executive Board will be meeting on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. The meeting is held in the Mayor’s Conference Room in Noblesville City Hall, 16 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Noblesville, Indiana. The discussion will be regarding E911 operations.

/s/ Robin M. Mills,  
Hamilton County Auditor

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Alan Max Mullinix

July 3, 1940 - February 6, 2017

Alan Max Mullinix, 75 of Delta, AL passed away Monday February 6, 2017 at RMC Hospital Anniston, AL. He was born July 3, 1940 to Thomas and Dorothy Griffin Mullinix in Indianapolis, IN.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Bailey Mullinix; brothers, Jon, Joe and Dave; sister, Nancy; children, Debbie (Dave) Mullinix Chapman, Kim (Rich) Mullinix Harden, Pam Mullinix Pyle, Max (Brooke) Mullinix, Zack Mullinix, and Christine (Matt) Norton; and twelve grandchildren, Ryan, Tyler, Richard, Brian, Kaylee, Riley, Joann, Joyce, Ally, Austin, James and Carmen.

In addition to his parents, Max was preceded in death by his brothers, Tom and Bob; and sisters, Birdie, Judy and Sue.

A Celebration of Life will be from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at Mustard Seed Gardens, 77 Metsker Lane, Noblesville, IN 46062.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made at [gofundme.com/MaxMullinix](http://gofundme.com/MaxMullinix)



Thomas Bougher

May 25, 1947 - February 6, 2017

Thomas Bougher, 69, of Sheridan, passed away on February 6, 2017 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Thomas was born on May 25, 1947 to the late Clifford Eugene and Dorothy Thelma (Patrick) Bougher in Frankfort, Indiana.

Thomas had a proud and distinguished career in the US Navy retiring with the rank of Yeoman First Class Petty Officer. Thomas served four tours in Vietnam as a PBR riverboat gunner. Thomas was a member of the Frankfort American Legion, Post 12, VFW in Somerset, Kentucky; AMVETS of North Fort Myers, Florida; and Past Commander at the Sheridan American Legion Post 67.

Thomas had many hobbies. He always looked forward to his visits at the Smoke Shop in Frankfort to play cards. Thomas loved fixing things, going to flea markets, camping, riding his motorcycle, and socializing. Thomas never met a stranger.

Thomas cherished his loyal dog, Sony. He thoroughly loved spending time with his beloved wife, Karla (Bray) of 43 years, his children, and grandchildren. Thomas looked forward to attending his children and grandchildren's events throughout the years. He loved wrestling with his great-grandchildren. Thomas leaves behind his loving wife, Karla (Bray) Bougher; their children, Jennifer (Christopher) Zissler of Louisville, KY, Nancy (Ron) Howard of Noblesville, and Megan Bougher of Sheridan, IN. Thomas was a proud grandfather to Theo Buck, Justin (Jessica) Buck, Ashley Buck, Kaila Buck, Amber Buck, Kyle Bougher, Brady Bougher, Evan Wallace and Blake Howard along with nine great-grandchildren. Thomas is survived by his two sisters; Pat (Hillis) Dunn, Mary (Dan) Fitzgerald and several nieces and nephews. Preceding Thomas in death are his two brothers, Danny and George Bougher and sisters, Mildred Saari and Barbara Lashbrook.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 1:00 pm at Fisher Family Funeral Services located at 508 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. in Sheridan. Family and friends are invited to gather from 10:00 am till time of services. Rev. George Cooper will be officiating the services. Burial will immediately follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Thomas's memory to: Sheridan American Legion Post 67, 406 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Sheridan, IN, 46069. Online condolences: [fisherfunerals.com](http://fisherfunerals.com).

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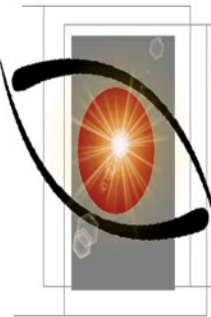
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# Great tips to get in shape and stay in shape

(StatePoint) Losing weight and living a healthier lifestyle top millions of people’s list of goals. Unfortunately, it’s a lot easier to set a goal than it is to actually achieve it, so it’s important to have a game plan if you want to see results. Here are some sustainable tips to help you lose weight and feel great!

**Set Goals Mindfully**

Setting a goal to “lose weight” sounds great, but it is pretty vague. It’s hard to achieve a goal without a specific plan or focus. Remember to think about your health beyond just the number on the scale. Whether it’s deciding to train for a 5k race or choosing to reduce your sugar intake by half, getting specific and setting realistic goals helps you get a clear sense as to whether you were successful.

**Get Hydrated**

One simple way to cut back calories and sugar is to make water your drink of choice. Eliminate high-calorie beverages like juice and soda from your diet. Get started by setting a simple goal of drinking at least five 12-ounce glasses of water a day.

**Sustainable Meal Planning**

A sustainable diet is not about deprivation, it’s about eating nutritious, enjoyable meals. For example, a Mediterranean diet, which focuses on fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean meats and healthy fats like olive oil; often offers better nutrition, better flavors and better results than a fad diet.

In fact, people who followed a Mediterranean diet lost 52 percent more weight than those with a standard low-fat diet says a study published in a peer reviewed journal. Over a period of two



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years, the Mediterranean diet group lost 9.7 pounds while the low fat diet group only lost 6.3 pounds.

**Make Exercise Fun**

Exercise is critical for a healthy body and mind. Whether it’s taking the dog out

for a daily walk, signing up for a dance class or committing to hitting the gym three to four times a week, find a workout routine you love and can commit to so you don’t think of movement and exercise as a chore.

**Seek Support**

Even a well-balanced diet combined with exercise can use extra support. One great program that works in conjunction with a Mediterranean diet is the M3 system by Modere, an innovative weight management system combining credible products with real food and flexible lifestyle behaviors to help users detox.

The plan includes a thermogenic fat-burning supplement taken in the morning, a protein-rich shake for lunch, and an evening fiber drink to help control dinner portions. These statements have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. According to Modere, this product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease.

“The lifestyle-based approach to dieting can mean better and more sustainable results than fads that require you to eat only from limited list of foods,” says Greg Horn, formulator of Modere M3.

The plan also requires you to make key changes that support health and weight management by letting you pick three of the five healthy lifestyle behavior options such as committing to walking 7,500 steps a day, cutting out fried foods and sugary drinks, or avoiding refined flour and white rice. To learn more about how M3 can help you, visit [www.TakeM3.com](http://www.TakeM3.com).

Make now the time you set a goal and stick with it!





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Gymnastics

# Millers win on Senior Night

The Noblesville gymnastics team won its Senior Night meet on Wednesday.

The Millers scored 95.075 points, one of its best results of the season and well ahead of Lafayette Jeff. Harrison also was at the meet, but fielded an incomplete team.

Appropriately, the seniors led the way for Noblesville. Esma Taylor finished second in the all-around with a score of 32.775, and picked up an event win, taking first in the balance beam by scoring 8.725.

"Esma's doing awesome," said Millers coach Jody Ramey. Taylor has been providing consistently high scores for Noblesville despite dealing with back injuries that kept her out of competition all of her junior year.

"Just to have her this season in any way, shape or form competing is fantastic," said Ramey. "It's tough for her to get through practices sometimes. Some days we just have to say, 'Just cool it today,' and the competition's more important."

Taylor also placed second in the floor exercise, with a score of 8.55.

Another senior, Ronnie VanBuskirk, placed second in the uneven bars.

"Ronnie has been very consistent on bars," said Ramey. While the coach said she would like to increase the skill value of some her team's bar routines, she's also aware that sectionals are on the horizon, and consistency is key.

Olivia Mangin scored fourth in the vault with an 8.275, the top Millers score there.

Next up for Noblesville is the Connersville Invitational on Saturday, followed by a dual meet with Franklin Central next Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Flashes' club facility. After that, the Millers will take the next week to prepare for the sectional, which again is at Lafayette Jeff on Saturday, Feb. 25.

**Team scores:** Noblesville 95.075, Lafayette Jeff 89.65, Harrison inc.

**All-around scores:** 2. Esma Taylor 32.775, 4. Ronnie VanBuskirk 30.95, 6. Olivia Mangin 29.35, 7. Ellie VanBuskirk 29.25.

**Vault:** 4. Mangin 8.275, 6. Ellie VanBuskirk 8.25, Taylor 8.20, R. VanBuskirk 8.05, Maddie VanBuskirk 7.925, Kayleigh Sahr 7.80.

**Uneven bars:** 2. R. VanBuskirk 7.875, 4. Grace Kwiatkowski 7.60, 5. Taylor 7.30, 6. M. VanBuskirk 7.10, E. VanBuskirk 6.70, Mangin 6.25.

**Balance beam:** 1. Taylor 8.725, 5. E. VanBuskirk 7.35, 6. R. VanBuskirk 7.125, Mangin 6.90, M. VanBuskirk 6.525, Sydney Anway 5.90.

**Floor exercise:** 2. Taylor 8.55, 4. Mangin 7.925, T5. R. VanBuskirk 7.70; Lauren Murray 7.70, Anway 7.425, E. VanBuskirk 6.95.



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Noblesville senior gymnast Esma Taylor won the balance beam event at the Millers Senior Night meet on Wednesday. Taylor scored an 8.725, a season-high score for her.

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RIGHT: The Noblesville gymnastics team celebrated its six senior athletes and four senior managers at its Wednesday meet.

BELOW: Ronnie VanBuskirk finished second on the uneven bars at Wednesday's meet.

BOTTOM: Olivia Mangin placed fourth for the Millers on the vault.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall



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WRESTLING SEMI-STATE PREVIEW FRIDAY

Be sure to read the Reporter's Friday edition to see a preview of this Saturday's New Castle wrestling semi-state, which will feature 37 Hamilton County athletes competing for a spot in the IHSAA state finals.



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# NBA standings

|                                   |  |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Wednesday's scores                |  | Memphis 110, Phoenix 91         |
| San Antonio 111, Philadelphia 103 |  | Utah 127, New Orleans 94        |
| Cleveland 132, Indiana 117        |  | Minnesota 112, Toronto 109      |
| Washington 114, Brooklyn 110, OT  |  | L.A. Clippers 119, New York 115 |
| Atlanta 117, Denver 106           |  | Golden State 123, Chicago 92    |
| Detroit 121, L.A. Lakers 102      |  | Sacramento 108, Boston 92       |
| Miami 106, Milwaukee 88           |  |                                 |

## Eastern Conference

|                  |          |          |             |           |
|------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>Atlantic</b>  | <b>W</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>PCT.</b> | <b>GB</b> |
| Boston           | 33       | 19       | .635        | -         |
| Toronto          | 32       | 22       | .593        | 2.0       |
| New York         | 22       | 32       | .407        | 12.0      |
| Philadelphia     | 18       | 34       | .346        | 15.0      |
| Brooklyn         | 9        | 44       | .170        | 24.5      |
| <b>Southeast</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>PCT.</b> | <b>GB</b> |
| Washington       | 31       | 21       | .596        | -         |
| Atlanta          | 31       | 22       | .585        | 0.5       |
| Charlotte        | 24       | 28       | .462        | 7.5       |
| Miami            | 23       | 30       | .434        | 8.5       |
| Orlando          | 20       | 34       | .370        | 12.0      |
| <b>Central</b>   | <b>W</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>PCT.</b> | <b>GB</b> |
| Cleveland        | 36       | 15       | .706        | -         |
| Indiana          | 29       | 23       | .558        | 7.5       |
| Chicago          | 26       | 27       | .491        | 11.0      |
| Detroit          | 25       | 28       | .472        | 12.0      |
| Milwaukee        | 22       | 29       | .431        | 14.0      |

## Western Conference

|                  |          |          |             |           |
|------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>Northwest</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>PCT.</b> | <b>GB</b> |
| Utah             | 34       | 19       | .642        | -         |
| Oklahoma City    | 30       | 23       | .566        | 4.0       |
| Denver           | 23       | 29       | .442        | 10.5      |
| Portland         | 23       | 30       | .434        | 11.0      |
| Minnesota        | 20       | 33       | .377        | 14.0      |
| <b>Southwest</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>PCT.</b> | <b>GB</b> |
| San Antonio      | 40       | 12       | .769        | -         |
| Houston          | 38       | 17       | .691        | 3.5       |
| Memphis          | 33       | 22       | .600        | 8.5       |
| New Orleans      | 20       | 32       | .385        | 20.0      |
| Dallas           | 20       | 33       | .377        | 20.5      |
| <b>Pacific</b>   | <b>W</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>PCT.</b> | <b>GB</b> |
| Golden State     | 44       | 8        | .846        | -         |
| L.A. Clippers    | 32       | 21       | .604        | 12.5      |
| Sacramento       | 21       | 32       | .396        | 23.5      |
| L.A. Lakers      | 18       | 37       | .327        | 27.5      |
| Phoenix          | 16       | 37       | .302        | 28.5      |

# Ethan, Evan Heirbrandt sign with Ancilla College



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Ethan and Evan Heirbrandt, Westfield High School seniors, signed letters of intent to play soccer at Ancilla College. Pictured - Front row: Mark Heirbrandt (father) Evan Heirbrandt, Ethan Heirbrandt, Gina Heirbrandt (mother). Back row: Ancilla soccer coach Victor Newberg.

# Cavaliers stop Pacers win streak

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS  
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

Early into Wednesday night's contest, the Pacers looked well on their way to their eighth straight win, opening up a 15-point lead in the first quarter over LeBron James and the Cavaliers.

But the defending champions battled back and seized control with a dominant third quarter and ultimately handed Indiana (29-23) a 132-117 loss at Bankers Life Fieldhouse, snapping the Pacers' longest winning streak of the season. It was the fourth straight win for Cleveland (36-15).

C.J. Miles had a team-high 23 points for Indiana, going 6-for-9 from 3-point range, but he was outdueled by fellow sharpshooter Kyle Korver, who scored 29 points while going 8-for-9 from beyond the arc.

"When I (saw) him make his first one, I knew it was going to be a long night," said Pacers point guard Jeff Teague, who played with Korver for four seasons in Atlanta. "Once his first one goes in, he sees a big rim all night."

Teague (22 points and 14 assists) recorded his 12th double-double in the loss, while Paul George added 22 points, eight

rebounds, and six assists.

Miles got the home team going early, knocking down his first three shots from beyond the 3-point arc in the opening minutes. Shortly thereafter, Indiana opened up a double-digit lead with an 11-0 run midway through the first quarter.

The Blue & Gold's offense was a well-oiled machine throughout the frame, constantly moving the ball to set up wide-open shot after wide-open shot. Another 9-2 run pushed the Pacers' lead to 33-18 with two minutes left in the quarter. Overall, the hosts were 14-for-23 (60.9 percent) from the field and 5-for-8 from 3-point range in the the period and took an 11-point lead into the second.

The Cavaliers managed to climb back into the contest in the second quarter, cutting the deficit to four points on a couple of occasions, but that was the closest they got before halftime. Indiana led 63-57 heading into the break.

The tide turned quickly, however.

The second half got off to an inauspicious start. Kyrie Irving threw an alley-oop to LeBron James on Cleveland's opening possession and DeAndre Liggins then stole

the ensuing inbound pass, scored, drew a foul, and knocked down the free throw to make it a one-point game just seconds into the half.

The Cavs were only getting started. They converted eight of their first nine shots in the third quarter, reeling off 21 points (nine from Irving and six from James) in the first 3:50 to take a 78-72 lead.

The Pacers then went cold at the wrong time, allowing Cleveland to close the period with a 13-3 run, this time with Korver doing the heavy lifting, knocking down a pair of threes and a long two.

All told, the Cavaliers outscored Indiana 40-18 in the third quarter. Cleveland was 13-for-20 from the field (65 percent), 4-for-7 from the 3-point line, and 10-for-10 from the free throw line. The Pacers went just 8-for-23 from the floor (34.8 percent) and didn't attempt a foul shot in the period.

Cleveland still led by 16 with six minutes left in the contest, but Indiana mounted one final charge, scoring nine unanswered points over a 1:16 stretch to trim the deficit back to single digits.

That would be the closest they would get, as James, Irving, and Korver took turns

burying jumpers on the next few possessions to put the game out of reach.

"It's one game," George said after the loss. "We look past this. We played a really good team tonight. We know what beat us and we know the reason why we lost tonight."

Irving matched Korver for high scoring honors, finishing with 29 points on 12-of-22 shooting while also dishing out seven assists. James added 25 points on 9-of-16 shooting to go along with six boards and nine dimes.

Myles Turner and Monta Ellis were the final two Pacers players to score in double figures in the loss. Turner had 16 points and seven rebounds, while Ellis scored 13 points off the bench on 5-of-7 shooting.

The Pacers will now hit the road, traveling to Washington to take on the Wizards on Friday night at 8:00 PM ET. They will return to The Fieldhouse on Saturday to host the Milwaukee Bucks at 7:00 PM.

"If we're serious about where we want to get to, then we'll respond Friday," George said.

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