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TODAY'S WEATHER Today: Mostly sunny. Tonight: Partly cloudy.

HIGH: 47 LOW: 32



Noblesville breaking new ground



Photos provided The City of Noblesville along with owners of Klipsch-Card Athletic Facilities has broken ground on a new \$15 million, 130,000-square-foot youth sports facility. The Finch Creek Park Fieldhouse on Boden Road will include five hardwood courts, 75,000 square feet of indoor turf and a 10,000-square-foot physical therapy office. The Finch Creek Park Fieldhouse will be located on 10 acres within the 203 acres of Finch Creek Park. (Above, from left) Mayor John Ditslear, Mike Klipsch, Council President Megan Councilman Chris Jensen, Wiles. Councilman Wil Hampton, Councilman Rick Taylor, Andy Card and Councilman Greg O'Connor break ground on Finch CreekParkFieldhouse. (Right) Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear (left) congratulates Andy Card (right) after dirt is turned during the groundbreaking of Finch Creek Park Fieldhouse.



HSE's coach suspension still under investigation

I have written in the past about the WTHR 13Investigates series of stories about how the Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) School Board is handling the disclosure (or lack thereof) of the information surrounding



the suspension of Fishers High School teacher and varsity football coach Rick Wimmer. WTHR has broadcast another story on this, which again points to my argument that local school officials need to settle this issue, because reporter Bob Segall is not giving up on this story.

One year ago, the HSE Board approved a consent agenda item, which included a long list of personnel actions. One item on that list was a five-day unpaid suspension for employee number 10042. WTHR asked for the name of that employee and school officials disclosed it was Rick Wimmer.

WTHR 13Investigates calls that a secret suspension. School officials defend this by saying there had been a previous decision to handle public disclosure of all such employee disciplinary actions by using an employee number, not a name. The school board could have been more transparent when that policy was changed. I attend nearly all school board meetings and recall no public discussion of changing this policy. Had the board

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Students exposed to business world in the Husky Fan Shop

By CODY KANTOR

Hamilton Heights High School Student

Little do most people know, Hamilton Heights High School is home to an entirely student-led enterprise known as the Husky Fan Shop. This is surprising and impressive considering the size of Hamilton Heights, but it's made possible by the new and improved business lounge. The Husky Fan Shop provides the community with quality Hamilton Heights Husky Apparel such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, hats and other accessories all designed, produced and sold by students. Some of our most successful new merchandise includes the Husky Bar Logo Line and new Football apparel.

Julie Oelschlager, the head of the Husky Fan Shop, teaches her Ivy Tech-Dual Credit Principles of Business Management class important skills like time management, organization, cooperation and more in order to teach them how to run a small retail business. These skills can also help immensely in all

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The REPORTER

The Sheridan Historical Society has purchased a new museum site at 315 S. Main St. and is remodeling the site for its collections and genealogy services that will provide two-and-a-half times its present space for heritage exhibits and family archive services. The society, founded in 1969, had been gifted its present location at 308 S. Main St., by late industrialist Kenneth Biddle who had used it for an office during retirement. It opened in 1972 and collections assembled were acquired and managed by volunteers.

"In essence, we have a museum that captures pioneer life, artifacts from an Indiana community that expanded from a hill-top log cabin in 1828," detailed Ron Stone, president. "We have a story to be showcased, and that includes our 1908 Black motor buggy and a restored Civil War American flag carried by a Sheridan resident in Tennessee battles."

"Members joined the board and officers to pool funds for the \$40,000 real estate acquisition," explained Stone. "And we have a capital campaign underway. To date, the society, a not-for-profit, 501c3 organization, has attracted a total of \$60,000+. We anticipate \$100,000 in total needs to handle purchase and repairs in the new

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Photo provided Ron Stone, left, president of the Sheridan Historical Society, talks with Jim Pickett, executive director of the Museum.





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facility projected to be open next summer. After years of patchwork and some replacement, we came to a crossroads: if we repaired where we are. we would not be producing enough cost/benefits to justify investment and the expansion of space for exhibits pushed us in this new direction."

MUSEUM -

"In small communities, maintaining heritage is a duty of citizens," Stone pointed out. "Sheridan has a rich history to capture the interest of both former and new residents. The society sponsors many heritage-oriented events every year and we need good headquarters to house such operations. Over the last decade, our membership has grown and we are still attracting new interest so we can actively keep our young people informed."

Parvin Gillim, local architect, produced a working draft of the schematic to guide interior redevelopment of the building a structure which used to be the home of Sheridan's Hippodrome movie theater. Society members are pursuing plans to replace the HVAC system, electrical, front windows and ceiling/insulation. Dedicated spaces can be named for

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a contributor's families or sponsored by corporations and businesses. Museum exhibits offer naming opportunities, including the pioneer kitchen, school displays, and the future. New exhibits are now being considered.

Serving on the society are: Ron Stone, president; Steve Martin. first vice president; Phillip Pearson, second vice president; Connie Pearson, secretary; and Vicki Remsen, secretary. Board of directors include: Wilma Bush. Roberta Huff, Donna Jessup, David Ogle and Ginny Tackitt. Other staff includes Jim Pickett, executive director; Brenda Bush, renewal strategist; Susie Browning, corresponding secretary; Connie Mossburg, historian, and Laura Stapleton-Robbins, membership.

Contributions to the museum project are welcome as well as tax deductible. Those interested in participating should contact Ron Stone at 317-758-5170, by cell at (317) 306-5058, or by email at rmstone@ndwave.com. Checks for the new museum are to be mailed to the Sheridan Historical Societv Inc., 308 S. Main St., Sheridan, IN 46069.



(Standing, from left) Cody Kantor, Michael Cross, and Kate Biggs. (Seated, from left) Madison Bickett and Rachel Howie.

aspects of adult life, better preparing our students for the future. They are primarily taught by being assigned roles in the five distinct departments of the Husky Fan Shop, just like a real business. Being exposed to the business field provides students with the opportunity to see if they would pursue a similar career, but even if they're not interested it still gives an insightful understanding of the business world.

Not only does the enterprise educate students, but it also is important to the community because it brings people together with quality products promoting school spirit. In addition, the Shop often makes donations to local causes, such as the Special Olympics and the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation.

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SUSPENSION

been more up front in their change of this policy when it happened, board members would have a much stronger argument.

WTHR has received two advisory opinions from Luke Britt, the Indiana Public Access Counselor, telling HSE Schools to disclose specific facts surrounding this suspension. So far, HSE school officials have only responded vaguely, pointing to general school policies that were violated.

According to WTHR, an attorney representing HSE Schools has argued in a letter to the television station that disclosing any more facts about this situation would violate federal laws related to the privacy of student records. I am no lawyer, but have dealt with privacy issues in my days working for the federal government. Any names of students could be sanitized and not disclosed in any response that would meet the Indiana Public Counselor's advisory opinion in this case. I am a bit puzzled about that assertion, unless there is something I am not understanding here.

As I mentioned before, not only is the 13Investigates team not giving up on this story, they are continuing to dig into it. As a result of a WTHR Freedom of Information Act request, HSE Schools have disclosed that over \$6,000 in school funds have been paid to a local law firm in order to deal with this Rick Wimmer disclosure issue. That figure is from February to early June of this year.

This situation has already received some attention statewide, but the spotlight will once again be on HSE Schools as State Senator Mike Delph tells WTHR he is introducing a measure to clarify state law on what must be publicly disclosed when school personnel are disciplined. Delph says in the TV interview that his proposal is a direct result of the HSE Schools handling of the Wimmer suspension disclosure.

If the HSE School Board is hoping the whole thing will go away because WTHR will shy away from the legal costs of a court battle, there is news on that front. The TV station is partnering with a nonprofit group, The Reporters Committee For A Free Press, which provides legal help to journalists in situations where the organization chooses to become involved. If this dispute can only be settled in court. this highly-regarded nonprofit organization will be able to provide a lot a legal help to 13Investigates.

I have been following this story for the past year and have written some commentaries about this as well. Why am I so concerned about this situation? Allow me to explain.

This has the potential to cast our local schools in a very bad light. It is already a statewide news story. The involvement of the Reporters Committee For A Free Press, a national organization based in Washington D.C., has the potential to raise the profile of this dispute to the national level.

This is not good news for those of us that have lived in Fishers for many years. We know this is an outstanding school system with outstanding teachers and administrators. My daughters, now adults with college degrees, were educated grades K-12 at HSE Schools. They received a great education that prepared them well for the university experience.

I have a great deal of sympathy for the argument school board members appear to be making that certain employee personnel facts should remain confidential. As a former federal civil servant, I understand that perfectly.

But the law must be considered. The Indiana

Public Counselor has issued not one, but two separate advisory opinions saying facts about this specific situation leading to Wimmer's discipline must be disclosed. Public Counselor Luke Britt even went as far as granting an on-camera interview to WTHR to make his case that HSE Schools must disclose more facts about what led to this disciplinary decision.

If this is not settled, HSE Schools will be in the spotlight not about the high quality of the educational experience students are receiving here. Instead, the story will be about why school officials will not disclose this information and how much money the school board is paying in legal fees to defend this decision.

As someone that loves this community, and believes we have one of the best school systems in the nation here in Fishers, I would hope our school board will take a long look at where they are and how they got here. Let's settle this situation with WTHR now.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the County of Hamilton, Indiana ("Owner") for the new construction of a preengineered metal building storage facility.

Bids will be received at the Hamilton County Auditor's Office located at 33 North 9th Street, Room L21, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 until 1:00 p.m. (local time) on January 12, 2018. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud immediately at the Hamilton County Judicial Center, Commissioner's Courtroom. Bids received after 1:00 p.m. (local time) on that day will be returned unopened.

The project will be constructed using the construction management services of Envoy, Inc., 5723 Birtz Road, Indianapolis, IN 46216 and will be constructed under one unified general contractor contract The contracts will be directly with the Owner. Overall management of the project will be the responsibility of the construction management firm.

Bid Packages:

02.1 General Contractor

Bidders shall enclose with each bid Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (Revised 2013) with Non-Collusion Affidavit attached. A bid security in the form of AIA Document A310 or a certified check, shall accompany the bid. The bid security shall be in the penal amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid, including all additive alternates. Combined bids shall be computed on this basis. The Bid Bond shall be for the largest contract amount that could be awarded the Bidder. Bid security shall be forfeited if bid is withdrawn after closing time on date for receiving bids.

Each successful bidder is required to furnish a satisfactory AIA Document A312 Performance and Payment Bonds (as amended by Owner) from an acceptable surety doing business in the State of Indiana in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the full contract sum, which bond shall remain in effect until one (1) year following the Owner's final settlement with the selected bidder.

The contract documents, including Drawings and Specifications, are on file for public inspection at the offices of the Construction Manager. **Envoy, Inc.**

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The Bid Documents are also available at the office of the Hamilton County	Auditor's Office and in the following plan rooms:
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A pre-bid conference will be held on January 4, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. local time, located at Envoy, Inc., 5723 Birtz Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46216. Attendance by bidders is optional, but recommended, in order to clarify or answer questions concerning the Drawings and Project Manual for the Project.

Award of the contract will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder as provided by I.C. 36-1-12-4; however, the Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive informalities, irregularities, and errors in any bid or the bidding process to the extent permitted by law. This includes the right to extend the date and time for receipt of bids.

In the event that a responsive and responsible bid is not received for a specific category of work or if it is determined that the low bid received is too high, the bid received for that category of work will be rejected and said category will be re-bid or otherwise awarded in accordance with applicable law.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within ninety (90) days after the actual date of the opening thereof as provided by I.C. 36-1-12-6(b). Contracts awarded will be conditioned upon and subject to the successful completion of financing by the Owner in an amount sufficient

to cover the cost of construction, plus all incidental expenses, and will be subject to terminating by the Owner in an another sufficient to cover the cost of construction, plus all incidental expenses, and will be subject to termination, without penalty or liability, at the option of the Owner at any time after the date of execution, in the event the Owner shall determine that financing cannot be completed. The Owner is cognizant of the time limitation for awarding contracts and may give notice to proceed pursuant to I.C. 36-1-12-6. As contracts will be awarded after July, 2015, the wage determination provisions of I.C. 5-16-7 (Common Construction Wage) do not apply to

As contracts will be awarded after July, 2015, the wage determination provisions of I.C. 5-16-7 (Common Construction Wage) do not apply to this project; however, successful bidders shall be required to comply with the provisions of House Enrolled Act 1019 (2015) as further detailed in the contract documents. See Specification Section 00 23 13.

All Contractors and Sub-contractors for City, and or Township Public Work Projects in the state of Indiana with contracts valued at over \$300,000 MUST be pre-qualified through the Public Works Certification Board. Pre-qualification requires submission of an application for review by the Public Works Certification Board members. These applications are available online (www.in.gov/idoa/2486.htm) or by contacting the Certification Board Secretary at (317) 232-3005.

This certification must be in hand prior to performing actual work at the jobsite. Bidders can apply for certification on a monthly basis. You can reference the monthly review schedule by the Public Works Certification Board on their website. Note: Public Work Projects bid or contracted direct to the state of Indiana has a minimum pre-qualification of \$150,000.

All out-of-state corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State, I.C. Title 23. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, Corporation Division, 320 W. Washington Street, Room E018, Indianapolis, IN 46204 - See Specification Section 00 43 00.

This notice and request for bids is dated and published December 16, 2017 and December 23, 2017.

HAMILTON COUNTY AUDITOR

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News

HSE Schools Foundation announces grant winners

By LARRY LANNAN LarryInFishers.com

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The Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools Foundation reviewed \$80,000 in funding requests from local teachers, and announced the winners of those awards at the Wednesday night board meeting.

Below is the listing, as provided by the HSE Schools Foundation.

Kelli Servizzi (BSE) Making Math Child's Play

Student Impact: 250 Fun, intentional, and engaging math experience in preschool matter. For

3- to 5-year-olds, most Creek Community Trail of their learning occurs through opportunities to play. Math can be seen on the playground, during music and movement, in the dramatic play area and at home. Math take-home bags can extend learning and involve families in their children's education. Lori Smith (FCE)

Mobile Learning Lab Student Impact: 625

Students are future artists, mathematicians, scientists, architects, explorers, programmers and specialist of the future. This project creates an innovation lab to add to the related arts.

Julie Vairo (FCE) Fall

Student Impact: 634

This will create an accessible trail in the wooded area behind Fall Creek Elementary. Students will gather for instruction and create a wetlands area with board walk access. Supported by Tri Kappa, Boy Scouts, and Hamilton County Parks Department. This project may be eligible for district matching funds.

Lisa Harvey, Kristen Beinecke, and Susan Galliher (GES) Great **Gator Outdoor Learning** Project

> Student Impact: 800 Student led project to

create an outdoor "excavation" site. Students will experiment with moving soil around to effect the path of water, using collaboration and cooperation. Exploration will continue in the areas of environmental science, process in nature and paleontology. This project may be eligible for district matching funds.

Jamie Howard (HRE) **Beekeepers**

Student Impact: 700

Pollinators are vital to creating and maintaining the habitats and ecosystems that many animals rely on for food and shelter. This student-led, inquiry project encourages students

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to investigate honey bees culminating in the three phases of project work. Study will include developing questions, studying habitat and bee behavior and documenting learning. Lori Mankin (NBE)

Nature's Classroom

Student Impact: 300 Greenspace provides the perfect natural environment for tying together important work in the district. Nature's classroom promotes authentic play, inquiry, collaborative and community-based opportunities aligned with HSE21. This project may be eligible for district matching funds.

Angel Myers (NBE) I Want to Be an Engineer! Student Impact: 25

This project welcomes young learners to the field of engineering. Children will be engaged in collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking. The hands-on experience will help students move through a design process creating a positive first interaction with STEM.

Bryan Alig (SCI) **Shark for Sharks**

Student Impact: 971 A 325 hundred gallon salt water aquarium has been installed for students to student a living environment.

Jennifer Suskovich (SCI) Light My Class with Solar Energy

Student Impact: 110 Student Led Philanthropy Project - Zimmerman Moeller Fund

Students will use solar energy to power the lights in the classroom. Using knowledge of seasonal daylight movement, students will investigate the locations that provided the maximum amount of solar energy.

Amy Knerr and Michelle Bunnell (RSI) We the People

Student Impact: 160 We the People promotes civil competence and responsibility for HSE humanities students. This project brings the famed program to the intermediate level.

Daniel Loomis (FCJH) Treadmill

Student Impact: 800

Regular exercise aids the classroom in that students who regularly exercise perform better academically, sleep better and are sick less often. This project will begin to build a cardio room at Fall Creek Junior High.

Adam Brown (FCJH) **Human Battlegrounds** Student Impact: 125

Students will explore the microbial world of viruses, bacteria, and parasites as well as how they interact with the human body and its defenses. Students will have the chance to grow bacteria, learn how to identify them by real life lab processes and formulate testable hypotheses.

Nick Tschuor (FCJH) **New Digital Media**

Student Impact: 500

This project will facilitate the creation of a digital media class at the junior high level providing authentic classroom demondifferentiation strations. and collaboration with fellow students and educators.

Elizabeth Good (FHS) Project Lead the Way Upgrade

Student Impact: 400

Through problems that engage and challenge, students explore a broad range of engineering topics including mechanisms, the strength of structures and materials and automation. The program's courses engage students in compelling, real-world challenges that help them become better collaborators and thinkers. Students take from the courses in-demand knowledge and skills they will use in high school and for the rest of their lives, on any career path.

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Jennifer Pope (FHS) **Focused Success**

Student Impact: 50 One of the key factors in sustained focus is the need for body movement. This project incorporates the use of standing desks, seating discs and standing pads into the classroom to improve focus and alertness

Janet Chandler (HSE-HS) We the People

Student Impact: 60

We the People and Mock Trial team allow students to immerse themselves in the Constitution, law, government and civics education.

Jagga Rent (HSEHS) **Black Student Union**

Student Impact: 25 to 3400

The goal of the Black Student Union is to celebrate the African American

Meeting Notice

The Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Com-

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David Young (HSE-HS) HSE Student Media

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connections by developing a streaming sports broadas it is a "one and done." casting program. Students This festival approach is designed to encourage will gain hands-on knowledge of mass media, jourinteraction between pernalism, photojournalism, formers and vetted choral newsroom production and experts including Ryan Alwardt, HSE Alumni and broadcast journalism. Deserving of Recogni-Straight No Chaser pertion, but unable to join: former. The experience will

Erin Duros (HRE) Anything you can dream, you can weave

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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betraved into the hands of men: And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry.

Matthew 17:21-23 (KJV)

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Stingy defense, second half surge sends **Millers to HCC win over Shamrocks**

By CRAIG ADKINS

The Noblesville boys basketball team the Millers in the locker was glad to be back on its home floor at The Mill on Friday night, especially after what happened in last Friday's 47-point drubbing at Carmel. The Millers were able to find their way in every opportunity in their 48-27 convincing Hoosier Crossroads Conference win on Friday night over rival Westfield.

Consecutive baskets from juniors Zack Johnson and Eagan Keever-Hill, along with senior Ryan Barnes that jumped Noblesville out to a 6-0 with 5:15 left in the first, forced third-year Westfield head coach Shane Sumpter to call his first timeout to settle only build on. down his Shamrocks.

"I think our first four possessions tonight were turnovers before we even got a shot off. You're not gonna win many games with 17 turnovers and 27 points. Give them credit, their zone was really good tonight and we just didn't execute very well against it," said Sumpter on what his team's loss boiled down to tonight.

Following the timeout, Westfield managed to put some points on the board and trail 13-6 through one quarter.

The Shamrocks made a slight push, but the Millers were able to keep their distance. Ryan Barnes again was able to add four did a really good job of more points to his total with two straight layups. Westfield got a pair of three's from Zach Banks and Camden Simons that helped keep them within striking distance at halftime with Noblesville up 20-14.

"Yeah, it certainly caused a lot of problems with their length," said Westfield head coach Shane Sumpter on the length of Noblesville's defense that gave them problems inside and out all night long.

"I don't think watching them on film or even watching them in person is the same as. They've got a lot of length that cause you the problems, but we just had way too many turnovers," Sumpter continued on the Miller down a pair of three-point bombs from the 2-3 zone giving his team fits.

Something sparked room at halftime and they brought that sense of urgency onto the floor in the third quarter.

Right away, Zack Johnson drained a three from the left corner and Rvan Barnes scored his fifth basket of the night, giving the Millers their first double-digit lead of the night that they would

Camden Simons put Westfield's first two of the third on the board, but that just ignited a 5-0 run by Barnes and before the Shamrocks knew it, Keever-Hill joined the fast-paced quarter with six straight points of his own, including a couple jumpers that made it a 36-20 game at the end of the third.

"We came out and attacking in the third and opened it up," said Noblesville head coach Brian McCauley on his team's ability to springboard their lead

three quarters.

Feeding the hot hand run that widened the gap, pushing Noblesville to the huge home victory.

Junior guard Xavier Hines knocked top of the key to start the fourth and Johnson three's that really opened it up," said



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

from a six-point lead at Noblesville's Ryan Barnes puts up a shot while being guarded by Westfield's Michael Koza during the halftime to 16 through Millers-Shamrocks' game at The Mill on Friday. Noblesville won 48-27; Barnes led all scorers with 15 points.

is what is was about during the Millers' big drove to the bucket for another two and just like that, Noblesville found itself up 46-20, taking Westfield completely out of the Xavier Hines and Zack Johnson both added game.

"Xavier then hit two back-to-back in with eight.

Ryan Barnes led all scorers with a game-high 15 points on seven field goals. 11 points, while Eagan Keever-Hill chipped

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Dec 16, Girls Basketball @ 7:30 pm **HSE at Fishers**



McCauley on his junior guard comfortably nailing two three's that put the game out of reach for the Shamrocks.

On a night when they were able to spread out their scoring, it really was their defense that propelled them to the HCC victory.

The Miller defense was able to force 18 Westfield turnovers. 12 of which were steals and held the visitors to single-digits in each quarter in running away with a 48-27 Hoosier Crossroads Conference win.

"Our defense tonight was really solid. We were active in our defense. I think they had 18 turnovers and we had 12 steals on the night and we had seven deflections," McCauley on the Miller defense dominating Westfield on Friday night.

Westfield (4-3, 0-2 HCC) snaps its three-game winning streak and will look to split their weekend when they host Tipton (6-1) on Saturday night. The Blue Devils edged Lewis Cass 58-56 on Friday.

Junior Zach Banks led Westfield with a team-high 14 points.

Noblesville (4-2, 2-0 HCC) will look to continue their stingy defensive play when they head north to face another Hamilton County rival on Saturday night at Hamilton Heights (3-4), who won at Western 61-36 on Friday.

Noblesville 48, Westfield 27

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Westfield		FG		FT		ΤP	PF
Zach Banks		5-9		1-1		14	1
Josh Van Dyke		0-3		0-0		0	1
Garrett Pollard		0-1		0-0		0	0
Benji Welch		1-3		0-0		2	2
Caleb Welch		0-4		2-2		2	0
Camden Simons	3	2-2		0-0		5	2
Eli Patchett		1-2		0-0		2	0
Michael Koza		0-3		2-2		2	1
Jack Reinoehl		0-0		0-0		0	3
Totals		9-27	,	5-5		27	10
Westfield 3-poin	t sh	nootir	g (4-	14) Ba	nks	3-6,	
Simons 1-1, C. Welch 0-3, B. Welch 0-2, Van							
Dyke 0-1, Pollard 0-1.							
Westfield rebounds (15) Simons 4, C. Welch 2,						2,	
Banks 1, Koza 1	, te	am 7					
Noblesville		FG		FT		TΡ	PF
Jaron Youree		0-1		1-2		1	3
Brendan Fisher		0-0		0-0		0	1
Jordan Schmidt		1-5		0-0		2	0
Riley Vitales		0-2		0-0		0	0
Eagan Keever-H	lill	4-5		0-0		8	1
Zack Johnson		4-8		2-4		11	1
Xavier Hines		3-8		2-2		11	2
Ryan Barnes		7-10)	1-2		15	0
Alex Hancock		0-2		0-0		0	1
Totals		19-4		6-10		48	9
Noblesville 3-po				1-14) H	line	s 3-8	,
Johnson 1-3, Sc							
Noblesville rebo							nes
4, Schmidt 3, Youree 2, Johnson 2, Hines 2,							
Hancock 2, Fisher 1, Vitales 1, team 2.							
Score by Quarte		_	_		_		
Westfield	6	8	6	7 - 2			
Noblesville 1	3	7	16	12 - 4	8		



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Another close Mudsock game...



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

The Hamilton Southeastern boys basketball team held off Fishers 42-38 to win the annual Mudsock game. The Royals are pictured here with Stan Clark, who is representing the Clark family, the sponsors of the Mudsock Trophy.

Southeastern holds on over scrappy Fishers

By RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor There is no such thing as momentum in

a Mudsock game. There certainly wasn't in Friday's Hamilton Southeastern-Fishers boys basketball game, which took place at the Royals' gym. Southeastern, ranked No. 3 in Class 4A, appeared to have pulled away twice during the second half, but the Tigers clawed their way back both times.

Finally, the Royals escaped with a 42-38 victory. The victory keeps Southeastern

now 2-4.

"We've played a challenging schedule," said HSE coach Brian Satterfield. "We have to with our conference and with our sectional. We've got to do that and guys got to be ready to step up. We know that we're going to go through ups and downs are."

There were ups and downs in the first quarter, for sure. Aaron Etherington opened things up for the Royals with a 3-point basket, then Fishers took the lead when



unbeaten for the season at 6-0. Fishers is Willie Jackson scored on a putback and Jeremy Szilagyi drained a 3.

> The Tigers led 7-5 before Etherington pushed HSE back up 9-7 with a pair of baskets. But a Jordan Jones layin finished the quarter, and got Fishers back to even at 9-9.

"It was crazy," said Etherington. "It was throughout the year with as young as we really fun. It was really loud and it's just fun being able to play in front of all those people."

> that led to baskets, and his second-quarter takeaway got back in the hands of Szilagyi, who nailed another 3. That put Fishers ahead 14-12.

> buzzer-beater that gave HSE an 18-14 halftime lead.

The third quarter opened with Brendhan

"You play one possession at a time and I thought we did a good job of not getting emotional when they went up eight," said Tigers coach Matt Moore. "We turned them over, we were able to convert a little bit. We did a much better job when we'd attack the paint, making that extra pass.

'But we left too many shots out there. We had a ton of shots in the lane that we just didn't convert that put us over the top."

The third quarter ended on a basket by Jackson made two steals in the first half the Royals' Chaz Birchfield, which made the score 28-24. The Tigers got to within 30-29 with 5:17 left in the fourth, but then Southeastern took off on an 8-1 run.

Etherington started things with a layin. Then it was Noah Smith time. The Birchfield made two free throws with 3:37 Royals junior took over in the later minutes left, then two more at the 3:06 mark. The of the period, scoring six straight points on run ended in dramatic fashion as Mabor three baskets, the last of which was a Majak made a two-handed dunk - his only points of the game, but they certainly counted. Southeastern was up 38-30 after

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Russom making a layin to get Fishers within 18-16. But Southeastern swung the cut HSE's lead to 38-36. Josiah Matthews game in their favor quickly with back-toback 3-pointers by Etherington and Nick Bowman. Those long-range shots gave HSE a 24-16 lead.

Undaunted, Fishers pushed back, making a 6-0 run to get within 24-22. Terry Hicks helped out with a pair of baskets and Jones scored on a layin.

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The Tigers made one more 6-0 run to hit a 3-pointer to begin the run, then a free throw by Jones and two more by Jackson put Fishers in striking distance with 27.1 seconds left. But the Royals were able to hang on, with Birchfield's putback with around 10 seconds left essentially sealing the game.

'Our guys keep battling through," said Satterfield. "They're playing together and staying together, even through the challenging times and we're finding ways to win."

Southeastern's Etherington led all scorers with 17 points, while Birchfield added 10 points and pulled seven rebounds. Bowman dished out six assists, while Etherington and Majak both blocked two shots.

Szilagyi scored eight points to lead Fishers, and also made five steals. Jackson and Russom both had five rebounds and Hicks made four steals.

The Royals will play another home game on Wednesday, taking on Pendleton Heights. Fishers is back on the road Thursday, traveling to Muncie Central.

Southeastern 42, Fishers 38

Fishers Josiah Matthews Willie Jackson	FG 1-5 1-5		FT 2-2 3-4	TP 5 5	PF 4 2
Jeremy Szilagyi	3-8		0-0	8	1
Brendhan Russom			1-2	5	3
Terry Hicks	3-18	3	0-0	6	3
Alex Szilagyi	1-1		0-0	2	0
Jack Maller	0-0		0-0	0	0
Luke Hernandez	0-0		0-0	0	0
Jordan Jones	3-4		1-2	7	3
Totals	14-4	3	7-10	38	16
Fishers 3-point sho			J. Szila	gyi 2-3,	
Matthews 1-2, Hick			_		
Fishers rebounds (
Jones 4, J. Szilagy		atthe			
Southeastern	FG		FT	TP	PF
Nick Bowman	1-3		3-4	6	1
Chaz Birchfield	3-6		4-7	10	4
Aaron Etherington	7-10)	1-2	17	1
Noah Smith	3-5		1-2	7	2
Mabor Majak	1-3		0-0	2	2
Chris Grubbs	0-2		0-0	0	1
Bradley Beemon	0-1		0-0	0	0
Totals	15-3	80	9-15	42	11
Southeastern 3-poi	nt sho	ooting	g (3-7) E	thering	ton
2-4, Bowman 1-2, I	Beem	on 0-	1.		
Southeastern rebo	unds	(26) E	Birchfield	17,	
Etherington 3, Smith 3, Majak 3, Bowman 1,					
Grubbs 1, team 8.					
Score by Quarters					
Fishers 9	5	10	14 - 38		
Southeastern 9	9	10	14 - 42		

Huskies top Western, remain perfect in conference

Hamilton Heights kept its perfect rebounds and two assists.



Hoosier Conference road game. The Huskies led 13-8 after the first quarter, with Caleb Bean scoring six points. Heights then took a 32-17 lead at

halftime, making four

3-pointers in the

Bean

second period. Freshman Gus Etchison had one of those 3s, part of his seven points in the quarter.

The Huskies kept their long-range shots falling in the third period, with Camron Knott hitting a pair of 3s. Heights totaled four for the quarter, and wound up with 10 overall on its way to the win.

Etchison scored 11 points to lead the Heights scoring, while Michael Cross and Knott each added nine. Tyler Wiltermood grabbed seven rebounds, with AJ Field corralling six and Etchison getting five. Etchison also handed out five assists, with Hudson Hochstedler dishing out four.

Bean finished with eight points, while Max Beale had seven points, three

The Huskies are 2-0 in the Hoosier East record intact on Conference's East division, which ties them Friday, sailing past with Tipton for first place. Overall, Heights Western 61-36 in a is now 3-4. The Huskies host Noblesville tonight.

Heights 61, Western 36

Heights	FG	FT	ΤP	PF		
Sam Wahl	0-0	0-0	0	1		
Max Beale	3-5	0-0	7	3		
Nichael Cross	3-5	2-2	9	2		
Camron Knott	3-5	0-0	9	0		
AJ Field	1-6	2-2	5	3		
Dawson Phifer	0-1	0-0	Õ	Õ		
Brent Pennington	1-1	0-0	3	1		
Grant LePoidevin	1-4	0-0	3	1		
Gus Etchison	4-9	2-4	11	1		
Caleb Bean	4-4	0-0	8	1		
Tyler Wiltermood	0-3	1-2	1	3		
Hudson Hochstedler	1-3	0-0	3	Õ		
Owen Powell	0-0	2-4	2	Õ		
Totals	21-46	9-14	61	16		
Score by Quarters	21.10	0 1 1	01	10		
	2 7-	36				
Heights 13 19 1						
Heights 3-point shoot			H 3_5			
•	0.	,				
Field 1-6, LePoidevin 1-4, Etchison 1-4, Hoch- stedler 1-3, Beale 1-2, Cross 1-1, Pennington						
I-1	, 01055	1-1, FCI	mingt			
) \//iltor	mood 7	Field	6		
leights rebounds (33) Wiltermood 7, Field 6,						

Etchison 5 Bean 4 Beale 3 Powell 3 Hochstedler 2, Cross 1, Knott 1, LePoidevin 1.

Sheridan 49,

Eastern 43

FT

5-6

0-0

2-5

2-3

3-6

0-1

0-0

0-0

12-21

4 - 43

FG 2-4

1-5

1-3

3-6

5-12

2-5

1-5

1-2

12

5

16-42

15 12

Sheridan 3-point shooting (5-14) Hunter 2-3, Waitt 1-4, Delph 1-2, Duke 1-1, Weitzel 0-3, Gnamkey

Sheridan rebounds (24) Delph 6, Burnell 6,

Gnamkey 5, Hunter 2, Duke 2, Waitt 1, Weitzel 1,

14 16 14 - 49

9 13

2 0

49 12

PF 2 0

'Hawks get HHC victory over Eastern

Sheridan

Jack Waitt

Austin Hunter

Drake Delph

Caleb Duke

Nick Burnell

Jesse Kolb

Totals

Eastern

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Sheridan

Sean Weitzel

Score by Quarters

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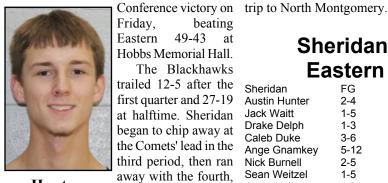
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49-43 at

The Blackhawks

outscoring Eastern 14-

Sheridan picked up a Hoosier Heartland overall. Next up for the 'Hawks is a Tuesday



Hunter

4. Ange Gnamkey led the Blackhawks' scoring with 13 points, also grabbing five rebounds and making five steals. Austin Hunter added 11 points. Drake Delph and Nick Burnell each had six rebounds, with Burnell blocking two shots.

Sheridan is now 2-1 in the HHC and 4-2

Thanks for reading!

McGuinness steps in, helps **Golden Eagles to CCC win**



48-44 Circle City Christian in boys basketball Friday night.

Guerin Catholic (3-3, 1-1 CCC) took the lead 6-5 on a Zach

the third quarter, Heritage Christian (3-3, 0-2 CCC) erupted on a 10-0 run before Luke Godfrey drained a 3-point shot to stop HC momentum. After the Godfrey shot the Golden Eagles methodically built the lead back up 11 points. Andrew Williams, who lead all scorers with 16 points, scored his team's final nine points to get Heritage close at the end

Sophomore Bernie McGuinness scored getting use to the speed of the varsity game 11 points in leading more and more, and his comfort level is Guerin Catholic to a improving," said Smith.

GC shot 51.3 percent (20-of-39) from Conference victory the field, and committed nine turnovers for Heritage the contest. As Smith referred to, Heritage Christian attempted 22 of their 43 shots for the game from 3-point range, and connected on only 37.2 percent (16-of-43). HC finished with only seven turnovers, which kept them close at the end. Six of the Golden Eagles nine turnovers though were in second half and allowed Heritage to cut into the lead.

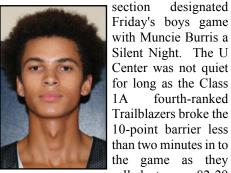
Kian Sills passed out six assists and recorded two steals for Guerin Catholic, However after building a 31-19 lead late in who plays at home Saturday night against Lafayette Jefferson, who's coached by Smith's former assistant, former Noblesville High School assistant Scott Radeker.

Guerin Catholic 48, Heritage Christian 44

Guerin	-	FG		FT	TΡ	PF
Kian Sills		2-6		0-0	4	3
Bernie McGuin	ness	5-7		0-0	11	1
Clay Hepp		2-2		0-0	4	1
Drew Thieme		3-4		0-0	6	0
Zach Munson		3-9		1-3	7	4
Jack Hansen		2-7		4-7	8	0
Luke Godfrey		3-4		0-0	8	0
Totals		20-3	9	5-10	48	9
Score by Quar	ters					
Heritage	7	10	10	17 - 44		
Guerin	11	10	10	17 - 48		
Guerin Catholic	с 3-ро	oint s	hooti	ng (3-11) (Godfr	ey
2-3, McGuinness 1-2, Sills 0-3, Hansen 0-3.						
Guerin Catholic	c rebo	ound	s (30)	Munson 7	10,	
Hansen 10, Sill	ls 3, ⁻	Thien	ne 3,	Hepp 2,		

'Blazers score early, often while beating Burris

designated



Watson

Silent Night. The U 1A Trailblazers broke the 10-point barrier less than two minutes in to the game as they

PAAC North win. University scored

The University Blaze Craze student rebounds along with six points. Eyal Friedman's four points rounded out the scoring.

"We shot the ball very well tonight," said with Muncie Burris a University coach Brandon Lafferman. "It was a nice win to get as we head in to Finals Center was not quiet Week and get ready for a well-coached for long as the Class Seton Catholic team next week at Bankers fourth-ranked Life Fieldhouse.'

University improved to 7-0 (2-0 PAAC North). Burris fell to 1-7 (0-1 PAAC North).

The University boys and girls will each play Seton Catholic at Bankers Life rolled to a 82-29 Fieldhouse on Thursday evening. The girls game tips at 6 p.m. with the boys game to follow. The University boys will then be off opening game of the Vincennes Lincoln McDonald's Holiday Classic against the Eastern Greene Thunderbirds.

McGuinness

Munson basket in the first quarter, and never trailed after that.

"Our defensive effort was good tonight," said CG coach Pete Smith after the game. "We tried to push them out farther on the court in our zones, and we rebounded really well." The Golden Eagles held a 30-19 rebounding edge, with Munson and Jack Hansen each grabbing 10 caroms, all at the defensive end. Normally the team's leading Hansen was out scorer. of practice Thursday with illness, and came off the bench late in the first quarter. McGuinness started in his place and the McGuinness 1, team 1. move worked in GC's favor. "Bernie is



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on their first 12 possessions of the game and until Dec. 29 when they will play the on 16 of 17 first quarter possessions in taking a 33-4 lead after the opening period. Senior Josh Watson had 14 of his game-high 16 points in the opening period. Zack Hodgin, who stuffed the stat sheet with 15 points, five assists and five steals had the silence breaking basket, stealing the ball and scoring a lay-in for an 11-2 Blazers lead with 6:07 left in the quarter. Hodgin had seven first quarter points.

The Trailblazers took a 58-12 lead in to the half, with a late thunderous two handed dunk by Watson off a Hodgin assist highlighting the second quarter effort. University shot a blistering 79 percent in the first half, including making all 17 two-point attempts.

David Howard (13 points) and Sam Mervis (11 points) also reached double figures for the game. Mervis had a team high seven assists as University assisted on 22 of their 32 made baskets.

Quinn Steiner had nine points, Ethan Sickels added eight points and three steals. Friedman 1, Watson 1, Hodgin 1. Foster Flamion had a team high eight

University 82, **Muncie Burris 29**

University	FG	FT	ΤP	PF		
David Howard	4-8	3-4	13	4		
Quinn Steiner	3-6	0-0	9	1		
Ethan Sickels	4-6	0-0	8	1		
Foster Flamion	2-3	2-2	6	2		
Camden Brown	0-1	0-0	0	0		
Eyal Friedman	1-3	2-3	4	1		
Sam Mervis	5-8	0-1	11	2		
Max Greenamoyer	0-2	0-0	0	0		
Josh Watson	7-8	0-0	16	0		
Zack Hodgin	6-6	3-4	15	2		
Totals	32-51	10-14	82	13		
Score by Quarters						
Burris 4	85	12 - 29				
University 33	25 15	9 - 82				
University 3-point s	hooting (8	8-20) Stein	er 3-6	ò,		
Howard 2-4, Watson 2-3, Mervis 1-2, Sickels						
0-2, Greenamoyer 0-2, Flamion 0-1.						
University rebound	s (22) Flar	mion 8, Me	ervis 4	Ι,		
Howard 3, Greenar	nover 2. S	Sickels 1. E	Brown	1.		

'Hounds top North Central, move to first place in MIC



Clark Activity Center.

A fast start propelled the Greyhounds to victory: Carmel led 17-3 after the first quarter. The 'Hounds were ahead 36-18 at halftime and held on to that margin for the second half.

John Michael Mulloy had a solid game, leading the scoring with 19 points and the boards with eight rebounds. Mulloy also handed out four assists. Cole Jenkins added 13 points and dished out five assists, while Andrew Owens scored 10. Luke Heady and Jalen Whack both grabbed five rebounds.

The Greyhounds are 2-0 in the MIC and 4-2 overall. Carmel will be back home in the Eric Clark Activity Center tonight for a huge

Carmel moved itself up to the top of the game: New Albany and superstar Romeo Metropolitan Confer- Langford will be in town. The Bulldogs are ence on Friday by ranked fourth in Class 4A and are 5-1 for beating North Central the season. As of Friday night, about 400 63-48 at the Eric tickets remained for the game.

Carmel 63, North Central 48

Carmel	FG	i	FT	TP	PF		
Cole Jenkins	5-8	3	1-2	13	0		
Luke Heady	0-4	ŀ	6-10	6	2		
Alex Jackson	1-1		1-2	3	0		
Karsten Windlan	1-2	2	2-4	5	1		
Jalen Whack	1-2	2	4-4	6	2		
Andrew Owens	4-1	0	1-1	10	0		
Will Christie	0-0)	0-0	0	0		
Ben Frische	0-0)	1-2	1	0		
Connor Wemhoff	0-0)	0-0	0	0		
John Michael Mulloy	/ 6-7	,	7-13	19	2		
Beau Robbins	0-0)	0-0	0	0		
Totals	18-	-34	23-38	63	7		
Score by Quarters							
Carmel 17	19	13	14 - 63				
North Central 3	15	14	16 - 48				
Carmel 3-point shoo	Carmel 3-point shooting (4-13) Jenkins 2-4,						
Owens 1-5, Windlan 1-2, Heady 0-2.							
Carmel rebounds (2	9) M	lulloy	8, Heady	/ 5, W	hack		
5, Owens 4, Jenkins 3, Jackson 2, Windlan 2.							

Girls basketball

Panthers hand Greyhounds season's first loss

The Carmel girls basketball team lost its first game of the season on Friday, in a No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown at North Central.

The Greyhounds, Class 4A's top-ranked team, fell to the 4A No. 2 Panthers 66-58. Carmel led 15-13 after the first quarter and 32-27 at halftime. But North Central took the lead in the third period, then put the game away with a 23-point fourth quarter.

Tomi Taiwo led the Greyhounds' scoring with 19 points, including five 3pointers. Amy Dilk and Jasmine McWilliams both reached double-double status: Dilk scored 13 points and handed out 11 assists, while McWilliams added 11 points and pulled 10 rebounds. Dilk also had six rebounds.

Carmel is now 13-1 for the season and is 3-1 in the Metropolitan Conference. The 'Hounds are now off until Wednesday. Dec. 27, when it plays 4A No. 7 Bedford North Lawrence in an afternoon home game.

North Central 66, Carmel 58

Carmel		FG		FT	TP	PF
Tomi Taiwo		7-14	1	0-1	19	4
Amy Dilk		3-9		7-7	13	4
Jasmine McWil	liams	5-10)	1-3	11	3
Blake Smith		2-5		2-2	6	4
Reagan Hune		2-7		0-0	4	4
Maddi Sears		1-2		0-0	3	0
Sophie Bair		0-0		0-0	0	0
Mackenzie Woo	bc	0-0		0-0	0	0
Macy Berglund		0-0		0-0	0	2
Unassigned		1-1		0-0	2	2
Totals		21-4	18	10-13	58	23
Score by Quart	ers					
Carmel	15 <i>°</i>	17	9	17 - 48		
North Central	13 <i>°</i>	14	16	23 - 66		
Carmel 3-point	shoot	ina (6-16) Taiwo 5	-12.	

Sears 1-2, Dilk 0-1, Hune 0-1. Carmel rebounds (31) McWilliams 10, Dilk 6, Smith 4, Berglund 3, Taiwo 2, Hune 1, Wood 1,

team 4.

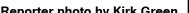


Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Carmel's Jasmine McWilliams takes (and makes) this outside shot after a pass from Tomi Taiwo during the Greyhounds' game with North Central Friday at the Panthers' gym. McWilliams scored 11 points and earned a double-double with 10 rebounds.

Friday night basketball action





NBA standings

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	24	7	.774	-
Toronto	19	8	.704	3.0
New York	15	13	.536	7.5
Philadelphia	14	14	.500	8.5
Brooklyn	11	17	.393	11.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	21	8	.724	-
Milwaukee	15	12	.556	5.0
Detroit	16	13	.552	5.0
Indiana	16	13	.552	5.0
Chicago	8	20	.286	12.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	16	13	.552	-
Miami	14	14	.500	1.5
Orlando	11	19	.367	5.5
Charlotte	10	18	.357	5.5
Atlanta	6	23	.207	10.0

Friday's scores
Miami 104, Charlotte 98
Detroit 104, Indiana 98
Portland 95, Orlando 88
Oklahoma City 119, Philadelphia 117, 3OT
Washington 100 L A Clippers 91

Utah 107, Boston 95 Toronto 120, Brooklyn 87 Memphis 96, Atlanta 94 Chicago 115, Milwaukee 109 Denver 117, New Orleans 111. OT Houston 124, San Antonio 109

Western Conference						
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB		
Minnesota	17	12	.586	-		
Denver	16	13	.552	1.0		
Portland	15	13	.536	1.5		
Oklahoma City	14	14	.500	2.5		
Utah	14	15	.483	3.0		
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB		
Golden State	23	6	.793	-		
L.A. Clippers	11	16	.407	11.0		
L.A. Lakers	10	17	.370	12.0		
Sacramento	9	19	.321	13.5		
Phoenix	9	21	.300	14.5		
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB		
Houston	23	4	.852	-		
San Antonio	19	10	.655	5.0		
New Orleans	15	15	.500	9.5		
Memphis	9	20	.310	15.0		
Dallas	8	21	.276	16.0		

Pacers fall to Detroit despite solid fourth-quarter defense

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS

Courtesy nba.com/pacers Just like they've done all season, the Indiana Pacers scrapped and clawed until the bitter end on Friday night. This time, however, they came up just short.

Despite holding the Pistons to just one field goal over the final nine minutes of regulation, the Pacers (16-13) fell to Detroit (16-13) on Friday night at Bankers Life Fieldhouse, 104-98.

Coupled with Wednesday's loss to Oklahoma City, the Pacers dropped the final two games of a season-long, six-game homestand after winning the first four.

"I said after the game, we've got to stay confident, stay positive, stay aggressive," Victor Oladipo, who scored a game-high 26 points, said after the loss. "Because at the end of the day, we've been in that position before. When we've won, everybody's excited, everybody's happy.

"Now it didn't turn out the way we wanted, but we learn from it, we move on, and we get ready for Sunday (in Brooklyn)."

After trailing by as many as 16 points in the fourth quarter, the Pacers charged back, trimming the deficit to 100-97 on Myles Turner's bucket with 2:58 remaining.

Thaddeus Young hit one of two free throws with 1:34 left to make it a two-point

jumper, the Pacers had a chance to take the back dish from Stephenson. lead when Oladipo drove and found Lance Stephenson open in the corner.

Stephenson couldn't get the shot to fall. Turner corralled the offensive rebound to give the Pacers a second chance, but wound up missing from the right wing after a timeout.

"That's a shot I work, a shot I shoot with confidence," Turner said. "I think I flicked it instead of holding my release. It's one that hurts. I love that moment, I live for that moment, to be the guy to take that last shot."

Jackson came up with the rebound and then knocked down both foul shots to give Detroit a four-point lead with 18.1 seconds remaining.

Andre Drummond blocked Oladipo on the next possession to seal the win for the Pistons over their Central Division rivals.

opening the game 1-for-7 from the field and falling into an early 10-4 hole. They righted but Detroit outscored Indiana 17-8 the rest of the quarter.

Domantas Sabonis gave Indiana a nice spark off the bench in the second quarter. The reserve center scored eight straight points for the Pacers, capping off the sequence with a thunderous dunk on Pistons

game. Then, after Reggie Jackson missed a big man Eric Moreland after a behind-the- points from the free throw line to trim the

Sabonis' strong play sparked a Pacers rally, as the Blue & Gold methodically chipped away at the Pistons' lead, trimming a 14-point deficit down and eventually retaking the lead on Oladipo's 3-pointer with 1:26 remaining in the first half. Detroit moved back in front on Reggie Bullock's corner three with 11.1 seconds left, but Oladipo sank another triple with 0.3 seconds left that gave the hosts a 54-52 advantage at halftime.

with a 7-0 run to move back in front. The Pacers tied the game at 59 on Darren Collison's 3-pointer with 10:01 left in the third quarter, but the Pistons moved back in front on Bullock's layup a minute later and remained in front for the rest of the frame.

Detroit closed the third quarter on a 13-4 The Pacers got off to a sluggish start, run and took an 86-74 lead into the final period.

"Today for whatever reason, we didn't the ship with a 7-0 run to take a brief lead, have the start that we needed (in the third nights for Detroit, who won in Atlanta on quarter) to really step on them," Collison Thursday. Prior to that, the Pistons had said. "We've got to be better. No excuses."

The visitors added to their lead in the opening half of the fourth quarter, pushing the margin to 16 points with 9:03 remaining before the Pacers began their final rally.

The Pacers scored nine unanswered

deficit to 95-88, holding Detroit scoreless for over four minutes. Two free throws by Bullock temporarily stopped the bleeding for the Pistons, but a Young jumper and an Oladipo 3-pointer on the next two Pacers possessions made it 97-93 with 4:07 to play.

Oladipo led all scorers with 26 points, eight rebounds, and four assists. The former Indiana University All-American went just 8-for-22 from the field, though he was 5-for-12 from 3-point range.

Turner added 24 points on 8-of-14 shoot-Detroit, however, opened the second half ing. Young (12 points and eight rebounds), Sabonis (11 points and seven boards), and Collison (10 points and five assists) also scored in double figures, while Stephenson chipped in nine points, eight rebounds, and five assists off the bench.

Drummond led the Pistons with 23 points on 9-of-13 shooting, 13 rebounds (six offensive), and three blocks. Bullock chipped in 15 points in the win.

It was the second road victory in as many dropped seven straight contests.

The Pacers now briefly hit the road, heading to Brooklyn to face the Nets on Sunday before returning to The Fieldhouse to host the Boston Celtics on Monday night.

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