

PENN KINGSMMEN BASKETBALL 2009-10



2009-10 Penn Kingsmen Roster



Name		#	Grade
Allan	Barnes	53	Jr
Jordan	Brady	45	Sr
Chris	Chaffee	23	Sr
Gabe	Frucci	55	So
Alex	Hendershot	35	Sr
Nate	Laidig	15	Jr
Jeff	Laidig	21	So
Eric	Perry	51	Jr
DeSean	Prentice	31	Jr
Brad	Slot	25	Jr
Leo	Svete	33	Fr

Coaches

Al	Rhodes
Steve	Lemme
Joe	Sierzputowski

2009-10 Penn Kingsmen Schedule

Thursday	11/19/2009	Away	LaPorte
Saturday	12/5/2009	Away	Goshen
Friday	12/11/2009	Away	Marian
Saturday	12/12/2009	Home	Fort Wayne South Side
Tuesday	12/15/2009	Away	Niles
Saturday	12/19/2009	Away	Munster
Wednesday	12/23/2009	Home	Carmel
Monday	12/28/2009	Away	NIC Tournament @ Washington
Friday	1/8/2010	Home	Clay
Saturday	1/9/2010	Home	Elkhart Memorial
Friday	1/15/2010	Away	Washington
Thursday	1/21/2010	Away	Northridge
Friday	1/22/2010	Home	S.B. St. Joseph's
Friday	1/29/2010	Away	Riley
Friday	2/5/2010	Home	Elkhart Central
Saturday	2/6/2010	Away	Andean
Thursday	2/11/2010	Away	Mishawaka
Tuesday	2/16/2010	Home	Concord
Friday	2/19/2010	Home	S.B. Adams
Friday	2/26/2010	Home	Glenn
Tuesday	3/2/2010	Away	Sectional—Adams @ S.B. Riley
Friday	3/5/2010	Away	Sectional Semi-Final - S.B. Riley
Saturday	3/6/2010	Away	Sectional Championship - Washington

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Truth Photo By Jennifer Shephard Penn's 2009-2010 varsity players are front row from left: DeSean Prentice, Eric Perry, Jordan Brady, Allan Barnes, Jeffrey Laidig and Brad Slott. Back row from left: Tim Wilson, Quashaun Hunter, Leo Svete, Chris Chaffee, Nate Laidig, and Alex Hendershot.

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Penn working out bugs from a tough season

By MATT KOPSEA *Tribune Staff Writer*

MISHAWAKA — The numbers just didn't add up last year for the Penn High boys basketball team. In addition to ending the season with six straight losses, the Kingsmen (7-14) had 10 setbacks by eight or fewer points, with eight of them being five points or fewer.

"We have to learn to play at a higher level and do a better job of closing out games," said second-year Penn coach Al Rhodes. "We're excited to get back to work because the potential for success is there. Our junior varsity finished 20-0 last year, plus we had a good summer camp and off-season in terms of competition."

Even with the departure of point-guard Tommy Kurth (Valparaiso University), along with wing player Matt Price (concentrate on baseball) and post man Nate Wood (moved), there are still plenty of familiar faces in the fold.

Top returners include senior guard Chris Chaffee (129 points last season), 6-foot-5 senior Jordan Brady (131), and senior post man Alex Hendershot (39), while 6-3 sophomore Jeff Laidig (48) will be counted on to increase his contributions.

"The key for us is getting off to a good start and then being able to sustain that momentum over the course of the game," Rhodes added. "Our success will also depend on our ability to do a better job of rebounding and defending our opponents."

"One of the areas we really need to improve on is our free-throw shooting. Our inability to knock them down in key situations really hurt at times last season. That's why we put on lot of emphasis on getting better."

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Teams new to Penn's schedule since last season. The teams are Fort Wayne South, Munster and Carmel, each game coming by Dec. 23 and each club expected to be strong this season.

6

Indiana All-Stars coached by second-year Penn boss Al Rhodes during his 22-year stay at Warsaw High School.

10

Games that the Penn Kingsmen lost by eight or fewer points last season.

461

Victories for Rhodes during his 28-year Hall of Fame career, an average of 16.5 per season.

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Penn coach Al Rhodes' take

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WHAT ARE THE KEYS TO IMPROVING ON LAST SEASON'S 7-14 RECORD?

"There are three things we must do. We have to play a more disruptive defense. We'll have to shoot better, both from the field and the free throw line, especially in the fourth quarter. And finally, we'll have to use our depth to an advantage."

HOW WILL THE PLAYERS FROM LAST YEAR'S 20-0 JV TEAM FIT IN?

"I think our team depth is as good as any team I've ever had. Players like Nate Laidig, Quashaun Hunter, Eric Perry, DeSean Prentice and Allan Barnes are all battling for playing time. Leo Svete, who is just a freshman, is also right in the mix. These kids will be a huge part of any success we have this season."

HOW IMPORTANT WAS HAVING A FULL YEAR AT PENN?

"With the way the IHSAA limits the preseason, the way you work in the summer is very important. Last year I was hired in (late July) and missed the summer. So working with the kids this summer and watching them get better was huge for us."

WHY ARE YOU REVAMPING THE SCHEDULE?

"My goal is to play a team from the Region, a Fort Wayne school, an Indianapolis school and a North Central Conference team every year. I believe it's important to see all kinds of different styles of play before you hit the state tournament. It also gives your top players good exposure."

CAN THE KINGSMEN CONTEND IN THE NORTHERN INDIANA CONFERENCE?

"I believe the conference is pretty wide open. Washington probably has a slight edge coming into the year, but I do believe we'll be right in the mix."

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By Bob Wellinski La Porte's Emmerson Cooper drives to the basket in a scrimmage on Thursday night versus Penn in Slicer Gym.

High school boys basketball: Penn holds off Goshen

By MATT KOPSEA *Tribune Staff Writer*

GOSHEN — Alex Hendershot didn't have to score a lot to be a hero Saturday night.

The 6-foot-1 senior tallied just two points, but his rebound of a missed free throw with nine seconds left helped Penn escape with a 43-41 win over Goshen in high school basketball action at Redskin Gym.

After Jordan Brady connected on the first of two free throws to give the Kingsmen (1-0) a 42-39 lead, Hendershot proved to be in the right place at the right time to come up with the missed shot. He then dribbled the ball away from the basket before handing off to guard Chris Chaffee, who was fouled with five seconds left.

Chaffee hit one of two from the line to give Penn a four-point cushion.

Jake Speicher hit a layup with one second left to account for the final score as Penn's DeSean Prentice caught the inbound pass as time expired.

"Alex not only made a great play to come up with the rebound, but then had the presence to dribble the ball away from the basket to take off more time," said Penn coach Al Rhodes. "Although we looked a little rough in the way we finished off some plays out there, we did enough good things to come out of here on top tonight."

Despite going 2-of-11 from the field and being guilty of five turnovers, Penn still managed to own a 4-3 lead after the opening period.

Things got much better in the second quarter as Nate Laidig connected for seven of his 12 points to help the Kingsmen build a seemingly comfortable 22-7 halftime cushion.

The first 16 minutes proved to be a nightmare for the Redskins (1-3) as they went scoreless for 13:03 after grabbing a 3-0 lead to start the game. Goshen also went 14:03 without a field goal and missed 13 consecutive shots during this stretch.

"Our defense really set the tone by applying good pressure on them during the first half," added Rhodes about Goshen's 14 turnovers. "We really got after them and did a good job of making them (Goshen) work hard to get whatever they got on the offensive end. The fact we have a deep team (10 players) paid off for us tonight."

Limited to just one basket in the first half, Taylor Kolbus finally got on track after the break by netting 11 of his 19 points in the third quarter to help Goshen pull within seven points heading into the final quarter. The 6-foot-7 senior also tallied a game-high 13 rebounds.

Sophomore Jake Speicher tallied 10 of his 15 points in the fourth period as the Redskins got the deficit down to 40-39 with just under a minute left.

A free throw by Prentice bumped the Penn lead back up to two with 30 seconds left, but Carson Roberts running 10-foot jumper inside the free throw lane with 30 seconds left bounced off the rim and into the hands of Brady.

"We changed up some things in our offensive attack in the second half," said Goshen coach Brian Bechtel. "We made it a priority to try and take the ball more to the basket. We had some guys like Taylor and Jake step up, but the fact we were able to finally knock down some shots also helped.

Chaffee chipped in eight points, while Hendershot hauled down seven boards for Penn.

PENN 43, GOSHEN 41

At Goshen

PENN (43): Nate Laidig 4 3-5 12, Chris Chaffee 2 3-4 8, DeSean Prentice 1 1-2 3, Alex Hendershot 1 0-3 2, Jordan Brady 3 1-2 7, Eric Perry 1 0-0 2, Tim Wilson 0 0-0 0, Leo Svete 1 0-0 3, Allan Barnes 0 2-2 2, Brad Slott 2 0-0 4. TOTALS: 15 10-18 43.

GOSHEN (41): Warren Kay 0 2-2 2, Jake Speicher 6 0-0 15, Carson Roberts 2 0-0 4, Jon Good 0 1-2 1, Taylor Kolbus 5 9-15 19, Louis Kissinger 0 0-0 0, Andrew Litwiller 0 0-0 0, Ryan Getz 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 13 12-19 41.

Penn	4	22	32	43
Goshen	3	7	25	41

3-point goals: Penn 3 (Laidig, Chaffee, Svete), Goshen 3 (Speicher 3). Total fouls: Penn 20, Goshen 15. Shooting: Penn 15-of-38 (39 percent), Goshen 13-of-36 (36 percent). Rebounds: Penn 24 (Hendershot 7), Goshen 31 (Kolbus 13). Turnovers: Penn 13, Goshen 20. J.V. score: Penn 41 (Aaron Brady 12, Quashaun Hunter 11), Goshen 35 (Jesse Good 14). Varsity records: Penn 1-0, Goshen 1-3. Officials: Rich Kraus, Phillip Teusch, Layne Meeks.

Skins can't quite catch Penn

By STU SWARTZ

Goshen News Sports Editor

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— While victory was not achieved Saturday night, improvement was for Goshen High School's boys basketball Redskins — in just one half. Trailing Penn's Kingsmen by 16 points with six minutes to go in the third quarter, the Redskins finally discovered some magic and maybe something to build on for future games.

The Redskins got within one point, but Penn held on for a 43-41 triumph in the GHS home opener. The quintet that clicked for GHS included 6-7 senior Taylor Kolbus, 6-2 sophomore Jake Speicher, 6-1 junior Carson Roberts, 6-2 sophomore Louis Kissinger and 5-10 junior Ryan Getz. Goshen was down 25-8 with 6:00 to go in the third period when the comeback was launched. Kolbus hit a free throw, Speicher scored on a baseline drive and then buried a 3 pointer from the left corner to get the Redskins within 25-15 at the 4:30 mark. After a Penn three-point play, Kolbus canned a 15-footer, Roberts scored on a drive down the middle and Kolbus nailed two free throws for a 28-21 score at 2:09. The Kingsmen led 32-25 going into the final eight minutes and 36-28 with 5:45 to play. Kolbus hit three of four free throws in the next minute and Speicher scored on a rebound to get the Redskins within 36-33 with 4:05 on the clock. Speicher hit a '3' from the right corner and, suddenly, Goshen trailed only 38-36 with 3:29 to go. After a pair of Penn free throws, Kolbus popped in a baseline 10-footer at 1:41 and then stole the ball, giving the Skins a chance to at least tie. Kolbus was fouled at 0:54 and hit one of two free tosses, Penn clinging to a 40-39 lead. The Kingsmen went 1-for-2 on each of three trips to the foul stripe and led 43-39 with 0:05 remaining. Speicher scored on a layup at 0:01 and Penn inbounded the ball for the final second.

GHS coach Brian Bechtel said, "We are struggling to find guys playing together, but did see improvement in the second half. "We could easily have lost this game by 25 points, but I am proud of the spurt our guys put on in the second half to get back in it and have a chance to win.

"Ryan Getz was a real spark off the bench, taking care of the ball and getting our offense flowing. We also changed our offense, trying to attack the basket more. "But, we simply can't start games that poorly."

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Penn holds off late Goshen rally

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By Anthony Anderson - Truth Assistant Sports Editor

GOSHEN -- Penn was aching to get its boys high school basketball season started. Then, after Goshen unleashed a dramatic momentum swing, the Kingsmen couldn't wait to get their first game over.

Becoming the last Indiana area team to open, Penn built a 22-7 halftime lead with some spirited defense, then survived the Redskins' ferocious rally for a 43-41 victory Saturday night.

"It's been kind of an unusual stretch of a lot of scouting. It feels like I've kind of been a Goshen season ticket-holder," Kingsmen coach Al Rhodes said, "but every bit of it was worth it tonight, because they've just improved with every game." Junior guard Nate Laidig scored 12 points and made four of Penn's 11 steals to lead the visitors. Chris Chaffee added eight points, while Jordan Brady collected seven points and seven rebounds.

The Redskins (1-3), playing their home opener, stormed into contention behind senior center Taylor Kolbus, who battled to game highs of 19 points and 15 rebounds to go with three steals, and sophomore Jake Speicher, who poured in all of his 15 points in the second half.

"We're struggling to find the guys who will click together," Goshen coach Brian Bechtel said, "but we easily could've lost this game after that start by 20, 25 points, so I was really proud of that effort in the second half. I thought we had some young guys play with some real moxie out there."

The Kingsmen riddled the Redskins in the opening half with physical, ball-hawking, lane-reading defense. By intermission, Goshen had committed 14 of its 20 turnovers, shot just 2-of-15 from the field and gone a span of 13:03 without a point. "We felt it was important to go after their guards the first half, and I thought our half-court defense set a tone," Rhodes said. "On offense we were very rough in terms of finishing plays. We have a long way to go with our execution, but we are a deep team, and I think that's going to pay dividends in the long run."

"We changed our offense at halftime," Bechtel said of his club's comeback, "got a little more passing to the basket, which allowed us to draw fouls and get to the line more, and it opened up the outside a little. Ryan Getz came in and had a nice floor game, took care of the ball, got it to guys when they were open and the offense flowed better."

Goshen, which trailed from late in the first quarter onward and by a high of 25-9 early in the third quarter, rallied to as close as 40-39 with 54 seconds remaining.

But Alex Hendershot came to the rescue for Penn. With the Kingsmen leading 42-39 at nine seconds left, Hendershot snuck around a block-out on Brady's missed free throw to snare an offensive rebound. He passed the ball to Chaffee, who was fouled with five seconds left and drained a free throw to clinch the outcome. Penn played without promising sophomore Jeff Laidig, who sat out due to tendinitis in both knees. Rhodes said he was hopeful that Laidig would play next week. Summary

PENN 43, GOSHEN 41

Penn -- Jordan Brady 3-6 1-2 7, Alex Hendershot 1-5 0-3 2, DeSean Prentice 1-4 1-2 3, Nate Laidig 4-6 3-5 12, Chris Chaffee 2-7 3-4 8, Eric Perry 1-2 0-0 2, Tim Wilson 0-0 0-0 0, Leo Svete 1-3 0-0 3, Allan Barnes 0-2 2-2 2, Brad Slott 2-3 0-0 4. Totals: 15-38 (.395) 10-18 (.556) 43

Goshen -- Jon Good 0-6 1-2 1, Jake Speicher 6-12 0-0 15, Taylor Kolbus 5-9 9-15 19, Carson Roberts 2-6 0-0 4, Warren Kay 0-0 2-2 2, Andrew Litwiller 0-0 0-0 0, Louis Kissinger 0-1 0-0 0, Ryan Getz 0-1 0-0 0. Totals: 13-35 (.371) 12-19 (.632) 41.

Scoring By Quarters

Penn 4 18 10 11 -- 43

Goshen 3 4 18 16 -- 41

3-point goals: Penn (3-5) -- Laidig 1-1, Chaffee 1-1, Svete 1-3; Goshen (3-10) -- Speicher 3-7, Good 0-3.

Rebounds: Penn (23) -- Brady 7, Hendershot 7, Chaffee 3, Svete 3; Goshen (31) -- Kolbus 15, Speicher 6.

Assists: Penn (11) -- Brady 2, Perry 2, Slott 2; Goshen (5) -- Kissinger 2.

Steals: Penn (12) -- Laidig 4, Brady 2, Prentice 2; Goshen (5) -- Kolbus 3.

Turnovers: Penn 13, Goshen 20.

Total fouls: Penn 20, Goshen 15. Fouled out -- none.

Officials: Rich Kraus, Phil Teusch, Layne Meeks.

Team records: Penn 1-0, Goshen 1-3.

Next: Penn at Marian Friday; DeKalb at Goshen Saturday.

JV score: Penn 41, Goshen 35. Leading scorers: Penn -- Aaron Brady 12, Quashaun Hunter 11, Gabriel Frucci 9;

Goshen -- Jesse Good 14, Ryan Getz 8, Casey Looker 5, Adam Metzler 5. JV records: Penn 1-0, Goshen 1-3.

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High school basketball: Chaffee a leader for Penn

By SCOTT DAVIDSON

Tribune Staff Writer

MISHAWAKA — Penn boys basketball coach Al Rhodes says his team is unselfish.

The Kingsmen proved their mentor right Friday night.

Penn shared the ball and the wealth in posting a 69-53 Northern Indiana Conference win at Marian.

Chris Chaffee popped in 14 points to pace Penn (2-0, 1-0 NIC). Nate Laidig scored 12 and Jordan Brady 10.

Coley Schultheis netted 15 points for Marian (2-2, 0-1).

Penn mixed strong bench play and good ball movement into a winning formula. The Kingsmen got 27 points from their productive players off the pine, led by Eric Perry, and shared the ball for numerous lay-ups. Penn also dominated the glass with a better than 2-1 rebounding edge.

"I thought tonight the most important factor was our press," said Rhodes. "Our goal was to not let them set up in the halfcourt. Our halfcourt defense and our press were good."

Penn took command with strong play in the middle two quarters after a 14-14 deadlock. The Kingsmen used an 8-0 second-quarter run to build a 34-22 halftime lead. Penn's bench outscored Marian's 16-5 in the opening half as Perry and Leo Svete each scored six.

The Kingsmen opened the final half with an 11-3 spurt to stretch the lead to 45-25. Marian made a run to get within a dozen with three minutes left to play, but Penn hit its free throws to seal the win.

"We were assertive offensively and did a good job attacking," Rhodes said. "Our wings hit some open shots and that was good to see. We rebounded strong and I was pleased with that."



Marian coach Tim Barwick thought Penn's physical play was the difference.

"They out-physcaled us," said Barwick, who started four sophomores and a freshman Friday night. "Their physical play sped us up and made the difference. I don't think it was their press. The biggest issue was rebounding on the weakside for us.

"I like that we never quit in that fourth quarter. We forced some turnovers, converted them into points and made a run at them."

PENN (69): Allan Barnes 3 0-0 6, Jordan Brady 3 4-6 10, Chris Chaffee 3 7-9 14, Alex Hendershot 2 0-0 4, Jeff Laidig 1 0-0 2, Nate Laidig 3 4-9 12, Eric Perry 4 1-1 9, DeSean Prentice 1 0-0 2, Brad Slott 1 0-0 2, Leo Svete 2 0-0 6, Tim Wilson 0 2-2 2. TOTALS: 23 18-27 69.

MARIAN (53): Ben Brier 0 2-2 2, Tim Fulnecky 1 0-0 2, Drew Hasler 2 0-0 4, Michael Henry 1 0-0 3, Demetrius Jackson 4 0-1 9, Dylan LeBlanc 1 0-0 3, Robert Mischler 3 2-2 8, Sean Penny 0 0-0 0, Coley Schultheis 6 1-2 15, Brian Vervet 0 0-2 0, Michael Whitfield 1 5-6 7. TOTALS: 19 10-15 53.

Penn	14	34	57	69
Marian	14	22	38	53

3-point goals: Penn 5 (Nate Laidig 2, Svete 2, Chaffee), Marian 5 (Schultheis 2, Henry, Jackson, LeBlanc). Shooting: Penn 23-43, Marian 19-45. Rebounds: Penn 33 (Perry 6), Marian 16 (Jackson 4). Turnovers: Penn 20, Marian 17. Total fouls (fouled out): Penn 19, Marian 23 (Schultheis). Officials: John Brown, Steve Nusbaum, Roger Haeck. Varsity records: Penn 2-0 (1-0 NIC), Marian 2-2 (0-1 NIC).



PENN (69): Allan Barnes 3 0-0 6, Jordan Brady 3 4-6 10, Chris Chaffee 3 7-9 14, Alex Hendershot 2 0-0 4, Jeff Laidig 1 0-0 2, Nate Laidig 3 4-9 12, Eric Perry 4 1-1 9, DeSean Prentice 1 0-0 2, Brad Slott 1 0-0 2, Leo Svete 2 0-0 6, Tim Wilson 0 2-2 2. TOTALS: 23 18-27 69.

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BY KEN FOX

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MISHAWAKA -- Playing a physical brand of basketball has been a trademark for Al Rhodes'-coached teams since the 1980's.

Friday night, a young Marian Knights team got a dose of hard-nosed basketball.

Rhodes' Penn Kingsmen claimed their first Northern Indiana Conference win of the season Friday, topping Marian, 69-53.

"I think Penn's physical play speeded us up mentally and we didn't react to that well," Knights' coach Tim Barwick noted. "I don't think their press hurt us, but they certainly were more physical."

After the teams battled to a 14-14 tie at the end of the first quarter, Rhodes called for a full-court press to start the second stanza.

Penn responded immediately, scoring 11 of the first 13 points of the quarter to take a 25-16 lead and force Barwick to call a timeout. Freshman Leo Svete keyed the run by hitting a pair of 3-pointers.

"I thought Marian was able to get some good shots in the first quarter in the half-court game, so we tried to speed them up with our press," Rhodes said. "I just didn't think

we could afford to let them set up their offense all night."

The Knights were within seven with two minutes to play in the half, but Chris Chaffee hit a layup and a 3-pointer to end the quarter to push the lead to 12 at halftime.

Penn's depth -- all 11 Kingsmen scored -- and a tough man-to-man defense helped propel them to a 22-point lead with five minutes left in the game.

However, with no seniors on the floor, the Knights made a run, outscoring Penn 12-2 in a two minute stretch to cut the lead to 65-53 with 2:43 to play.

But the Kingsmen would ice the game from the free throw line, scoring the final four points from the charity stripe.

"I really liked the way our kids fought and never quit," Barwick said. "Down 22 with four minutes to play it would be easy to just let the clock roll. But to our kids' credit, they didn't let that happen. Chaffee scored 14 points to lead a balanced Penn attack, while Nate Laidig added 12 and Jordan Brady 10. Sophomore guard Coley Schultheis, although slowed by foul trouble, led Marian with 15.



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Laidig lights lamp for 27 in Penn loss

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MISHAWAKA -- Fort Wayne South outscored Penn 34-26 in the middle two quarters Saturday on the way to a 61-45 boys basketball victory.

The Archers (7-1) got 25 points from Raphael Davis.

Pacing the Kingsmen (2-1) was Jeff Laidig with 27, including three 3-pointers.

FW SOUTH 61, PENN 45

South -- Greg Johnson 12, Xavier Easley 0, Dustin Hall 5, Steffen Jackson 9, Teolia Tillis 0, Isaac Fincher 6, John Easley, Jr., B.J. Underwood 4, Rapheal Davis 25. Totals: 21 8-15 61.

Penn -- Allan Barnes 0, Jordan Brady 10, Chris Chaffee 2, Alex Hendershot 2, Jeff Laidig 27, Nate Laidig 0, DeSean Prentice 0, Brad Slott 0, Tim Wilson 0, Eric Perry 4. Totals: 18 6-11 45.

Scoring By Quarters

South 5 19 25 12 -- 61

Penn 10 13 13 9 -- 45

3-point goals: South (11) -- Davis 5, Jackson 3, Johnson, Hall, Fincher; Penn (3) -- J. Laidig 3.

Total fouls: Penn 13, South 10. Fouled out -- none.

Team records: South 7-1, Penn 2-1.

Next: Penn at Niles Tuesday; South at FW Dwenger Friday.

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Boys Basketball Scoreboard

F.W. SOUTH 61, PENN 45

At Mishawaka

F.W. SOUTH (61): Greg Johnson 12, Xavier Easley 0, Dustin Hall 5, Steffen Jackson 9, Teolia Tillis 0, Isaac Fincher 6, John Easley, Jr., B.J. Underwood 4, Rapheal Davis 25. TOTALS: 21 8-15 61.

PENN (45): Allan Barnes 0, Jordan Brady 10, Chris Chaffee 2, Alex Hendershot 2, Jeff Laidig 27, Nate Laidig 0, DeSean Prentice 0, Brad Slott 0, Tim Wilson 0, Eric Perry 4. TOTALS: 18 6-11 45.

F.W. South	5	24	49	61
Penn	10	23	36	45

3-point goals: South 11 (Davis 5, Jackson 3, Johnson, Hall, Fincher), Penn 3 (J. Laidig 3). Total fouls: Penn 13, South 10. Varsity records: South 7-1, Penn 2-1.

High school boys basketball: Garner lifts Niles past Penn

A quick start helps Niles roll past Kingsmen.

By **MATT KOPSEA**

Tribune Staff Writer

NILES — David Garner found the driving condition inside the Niles gymnasium to his liking Tuesday night.

HS BOYS BASKETBALL

Niles 70, Penn 59

The senior forward scored 12 of his game-high 18 points in the first half, helping Niles roll to a 70-59 victory over Penn in high school basketball action.

Sophomore Matthew McLaughlin had eight of his 13 points in the opening half as the Vikings (2-1) shot 59 percent (13-of-22) from the floor to build a 36-19 halftime cushion.

"We shot the ball poorly in our first game (a 47-46 loss to Battle Creek Lakeview) and only did a little better against St. Joseph (a 64-44 win)," said Niles coach Todd Pawielski. "That's why we put an emphasis on coming out strong and try to attack the basket right from the start. I thought we accomplished this very well and also did a good job of causing them problems with our full-court defense."

The Kingsmen (2-2) scored the contest's first point on a Nate Laidig free throw. It was the only lead for the visitors.



In addition to hitting just 6-of-25 shots from the floor in the opening half, Penn was guilty of 22 total turnovers.

"We had very poor execution in the first half and allowed them to have too many easy looks at the basket," said coach Al Rhodes. "Our decision making was very poor, but what disappointed me the most was the fact we were outplayed and outhustled."



Down by as many as 21 points, the Kingsmen bounced back late in the third quarter with the help of a 10-2 spurt that cut the deficit to 46-38.

A Myles Busby basket in the closing seconds of the period started the Vikings on a 9-1 run to build the margin back to 16 points early in the final stanza.

Busby scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half, including 9-of-10 from the free-throw line.

Niles hit 16-of-19 from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter and 25-of-34 for the game.

"Although we let things get away from us a little bit there in the second half, we came up with the big stops when we needed to," Pawielski said. "The nice thing about this team is we've got a deep bench and guys that do a good job of handling the ball in pressure situations."

Austin Parks added 14 points for the Vikings, who host Benton Harbor Friday.

"We did a much better job of attacking in the second half, but we still

were guilty of too many turnovers (13)," Rhodes said. "For us to get better, our guards need to make better decision and our post men need to get tougher."

Jordan Brady had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Jeff Laidig added 13 points for the Kingsmen, who travel Saturday to Munster.

PENN (59): Allan Barnes 1 0-0 2, Jordan Brady 6 1-2 13, Chris Chaffee 1 5-6 7, Alex Hendershot 3 3-4 9, Jeff Laidig 4 5-6 13, Nate Laidig 3 1-2 9, Eric Perry 1 0-2 2, DeSean Prentice 0 0-0 0, Brad Slott 0 0-0 0, Leo Svete 1 2-2 4, Tim Wilson 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 20 17-24 59.

NILES (70): David Garner 7 4-7 18, Myles Busby 4 9-11 17, Matthew McLaughlin 4 2-3 13, Austin Parks 5 4-4 14, Jordan Potthoff 0 0-0 0, Mitch Peterek 1 4-5 6, Quinton Irby 0 0-0 0, Riley Robson 0 0-0 0, Nate Lucero 0 2-4 2, Zach Prenkert 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 21 25-34 70.

Penn	8	19	38	59
Niles	17	36	48	70

3-point goals: Penn 2 (N. Laidig 2), Niles 3 (McLaughlin 3). Total fouls (fouled out): Penn 26 (N. Laidig, Hendershot), Niles 19. Shooting: Penn 20-of-53 (38 percent), Niles 21-of-38 (55 percent). Rebounds: Penn 33 (Brady 10), Niles 27 (Busby 7). Turnovers: Penn 22, Niles 19. JV score: Niles 54 (Taylor Campbell 18, Logan Harpenau 17), Penn 53 (Leo Svete 13, Gabe Frucci 11). Varsity records: Penn 2-2, Niles 2-1. Officials: George Friday, Brian Hall, Johnny Lee.



Prep: Boys Basketball — Penn can't overcome big hole in road loss

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NILES, Mich. -- Penn fell into a 36-19 hole by halftime and couldn't recover on its way to a 70-59 road loss to the Niles Vikings.

David Garner scored 18 points and Myles Busby 17 to lead four Vikes (2-1) in double figures.

Jordan Brady and Jeff Laidig tallied 13 each for the Kingsmen (2-2), who shot 38 percent from the field to Niles' 55 percent.

NILES (MICH.) 70, PENN 59

Penn -- Allan Barnes 1 0-0 2, Jordan Brady 6 1-2 13, Chris Chaffee 1 5-6 7, Alex Hendershot 3 3-4 9, Jeff Laidig 4 5-6 13, Nate Laidig 3 1-2 9, Eirc Perr 1 0-2 2, DeSean Prentice 0 0-0 0, Brad Slott 0 0-0 0, Leo Svete 1 2-2 4, Tim Wilson 0 0-0 0 Totals: 20 17-24 59.

Niles -- David Garner 7 4-7 18, Myles Busby 4 9-11 17, Matthew McLaughlin 4 2-3 13, Austin Parks 5 4-4 14, Jordan Potthoff 0 0-0 0, Mitch Peterek 1 4-5 6, Quinton Irby 0 0-0 0, Riley Robson 0 0-0 0, Nate Lucero 0 2-4 2, Zach Prenkert 0 0-0 0 Totals: 21 25-34 70.

Scoring By Quarters

Penn 8 11 19 21 -- 59

Niles 17 19 12 22 -- 70

3-point goals: Penn (2) -- N.Ladig 2; Niles (3) -- McLaughlin 3.

Rebounds: Penn (33) -- Brady 10; Niles (27) -- Busby 7.

Turnovers: Penn 22, Niles 19.

Total fouls: Penn 26, Niles 19. Fouled out -- N.Laidig, Hendershot.

Team records: Penn 2-2, Niles 2-1.

Next: Penn at Munster Saturday, 6:30 p.m. JV start ET.

JV score: Niles 54, Penn 53. Leading scorers: Niles -- Taylor Campbell 18, Logan Harpenau 17; Penn -- Leo Svete 13, Gabe Frucci 11.

Niles Daily Star

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Niles knocks off Penn to improve to 2-1 Posted 1 hour, 56 minutes ago at 10:08 am.

Niles' Austin Parks heads up the floor against Penn Tuesday night. The Vikings improved to 2-1 with a win over the Kingsmen. (Daily Star photo/AMELIO RODRIGUEZ)

By AMELIO RODRIGUEZ

Niles Daily Star

Myles Busby scored nine of his 17 points in the fourth period, all from the charity stripe, to help the Niles Vikings boys' varsity basketball team to a big, non-conference win against the Penn Kingsmen.

The Kingsmen, with a record of 2-1 came across the state line to face Niles (1-1) trying to improve their record to 3-1 on the season. However, the hosts from the North had other plans for their out of state opponent.



Niles jumped out early with solid defense, precise shooting, and a whole lot of hustle.

"I thought we came out and played like we were supposed to, we guarded people pretty well full court, we shot the ball well tonight. We didn't really run good offense, but we shot the ball well tonight, and we built just enough lead to hang on," said Niles coach Todd Pawielski, when asked about his teams play in the first half. The Vikings had a 17-8 lead after the first stanza, led by David Garner's eight points, Mitchell Peterek's four and solid defense by Matt McLaughlin and Austin Parks.

The second frame was much of the same with Niles building to a 36-19 halftime lead, behind a great defensive effort that led to some great scoring opportunities.

The hosts capitalized on the majority of those scoring opportunities in the first half with Garner notching 12 of his team-high 18 before the break, while guards McLaughlin and Parks pitched in with eight and six respectively.

The visiting Kingsmen came out of the locker room determined to get themselves back into the game, and that they did. By the end of the third period they had trimmed the Niles lead down to 10 points, at 48-38.

"I thought we scored enough points in the third quarter, we just stopped guarding and rebounding a little bit. Penn came out pretty energized and physical, they did a nice job of getting themselves back into the game," commented Pawielski about the second half. "They took David (Garner) away from some of the things that we like to do, but I think he had 17 points tonight, and if that is an off night, then we'll take it."

With a double-digit lead heading into the final period, the Vikings were about to find out how well they could shoot free throws. On this night they stepped up to the charity stripe and knocked them down when they mattered the most.

"Myles Busby was really solid for us tonight, he did a great job of hitting his free throws tonight, and he had five

rebounds, he did a real nice job tonight,” Pawielski noted.

The sophomore led the hosts hitting for nine of the team’s 16 free throws in the final period. The Vikings had a balanced attack tonight with six players getting on the scoreboard, and four of those six in double digits. Garner led all scorers with 18, followed by Busby with 17, Parks with 14, McLaughlin with 13, Peterek with six and Lucero with two.

Niles advances to 2-1 on the season and will host the Benton Harbor Tigers on Friday night. The visitors were led by Jordan Brady and Jeffrey Laidig with 13 apiece, Nathan Laidig with 11.

PENN 59

Allan Barnes 1 0-0 2, Jordan Brady 6 1-2 13, Chris Chaffee 1 5-6 7, Alex Hendershot 3 3-4 9, Jeff Laidig 4 5-6 13, Nate Laidig 3 1-2 9, Eric Perry 1 0-2 2, DeSean Prentice 0 0-0 0, Brad Slott 0 0-0 0, Leo Svete 1 2-2 4, Tim Wilson 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 20 17-24 59

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David Garner 7 4-7 18, Myles Busby 4 9-11 17, Matthew McLaughlin 4 2-3 13, Austin Parks 5 4-4 14, Jordan Potthoff 0 0-0 0, Mitch Peterek 1 4-5 6, Quinton Irby 0 0-0 0, Riley Robson 0 0-0 0, Nate Lucero 0 2-4 2, Zach Prekert 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 21 25-34 70

Penn 8 19 38 59

Niles 17 36 48 70

3-point goals: Penn 2 (N. Laidig 2), Niles 3 (McLaughlin 3). Total fouls: Penn 26, Niles 19. Fouled out: N. Laidig (P), Hendershot (P), Varsity records: Penn 2-2, Niles 2-1. JV score: Niles 54 (Taylor Campbell 18, Logan Harpenau 17), Penn 53 (Leo Svete 13)





Start helps Munster finish off Penn

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MUNSTER -- Munster jumped out to a 13-1 lead after one quarter and went on to post a 40-25 boys basketball victory Saturday against Penn.

Justin Gill led the Mustangs (5-0) with nine points.
Leo Svete's seven points paced Penn (2-3).

MUNSTER 40, PENN 25

Penn -- Jeffrey Laidig 3, Christopher Chaffee 1, Desean Prentice 4, Leo Svete 7, Alexander Hendershot 5, Eric Perry 3, Allan Barnes 2. Totals: 9 7-11 25.

Munster -- Joe Crisman 7, Kyle Ritz 7, Justin Gill 9, Ricky Carbajal 6, Nick Pellar 4, Josh Lukoshus 1, Zach Vega 6. Totals: 12 14-19 40.

Scoring By Quarters
Penn 1 6 4 14 -- 25
Munster 13 8 5 14 -- 40

3-point goals: Penn (0); Munster (2) -- Gill, Ritz.

Total fouls: Penn 16, Munster 14.

Team records: Munster 5-0, Penn 2-3.

Next: Munster vs. Indianapolis Cathedral at Indianapolis Howe Tuesday; Carmel at Penn Wednesday.

JV score: Munster 38, Penn 26.

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Strong start by Munster too much for Kingsmen

MUNSTER, Ind. — The Penn Kingsmen learned a lesson in boys basketball at the hands of No. 7 (Class 4-A) Munster.

The lesson?

Don't fall behind early on the road.

The Mustangs started the game with a 13-0 run and the deficit was too much for the Kingsmen to overcome in a 40-25 loss in non-conference action.

Seven players scored for Munster (5-0), led by Justin Gill with nine, and Leo Svete scored seven in the loss for Penn (2-3).

MUNSTER 40, PENN 25

PENN (25): Allan Barnes 2, Jordan Brady 0, Chris Chaffee 1, Alex Hendershot 5, Jeff Laidig 3, Nate Laidig 0, Eric Perry 3, DeSean Prentice 4, Brad Slott 0, Leo Svete 7, Tim Wilson 0. TOTALS: 9 7-11 25.

MUNSTER (40): Ricky Carbajal 6, Joe Crisman 7, Justin Gill 9, Josh Lukoshus 1, Nick Pellar 4, Kyle Ritz 7, Zach Vega 6. TOTALS: 12 14-19 40.

Penn	1	7	11	25
Munster	13	21	26	40

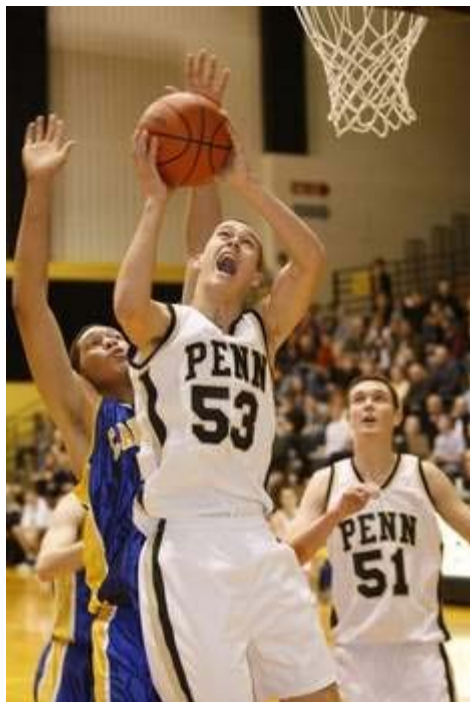
3-point goals: Munster 2 (Ritz, Gill). Total fouls (fouled out): Penn 16 (none), Munster 13 (none) . JV score: Munster 38, Penn 26. Varsity records: Munster 5-0, Penn 2-3.

By **MATT KOPSEA**
Tribune Staff Writer

MISHAWAKA — Not much got past Carmel's A.J. Hammons Wednesday night.

The 6-foot-10 sophomore made his presence felt on the inside with 12 points, 12 rebounds, and 12 blocked shots, helping No. 9 (Class 4-A) Carmel post a 49-41 win over Penn in high school basketball action at the Penn Palace.

Senior guard Alex Payne tallied nine of his 15 points in the first quarter as the Greyhounds (5-1) scored the game's first eight points and cruised to a 28-11 halftime cushion.



Penn's Allan Barnes, front, gets a shot off as Carmel's A.J. Hammons tries to defend on the

This wasn't the start the Kingsmen (2-4) were hoping for as they connected on just 2-of-14 (14 percent) field goal attempts in the opening period.

"It's really frustrating because for the fourth game in a row now, we have gotten off to a poor start," said Penn coach Al Rhodes. "What disappointed me the most, though, was the fact our defense was so horrendous in the first half. We didn't pressure them like we worked on in practice, plus we allowed them to have too many easy looks at the basket."

Hammons set the tone early on with six blocks and six rebounds in the first period.

"A.J. has come a long way since last season," said Carmel coach and former Bethel College standout Mark Galloway. "Although he still needs to develop more poise on the offensive end, he's gotten a lot better on the defensive end. He's learning to be more patient and not leaving feet like he used to. He's also gotten a lot better at not trying to block everything, which is why he has gotten in foul trouble as much this season."

Galloway, now in his eighth season at Carmel, was a member of the Pilots' 1995 NAIA D-II National Championship Team.

Scott Laskowski chipped in 10 points for Carmel, which shot 58 percent from the floor.

The 6-5 senior is the son of former St. Joseph's High and Indiana University product John Laskowski.

"I really like our team a lot because we have good mix of upper and underclassmen that play very well together," Galloway added. "Although we got a little sloppy at times out there in the second half and didn't shoot our free throws very well (10-of-20), this group has embraced their roles and believe in themselves."

After shooting just 16 percent (4-of-25) in the opening half, Penn finally warmed up after the break and eventually closed out the contest with a 10-1 run.

"We shot the ball much better in the second half (11-of-24) because we started making better decisions on the offensive end," Rhodes said. "If we're going to get better, we need to improve our field goal percentage and overall execution on the offensive end."

Alex Hendershot netted seven of his 10 points in the third period, while Jeff Laidig had seven of his 12 in the final stanza for the Kingsmen, who play host Washington Saturday in opening round action of the Northern Indiana Conference Holiday Tournament.

CARMEL 49, PENN 41

At Mishawaka

CARMEL (49): Ben Gardner 0 4-7 4, Robert Kitzinger 3 2-3 8, Alex Payne 5 4-8 15, Brandon Hoge 0 0-0 0, Scott Laskowski 5 0-0 10, Oscar Falodun 0 0-0 0, Josh Baldrige 0 0-0 0, A.J. Hammons 6 0-0 12, Shawn Heffern 0 0-2 0. TOTALS: 19 10-20 49.

PENN (41): Allan Barnes 0 0-0 0, Jordan Brady 3 1-2 7, Chris Chaffee 1 0-0 3, Alex Hendershot 4 0-0 10, Quashawn Hunter 0 0-0 0, Jeff Laidig 5 0-0 12, Nate Laidig 1 1-2 3, Eric Perry 0 0-0 0, Brad Slott 1 4-4 6, Leo Svete 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 15 6-8 41.

Carmel 15 28 41 49

Penn 6 11 27 41

3-point goals: Carmel 1 (Payne), Penn 5 (J. Laidig 2, Hendershot 2, Chaffee). Total fouls (fouled out): Carmel 10, Penn 17 (Slott). Shooting: Carmel 19-of-33 (58 percent), Penn 15-of-49 (31 percent). Rebounds: Carmel 21 (Hammons 12), Penn 33 (Brady 7). Turnovers: Carmel 8, Penn 12. JV score: Carmel 37 (Matt Howard 9), Penn 20 (Gabe Frucci 13). Varsity records: Carmel 5-1, Penn 2-4. Officials: Tommy Tykes, Bob Filipek, Alan Bell.

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High School boys basketball: NIC fans get their money's worth

By MATT KOPSEA
Tribune Staff Writer

SOUTH BEND — Working overtime didn't seem to bother Chris Holt Saturday night.

The junior guard tallied 11 of his 23 points in the two extra periods, helping Elkhart Central post an 87-79 double-overtime win over Marian in opening-round action of the ninth annual Northern Indiana Conference boys basketball holiday tournament.

In other action at Washington High School, Jurod Wooden led three players in double figures with 14 points, helping defending champion Clay to a 49-40 win over Mishawaka.

Jordan Brady netted 24 points and hauled down 13 rebounds, leading Penn to a 62-52 overtime triumph over the host Panthers.

Play continues Monday at 6:30 p.m. with Adams (2-4) taking on Elkhart Central (2-5), followed by Riley (5-2) against St. Joseph's (6-0).

PENN 62, WASHINGTON 52 (OT)

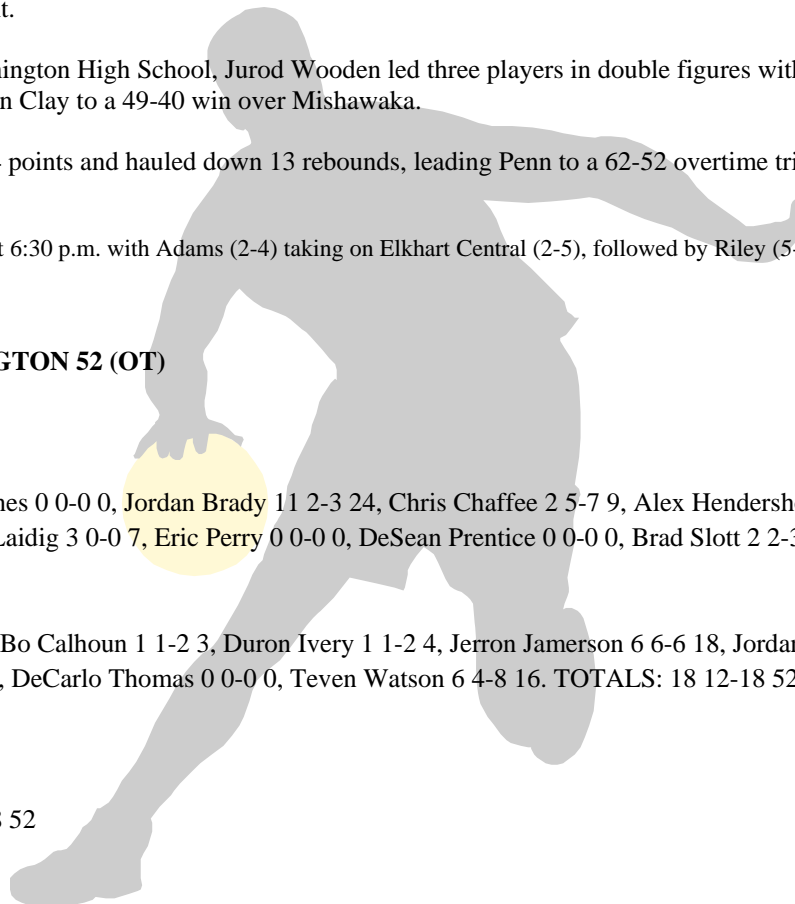
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PENN (62): Allan Barnes 0 0-0 0, Jordan Brady 11 2-3 24, Chris Chaffee 2 5-7 9, Alex Hendershot 1 0-0 2, Jeff Laidig 6 2-3 14, Nate Laidig 3 0-0 7, Eric Perry 0 0-0 0, DeSean Prentice 0 0-0 0, Brad Slott 2 2-3 6. TOTALS: 25 11-16 62.

WASHINGTON (52): Bo Calhoun 1 1-2 3, Duron Ivery 1 1-2 4, Jerron Jamerson 6 6-6 18, Jordan Person 1 0-0 3, Robert Stalling 3 0-0 8, DeCarlo Thomas 0 0-0 0, Teven Watson 6 4-8 16. TOTALS: 18 12-18 52.

Penn 13 23 41 48 62

Washington 8 24 35 48 52



3-point goals: Penn 1 (N. Laidig), Washington 3 (Stalling 2, Person). Total fouls (fouled out): Penn 18, Washington 17 (Calhoun). Shooting: Penn 25-of-49 (51 percent), Washington 18-of-42 (43 percent). Rebounds: Penn 36 (Brady 13), Washington 25 (Jamerson 8), Turnovers: Penn 13, Washington 16. Varsity records: Penn 3-4, Washington 5-3. Officials: Zach Sliwa, Luis Rolden, Tim Mills.

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High school boys basketball: Chaffee points the way for Penn

By MATT KOPSEA

SOUTH BEND — Chris Chaffee had things running smoothly Tuesday night.

HS BOYS BASKETBALL

NIC Tournament

The 5-foot-11 senior guard tallied 15 points to go along with four assists and four rebounds, helping Penn post a 55-44 victory over defending champion Clay in semifinal action of the ninth annual Northern Indiana Conference boys basketball holiday tournament.

In the other semifinal, Raphael Smith led three players in double figures with 12 points as Riley rolled to a 67-36 win over Elkhart Central.

Riley (6-2) and Penn (4-4) will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. for the title.

Play gets going at 5 p.m. at Washington High School with Marian (4-4) taking on Washington (5-4) in one gym, with Adams (3-5) and Mishawaka (3-3) battling for fifth place in the other gym. Clay (2-7) takes on Elkhart Central (3-6) in the third-place contest around 6:30 p.m.

Penn 55, Clay 44: Trailing 17-14, the Kingsmen seized command with the help of a 14-2 spurt over the final five minutes of the first half.

Jordan Brady chipped in 15 points, including five in the second quarter,

“We wanted to make a better effort of getting the ball inside to Jordan (Brady), and he has responded very well the past couple of games,” said Penn coach Al Rhodes, who also noted Chaffee’s strong play. “He did a great job of handling their (Clay) pressure ...”

The Colonials pulled to within 46-41 midway through the final period, but would manage only an Alex Bauters 3-pointer with 27 seconds left.

“The difference was they hit the offensive boards hard and converted their opportunities,” Clay coach Joe Hupenthal said.

Jurod Wooden netted 15 points and Donovan Campbell added 12 for Clay.

CLAY (44): Alex Bauters 3 0-0 8, Daris Boles 4 0-0 8,



Donovan Campbell 5 2-2 12, Adrian Easton 0 0-0 0, P.J. Ellis 0 0-0 0, Dmitri Hamilton 0 0-0 0, Taron Miller 0 0-0 0, Kameron Stevens 0 1-2 1, Jeremy Vargo 0 0-0 0, Jurod Wooden 6 0-0 15. TOTALS: 18 3-4 44.

PENN (55): Jordan Brady 5 5-8 15, Chris Chaffee 3 8-12 15, Alex Hendershot 1 0-0 3, Jeff Laidig 4 0-0 9, Nate Laidig 2 0-0 6, Eric Perry 1 0-0 2, DeSean Prentice 0 0-0 0, Brad Slott 1 0-0 2, Leo Svete 1 0-0 3. TOTALS: 18 13-20 55.

Clay	12	19	31	44
Penn	12	28	39	55

3-point goals: Clay 5 (Wooden 3, Bauters 2), Penn 6 (N. Laidig 2, J. Laidig, Chaffee, Hendershot, Svete). Total fouls (fouled out):

Clay 19 (Easton), Penn 5. Technical foul: Wooden (Clay). Shooting: Clay 18-of-46 (39 percent), Penn 18-of-39 (46 percent). Rebounds: Clay 27 (Campbell 8), Penn 27 (Brady 8). Turnovers: Clay 13, Penn 11. Varsity records: Clay 2-7, Penn 4-4. Officials: Dustin Kaehr, Denny Hepler, Tom Newland.

Riley 67, Elkhart Central 36: After the Blazers had battled back to within 32-24 early in the third quarter, the 6-2 senior Smith collected three steals in the third quarter, leading to six quick points. It opened the door for the Wildcats to go on a 28-4 spurt and build a 60-28 cushion.

"This group has the ability to be very explosive at times," Riley coach Mark Johnson said.

Marcus Moody and DeAngelo Smith added 10 points apiece for Riley, which held a 34-21 edge on the boards.

"You can't simulate that type of quickness and pressure in practice," said Central coach Matt Windy.

Coming off performances of 21 and 24 points against Marian and Adams, Central's Josh Riikonen was limited to just 10 points.

ELKHART CENTRAL (36): Mason Braden 2 0-0 4, Jalen Culbreath 1 0-0 3, Seth Flatt 0 0-0 0, Chris Holt 0 0-2 0, Jordan Johnson 0 0-0 0, Victor Kyle 3 0-0 7, Tyllis Mason 3 1-1 8, Josh Riikonen 5 0-0 10, John Stahl 1 0-0 2, Satori Stahl 1 0-0 2, Terrell Street 0 0-0 0, Tyrone Williams 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 16 1-3 36.

RILEY (67): Dominique Brazier 3 0-0 7, Delvon Brown 2 0-0 4, Karl Columbus 0 0-0 0, Taylor Conner 2 1-2 5, Brock Cosey 3 0-0 7, T.J. Grant 2 0-0 4, DeAngelo Jackson 3 0-0 6, Carlton Moody 0 0-0 0, Marcus Moody 3 4-4 10, DeAngelo Smith 5 0-0 10, Raphael Smith 5 2-3 12, Angelo Williams 0 2-2 2. TOTALS: 28 9-11 67.

Central	6	15	28	36
Riley	18	32	52	67

3-point goals: Central 3 (Mason, Culbreath, Kyle), Riley 2 (D. Smith, Cosey). Total fouls: Central 10, Riley 7. Shooting: Central 16-of-41 (39 percent), Riley 28-of-57 (49 percent). Rebounds: Central 21 (Riikonen 4), Riley 34 (M. Moody 5, C. Moody 5). Turnovers: Central 23, Riley 16. Varsity records: Central 3-6, Riley 6-2. Officials:

Rob Bishop, Doug Greenlee, Mike Noojan.

Mishawaka 63, Washington 52: Cortez Lee netted 11 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter, helping the Cavemen (3-3) avenge an earlier loss to Washington.

Teven Watson and Jordan Person scored 17 points apiece for the Panthers (5-4).

MISHAWAKA (63): Ryan Benner 4 4-4 12, Mike Curtis 1 1-2 3, Cortez Lee 6 8-13 21, Frank Kuespert 2 0-0 4, Chris Mitchell 2 1-1 5, Joey Schuster 2 0-2 6, Javonte Young 5 2-2 12. TOTALS: 22 16-24 63.

WASHINGTON (52): Bo Calhoun 1 0-1 2, Jalin Gross 0 0-0 0, Duron Ivery 0 3-4 3, Jerron Jamerson 0 4-7 4, Jordan Person 6 1-2 17, Robert Stalling 3 0-0 9, Carl Taylor 0 0-0 0, Teven Watson 6 3-4 17. TOTALS: 16 11-18 52.

Mishawaka	19	28	39	63
Washington	11	26	33	52

3-point goals: Mishawaka 3 (Schuster 2, Lee), Washington 8 (Person 4, Stalling 3, Watson 2). Total fouls (fouled out): Mishawaka 17 (Kuespert), Washington 22 (Gross). Technical foul: Person (Washington). Shooting: Mishawaka 22-of-40 (55 percent), Washington 16-of-39 (41 percent). Rebounds: Mishawaka 30 (Young 9), Washington 21 (Jamerson 5). Turnovers: Mishawaka 12, Washington 14. Varsity records: Mishawaka 3-3, Washington 5-4. Officials: Bryan Kirkendoll, Roy Leshner, Kim Curry.

Adams 48, St. Joseph's 41: Roosevelt Green and T.J. Farrell led a balanced attack with nine points apiece, helping the Eagles (3-5) earn a spot in the fifth-place game.

Brian O'Connor tallied 16 points for the Indians (6-2).

ADAMS (48): Donald Agnew 1 0-0 2, T.J. Farrell 3 2-2 9, Roosevelt Green 3 3-6 9, Chris Hoffman 2 2-4 6, Jordan Jones 0 0-0 0, Trevon Love 2 0-0 5, Kenyon Murphy 0 0-0 0, Nathan Payne 3 1-1 7, Matt Spillane 0 0-0 0, Brandon Stoller 2 0-0 5, C.J. Superczynski 1 3-4 5. TOTALS: 17 11-17 48.

ST. JOSEPH'S (41): Sean Hart 0 0-0 0, Mike Kendzicky 0 0-0 0, Chris Shaw 1 0-0 3, Mike Bradley 4 0-2 8, John Parakowski 0 0-0 0, Matt Mackowiak 5 0-2 12, Tim Bishop 0 0-0 0, Brian O'Connor 6 0-0 16, Kyle Wiechhaus 0 0-0 0, Colton Pulaski 1 0-0 2, Brandon Thorpe 0 0-0 0, Dylan McMahon 0 0-0 0, Tate Belegante 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 17 0-4 41.

Adams	9	24	33	48
St. Joe	13	18	30	41

3-point goals: Adams 3 (Stoller, Farrell, Love), St. Joe 7 (O'Connor 4, Mackowiak 2, Shaw). Total fouls (fouled out): Adams 10, St. Joe 18 (Mackowiak). Shooting: Adams 17-of-34 (50 percent), St. Joe 17-of-46 (37 percent). Rebounds: Adams 25 (Hoffman 6), St. Joe 24 (McMahon 7). Turnovers: Adams 23, St. Joe 21. Varsity records: Adams 3-5, St. Joe 6-2.

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High school boys basketball: Penn trumps Riley to earn NIC tourney crown
By MATT KOPSEA
Tribune Staff Writer

SOUTH BEND — Chris Chaffee finally has some hardware to show off.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

NIC Tournament

Chaffee tallied eight of his 11 points in the second half Wednesday night, helping Penn rally for a 51-46 victory over Riley in the championship game of the ninth annual Northern Indiana Conference boys basketball holiday tournament at Washington High School.

Trailing 39-34 entering the fourth quarter, junior Eric Perry provided a big lift with five straight points to open the period as the Kingsmen (5-4) used a 12-2 spurt to win their second holiday tournament crown and first since 2005. "My senior class has never won anything before, so this was definitely huge for us," said the 5-foot-11 senior Chaffee. "We knew we'd have a tough task on our hands trying to contain their quickness and pressure. Although things got a little chaotic at times, we got some big rebounds and defensive stops when we really needed them. Everyone stepped up and did their part tonight."

Although Penn was guilty of 21 turnovers and hit just 14-of-21 from the free throw line, it made up for it by shooting 62 percent (16-of-26) from the floor, including 8-of-11 in the second half.

"I thought our ability to break through their traps and convert some big lay-ups in the fourth quarter was huge," said Penn coach Al Rhodes. "We knew things were getting a little helter-skelter there for awhile, but we managed to maintain our composure on both ends of the floor down the stretch.

"We used a lot of players and different combinations to try to keep them under control defensively. We played a little zone and then mixed in some soft man-to-man instead of pressuring them."

The Kingsmen also held a 26-16 rebounding edge, headed by 10 boards from Jordan Brady, who also tallied a game-high 13 points.

Angelo Williams tallied seven of his 12 points in the second quarter as the Wildcats (6-3) rallied from a five-point deficit to grab a 26-23 halftime lead.

Dominique Brazier helped Riley maintain the cushion with five points in the third quarter.

The Wildcats hit just 3-of-9 shots and turned the ball over five times over the final eight minutes.

"When we needed to be tough and make a big play tonight, we just couldn't do it," said Riley coach Mark Johnson. "We knew Penn was going to try to slow us down. We did a good job of going at them early on, but then we just didn't adjust very well at the end."

Raphael Smith chipped in 12 points for Riley, and Jeff Laidig added 10 for Penn.

PENN (51): Allan Barnes 0 0-2 0, Jordan Brady 4 5-6 13, Chris Chaffee 2 6-10 11, Alex Hendershot 2 0-0 4, Jeff Laidig 3 2-3 10, Nate Laidig 2 0-0 6, Eric Perry 2 1-2 5, DeSean Prentice 0 0-0 0, Brad Slott 1 0-0 2, Leo Svete 0 0-0 0, Gabe Frucci 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 16 14-21 51.

RILEY (46): Dominique Brazier 3 1-2 9, Delvon Brown 1 0-0 2, Karl Columbus 3 0-1 6, Brock Cosey 0 0-0 0, T.J. Grant 1 1-2 3, DeAngelo Jackson 0 0-2 0, Marcus Moody 0 0-0 0, DeAngelo Smith 1 0-0 2, Raphael Smith 5 2-3 12, Angelo Williams 3 6-8 12. TOTALS: 17 10-18 46.

Penn	16	23	34	51
Riley	13	26	39	46

3-point goals: Penn 5 (N. Laidig 2, J. Laidig 2, Chaffee), Riley 2 (Brazier 2). Total fouls: Penn 16, Riley 20. Shooting: Penn 16-of-26 (62 percent), Riley 17-of-42 (40 percent). Rebounds: Penn 26 (Brady 10), Riley 16 (Williams 5). Turnovers: Penn 21, Riley 13. Varsity records: Penn 5-4, Riley 6-3. Officials: Mike Waisnora, Larry Samano, John Goss.

Elkhart Central 62, Clay 52: Josh Riikonen scored a career-high 30 points and hauled down 11 rebounds, leading the Blazers (4-6) to a third place finish.

Jurod Wooden paced the Colonials (2-8) with 13 points.

CLAY (52): Alex Bauters 2 0-0 5, Donovan Campbell 1 0-0 2, Adrian Easton 1 1-2 3, P.J. Ellis 2 1-2 6, Dmitri

3-point goals: Washington 2 (Watson), Marian 3 (Mischler 2, LeBlanc). Total fouls: Washington 18, Marian 19. Varsity records: Washington 6-4, Marian 4-5.

Penn reverses its fortunes

Turnaround results in NIC tourney crown

By MATT KOPSEA
Tribune Staff Writer

What a difference a week made for the Penn High boys basketball team.

Back on Dec. 23, the Kingsmen were searching for answers after suffering their fourth straight loss, a 49-41 decision to No. 8 (Class 4-A) Carmel.

Fast forward to this past Wednesday at Washington High School where team members were gathered at half court hoisting the trophy after winning the ninth annual Northern Indiana Conference holiday tournament.

A 51-46 triumph over Riley gave Penn (5-4) plenty of encouragement heading into the second half of the season.

“We definitely went through a tough stretch where we didn’t compete very well as a team,” said Penn coach Al Rhodes. “Our biggest problem was our inability to sustain any type of momentum and put it together for an entire 32 minutes. We had played well in stretches at times, so we focused on building off of that and trying to get better in all areas.

“We decided to make an effort to get (senior post player) Jordan Brady more involved offensively and to let (senior point guard) Chris Chaffee handle the ball and run our offense. These two young men along with our other senior, Alex Hendershot, did a great job of taking leadership of the team and getting the others to follow them.”

The 6-foot-5 Brady proved to be a difference maker by netting 52 points and hauling down 31 rebounds in wins over Washington (62-52 in OT), Clay (55-44), and Riley. The 5-11 Chaffee was just as effective with 35 points.



“I think playing the type of tough competition we have (among the teams are Class 4-A No. 10 Fort Wayne South, No. 5 Munster, Niles, and Carmel) helped prepare us for the tournament,” Rhodes added. “It was nice to see everyone step up and get involved, instead of having to rely on just one or two guys like we had been. We still have some improvements to make, but the fact we shot the ball and defended better was encouraging and a step in the right direction.”

Not blue anymore

Another team making positive strides during the NIC tournament was Elkhart Central (4-6) with a 3-1 mark and a third-place finish.

“This is the first time a lot of these kids played varsity, so we knew we would go through growing pains,” said Central coach Matt Windy. “We always thought the potential for success was there. It was just a matter of everyone working together at the same time. Hopefully, we can build off of this and keep moving forward.”

Stepping forward for the Blazers was 6-7 senior Josh Riikonen with 85 points and 39 rebounds, including a career-high 30 points in a 62-52 win against Clay in the consolation game.

Matt's picks

[there_was_a_square_dingbat_here]Here are top five performers for the NIC tournament:

Jordan Brady (Penn), Chris Chaffee (Penn), Josh Riikonen (Elkhart Central), Raphael Smith (Riley), and Jurod Wooden (Clay).

[there_was_a_square_dingbat_here]Although I finished just 3-10 for the NIC tournament, I closed out 2009 and started 2010 on a decent note by going 31-12 (72 percent) last week.

My overall record is now 178-75, which rounds out to 70 percent.

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High school boys basketball: Balanced Penn holds off Washington

By SCOTT DAVIDSON Tribune Staff Writer

SOUTH BEND -- Penn shared the basketball to post another win Friday night.

The pass-happy Kingsmen, in the process, continue to share the unbeaten tag atop the NIC.

Jordan Brady popped in 21 points to pace a balanced attack as Penn prevailed 63-53 at Washington.

Penn hit 8 of 12 free throws in the final period to hold off the late-charging Panthers. Alex Hendershot scored 13 and Nate and Jeff Laidig each added 10 for Penn (8-4, 3-0), which shot a fine 25-49.

St. Joe is 4-0 in league play, and Penn and Riley are each 3-0.

Jerron Jamerson scored a hard-earned 16 points to pace Washington (7-5, 3-1).

The Kingsmen, winners of six straight, including two at Washington, were poised down the stretch. After seeing a 14-point lead trimmed to five with 1:58 to play, each Laidig hit 3-of-4 free throws.

"We've come a long way," said Penn coach Al Rhodes. "I'm proud how much this team has grown after we lost to Fort Wayne South, Munster and Carmel early. Our free throw shooting last year was horrendous. It's big the improvement we've made there this year.

"It's a whole team effort. They are getting Jordan the ball and he's delivering. Alex did a great job tonight passing. A big key was the defense Jeff and Nate did on No. 33 (Jamerson) and No. 12 (Teven Watson)." Penn used a 9-1 run to lead 15-11 after the opening period. Washington countered with a 9-2 run to end the half to pull within 29-26. Jeff Laidig answered with seven points in the third period as Penn went up 45-35. The Kingsmen led 49-35 early in the final stanza before Jamerson and Robert Stalling rallied the hosts within 55-50.

"It comes down to execution," said Panther coach Chad Johnston. "We didn't do the little things, didn't carry out the gameplan and just didn't execute. We had unforced turnovers and we didn't score when they turned it over. Our guys have to learn that they can't just turn it on and off."

Penn plays at Northridge Thursday. Washington plays at Clay Friday.

PENN 63, WASHINGTON 53

At South Bend

PENN (63): Jordan Brady 9 3-4 21, Chris Chaffee 1 1-2 3, Alex Hendershot 6 0-0 13, Jeff Laidig 3 3-4 10, Nate Laidig 3 3-4 10, Eric Perry 2 0-0 4, DeSean Prentice 0 0-0 0, Brad Slott 1 0-0 2, Leo Svete 0 0-0 0.

TOTALS: 25 10-14 63.

WASHINGTON (53): Bo Calhoun 2 0-0 4, Zach Dashner 0 0-0 0, Jalin Gross 0 1-2 1, Duron Ivery 1 0-0 2, Jerron Jamerson 6 4-4 16, Jordan Person 2 0-0 5, Robert Stalling 4 2-2 13, DeCarlo Thomas 1 0-0 2, Teven Watson 4 2-5 10. TOTALS: 20 9-13 53.

Hamilton 0 0-0 0, Taron Miller 4 3-5 12, Sidney Staples 3 0-2 6, Kameron Stevens 1 0-0 3, Jeremy Vargo 0 0-0 0, Jurod Wooden 3 6-6 13, Tony Shead 0 2-2 2. TOTALS: 17 13-19 52.

ELKHART CENTRAL (62): Mason Braden 3 3-3 9, Jalen Culbreath 0 0-0 0, Seth Flatt 1 0-0 2, Chris Holt 3 5-8 11, Victor Kyle 0 0-0 0, Tyllis Mason 0 2-2 2, Josh Riikonen 9 12-13 30, Satori Stahl 2 1-5 6, Terell Street 1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 19 23-31 62.

Clay	7	21	37	52
Central	7	24	42	62

3-point goals: Clay 5 (Bauters, Stevens, Wooden, Ellis, Miller), Central 1 (Stahl). Total fouls (fouled out): Clay 27 (Campbell, Easton), Central 15. Shooting: Clay 17-of-57 (30 percent), Central 19-of-41 (46 percent). Rebounds: Clay 31 (Staples 7), Central 36 (Riikonen 11). Turnovers: Clay 13, Central 19. Varsity records: Clay 2-8, Central 4-6. Officials: Dave Spencer, Jim Weinberg, Jimmy Arnett.

Mishawaka 49, Adams 43: Javonte Young netted 12 of his 21 points in the third quarter, helping the Cavemen (4-3) capture fifth place.

Roosevelt Green knocked down five 3-pointers to account for his team-high 15 points for the Eagles (3-6).

MISHAWAKA (49): Ryan Benner 5 2-2 14, Mike Curtis 0 0-0 0, Justin Frazier 0 0-0 0, Frank Kuespert 2 0-0 4, Cortez Lee 3 0-1 6, Chris Mitchell 2 0-1 4, Joey Schuster 0 0-0 0, Javonte Young 8 2-3 21. TOTALS: 20 4-7 49.

ADAMS (43): Donald Agnew 0 2-2 2, T.J. Farrell 6 0-0 12, Roosevelt Green 5 0-0 15, Jordan Jones 1 0-0 2, Trevon Love 3 0-0 6, Kenyon Murphy 0 2-2 2, Nathan Payne 0 0-0 0, Matt Spillane 1 0-0 2, Brandon Stoller 0 0-0 0, C.J. Superczynski 1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 17 4-4 43.

Mishawaka	11	22	39	49
Adams	10	24	35	43

3-point goals: Mishawaka 5 (Young 3, Benner 2), Adams 5 (Green 5). Total fouls: Mishawaka 11, Adams 10. Shooting: Mishawaka 20-of-42 (48 percent), Adams 17-of-38 (45 percent). Rebounds: Mishawaka (Benner 8), Adams 21 (Farrell 10). Turnovers: Mishawaka 9, Adams 11. Varsity records: Mishawaka 4-3, Adams 3-6. Officials: Don Bella, Gregg Humeston, Bryan Kirkendoll.

Washington 75, Marian 67: Jerron Jamerson tallied 25 points and Teven Watson added 24, helping the Panthers (6-4) snap a four-game losing skid.

Demetrius Jackson had 22 points and Michael Whitfield chipped in 17 for the Knights (4-5).

WASHINGTON (75): Robert Stalling 2, DeCarlo Thomas 0, Teven Watson 24, Jalin Gross 2, Jordan Person 5, Jerron Jamerson 25, Bo Calhoun 17, Duron Ivery 0. TOTALS: 27 19-23 75.

MARIAN (67): Sean Penney 0, Michael Whitfield 17, Coley Schultheis 2, Robert Mischler 11, Demetrius Jackson 22, Dylan LeBlanc 5, Tim Fulnecky 8, Ben Brier 2, Brian Vervaeet 0. TOTALS: 24 16-24 67.

Washington	18	37	57	75
Marian	15	29	47	67

Penn 15 29 45 63

Washington 11 26 35 53

3-point goals: Penn 3 (N. Laidig, J. Laidig, Hendershot), Washington 4 (Stalling 3, Person). Shooting: Penn 25-49, Washington 20-43. Rebounds: Penn 23 (Chaffee 7), Washington 21 (Jamerson 8). Turnovers: Penn 18, Washington 20. Total fouls (fouled out): Penn 14 (Chaffee), Washington 16. Officials: Gregg Humeston, Dustin Kehr, Jonathan Hampton. JV score: Washington 48 (Jalin Gross 19), Penn 33 (Aaron Brady 10). Varsity records: Penn 8-4 (3-0 NIC), Washington 7-5 (3-1 NIC).

PENN 50, NORTHRIDGE 46

At Middlebury

PENN (50): Jordan Brady 18, Alex Hendershot 3, Jeff Laidig 5, Chris Chaffee 11, Nate Laidig 4, DeSean Prentice 0, Brad Slott 3, Eric Perry 2, Leo Svete 4. TOTALS: 14 21-29 50.

NORTHRIDGE (46): Craig Thomas 11, Justin Yoder 2, Skyler Mitchell 2, Luke Davis 10, Malcolm Thurmond 13, Kolin Adams 4, Jeff Yoder 0, Alex Long 2, Gavin Blyly 2. TOTALS: 14 18-20 46.

Penn	8	21	36	50
Northridge	9	16	29	46

3-point goals: Penn 1 (J. Laidig), Northridge 0. Total fouls (fouled out): Northridge 22 (Davis), Penn 18 (none). JV score: Penn 28, Northridge 16. Varsity records: Penn 9-4, Northridge 2-9.

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Penn boys edge Northridge

By Greg Keim

THE GOSHEN NEWS

An effort put forth by the Northridge High School boys basketball team Thursday night didn't produce a win, but it's the type of play Coach Jason Ridge would like to see continue.

Turning up the defensive pressure allowed the Raiders to launch a comeback over the final 4:49 to nearly erased a 13-point deficit.

The Penn Kingsmen drilled six free throws over the final 0:44 to defeat the Raiders, 50-46, in Middlebury.

"I'm extremely proud of the effort," Ridge said. "If we gave this kind of effort every night we would not be 2-9."

Northridge trailed 42-29 with 4:49 left to play.

"Our kids have been in this kind of situation before and have not always been able to come back," the coach said. "Our defense allowed us to make a run at them.

"We told them late in the game they had played way too good to lose by double digits."

The Raider defense helped force the Kingsmen into 16 turnovers, six in the fourth period.

"You have to give Northridge a lot of credit," Penn coach Al Rhodes said. "We had them on the ropes several times, but they kept coming back.

"Defense is what allowed them to get back in the game. We had way too many turnovers caused either by their pressure or our poor decisions.

"The Northridge players put more individual pressure on us than any team we have played. Coach Ridge does a fine job teaching defense. That is the reason they were so good last season."

Northridge returns to Northern Lakes Conference action with a home game against Elkhart Memorial (8-5, 2-1 NLC) on Saturday. Penn (9-4) hosts South Bend St. Joseph's (9-2) tonight in a Northern Indiana Conference contest.

Six-foot junior Malcolm Thurmond sparked the Raiders in the fourth quarter, scoring 12 of his team-high 13 points.

"Malcolm has had a lot of games like that this season," Ridge said. "He has been a very good one-quarter player.

"He has had a lot of good first or fourth quarters. I don't mean that in a bad way. But if he ever puts four quarters together it is going to be something to see."

Thurmond hit a short range jump shot at 4:29 of the fourth to begin the Raiders' rally. He canned two free throws at 2:48 and another jump shot at 2:14 to make the score 42-35.

"Malcolm did an excellent job of taking the ball to the basket," Ridge said.

Five-eleven senior Chris Chaffee made two freebies at 1:51 for the Kingsmen to extend the lead to nine points.

Thurmond added two more tosses from the charity stripe at 1:27 and 5-10 sophomore Gavin Blyly a pair at 1:14 for a 44-39 count.

Northridge then got a three-point play from 6-1 senior Craig Thomas with 0:49 remaining and the Raiders were down 44-42.

"Blyly and Thomas did a good job of taking the ball to the action," Ridge said. "We did more of that tonight and I hope that is a trend that continues."

Penn then iced the game at the free-throw line as Chaffee converted five freebies and 6-5 senior Jordan Brady two over the final 0:44.

"We hit our free throws down the stretch," Rhodes said.

Brady finished with a game-high 18 points.

"We had a hard time getting him the ball in the post, but we got it in there just often enough," Rhodes said.

Thomas netted 11 points and 5-8 junior Luke Davis 10 for the Raiders.

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Penn holds off late surge by Northridge

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MIDDLEBURY -- Northridge's in-your-face defense helped erase a large fourth-quarter deficit against Penn Thursday night.

But the Kingsmen held off the Raiders in the final moments for a 50-46 non-conference boys basketball victory. The win was the seventh straight for Penn (9-4) while Northridge (2-9) suffered its sixth consecutive loss. The Raiders trailed by 13 points at 42-29 with 4:51 remaining and chipped away until the Kingsmen led by just two at 44-42 with 49.6 seconds left.

Six of Penn's 19 turnovers came in the fourth quarter while Northridge had just one of its 13.

Penn, which made 20 of 29 foul shots on the night, sank 8 of 11 charity tosses in the final period, including 6 of 8 in the final 44.7 seconds -- 5 of 6 coming from Chris Chaffee.

Jordan Brady (18 points) and Chaffee (11) led the Kingsmen attack.

On a night when Northridge made 18 of 20 foul shots, Malcolm Thurmond went 4 of 4 in the fourth quarter and scored 12 of his team-best 13 points.

Craig Thomas (11 points) and Luke Davis (10) also helped bolster the Raiders.

"You have to give Northridge a lot of credit," said Penn coach Al Rhodes. "We had them on the ropes several times. Fine defense by Northridge and poor choices by us helped them get back in it. Fortunately, we were able to stop them in the last few minutes."

Rhodes credited the Raiders for the best ball pressure he's seen against his team in some time.

Northridge coach Jason Ridge also spoke highly of his team's defensive play.

"This is two games in a row I've been extremely happy with our defense," Ridge said. "I was extremely proud of our kids' effort. We've been in this situation a few times and we haven't been able to come back."

Penn's biggest first-half advantage was five points, but the visitors were able to get the spread up as high as nine and took a seven-point lead -- 36-29 -- into the fourth quarter.

"I told our kids, 'You played way too good to get beat by double digits tonight,'" Ridge said. "The hope is this is something we can build off. If we were to get this effort every single night, we wouldn't be 2-9."

Summary

Penn 50, Northridge 46

Penn — Jordan Brady 6-8 6-7 18, Alex Hendershot 0-0 3-4 3, Jeff Laidig 2-5 0-0 5, Chris Chaffee 2-2 7-10 11, Nate Laidig 1-1 2-3 4, DeSean Prentice 0-1 0-0 0, Brad Slott 1-1 1-3 3, Eric Perry 1-1 0-0 2, Leo Svete 1-4 2-2 4. Totals: 14-23 (.608) 21-29 (.724) 50.

Northridge — Craig Thomas 3-4 5-5

11, Justin Yoder 0-3 2-2 2, Skyler Mitchell 1-1 0-0 2, Luke Davis 4-11 2-3 10, Malcolm Thurmond 4-12 5-6 13, Kolin Adams 2-9 0-0 4, Jeff Yoder 0-4 0-0 0, Alex Long 0-0 2-2 2, Gavin Blyly 0-3 2-2 2. Totals: 14-47 (.297) 18-20 (.900) 46.

Scoring By Quarters

Penn 8 13 15 14 — 50

Northridge 9 7 13 17 — 46

3-point goals: Penn (1-5) — J. Laidig 1-2, Svete 0-3; Northridge (0-9) — Thurmond 0-4, Davis 0-2, J. Yoder 0-2, Adams.

Rebounds: Penn (26) — Brady 6, Hendershot 6; Northridge (23) — Adams 7.

Turnovers: Penn 19, Northridge 13.

Total fouls: Penn 18, Northridge 22.

Fouled out — Davis (0:44.7, fourth quarter).

Officials: Joe Gawor, Kevin Mikesell, Mark Sewell. Team records: Penn 9-4, Northridge 2-9.

Next: Memorial at Northridge Saturday; Penn at SB Riley Friday.

JV score: Penn 28, Northridge 16. Leading scorers: Penn — Aaron Brady 8, Allan Barnes 5, Leo Svete 5; Northridge — Jake Guyas 5. JV records: Penn 6-6, Northridge 4-7.



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**High School basketball:
Laidig lights Penn's fuse**

Kingsmen win battle of NIC unbeatens.

By SCOTT DAVIDSON

Tribune Staff Writer

MISHAWAKA — A red-hot start Friday night helped Penn remain the hottest team in the Northern Indiana Conference.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Penn 67

St. Joseph's 48

The Kingsmen, who never trailed, came out of the lockerroom on fire en route to a convincing 67-48 league win over visiting St. Joseph's.

Jeff Laidig lit the fuse for the hosts' sizzling start as Penn won its eighth straight. Laidig finished with 23 points to pace Penn (10-4, 4-0).

Jordan Brady netted 12 points and Alex Hendershot added 11 for the Kingsmen, who are tied with Riley atop the conference standings.

Tate Bellegante scored 10 points to lead St. Joe (9-3, 4-1).

Penn looked nothing worse for the wear after picking up a 50-46 road win at Northridge Thursday night.

The intense and energetic Kingsmen bolted to a 7-0 lead without Laidig contributing. He got going with back-to-back 3-pointers to make it 13-3 and finished the first quarter with 12 points as Penn led 21-11. Laidig, who entered the game averaging 11.7 points, had 19 at halftime as the hosts led 36-26. Penn had just two turnovers at intermission.



"I'm very pleased," said Penn coach Al Rhodes. "We came out really ready to play and that starts with our seniors. It was our best game of the year. We wanted to do a good job executing versus their man defense and we did.

"Jeff had a very strong offensive game. St. Joe was concentrating hard on Jordan Brady down low and we had a lot of good openings for shots. We really have excellent passing abilities as a team and that gives us good opportunities. I thought our halfcourt defense was very good, especially in the second half and we continue to get improved play off our bench."

The Kingsmen got six points from Alex Hendershot in the third period to stretch the lead to 52-34.

St. Joe, which had 20 turnovers, played shorthanded in the loss. The Indians were without Matt Mackowiak. The junior forward was averaging 10.4 points, tied for tops on the team.

"Matt is no longer on the team this season due to a violation of our athletic code of conduct," said St. Joe coach Marty Harshman.

"We didn't execute as well as we needed to on defense, but Penn hit some tough shots," added Harshman, who had his team allow a season-high point total. "Jeff was on fire for them. Penn is just so solid. It's tough to get down early to a team like that.

"We didn't win the intangibles tonight and that's something we've hung our hat on. Tate did a nice job and Kyle (Wieschhaus) played the way our style is in regard to the intangibles."

ST. JOSEPH'S (48): Sean Hart 0 0-0 0, Mike Kendzicky 3 0-1 6, Chris Shaw 1 1-2 4, Mike Bradley 3 2-2 8, John Parakowski 0 0-0 0, Tim Bishop 2 0-0 4, Brian O'Connor 3 0-0 8, Kyle Wieschhaus 1 0-0 2, Colton Pulaski 0 1-2 1, Brandon Thorpe 2 0-0 5, Dylan McMahon 0 0-0 0, Tate Bellegante 3 4-5 10. TOTALS: 18 8-12 48.

PENN (67): Allan Barnes 0 0-0 0, Jordan Brady 5 2-2 12, Chris Chaffee 2 2-2 6, Alex Hendershot 4 2-2 11, Jeff Laidig 7 6-6 23, Nate Laidig 3 1-4 9, Eric Perry 0 2-2 2, DeSean Prentice 0 0-0 0, Brad Slott 0 0-0 0, Leo Svete 1 2-2 4, Gabriel Frucci 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 22 17-20 67.

High school boys basketball: Riley tops Penn in battle of NIC leaders

By MATT KOPSEA

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SOUTH BEND — With the game on the line, the Riley boys basketball team was in good hands with De'Angelo Smith.

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HS BOYS BASKETBALL

Riley	62
Penn	55

The 6-foot-2 senior guard came up with steal, rebound, and two free throws over the final 20 seconds, helping Riley hold on for a 62-55 victory over visiting Penn in a Northern Indiana Conference showdown.



DeAngelo Jackson netted eight of his 14 points in the fourth quarter, helping the Wildcats (10-3, 5-0 NIC) erase a four-point deficit and grab sole possession of first place in the NIC.

Guilty of 10 of its 23 turnovers in the final stanza, Penn (10-5, 4-1 NIC) had its eight-game winning streak halted.

"This was just a great high school basketball game in which both teams went at each other hard with all they had," said Riley coach Mark Johnson. "I was little scared there for awhile, but unlike the last time we played them (a 51-46 loss in the NIC holiday tournament finals), we hit some free throws and managed to finish up on a strong note.

"Smith really came up big for us tonight. Not only with the steal, but with the two free throws and rebound as well."

Thanks to a tip from fellow senior Jackson, Smith managed to get the ball away from Penn guard Chris Chaffee with 20.9 seconds on the clock to preserve a slim 56-55 lead.

Fouled in the process, Smith connected twice from the charity stripe and later hauled down a missed Chaffee free throw with 7.8 seconds left.

"The coaches stress playing tough defense, so when I'm in there, my first thing is to help get stops," said Smith, who finished with four points. "Snoop (Jackson's nickname) deserves the credit because his getting his hand on the ball allowed me to take it away from (Chaffee). I knew my job then was to hit those free throws to help us close out the game."

Behind four 3-pointers from freshman Leo Svete, Penn overcame a 30-26 halftime deficit to grab a four-point lead heading into the final period.

Svete didn't attempt another shot, though, as the Wildcats buckled down defensively.

"The reason we had guys like Smith and Jackson in the game at the end is because they have good hands and feet and play good defense," Johnson said. "Over the final five minutes, our defense was as good as has been all year. We stayed solid and did a great job of getting after their shooters."

Jordan Brady and Jeff Laidig finished with 14 and 12 points respectively for Penn. However, the two combined for just seven points in the second half.

"We did a great job of finding Jeff and Leo there for awhile, but it's tough to score when you keep passing the ball to the other team," said Penn coach Al Rhodes. "The last time we played them, we had trouble with turnovers, but still managed to come out on top. We had the same thing happen to us again tonight, but we weren't as fortunate this time."

Dominique Brazier had 17 points for the Wildcats, who had no turnovers in the fourth quarter.

PENN (55): Jordan Brady 6 2-3 14, Chris Chaffee 1 3-6 5, Alex Hendershot 3 2-2 8, Jeff Laidig 4 2-2 12, Nate Laidig 0 2-2 2, Eric Perry 1 0-0 2, DeSean Prentice 0 0-0 0, Brad Slott 0 0-0 0, Leo Svete 4 0-0 12. TOTALS: 19 11-15 55.

RILEY (62): Dominique Brazier 5 6-7 17, Delvon Brown 0 0-0 0, Karl Columbus 0 0-0 0, Brock Cosey 2 0-0 5, T.J. Grant 3 0-0 7, DeAngelo Jackson 4 4-5 14, Marcus Moody 2 0-2 4, De'Angelo Smith 1 2-2 4, Raphael Smith 2 4-7 8, Angelo Williams 1 0-0 3. TOTALS: 20 16-23 62.

Penn	16	26	48	55
Riley	15	30	44	62

3-point goals: Penn 6 (Svete 4, J. Laidig 2), Riley 6 (Jackson 2, Brazier, Grant, Williams, Cosey). Total fouls (fouled out): Penn 19 (N. Laidig), Riley 14. Technical foul: Penn bench. Shooting: Penn 19-of-36 (53 percent), Riley 20-of-43 (47 percent). Rebounds: Penn 30 (J. Laidig 6, Brady 6), Riley 16 (Moody 4). Turnovers: Penn 23, Riley 10. JV score: Riley 41 (Taylor Conner 12), Penn 40 (Gabe Frucci 11). Varsity records: Penn 10-5 (4-1 NIC), Riley 10-3 (5-0 NIC). Officials: Jon Hershberger, Mark Berger, Trent Long.

SB Riley lone unbeaten left in league

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SOUTH BEND -- Riley finished a little better than Penn Friday and the Wildcats beat the Kingsmen 62-55 in a showdown of boys basketball teams fighting to stay atop the Northern Indiana Conference standings.

Riley (10-3, 5-0) did not commit a turnover in the fourth quarter and made some key steals, rebounds and free throws down the stretch while winning for the fourth straight time. The Wildcats were 10-of-14 from the stripe in the final period.

Penn (10-5, 4-1) made 10 fourth-quarter turnovers while watching its eight-game win streak come to an end.

"That's kind of good," said Wildcats coach Mark Johnson of the turnover ratio in the final stanza. "We'll take that."

Penn coach Al Rhodes, who watched his team make 23 turnovers on the night, noted that his team had a high turnover total in a 51-46 win against Riley in the NIC Tournament championship game.

"Against a 5-on-5 set defense, we must execute better as a team," said Rhodes. "If you pass the ball to (the opposition), it is very hard to score points."

Riley took a 54-53 lead on senior DeAngelo Jackson's 3-pointer with 4:37 remaining and held off Penn the rest of the way.

The Kingsmen cut the gap to 56-55 on a layup by senior Alex Hendershot with 2:00 to go, but the final minute saw the Wildcats get a steal, two foul shots and a big rebound from senior De'Angelo Smith. The rebound led to three free throws from senior Dominique Brazier and one from senior Raphael Smith.

"Both teams went at it exceptionally hard," said Johnson after a game that featured no lead bigger than five points until the final margin. "That's what makes it a fun game."

Brazier (17 points) and Jackson (14) paced the Riley attack.

Freshman Leo Svete, who had scored nine points in the junior varsity game, nailed four 3-pointers in the third quarter for Penn. Senior Jordan Brady tallied 14 and sophomore Jeff Laidig 12 for the Kingsmen.

"I'm proud of hard we played, we just have to execute better," said Rhodes. "Both teams went at each other. (Riley) just did a better job."

Summary

SB RILEY 62, PENN 55

Penn -- Jordan Brady 6-11 2-3 14, Alex Hendershot 3-3 2-2 8, Jeff Laidig 4-10 2-2 12, Chris Chaffee 1-2 3-6 5, Nate Laidig 0-2 2-2 2, Brad Slott 0-1 0-0 0, Eric Perry 1-2 0-0 2, DeSean Prentice 0-0 0-0 0, Leo Svete 4-5 0-0 12. Totals: 19-36 (.527) 11-15 (.733) 55.

Riley -- Karl Columbus 0-4 0-0 0, Marcus Moody 3-4 0-2 6, DeAngelo Jackson 4-9 4-5 14, Raphael Smith 1-3 4-7 6, Dominique Brazier 1-2 0-0 2, Delvon Brown 1-2 0-0 2, De'Angelo Smith 0-0 2-2 2, T.J. Grant 3-5 0-0 7, Angelo Williams 1-2 0-0 3, Brock Cosey 2-4 0-0 5. Totals: 20-41 (.487) 16-23 (.695) 61.

Scoring By Quarters

Penn 16 10 22 7 -- 55

Riley 15 15 14 18 -- 62

3-point goals: Penn (6-13) -- Svete 4-4, J. Laidig 2-8, N. Laidig 0-1; Riley (6-11) -- Jackson 2-2, Grant 1-1, Williams 1-1, Cosey 1-2, Brazier 1-3, Smith 0-1, Columbus 0-1.

Rebounds: Penn (30) -- Brady 6, J. Laidig 6, Perry 4; Riley (18) -- M. Moody 4, Brown 4.

Turnovers: Penn 23, Riley 10.

Total fouls: Penn 20, Riley 14. Fouled out -- N. Laidig (0:20.9, fourth quarter). Technicals -- Penn coach Al Rhodes (0:0.8, fourth quarter).

Officials: Mark Berger, Jon Hershberger, Trent Long.

Team records: Riley 10-3 (5-0 NIC), Penn 10-5 (4-1 NIC).

Next: SB Riley vs. Memorial at North Side Gym Tuesday; Central at Penn Friday.

JV score: Riley 41, Penn 40. Leading scorers: Riley -- Taylor Conner 12, Tariq Scott 9, William Johnson 8; Penn -- Gabe Frucci 11, Leo Svete 9, Aaron Brady 8, Chris Stephens 8. JV records: Riley 10-2, Penn 7-7.

St. Joe	11	26	34	48
Penn	21	36	52	67

3-point goals: St. Joe 4 (O'Connor 2, Shaw, Thorpe), Penn 6 (J. Laidig 3, N. Laidig 2, Hendershot). Shooting: St. Joe 18-42, Penn 22-52. Rebounds: St. Joe 21 (Kendzicky 5), Penn 25 (Brady 8). Turnovers: St. Joe 20, Penn 9. Total fouls (fouled out): St. Joe 18, Penn 12. Officials: Tommy Tyks, Bryce Heller, Rick Scott. JV score: Penn 48 (Leo Svete 12, Aaron Brady 11), St. Joe 40 (Connor Edmonds 11). Varsity records: St. Joe 9-3 (4-1 NIC), Penn 10-4 (4-0 NIC).

High school boys basketball: Blazers, Riikonen find a way

By AL LESAR

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MISHAWAKA — Composure counts with the basketball game on the line.





Elkhart Central weathered a frantic final six seconds for a 61-60 victory over Penn Friday night.

The Kingsmen (10-6 overall, 4-2 in Northern Indiana Conference) missed five of 10 free throws in the fourth quarter to put themselves in a bad situation.

The final six seconds just made the situation worse.

With :08.7 left in regulation and Central (10-9, 3-3) clinging to a 61-59 advantage, Penn's Jordan Brady was fouled down low. He missed his first free throw — his third miss of the quarter — and hit his second.

Central inbounded the ball. Blue Blazer Satori Stahl was fouled quickly. Stahl, who had just missed a free throw on the previous possession, missed the first of his bonus opportunity.

Penn's Alex Hendershot got the rebound, but couldn't get a handle on the pass. In the confusion, he finally got the ball to Jeff Laidig. Laidig didn't catch the ball clean, but was able to get off a desperation shot from near midcourt. Not even close.

"We held our composure," said Central coach Matt Windy. "After the miss (by Stahl) our guys did a great job of getting in front of their guys."

Tight defense and plenty of disruption without a foul.

Penn coach Al Rhodes had a timeout available, but didn't use it.

"That was my fault," Rhodes said.

Then he looked at the 10 free throws his team missed.

"That's not my fault," Rhodes said.

Josh Riikonen scored 15 points, despite early foul trouble, to lead Central. Stahl and Chris Holt had 10 each. The Blazers connected on 16 of 19 free throws.

"We felt one of the keys was to outscore (Penn) at the line," Windy said. With a 16-15 edge in a one-point win, he was right.

Brady had 16 points to pace Penn.

One of the most intriguing performances came from Penn's DeSean Prentice. Prentice, who comes off the Kingsmen bench, came into the game having scored nine points all season. Friday, he scored 11 points, collected five rebounds and had a steal that accounted for another bucket.



ELKHART CENTRAL (61): Mason Braden 3 3-3 9, Khalid Jackson 4 0-0 8, Jalen Cullbreath 0 0-0 0, Seth Flatt 0 0-0 0, Chris Holt 2 6-6 10, Josh Riikonen 5 5-5 15, Satori Stahl 2 6-6 10, Terell Street 3 2-2 9. TOTALS: 21 16-19 61.

PENN (60): Jordan Brady 4 8-12 16, Chris Chaffee 3 3-4 9, Alex Hendershot 1 1-2 3, Jeff Laidig 4 0-1 9, Nate Laidig 1 1-2 3, Eric Perry 1 1-2 3, DeSean Prentice 5 1-2 11, Brad Slott 2 0-0 4, Leo Svete 1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 22 15-25 60.



Central	12	30	44	61
Penn	15	34	45	60

Shooting: Central 21 of 41 (51 percent), Penn 22 of 53 (38 percent). 3-point goals: Central 3 (Stahl 2, Street 1), Penn 1 (J. Laidig 1). Total fouls (fouled out): Central 19 (none), Penn 17 (none). Rebounds: Central 30 (Riikonen 6, Jackson 6, Holt 6), Penn 31 (Brady 6). Turnovers: Central 16, Penn 12. Officials: John Goss (Merrillville, Larry Samano (Cedar Lake), Mike Waisnora (Crown Point). JV score: Penn 41 (Gabe Frucci 12), Central 38 (John Stahl 13, Andy Braden 10). Varsity records: Central 10-9 (3-3 in NIC), Penn 10-6 (4-2).



PENN 55, ANDREAN 47

At Merrillville

PENN (55): Jordan Brady 24, Chris Chaffee 5, Alex Hendershot 11, Jeff Laidig 12, Nate Laidig 3, Eric Perry 0, DeSean Prentice 0, Brad Slott 0, Leo Svete 0. TOTALS: 18 15-22 55.

ANDREAN (47): Adam Bosak 6, Nick Davidson 19, Matt Harangody 0, John Morgan 15, Pete Nicksic 3, Terrance Swayne 2, James 2. TOTALS: 20 3-7 47.

Penn	15	24	39	55
Andean	4	15	29	47

3-point goals: Penn 4 (J. Laidig 2, N. Laidig, Handershot), Andean 4 (Morgan 3, Davidson). Total fouls: Andean 20, Penn 11. JV score: Andean 42, Penn 36 (OT). Varsity records: Penn 11-6, Andean 8-7.

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Brady leads Penn to road win

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GARY -- Jordan Brady poured in 24 points to lead Penn to a 55-47 road victory over Andean.

Jeff Laidig added 12 for the Kingsmen (11-6) and Alex Hendershot had 11.

Nick Davidson scored 19 and John Morgan 15 to lead Andean (8-7).

PENN 55, ANDEAN 47

Penn -- Nate Laidig 3, Jeff Laidig 12, Chris Chaffee 5, Brad Slott 0, DeSean Prentice 0, Leo Svete 0, Alex Hendershot 11, Jordan Brady 24, Eric Perry 0. Totals: 18 15-22 55.

Andean -- Adam Bosak 6, Nick Davidson 19, Matt Harandogy 0, John Morgan 15, Pete Nicksic 3, Terrance Swayne 2, James 2. Totals: 20 3-7 47.

Scoring By Quarters

Penn 15 9 14 16 -- 55

Andean 4 11 18 18 -- 47

3-point goals: Penn (4) -- J. Laidig 2, N. Laidig, Hendershot); Andean (4) -- Morgan 3, Davidson.

Total fouls: Penn 11, Andean 20. Fouled out -- None.

Team records: Penn 11-6, Andean 8-7.

Next: Andean at Calumet Wednesday; Penn at Mishawaka Thursday.

JV score: Andean 42, Penn 36 (OT).

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High school basketball: Cortez Lee orchestrates another big win for Mishawaka

By **SCOTT DAVIDSON**

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MISHAWAKA — Mishawaka point guard Cortez Lee may stand just 5-8.

It's a safe bet that today the Cavemen senior looks about 10 feet tall to his adoring classmates.

Lee, the shortest man on the court, made the biggest play of the night Thursday to lift Mishawaka to a thrilling 47-46 win over archrival Penn.

Lee added to his senior year of memories in a gigantic way versus Penn in front of an emotion-charged crowd at Mishawaka.

The "Kingsmen Killer," who also quarterbacked Mishawaka to two football wins over Penn in the fall, hit the game-winning free throw with 1.2 seconds to play.

Lee led all scorers with 15 points, including the final eight for his team. He was fouled on a drive to the basket after Mishawaka had taken a timeout with 12.5 seconds left.

"It's the greatest feeling in the world," said Lee of knocking off Penn. "It's great to beat them in both sports. Anytime you play your rival, you want bragging rights. I was confident with the ball. I'm just glad my coach and teammates trust me in that situation."

Lee, a four-year starter, misfired on the second free throw after a Penn timeout. Penn's desperation heave was not close as the final horn sounded and the Mishawaka student section stormed the court.

The Cavemen beat Penn two years ago, 48-47 in overtime, on a similar play as Lee was fouled and hit both free throws.

"In a huge situation like that, we wanted the ball in Cortez's hands," said Mishawaka coach Ryan Watson. "We ran that same play two years ago. He's the one we want to make a play. Somebody had to make a play at the end and luckily for us tonight Lee was the guy."

The game was nip-and-tuck throughout. The biggest lead was a scant six points. Mishawaka led 46-42 on a Lee free throw with 2:24 left. Penn pulled even as Jordan Brady hit a layup with 2:07 to play and a rebound basket with 57 seconds left. Brady led Penn with 13 points.

That set the stage for Lee's heroics.

"What a battle," said Penn coach Al Rhodes. "Both teams played tough. We played a very good game. We just needed a little better defense on that final play. You can't let him turn the corner.

"Lee was assertive and took the ball to the basket hard. They made us pay by hitting a couple of big threes versus our zone. We did a good job on Benner and his teammates stepped up. We've competed with everyone for 29 minutes. Now, we just have to do a better job in the final three."

Mishawaka led 15-9 after the opening period. The hosts led 26-25 at halftime as Ryan Benner scored eight of his 14 points.

The Kingsmen drew even after three quarters at 36. Penn led 41-39 after a Jeff Laidig jumper with 6:36 to play before Lee scored six straight on a trey and a huge steal, basket and free throw to make it 45-41 with 4:37 left.

Penn outscored the Cavemen 11-6 from the line. Mishawaka made up the difference by canning 7-of-13 treys. Penn was 3-7 from beyond the arc.

"We've shot the three very well the last few weeks and everyone shoots it with confidence for us," Watson said. "We knew it would come down to the end. It's two evenly-matched teams and Penn is so well-coached. All our kids did a great job this week preparing for them."

Penn (11-7, 4-3) hosts Concord and Mishawaka (11-7, 3-4) hosts North Judson Tuesday.

At Mishawaka

PENN (46): Jordan Brady 6 1-1 13, Chris Chaffee 0 4-4 4, Alex Hendershot 4 1-1 10, Jeff Laidig 4 1-2 10, Nate Laidig 1 4-5 7, Eric Perry 0 0-0 0, DeSean Prentice 0 0-0 0, Brad Slott 1 0-0 2, Leo Svete 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 16 11 -13 46.

MISHAWAKA (47): Ryan Benner 4 2-2 14, Mike Curtis 0 0-0 0, Frank Kuespert 2 0-0 4, Cortez Lee 5 3-5 15, Chris Mitchell 2 0-0 5, Joey Schuster 0 0-0 0, Javonte Young 4 1-2 9. TOTALS: 17 6-9 47.

Penn	9	25	36	46
Mishawaka	15	26	36	47

3-point goals: Penn 3 (N. Laidig, J. Laidig, Hendershot), Mishawaka 7 (Benner 4, Lee 2, Mitchell). Shooting: Penn 16-28, Mishawaka 17-33. Rebounds: Penn 14 (Hendershot 6, Brady 6), Mishawaka 14 (Benner 5). Turnovers: Penn 10, Mishawaka 9. Total fouls (fouled out): Penn 11, Mishawaka 11. Technical foul: Mishawaka (Kuespert). Officials: Mike Noojin, Rob Bishop, Joe Gawor. JV score: Mishawaka 34 (Danny Eggleston 10), Penn 33 (Gabe Frucci 8). Varsity records: Penn 11-7 (4-3 NIC), Mishawaka 11-7 (3-4 NIC).

Prep: Boys Basketball — Benner's four 3's fuels Cavemen victory

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MISHAWAKA -- Ryan Benner's four 3-pointers fueled a game-high 14 points as Mishawaka outlasted rival Penn in the Northern Indiana Conference.

The Cavemen and Kingsmen both stand at 11-7 overall. Jordan Brady's 13 points led Penn.

MISHAWAKA 47, PENN 46

High school boys basketball: Solid finish lifts Penn over Concord

Jeff Laidig led three Penn Kingsmen in double figures with 16 points in a 54-43 boys basketball victory over visiting Concord Tuesday night.

Chris Chaffee and Jordan Brody each added 10 for Penn (12-7), which led at halftime, 27-26.

Doug Acker scored 18 for Concord (13-4), which was outscored 17-6 in the fourth quarter.

At Mishawaka

CONCORD (43): Doug Acker 18, DuWhan Alford 3, Coty Brown 1, Jordon Haitsma 1, Franko House 7, Seth Huxford 0, Joe Adams 0, Eric McCray 0, Alex Sith 3, Larone Smith 0, Jason Spriggs 6, Anthony Yoder 4. TOTALS: 14 10-15 43.

PENN (54): Allan Barnes 0, Jordan Brady 10, Chris Chaffee 10, Alex Hendershot 6, Jeff Laidig 16, Nate Laidig 7, Eric Perry 5, DeSean Prentice 0, Brad Slott 0, Leo Svete 0, Gabe Frucci 0. TOTALS: 20 11-17 54.

Concord	14	26	37	43
Penn	17	27	37	54

3-point goals: Concord 5 (Acker 4, Sith), Penn 3 (J. Laidig). Total fouls (fouled out): Concord 17 (Yoder), Penn 13 (none). JV score: Penn 54, Concord 41. Varsity records: Concord 13-4, Penn 12-7

Boys Basketball -- A strong 4th quarter sends Penn over Concord

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MISHAWAKA -- For three quarters, Concord and Penn practically mirrored each other on the basketball court Tuesday night.

Then in the fourth quarter, that mirror suddenly turned to shattered glass for the Minutemen and a polished finish for the host Kingsmen.

The first three periods yielded seven lead changes and seven ties, netting a 37-all deadlock, before Penn pounced on Concord 17-6 in the closing period for a 54-43 victory at The Palace.

"We did much better the second half with our perimeter defense, not letting their drivers break through with their drives, so there were fewer plays we had to rely on our post players who were in foul trouble," Kingsmen coach Al Rhodes said after his team limited the Minutemen to 17 second-half points.

"And we did well on offense against their traps, against the full-court pressure," Rhodes said. "When we got the lead, we did a nice job running some clock, and then when they did foul us, we did a really good job at the free throw line in the fourth quarter (9-of-10)."

Jeff Laidig led three Penn players in double figures with 16 points, while Chris Chaffee and Jordan Brady added 10 apiece as the Kingsmen improved to 12-7.

Concord -- playing almost the entire game without its No. 2 scorer on the season, Larone Smith -- dropped to 13-4.

Smith, who suffered a hip injury Monday in practice, tried to go for a two-minute stint in the first quarter, but never returned after that.

"Other guys have to step up when that happens, and we didn't have that tonight," Minutemen coach Steve Austin said.

What Concord did have was seven fourth-quarter turnovers, and 22 for the game to Penn's 14.

"A lot of them were our own fault," Austin said. "We were careless with the ball, had no sense of urgency and had guys not thinking. We still put three pretty decent quarters together, but in the fourth we lost mental focus, got tired or whatever it was."

Minuteman senior Doug Acker led all players with 18 points and three steals, but nobody else cracked double digits for Concord.

Laidig added a game-high four assists and two steals to his 16 points for the Kingsmen, while all of Chaffee's 10 points came in the second half. He was 3-of-4 from the field and 4-of-4 at the line after intermission after going 0-of-1 and 0-of-3 before the break.

"We kind of go as Chris goes sometimes," Rhodes said. "If Chris is playing well, it really helps all the other players on offense, just makes the timing of our offense much better."

Summary

PENN 54, CONCORD 43

Concord -- Franko House 2-5 3-3 7, Doug Acker 6-10 2-2 18, Jason Spriggs 3-6 0-0 6, Anthony Yoder 1-4 2-5 4, Jordan Haitsma 0-4 1-2 1, DuWhan Alford 1-5 1-1 3, Larone Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Coty Brown 0-0 1-2 1, Alex Sith 1-2 0-0 3, Joe Adams 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 14-36 (.389) 10-15 (.667) 43.

Penn -- Alex Hendershot 3-4 0-0 6, Jeff Laidig 6-11 1-2 16, Jordan Brady 4-6 2-2 10, Nate Laidig 2-6 3-4 7, Chris Chaffee 3-5 4-7 10, Brad Slott 0-1 0-0 0, Eric Perry 2-3 1-2 5, Leo Svete 0-1 0-0 0, DeSean Prentice 0-1 0-0 0, Allan Barnes 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 20-38 (.526) 11-17 (.647) 54.

Scoring By Quarters

Concord 14 12 11 6 -- 43

Penn 17 10 10 17 -- 54

3-point goals: Concord (5-17) -- Acker 4-8, Sith 1-2, House 0-1, Haitsma 0-3, Alford 0-3; Penn (3-9) -- J.Laidig 3-7, N.Laidig 0-1, Svete 0-1.

Rebounds: Concord (20) -- Spriggs 5, House 4, Acker 4; Penn (24) -- Hendershot 6, Brady 5, Chaffee 4.

Assists: Concord (8) -- Yoder 3, Haitsma 3, Acker 2; Penn (14) -- J.Laidig 4, N.Laidig 3, Chaffee 3.

Steals: Concord (7) -- Acker 3, Spriggs 2; Penn (7) -- J.Laidig 2, N.Laidig 2.

Turnovers: Concord 22, Penn 15.

Total fouls: Concord 17, Penn 13. Fouled out -- Yoder (1:21, 4th quarter).

Officials: Curt Yoder, Eric Coburn, Kirk Robinson.

Team records: Concord 13-4, Penn 12-7.

Next: Concord at Jimtown, SB Adams at Penn, both Friday.

JV score: Concord 30, Penn 29. Leading scorers: Concord -- Josh Schuller 13, Eric McCray 6; Penn -- Gabe Frucci 8, Leo Svete 5. JV records: Concord 13-3, Penn 8-10.

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High school boys basketball: Laidigs give nod to Penn over Adams

By SCOTT DAVIDSON

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MISHAWAKA — It was a family affair for the Kingsmen Friday night.

HS BOYS BASKETBALL

Penn 46

Adams 34

The cousin connection of Laidigs, Jeff and Nate, paced Penn past Adams, 46-34, in Northern Indiana Conference basketball at Penn.

Jeff Laidig took care of the offense with 22 points, while Nate was the defensive stopper in the final half.

Jeff Laidig canned six of seven from 3-point range for Penn (13-7, 5-3). Roosevelt Green scored 16 points for the Eagles (7-12, 3-5).

Penn, thanks in large part to Nate Laidig's defense on Green, outscored the Eagles 21-9 in the final half. Green had 14 points in the first half as it was tied at 25 at intermission.

Adams, which averages 51.1 points a game, was held to a season-low point total. The Eagles shot just 3-of-18 from the field in the second half.

"Our defense was much better in the second half," said Penn coach Al Rhodes. "Nate chased a lot harder in our man(-to-man defense) and got a hand up. We also did a nice job in our zone. We moved well. In the first half, we let their guards turn the corner and gave them shooting opportunities."

"Jeff is a very good shooter and we need him to be assertive like he was tonight. It was a combination of his teammates giving him good passes and him setting his feet and shooting it well."

Adams came out hot with a 10-1 run to lead 14-5. Penn, sloppy early with turnovers, used a 10-0 run to pull within 16-15 after the first quarter.

Penn took control with a 10-0 run to open the third period. Jordan Brady scored five and Nate Laidig drained his fifth straight 3-pointer of the game in the key stretch. Adams, which missed its first six shots of the quarter, trailed 38-29 after the third stanza.

"We just couldn't score," said Adams coach Pat King. "We had some open looks. We just couldn't make a shot that second half.

"Rosey had a good first half and then they came at him defensively in the second which we knew they would. (Jeff) Laidig was unbelievable. A couple of those 3s were really deep."

Adams was shorthanded as Trevon Love, the team's second leading scorer at 11 points a game and reserve Donald Agnew both missed the game with ankle injuries. Love was hurt Tuesday night late in the game against Elkhart Memorial, while Agnew was injured in practice Thursday.

ADAMS (34): T.J. Farrell 3 0-2 6, Roosevelt Green 6 2-2 16, Chris Hoffman 0 0-0 0, Kenyon Murphy 1 0-0 2, Nathan Payne 2 0-0 5, Brandon Stoller 0 0-1 0, C.J. Superczynski 2 0-0 5, Jalen White 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 14 2-5 34.

PENN (46): Jordan Brady 4 2-5 10, Chris Chaffee 2 1-2 5, Alex Hendershot 1 0-0 2, Jeff Laidig 7 2-2 22, Nate Laidig 1 1-1 3, Eric Perry 1 1-2 3, DeSean Prentice 0 0-0 0, Brad Slott 0 1-2 1. TOTALS: 16 8-14 46.

Adams	16	25	29	34
Penn	15	25	38	46

3-point goals: Adams 4 (Green 2, Payne, Superczynski), Penn 6 (J. Laidig 6). Shooting: Adams 14-38, Penn 16-31. Rebounds: Adams 17 (Farrell 5), Penn 23 (J. Laidig 8). Turnovers: Adams 11, Penn 16. . Total fouls (fouled out): Adams 11, Penn 8. Officials: Greg Yergler, Tim Mills, Mark McCammon. JV score: Penn 45 (Chris Sleepers 18), Adams 37 (Nolan Montgomery 18). Varsity records: Adams 7-12 (3-5 NIC), Penn 13-7 (5-3 NIC) .

Boys Basketball — Laidig's 22 points pace Penn to victory

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MISHAWAKA --Jeff Laidig hit six 3-pointers and scored 22 points to lead Penn to a 46-34 victory over South Bend Adams in Northern Indiana Conference action.

The game was tied at halftime, but the Kingsman outscored Adams 13-4 in the third quarter to take command. Jordan Brady added 10 points for the Kingsmen (13-7, 5-3), while Laidig also grabbed a game-high eight rebounds. Roosevelt Green topped Adams (7-12, 3-5) with 16 points.

PENN 46, ADAMS 34

Adams -- T.J. Farrell 3 0-2 6, Roosevelt Green 6 2-2 16, Chris Hoffman 0 0-0 0, Kenyon Murphy 1 0-0 2, Nathan Payne 2 0-0 5, Brandon Stoller 0 0-1 0, C.J. Superczynski 2 0-0 5, Jalen White 0 0-0 0. Totals: 14 2-5 34.

Penn -- Jordan Brady 4 2-5 10, Chris Chaffee 2 1-2 5, Alex Hendershot 1 0-0 2, Jeff Laidig 7 2-2 22, Nate Laidig 1 1-1 3, Eric Perry 1 1-2 3, DeSean Prentice 0 0-0 0, Brad Slott 0 1-2 1. Totals: 16 8-14 46.

Scoring By Quarters

Adams 16 9 4 5 -- 34

Penn 15 10 13 8 -- 46

3-point goals: Adams (4) -- Green 2, Payne 1, Superczynski 1; Penn (6) -- J. Laidig 6.

Rebounds: Adams (17) -- Farrell 5; Penn (23) -- J. Laidig 8.

Turnovers: Adams 11, Penn 16.

Total fouls: Adams 11, Penn 8.

Team records: Penn 13-7 (5-3 in Northern Indiana Conference), Adams 7-12 (3-5).

Next: FW South at Adams today; Glenn at Penn Friday.

JV score: Penn 45, Adams 37. Leading scorers: Penn -- Chris Sleepers 18; Adams -- Nolan Montgomery 18.

High school boys basketball: Fast start carries Kingsmen over Glenn

Penn seniors say farewell with win over Glenn

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MISHAWAKA — Alex Hendershot collected his share of lumber Friday night.

HS BOYS BASKETBALL

Penn 68

Glenn 33

The 6-foot-1 senior hauled down 11 rebounds as Penn used a quick start to cruise to a 68-33 win over Glenn in high school basketball action at the Penn Palace.

Sophomore Jeff Laidig scored 10 of his 12 points in the first half as the Kingmen (14-7) scored the game's first eight points and then used a 22-2 run during the first and second quarters to open up a 37-12 halftime cushion.

"You're always concerned about how the kids are going to be emotional wise on Senior Night," said Penn coach Al Rhodes. "That really wasn't a concern for us because our three seniors, Hendershot,





(Chris) Chaffee, and (Jordan) Brady really stepped up and took charge.

"Getting off to a strong start offensively helped, but I thought our defensive play was very good tonight. We did a good job of contesting their shots and limiting their opportunities by rebounding very well."

Although Hendershot managed just two points, it was his work on the glass and the defensive end which helped the hosts to a 46-21 rebounding edge and hold Glenn (14-6) to just 32 percent shooting, including 3-of-20 from 3-point range.

"I'm one of the guys the coaches designate to go to the basket after rebounds, so I was just doing my job," Hendershot said. "The fact I don't score a lot of points really doesn't bother me. I do my part to help us out by doing all of the little things like rebounding and playing good defense.

"The coaches kept telling us (Glenn was) a very good shooting team and that we needed to get after them. We made things tough on them by doing a good job of contesting their shots by always trying to have a hand in their face."

Nate Laidig netted 10 of his 15 points and DeSean Prentice added all 10 of his in the second half as Penn built its margin up to as many 37 points.

"It was just an excellent team effort tonight," Rhodes said. "We got a lot of people involved and played very well on both ends of the floor."

Coming off Tuesday's emotional win over Plymouth, this wasn't how Glenn coach Travis Hannah envisioned his team's six-game winning streak ending.



"There were two things that had a lot to do with tonight's performance," explained Hannah. "One is that the coaching staff didn't do a good job of preparing the team to play. The second is that the kids didn't come ready to compete tonight.

"That's why I apologized to coach Rhodes afterwards, because of the way we performed tonight. We were dominated in every aspect of the game, especially on the boards."

Andrew Alexander paced the Falcons with 12 points and six boards.

GLENN (33): Andrew Alexander 5 2-2 12, Josh Anderson 3 0-1 8, Carsen Heim 0 0-2 0, Jordan Hesters 1 0-0 2, Josh Horvath 0 0-0 0, Jake Kosinski 3 0-0 6, Sean Liedtky 0 0-0 0, Andrew Morton 1 0-2 2, Lonnie Shetler 1 0-0 3, Brock Solmos 0 0-0 0, Aaron Stegemiller 0 0-2 0, John Stewart 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 14 2-9 33.

PENN (68): Allan Barnes 1 0-0 2, Jordan Brady 4 0-1 8, Chris Chaffee 3 1-1 7,

Alex Hendershot 1 0-1 2, Jeff Laidig 5 0-0 12, Nate Laidig 5 2-2 15, Eric Perry 3 0-2 6, DeSean Prentice 5 0-0 10, Brad Slott 1 0-0 2, Leo Svete 1 1-2 4, Gabe Frucci 0 0-0 0, Aaron Brady 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 29 4-9 68.

Glenn	10	12	22	33
Penn	17	37	47	68



3-point goals: Glenn 3 (Anderson 2, Shetler), Penn N. Laidig 3, J. Laidig 2, Svete). Total fouls: Glenn 15, Penn 15. Shooting: Glenn 14-of-44 (32 percent), Penn 29-of-56 (52 percent). Rebounds: Glenn 21 (Alexander 6), Penn 46 (Hendershot 11). Turnovers: Glenn 7, Penn 9. JV score: Penn 37 (Gabe Frucci 10), Glenn 35 (Tom Knape 12, John Stewart 12). Varsity records: Glenn 14-6, Penn 14-7. Officials: Bob Schellinger, John Van Wagner, Steve Godfroy.

Boys Basketball -- Penn out-muscles Glenn in regular-season final

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MISHAWAKA -- Penn's focus was clear.

Glenn's focus could best be described as murky.

As a result, the Kingsmen routed the Falcons 68-33 Friday night in the regular season finale for both boys basketball teams.

Penn (14-7) scored the game's first eight points and outscored their guests 20-2.

Glenn (14-6) made just 1-of-9 shots from the floor in the second period while the Kingsmen canned 9-of-13.

The Falcons, which were coming off an emotional 64-46 home victory Tuesday against Plymouth, made just 14-of-42 field goal attempts for the game (33.3 percent) compared to 29-of-56 (51.7 percent) for the Kingsmen.

While Glenn, the Northern State Conference champions, missed all but three shots behind the 3-point arc, Penn made 6-of-13.

"We tried to get a hand up on their 3-point shooters," said Kingsmen coach Al Rhodes. "We did a nice job of helping. Our help-and-response defense was really good. That's something we have really worked on."

But where Penn really got the better of Glenn was on the glass.

"The story of the game was rebounding," said Rhodes, who saw his team hold the Falcons to one shot time after time while holding a 45-18 rebounding edge.

"They just dominated us in every aspect of the game," said Glenn coach Travis Hannah. "We had a very hard time finding shots with their length and athleticism."

Hannah said his players may have been looking ahead to next week's Class 3A Plymouth Sectional a little too early.

"That's embarrassing for our program all the way around," Hannah said.

Alex Hendershot celebrated "Senior Night" at The Palace with a team-best 10 rebounds to go with two points.

"Alex is a key for our defense and rebounding. He's also a good screener and passer," said Rhodes. "Our seniors (Hendershot, Jordan Brady and Chris Chaffee) were really focused."

Brady netted eight rebounds and snagged seven rebounds while Chaffee had seven points and four rebounds.

Penn's top point producers were Nate Laidig (15), Jeff Laidig (12) and De-



Sean Prentice (10).
Andrew Alexander paced Glenn with 12 points.

Summary

PENN 68, GLENN 33

Glenn -- Jake Kosinski 3-5 0-0 6, Josh Anderson 3-4 0-1 8, Andrew Alexander 5-10 2-2 12, Lonnie Shetler 1-7 0-0 3, Jordan Hesters 1-6 0-0 2, Brock Solmos 0-3 0-0 0, Andrew Morton 1-3 0-2 2, Josh Horvath 0-1 0-0 0, Carsen Heim 0-1 0-2 0, Aaron Stegmiller 0-1 0-2 0, John Stewart 0-1 0-0 0, Sean Liedtky 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 14-42 (.333) 2-9 (.222) 33.

Penn -- Jordan Brady 4-9 0-1 8, Alex Hendershot 1-4 0-1 2, Jeff Laidig 5-11 0-0 12, Chris Chaffee 3-7 1-1 7, Nate Laidig 5-8 2-2 15, Eric Perry 3-4 0-2 6, Brad Slott 1-2 0-0 2, Leo Svete 1-2 1-2 4, DeSean Prentice 5-8 0-0 10, Allan Barnes 1-1 0-0 2, Gabe Frucci 0-0 0-0 0, Aaron Brady 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 29-56 (.517) 4-9 (.444) 68.

Scoring By Quarters

Glenn 10 2 10 11 -- 33

Penn 17 20 10 21 -- 68

3-point goals: Glenn (3-21) -- Anderson 2-2, Shetler 1-6, Morton 0-1, Horvath 0-1, Stewart 0-1, Solmos 0-2, Alexander 0-3, Hesters 0-5; Penn (6-13) -- N. Laidig 3-5, J. Laidig 2-4, Svete 1-2, Hendershot 0-1, Chaffee 0-1.

Rebounds: Glenn (18) -- Shetler 3; Penn (45) -- Hendershot 10, Brady 7, Perry 5, Chaffee 4, Slott 4, Prentice 3.

Turnovers: Glenn 9, Penn 8.

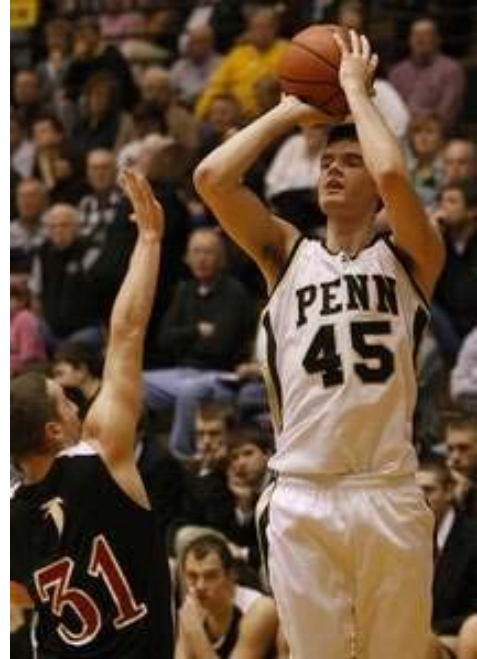
Total fouls: Glenn 15, Penn 15. Fouled out -- none.

Officials: Steve Godfroy, Huntington; Bob Schellinger, LaPorte; John VanWagner, Porter.

Team records: Penn 14-7, Glenn 14-6.

Next: Glenn vs. Rochester in Class 3A Plymouth Sectional Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Penn vs. SB Adams in Class 4A SB Riley Sectional Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

JV score: Penn 37, Glenn 35. Leading scorers: Penn -- Gabe Frucci 10, T.J. Bayer 7, Austin Ellenberger 7; Glenn - Tom Kanape 12, John Stewart 12. JV records: Penn 10-10, Glenn 10-7.



Sectionals

Class 4-A South Bend

Although Riley had its 11-game winning streak snapped by No. 5 (Class 2-A Munster (47-42) this past Friday, the Wildcats still have to be the favorite to capture the crown.

They have beaten the other five teams in the field and probably have the most talent and depth.

Although Riley doesn't have one standout performer, it comes at you with 10 players (six of them averaging between six and 12 points) and never seem to miss a beat whatever combination it puts on the floor.

Riley has been at its best and caused opponents problems when they are playing an uptempo style on offense and applying solid pressure on the defensive end.

One team that could give the Wildcats fits is Penn, which posted a 51-46 win over Riley on Dec. 30 in the title

game of the Northern Indiana Conference holiday tournament. The Wildcats later returned the favor with 62-55 win on Jan. 29

The Kingsmen like to play the game at a slower pace by being patient offensively and looking for the highest percentage shot possible. They also like to use a variety of different defenses to keep teams dazed and confused.

If Penn is able to get past Adams in its opener, it would set up a rubber match with the Wildcats in the semifinals.

Another squad not to overlook is Mishawaka, which takes on the Clay-Washington winner in the other semifinal.

With four returning starters, the Cavemen entered the 2009-10 campaign with plenty of hope and expectation. Instead, they struggled for most of the season to establish consistency on both sides of the ball until recently with six wins in their last seven games.

Mishawaka almost got the better of Riley on Jan. 8, dropping a 66-61 overtime decision in which it had a seven-point lead near the end of regulation.

The Cavemen have been at their best when they're shooting well from the outside early on. This has allowed them to open things up inside by being able to penetrate the ball toward the basket.

Even though Adams enters with the lone losing record in the field, the Eagles have beaten the likes of No. 5 (Class 4-A) East Chicago Central and Fort Wayne South.

"It always seems something crazy happens in our sectional," said Clay coach Joe Huppenthal. "I'm not saying that something good is going to happen for us again. All I know is that you can expect the unexpected to happen at some point." 3-5



4A/SOUTH BEND RILEY

Riley beat visiting Penn 62-55 on Jan. 29 -- one month after the Kingsmen topped the Wildcats 51-46 in the league tourney title game on a neutral court.

Since the first meeting, Riley's gone 10-1, its only loss being 47-42 to powerhouse Munster (21-2) in a regular-season finale.

Peaking Penn, meanwhile, has won four straight, each by at least nine points.

The rubber-match winner returns Saturday to face tonight's survivor between Mishawaka (13-8) and South Bend Washington (13-9).

Those two teams also have split a pair of games this season.

High school basketball: Penn, Panthers roll Free throws down the stretch are key

By **MATT KOPSEA**
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SOUTH BEND — The free throw line was golden for Washington's Jerron Jamerson and Penn's Jeff Laidig Tuesday night.

HS BOYS SECTIONAL

Washington 50, Clay 47

Penn 60, Adams 51

Jamerson knocked down 11-of-12 from the charity stripe, including 9-of-10 in the fourth quarter, helping Washington rally for a 50-47 win over defending champion Clay in opening round action of the Class 4-A Riley boys basketball sectional.



In the nightcap, Laidig hit all eight of his free throws, including four in the final minute, leading Penn to a 60-51 victory over Adams.

Semifinal action starts Friday at 6 p.m. with Washington (13-9) taking on Mishawaka (13-8), followed by Penn (15-7) and Riley (17-4) around 8 p.m.

Penn 60, Adams 51: A technical foul whistled on Laidig midway through the fourth quarter actually sparked the Kingsmen.

After T.J. Farrell of Adams connected on one of two free throws to tie the game at 47, Penn went on a 7-0 spurt to seize command.

"That whistle turned out to be the biggest play of the game because they (Penn) seemed to get every break and call after that," said Adams coach Pat King. "Our

kids played hard and put themselves in position to win. Unfortunately, we just couldn't finish what we started."

Down by as many as six points in the first half, the Kingsmen fought back to grab a 38-37 lead heading into the final stanza, thanks to 10 third quarter points from Alex Hendershot.

"We shot very poorly and took too many threes in the first half, due in large part to Adams doing a good job of mixing up their zone defenses," said Penn coach Al Rhodes. "Our ability to get the ball inside to our post people like Alex allowed us to get back in the game."

While the Eagles (8-14) were guilty of six turnovers over the final eight minutes, Penn had none and only seven for the contest.

In addition, the Kingsmen were 13-of-16 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter and 22-of-26 for the game.



"I was pleased with the way we performed the last four minutes to-night," Rhodes said. "Our concentration was good and we did a good job of hitting our free throws."

Nate Laidig led the Penn comeback charge with nine of his 15 points in the fourth quarter. Jeff Laidig and Hendershot chipped in 14 apiece.

"To Penn's credit, they took care of the basketball down the stretch and we didn't," King added. "They also got to the (free throw) line more than we did and managed to convert their opportunities."

Trevon Love tallied 17 points, Roosevelt Green added 15 on five 3-pointers, and T.J. Farrell had 13 before fouling out.

At South Bend





PENN (60): Jordan Brady 4 2-2 10, Chris Chaffee 0 1-2 1, Alex Hendershot 3 6-8 14, Jeff Laidig 3 8-8 14, Nate Laidig 4 5-6 15, Eric Perry 0 0-0 0, DeSean Prentice 0 0-0 0, Brad Slott 0 0-0 0, Leo Svete 2 0-0 6. TOTALS: 16 22-26 60.

ADAMS (51): Donald Agnew 1 0-0 2, T.J. Farrell 4 5-6 13, Roosevelt Green 5 0-0 15, Chris Hoffman 1 2-2 4, Trevon Love 7 3-4 17, Kenyon Murphy 0 0-0 0, Nathan Payne 0 0-0 0, C.J. Superczynski 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 18 10-12 51.



Penn	9	21	38	60
Adams	15	23	37	51

3-point goals: Penn 6 (N. Laidig 2, Hendershot 2, Svete 2), Adams 5 (Green 5). Total fouls (fouled out): Penn 12, Adams 22 (Farrell). Technical foul: J. Laidig (Penn). Shooting: Penn 16-of-39 (41 percent), Adams 18-of-43 (42 percent). Rebounds: Penn 23 (Hendershot 6), Adams 25 (Farrell 8). Turnovers: Penn 7, Adams 14. Varsity records: Penn 15-7, Adams 8-14. Officials: Eric Coburn, Larry Samano, Dustin Kaehr.



Washington 50, Clay 47: Limited to just six points through the first three quarters, the 6-foot-2 senior Jamerson took control.

“I wasn’t ready for the season to end, so I decided I had to do something about it,” said Jamerson, who also had seven rebounds. “It was a little frustrating there for awhile, but I give our bench guys a lot of credit for stepping up and keeping us in the game until I was able to get myself on track.”

Down by as many as 11 points, the Panthers rallied with the help of seven Clay turnovers and a 9-1 run to open up a 37-34 lead after three quarters.

“The tempo was definitely in Clay's favor early on, so we decided to try to speed up the tempo a little,” said Washington coach Chad Johnston. “We also did a much better job of getting the ball inside and getting ourselves to the free throw line.”

Behind seven points from senior Kameron Stevens, the Colonials (4-18) managed to come back and grab a 47-44 lead with just over two minutes left.

Clay then missed its final four shots.

“This is the way our season has gone for us,” said Clay coach Joe Huppenthal. “Our kids played their hearts out and put us in position to win. The problem again was we missed some shots and couldn't convert our free throws. We did everything we wanted to do tonight, except win.”

Stevens finished with 14 points and Donovan Campbell added 11 and five boards before fouling out.



At South Bend

CLAY (47): Alex Bauters 0 0-0 0, Daris Boles 0 1-2 1, Donovan Campbell 3 4-4 11, P.J. Ellis 0 2-2 2, Taron Miller 1 4-10 7, Sidney Staples 2 1-1 5, Kameron Stevens 3 5-9 14, Jeremy Vargo 0 0-0 0, Jurod Wooden 1 2-2 4, Tony Shead 0 0-0 0, Zach Nemeth 1 0-0 3. TOTALS: 11 19-30 47.

WASHINGTON (50): Staton Blount 0 0-0 0, Bo Calhoun 4 0-0 8, Zach Dashner 0 0-0 0, Jalin Gross 2 0-1 5, Duron Ivery 1 0-0 2, Jerron Jamerson 2 11-12 15, Jordan Person 2 0-0 5, Robert Stalling 2 3-6 9, DeCarlo Thomas 0 0-0 0, Teven Watson 2 2-5 6. TOTALS: 15 16-24 50.

Clay	15	30	34	47
Washington	10	24	37	50

3-point goals: Clay 6 (Stevens 3, Miller, Campbell, Nemeth), Washington 4 (Stalling 2, Person, Gross). Total fouls (fouled out): Clay 19 (Campbell, Staples), Washington 20. Shooting: Clay 11-of-32 (34 percent), Washington 15-of-38 (39 percent). Rebounds: Clay 24 (Campbell 5, Staples 5), Washington 26 (Jamerson 7). Turnovers: Clay 19, Washington 20. Varsity records: Clay 4-18, Washington 13-9. Officials: Brad Harris, Curt Yoder, Layne Meeks.



4A Sectional -- Foul shot helps Penn beat Adams

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SOUTH BEND -- Penn connected on 22-of-26 foul shots Tuesday as the Kingsmen beat South Bend Adams 60-51 in the first round of the Class 4A South Bend Sectional boys basketball tournament at Riley High School.

Nate Laidig scored nine of his 15 points in the fourth quarter and Jeff Laidig, who scored 14 points, made all four of his free throw tries in the final minute for Penn (15-7). Alex Henderson also scored 14 while Jordan Brady netted 10.

Adams (8-14) was led by Trevon Love (17 points), Roosevelt Green (15) and T.J. Farrell (13).

Next up for the Kingsmen is the semifinals Friday against Riley (17-4). The first semifinal at 6 p.m. pits South Bend Washington (13-9) against Mishawaka (13-8).

Class 4A South Bend Sectional

(At SB Riley)

PENN 60, SB ADAMS 51

Penn -- Jordan Brady 4 2-2 10, Chris Chaffee 0 1-2 1, Alex Hendershot 3 6-8 14, Jeff Laidig 3 8-8 14, Nate Laidig 4 5-6 15, Eric Perry 0 0-0 0, DeSean Prentice 0 0-0 0, Brad Slott 0 0-0 0, Leo Svete 2 0-0 6. Totals: 16 22-26 60.

Adams -- Donald Agnew 1 0-0 2, T.J. Farrell 4 5-6 13, Roosevelt Green 5 0-0 15, Chris Hoffman 1 2-2 4, Trevon Love 7 3-4 17, Kenyon Murphy 0 0-0 0, Nathan Payne 0 0-0 0, C.J. Superczynski 0 0-0 0. Totals: 18 10-12 51.

Scoring By Quarters

Penn 9 12 17 22 -- 60

Adams 15 8 14 14 -- 51

3-point goals: Penn (6) -- N. Laidig 2, Hendershot 2, Svete 2; Adams (5) -- Green 5.

Rebounds: Penn (23) -- Henderson 6; Adams (25) -- Farrell 8.

Turnovers: Penn 7, Adams 14.

Total fouls: Penn 12, Adams 22. Fouled out -- Farrell.

Team records: Penn 15-7, Adams 8-14.

Next: Penn vs. Riley in semifinals of Class 4A South Bend Sectional at Riley Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Other game: SB Washington 50, SB Clay 47. Records: Washington 13-9, Clay 4-18.

High school boys basketball: Penn, Washington move on

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SOUTH BEND — The Laidig family felt right at home inside the Cat House Friday night.

Cousins Jeff and Nate Laidig combined for 17 of their 26 total points in the second half, leading Penn to a 51-44 victory over Riley in semifinal action of the Class 4-A Riley boys basketball sectional tournament.

In the opener, Jalin Gross knocked down two free throws with 35 seconds left, helping Washington hold on for a 58-53 win over Mishawaka.

Penn (16-7) and Washington (14-9) meet Saturday at 7:30 p.m., for the championship and a spot in next Saturday's Michigan City Regional.

· Penn 51, Riley 44: Despite being guilty of 10 turnovers and shooting 33 percent in the opening half, the Kingsmen managed to pull together after the break to eliminate the hosts.

Alex Hendershot netted nine of his 13 points in the third quarter as Penn used a 19-6 spurt to turn a two-point deficit into a 37-26 cushion.

“We felt like we were fortunate to only be down two points at halftime, because Riley really gave us problems with their defensive pressure,” said Penn coach Al Rhodes.

“Their defense is designed to speed you up, so being a little more patient, we were able to slow the game down and get the tempo to our liking.

“The difference for us in the second half was we quit playing sideways and started doing a good job of attacking the basket. We also did a much better job defensively of identifying their shooters and keeping them under control by shutting down the driving lanes.”

Behind the play of junior Karl Columbus, the Wildcats (17-5) made a run in the fourth quarter to cut the deficit to 37-34 with just over three minutes left.

Five points from junior Nate Laidig, including a 3-pointer, and 4-of-4 from the free throw line from sophomore Jeff Laidig helped the Kingsmen build the margin back up to nine points in the closing minute.



Jeff Laidig finished with 16 points and Nate Laidig added 10 for the Kingsmen, who were 9-of-10 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter.

“We not only did a better job of taking care of the ball tonight, but we also made our free throws when it mattered,” Rhodes said.

Columbus and Raphael Smith netted 11 points apiece for Riley, which was 9-of-22 shooting in the second half.

“When we needed to make a shot, a free throw, or get a defensive stop tonight, we weren't able to convert,” said Riley coach Mark Johnson. “We've had trouble scoring at times, so we've got to convert our opportunities when we get them. Tonight, we had some good looks and just weren't able to convert them.



“Once they were able to slow the game down and get it to their liking, we didn't do a good job of adjusting. We had some breakdowns and wound up giving them some good looks at the basket. In a grinder game like this, you can't afford to make those type of mistakes.”

· PENN 51, RILEY 44

At South Bend

RILEY (44): Dominique Brazier 3 1-2 7, Delvon Brown 1 0-0 2, Karl Columbus 4 3-3 11, Brock Cosey 1 0-0 2, T.J. Grant 2 0-0 4, DeAngelo Jackson 3 0-0 7, DeAngelo Smith 0 0-0 0, Raphael Smith 4 3-8 11, Angelo Williams 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 18 7-13 44.

PENN (51): Jordan Brady 2 3-4 7, Chris Chaffee 0 3-4 3, Alex Hendershot 6 0-2 13, Nate Laidig 4 0-0 10, Jeff Laidig 4 7-8 16, Eric Perry 0 0-0 0, DeSean Prentice 1 0-0 2, Brad Slott 0 0-0 0, Leo Svete 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 16 13-16 51.

Riley 10 20 26 44

Penn 11 18 37 51

3-point goals: Riley 1 (Jackson), Penn 6 (J. Laidig 3, N. Laidig 2, Hendershot). Total fouls (fouled out): Riley 16 (Jackson), Penn 16 (none). Shooting: Riley 18-of-38 (47 percent), Penn 16-of-36 (44 percent). Rebounds: Riley 19 (R. Smith 6), Penn 26 (Brady 8). Turnovers: Riley 13, Penn 16. Varsity records: Riley 17-5, Penn 16-7. Officials: Brad Harris, Curt Yoder, Layne Meeks.

Boys 4A South Bend Sectional -- Penn's strong 3-point shooting sends them to title game

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SOUTH BEND -- Penn basketball coach Al Rhodes got exactly the kind of game he wanted Friday night.



And the Kingsmen responded just the way he hoped.

Penn used a tough defensive performance, strong rebounding and good 3-point shooting as the Kingsmen advanced to the Class 4A South Bend sectional title game by beating the host Riley Wildcats, 51-44.

The Kingsmen, now 16-7 overall, will face South Bend Washington in tonight's title game. The Panthers (14-9) advanced by beating Mishawaka 58-53. Penn has beaten Washington twice this season -- both by 10 points.

"You have to give Riley a lot of credit for the defensive pressure they put on us, but I thought our defense was very good too," Rhodes understated. "We worked hard on not allowing them to penetrate into the lane and forced them to shoot jumpers."

After a grind-it-out first half that had Riley up 20-18, the Kingsmen built a lead by dominating the third quarter. Led by senior forward Alex Hendershot's nine points, the Kingsmen outscored Riley 19-6 to take an 11 point advantage into the final stanza.

Penn hit eight of its 14 shots in the quarter, including 3-of-4 from beyond the arc. Meanwhile, the Wildcats were just 3-of-12.

"The first three times we came downcourt, we had good looks and missed all three shots," Riley coach Mark Johnson said. "So instead of getting an eight-point lead, it was still 20-18 and then (Jeff) Laidig hit a 3-pointer and they're up. That was a huge part of the game."

The Wildcats switched from their 2-3 zone defense to a man-to-man in the fourth quarter and quickly started chewing into the Penn advantage.

Riley scored the first eight points of the quarter to make it 37-34 with 3:44 to play. That's when Penn's Nathan Laidig nailed a 3-pointer from the top of the key to push the lead back to six.

"Their defense speeded us up a bit, so the key was to get us slowed down and seeing the court again," Rhodes said. "We were playing sideways instead of attacking."

Laidig's 3-pointer seemed to settle Penn down and Riley was never able to cut the lead under four again. The Kingsmen then hit nine of their 10 free throws in the final 2:14 to clinch the win.

"In a grinding game like this, you have to do three things well," Johnson said. "You have to hit your free throws, make layups and get the key defensive stops. Tonight, especially in the second half, we didn't do any of those things."

Jeff Laidig led the Kingsmen with 16 points, while Hendershot had 13 and Nathan Laidig 10. Jordan Brady added nine rebounds for Penn.

Summary

Class 4A South Bend Sectional Semifinals

PENN 51, RILEY 44

Riley -- Dominique Brazier 3-8 1-2 7, Raphael Smith 4-9 3-8 11, DeAngelo Jackson 3-7 0-0 7, Angelo Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Karl Columbus 4-6 3-3 11, DeAngelo Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Terrence Grant 2-3 0-0 4, Delvon Brown 1-3 0-0 2, Brock Cosey 1-3 0-0 2. Totals: 18-40 (.450) 7-13 (.538) 44.

Penn -- Nathan Laidig 4-8 0-0 10, Jeff Laidig 3-11 7-8 16, Alex Hendershot 6-8 0-2 13, Jordan Brady 2-5 3-4 7, Eric Perry 0-1 0-0 0, Chris Chaffee 0-0 3-4 3, Brad Slott 0-0 0-0 0, DeSean Prentice 1-2 0-0 2, Leo Svette 0-1 0-0 0, . Totals: 16-36 (.444) 13-18 (.722) 51.

Scoring By Quarters

Riley 10 10 6 18 -- 44

Penn 11 7 19 14 -- 51

3-point goals: Riley (1-6) -- Jackson 1-3, Brazier 0-1, Cosey 0-2; Penn (6-14) -- J. Laidig 3-8, N. Laidig 2-4 Hendershot 1-1, Svette 0-1.

Rebounds: Riley (19) -- R. Smith 5; Penn (27) -- Brady 9.

Assists: Riley (9) -- Grant 2; Penn (13) -- Chaffee 4.

Steals: Riley (7) -- R. Smith 2; Penn (3) -- Hendershot 2.



Turnovers: Riley 12, Penn 15.

Total fouls: Riley 16, Penn 16. Fouled out -- Jackson (0:32, 4th quarter).

Officials: Brad Harris, Curtis Yoder, Layne Meeks.

Team records: Penn 16-7, Riley 17-5 (final).

Next: Penn vs. Washington in Class 4A South Bend Sectional championship today at Riley, 7:30 p.m.

Other game: Washington 58, Mishawaka 53.

High school basketball: Watson sparks Washington to title

By **MATT KOPSEA**

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SOUTH BEND — Teven Watson's farewell party will have to wait.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Washington 64, Penn 59



That's because the 5-foot-10 senior guard made sure Saturday night that his high school career and Washington's season lasted at least another week.

Watson scored 10 of his game-high 20 points in the fourth quarter, helping Washington post a 64-59 victory over Penn in the championship game of the Class 4-A Riley basketball sectional.

Tied at 48 early in the fourth quarter, Watson highlighted a 10-0 run with a pair of steals, leading to five points, and lifting the Panthers (15-9) into next Saturday's Michigan City Regional against No. 4 Munster (23-2).

After the Panthers finished sectional runner-up the previous three seasons, Watson made sure Washington fans had something to celebrate.

"The coaches kept telling us this could be our last game tonight, but I'm not ready for it to end yet," Watson said. "I knew I had to try to make something happen because if they (Penn) got the lead, they would hold the ball and try to keep it away from us.

"That's why we kept coming after them hard on defense. I was fortunate enough to get my hands on the ball a couple of times and then convert on the other end."

Behind nine points from Nate Laidig, Penn (16-8) was in control for much of the first half, leading by as many as eight points.

Thanks to three 3-pointers by Robert Stalling, the Panthers battled back to take a 42-35 lead late in the third quarter.

After the Kingsmen battled back to draw even, Washington coach Chad Johnston wanted to make sure his troops were in the right frame of mind just prior to their next run.

"I called time out to try and keep them relaxed and focused," Johnston said. "We've had situations like this happen to us before, so I wanted to make sure they remained in a positive frame of mind. I knew we had another good run left in us, and Teven





really stepped up and took charge of the situation for us."

The Kingsmen didn't go down without a fight, cutting the deficit to 58-56 with just under a minute left.

Washington slammed the door, though, as Watson and Jerron Jamerson both hit 3-of-4 from the free throw line.

Jamerson finished with 16 points and seven rebounds.

"I got off to a good start (eight points in the first half), but then for some reason, I got a little sluggish there in the second half," Jamerson said. "Watching Teven step up and take over like he did, though, got me motivated and gave me the energy I needed to help us out there at the end."

Jeff Laidig paced Penn with 17 points, and Nate Laidig and Jordan Brady added 15 apiece.

"We just didn't execute very well in transition tonight," said Penn coach Al Rhodes. "I thought the key stretch happened in the third quarter when we allowed No. 3 (Stalling) to knock three straight 3's. It seemed to give them a boost from that point on.

"Although we handled their pressure for the most part, we just didn't show enough patience at times. I'm proud of the way we battled back and kept fighting. We just came up a little short in the end."

WASHINGTON 64, PENN 59

At South Bend

WASHINGTON (64): Bo Calhoun 4 1-1 9, Zach Dashner 0 0-0 0, Jalin Gross 0 0-0 0, Duron Ivery 2 0-0 4, Jerron Jamerson 4 8-11 16, Jordan Person 2 0-0 6, Robert Stalling 3 0-0 9, Teven Watson 8 4-5 20. TOTALS: 23 13-17 64.

PENN (59): Jordan Brady 7 1-1 15, Chris Chaffee 2 2-3 6, Alex Hendershot 1 1-2 3, Jeff Lauding 6 2-2 17, Nate Laidig 5 4-6 15, Eric Perry 1 0-0 2, DeSean Prentice 0 0-0 0, Brad Slott 0 1-2 1, Leo Svete 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 22 11-16 59.





Washington	12	26	42	64
Penn	16	29	42	59

3-point goals: Washington 5 (Stalling 3, Person 2), Penn 4 (J. Laidig 3, N. Laidig). Total fouls: Washington 15, Penn 15. Shooting: Washington 23-of-42 (55 percent), Penn 22-of-49 (45 percent). Rebounds: Washington 24 (Jamerson 7, Calhoun 7), Penn 25 (N. Laidig 6). Turnovers: Washington 12, Penn 10. Varsity records: Washington 15-9, Penn 16-8. Officials: Eric Coburn, Larry Samano, Brad Harris.

Boys 4A SB Sectional — Washington's pressure too much for Penn

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SOUTH BEND -- Worn down and out of gas emotionally, the Penn High basketball team tried to reach down for something extra in the final minute of the Class 4A South Bend Sectional championship game at Riley.

For the first time this week, it just wasn't there.

South Bend Washington shot 68 percent in the second half -- including a 7-of-10 effort in the fourth quarter -- as the Panthers beat Penn 64-59 on Saturday to claim the title.

The 15-9 Panthers advanced to a Michigan City Regional semifinal next Saturday against Munster (23-2).

The Kingsmen's season is complete with a 16-8 mark.



"This is very difficult, because I know how far our team has come since the first day of practice," Penn coach Al Rhodes said.

"Most of the credit there goes to our three seniors, who always kept us heading in the right direction."

Washington's quickness and defensive pressure gave Penn fits all night, but coach Chad Johnston's team was especially effective during a very impressive second half.

Led by hiccup-quick guards Robert Stalling and Teven

Watson, the Panthers made it tough on Penn to get into its offensive sets.



Stalling also got the Panther offense going early in the third quarter, hitting three straight 3-point shots to erase a three-point Penn halftime advantage.

"I believe the real key to this game was the 3-pointers that Stalling hit in transition," Rhodes said. "For some reason, we just lost track of him."



The game was tied at 48-all with 5:45 to play when Washington made a big run. Starting with a 3-pointer from Jordan Person and ending with a steal and layup by Watson, the Panthers scored 10 straight to make it 58-48 with 3:19 remaining.

But somehow, Penn fought back. A jumper and then a 3-pointer by Jeff Laidig cut the lead to five, before senior Jordan Brady's short jumper in the lane brought Penn to within three with 1:25 to play. Unfortunately for the Kingsmen, they would not hit another field goal until a Brady putback at the buzzer. Between Brady's two baskets, Washington hit 6-of-8 free throws, while Penn was just 2-of-4.

"Their pressure made us a little too impatient at times," Rhodes said. "We also didn't reverse the ball as well as we have or pass the ball inside well. And you have to credit Washington's defense for that, too."

Jeff Laidig's 17 points topped Penn, while Nate Laidig and Brady each had 15. Chris Chaffee recorded 10 assists for the Kingsmen.

Watson, who averages just over 10 points a- game, topped the Panthers with 20.

Summary

Class 4A South Bend Sectional Championship

SB WASHINGTON 64, PENN 59

SB Washington -- Robert Stalling 3-7 0-0 9, Teven Watson 8-12 4-5 20, Zachariah Dashner 0-0 0-0 0, Jordon Person 2-3 0-0 6, Jerron Jamerson 4-8 8-11 16, Kyran Calhoun 4-6 1-1 9, Duron Ivery 2-2 0-0 4, Jalin Gross 0-2 0-0 0. Totals: 23-40 (.575) 13-17 (.765) 64.

Penn -- Nate Laidig 5-10 4-6 15, Chris Chaffee 2-4 2-3 6, Jeff Laidig 6-15 2-2 17, Alex Hendershot 1-1 1-2 3, Jordan Brady 7-12 1-1 15, Brad Slott 0-1 1-2 1, DeSean Prentice 0-4 0-0 0, Leo Svete 0-0 0-0 0, Eric Perry 1-1 0-0 2. Totals: 22-48 (.458) 11-16 (.688) 59.

Scoring By Quarters

Washington 12 14 16 22 -- 64

Penn 16 13 13 17 -- 59

3-point goals: SB Washington (5-12) -- Stalling 3-6, Person 2-3, Watson 0-2, Gross 0-1; Penn (4-10) -- J. Laidig 3-6, N. Laidig 1-3, Chaffee 0-1.

Rebounds: SB Washington (22) -- Calhoun ; Penn (23) -- N. Laidig 5.

Assists: SB Washington (12) -- Stalling 3; Penn (15) -- Chaffee 10.

Steals: SB Washington (7) -- Calhoun 2; Penn (8) -- Hendershot 2.

Turnovers: SB Washington 14, Penn 11.

Total fouls: SB Washington 15, Penn 15.

Officials: Eric Coburn, Brad Harris, Larry Samano.

Team records: Penn 16-8, SB Washington 15-9.

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Northern Indiana Conference All-NIC Boys' Basketball 2009-2010

1st Team

Josh Riikonen 12 Elkhart Central
Ryan Benner 12 Mishawaka
Jordan Brady 12 Penn
Raphael Smith 12 Riley
Michael Bradley 12 St. Joseph's
Teven Watson 12 Washington

2nd Team

T. J. Farrell 12 Adams
Deangelo Jackson 12 Riley
Jerron Jamerson 12 Washington
Javonte Young 11 Mishawaka
Jeff Laidig 10 Penn
Demetrius Jackson 9 Marian

Honorable Mention

Cortez Lee 12 Mishawaka
Chris Chaffee 12 Penn
Dominique Brazier 12 Riley
Chris Shaw 12 St. Joseph's
Chris Holt 11 Elkhart Central
Donovan Campbell 11 Clay



NIC MVP ' Josh Riikonen of Elkhart Central

NIC Coach of the Year ' Mark Johnson of Riley

Final Standings NIC Boys' Basketball 2009-10

- 1 ' Riley 8-0 35.00 Coach ' Mark Johnson
- 2 ' Washington 6-2 32.50
- 3 ' **Penn 5-3 28.75**
- 3 ' St. Joseph's 5-3 28.75
- 5 ' Mishawaka 4-4 23.75
- 5 ' Elk. Central 4-4 23.75
- 7 ' Adams 3-5 20.00
- 8 ' Marian 1-7 17.50
- 9 ' Clay 0-8 15.00

