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Funny quote of the week:

"I'm not good at the advice. Can I interest you in a sarcastic comment?"

- Chandler (Matthew Perry) Friends

History on March 16

1751: James Madison, our fourth President of the United States, was born on this day in 1751 in Port Conway, Virginia. He served two terms from 1809 to 1817. He was known as the Father of the Constitution and was heavily involved in the creation of the Bill of Rights. The War of 1812 took place during his presidency. He died June 28, 1836 in Orange, Virginia.

1926: The US professor and scientist Robert Hutchings Goddard, Ph.D. launches the world's first liquid-fueled rocket.

1926: Jerry Lewis, was born Joseph Levitch, March 16, 1926, in Newark, New Jersey. He is best known as a comedian who had his best success in the late forties and early Fifties in the "Martin and Lewis show" starring Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin. Following the split, he featured in a number of comedy movies including "The Delicate Delinquent", "Rock-A-Bye Baby", "The Geisha Boy" and "The King of Comedy". On the small screen he featured in a two-hour Saturday night variety show "The Jerry Lewis Show". He is also well known for his charity fundraising telethons and support for Muscular Dystrophy. He was the national chairman for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. He passed away Aug. 20, 2017 in Las Vegas, NV.

If you would like to know more history on this day or any other day, go to: thepeoplehistory.com

I.U. Nation can celebrate again

Hoosiers in NCAA tourney

By Al Stillew Editor

Finally! I.U. Nation has something big to celebrate about Hoosiers basketball team.

With their backs to the wall and an NCAA tourney bid in the balance, this bunch is coming close to matching its pre-season hype. Of course some won't be satisfied without a national championship, but let's face it, this comeback is one step at a time.

And the Hoosiers, led by former Mr. Basketball Trayce Jackson Davis (TJD) from Center Grove High School and backcourt ace Xavier Johnson, finally formed the hard 1-2 punch to lead I.U.

With the so-called "experts" contending that I.U. would be among the "first four out" of the tourney, the Hoosiers banded together at their first-round Big 10 tourney game against Michigan and collectively said, "No more!" They began playing, well, like they were expected to play since day one of the 2021-2022 season. Forget their season record, which many of us have.

They defended and dominated Michigan in a miraculous second-half comeback, and then took over against Illinois before falling to Iowa on an "illegal" 30-foot shot by Jordan Bohannon: hey, he didn't call "bank!" The Hoosiers (20-13) are staged for an interesting NCAA tourney. I.U., the No. 12 seed in the East, met Wyoming (25-8), a Mountain West tourney semifinalist, Tuesday night in Dayton, Ohio (results too late for deadline). An I.U. win would result in playing West Coast tourney runner-up No. 5 seed St. Mary's in Portland, Ore., on Thursday.

I.U. can make its first appearance in the NCAA tourney since 2016 interesting, if they can keep everything together that they discovered in the Big Ten tourney.

And that means TJD has to have "touches" when I.U. has the ball. He finally showed tough-

ALL SMILES AT I.U.



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Indiana University's men's basketball team cheers late Sunday as the Hoosiers were selected as the "last four in" for the 2022 NCAA D1 national championship. Hoosiers Race Thompson and former Center Grove High School standout Trayce Jackson Davis (TJD), the 2019 Indiana Mr. Basketball, middle, react to their selection. Sparked by TJD, he Hoosiers reached the semifinals of the Big 10 Tournament Saturday before bowing out against Iowa. I.U. met Wyoming in a play-in game Tuesday night in Dayton, Ohio.

ness against the Big Ten's best big guys in the tourney. Keep in mind, the hype that has always surrounded TJD is impossible to live up to. It was that way at CGHS where he was Mr. Basketball but that was not enough - there was no state championship. At I.U., he would show flashes of a higher level but not consistently - until the Big Ten tourney.

A "heart to heart" talk from coach Mike Woodson and a renewed confidence, TJD put I.U. Nation on his shoulders. Here's all he did in those three games: 25 points per game, 9.3 rebounds, hitting two-thirds of his shots including a 2-pointer from the free-throw line, and taking a vocal leadership role.

"We've proven not only to the Big Ten, but to the country, that we're a top team that can compete with anyone," Jackson-Davis said.

This is what I.U. Nation has been waiting for. Johnson is consistently playing smart in the backcourt (50 points, 22 assists, 16 rebounds and only eight turnovers in the tourney). Trey Galloway brings the juice. Miller Kopp is a steady shooter. Rob Phinisee is steady, finally. And Race Thompson takes some pressure off TJD. Parker Stewart also is a scoring threat.

And how can you lose with a player named Geronimo on your side?

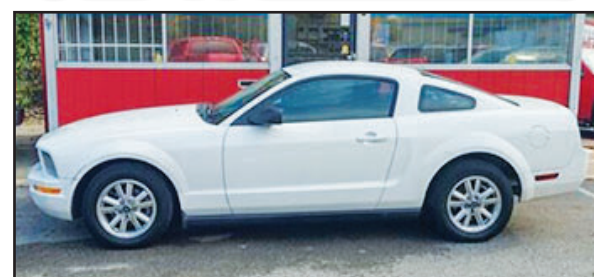
Basketball Blitz

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NCAA TRIVIA

PLAY AND ENTER TO WIN A PRIZE!

HOT DEALS on WHEELS



SEE PAGE 12!

HUGS FOR THE HORNETS



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

With hugs all round, Beech Grove's Hornets celebrated their first 3A regional championship Saturday night after coming up with a solid fourth quarter to defeat nemesis Danville, 66-50. Coach Mike Renfro is hugged by two players as they rushed the court in celebration. The Hornets held high their championship trophy for all fans to see. Beech Grove defeated Brownstown Central earlier Saturday, 65-57. Beech Grove meets Sullivan in a 3A semistate game at 1 p.m. Saturday in Washington with the winner advancing to the state finals.



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Kelly's Korner

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EDGEWOOD INDUCTEES

Friends of Edgewood Elementary held their spring induction of honorees Saturday at Monkey Business, 5055 Dearborn St. Ted Lobdell and Bob White planned and conducted the ceremony. The inductees are so excited and enjoy meeting up with former classmates and athletes. The next one is planned for May 14.



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY BOB WHITE)
Mike Frey, right, presenting new inductee Paul Nordholt with his medal.



Rick Coleman came all the way from Michigan to celebrate his induction.



Daughters of Nancy Brown Webb and representing their aunt Peggy Brown Hohlt - cheerleaders of 1953 Edgewood Marion county champions.



Jim Poe



Steve Harnedy giving Charlie Paswater his medal.



Ted Lobdell, left, with new inductee John Howell.



Perry Perspectives

Perry Township Schools

PURPOSITY: AN APP WITH PURPOSE

By Elizabeth Choi
Communications Director

A little app (Purposity) is meeting big needs for students and families in Perry Township Schools.

The district recently launched its partnership with Purposity: generosity with purpose, to help meet needs without being wasteful.

For example, caring for sick students at Clinton Young Elementary can be a tough job; a job that becomes even tougher when there is need.

"We were having to dip into a little kitty from social services or sometimes even our own pockets," Clinton Young Elementary School nurse Katie Wood said. "Sometimes we have to scrounge around a little bit."

Nurse Wood found herself in a predicament when one of her students was recently diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes.

The student's family was having a tough time buying her medical supplies. With Purposity, school districts can input students' needs. Those who want to give, can download the app and learn about specific needs in their community.

"We have so many community members that want to help and they just don't know how to," observed Stephanie Quinlan, Perry Township Schools Assistant Director of Student Services. "Often that results in us getting a lot of stuff and we don't have storage space for that."

At Student Services, donations are piled to the ceiling and even under desks. The staff stores donated items while waiting for a need. Purposity does the opposite: those who want to give, find the need first and then can give. With the Purposity app, users can learn about individual needs and why.

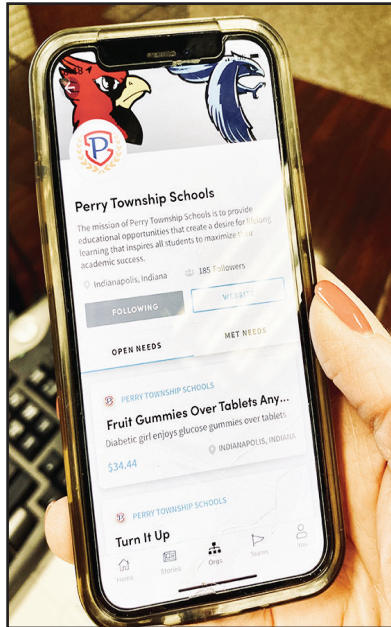
"Read through the stories. See which one might grab at your heart strings or which one is a good price point. It's kind of like a wedding registry," said Quinlan.

With more than 70 percent of students on free or reduced lunches at Perry Township Schools, the need is great.

"On an average day, need looks like a family that may need extra food to be sent home with them in the afternoon," Quinlan said. "It may be students who need an extra pair of pants and a top and maybe even foundation garments and a pair of shoes," said Quinlan.

In nurse Wood's case that need is necessary medical supplies. "It means that I can very quickly put a need out there and it be met," said Wood. "It is an absolute weight off my shoulders."

Student Services had a goal of getting 100 community members on Purposity in its first week. It surpassed that goal with 170 people on the app in a matter of days. For more on Purposity, you can visit PerrySchools.org.



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS) Purposity app is an excellent tool in helping students and families in Perry



Clinton Young's nurse Katie Wood with diabetic supplies.



Personal Recollections

By Fred Shonk

WELCOME, DECATUR TOWNSHIP

I'd like to welcome all the Decatur Township residents to our weekly publication.

I have enjoyed writing a weekly column for several years. They are generally about someone or something from my past. Sometimes it is a very long past and on occasion, it might be about something that happened last week.

I have a couple of good friends that have a strong Decatur Township Schools connection. Sharon David and I attended and graduated from Southport High School in the very same class. Sharon spent many years as a teacher and school counselor. She and I are involved in our class lunches and reunions. We are also members of The Perry Township / Southport Historical Society.

Dr. Paul Kaiser also spent several years teaching, coaching and supervising in your schools. I met Paul when he became the superintendent of Beech Grove City Schools. He was very involved with Stuart (therapy dog) and me doing many special reading programs at elementary schools in Beech Grove.

Dr. Kaiser is now the superintendent of Westfield Washington Schools, a large and quickly growing school system. Our new dog Simon and I drove up to visit Dr. Kaiser last week. He drove us around to see some of the schools and facilities. We also viewed several very large areas where new housing developments were just getting started. He also showed me a couple of properties where new schools will be built in the near future.

I'll be looking for other articles or stories that might have a Decatur Township connection to share in this newspaper.

I'm putting this article together on Saturday. I have a small office in a separate building behind our house. The IU game just came on. I think I will go back into the house to have some lunch and watch the game for a while. Simon (our dog) is out here with me. He is asleep in my office recliner chair. I think I will slip inside and not wake him up. Naps are important.

Hello My name is treats.... No it's (Simon). I'm learning new naps.... No it's (words).... I'm not supposed to be doing car rides.... No it's (typing on here).... Whoops.... Here comes treats... No it's (dad) Bye....



SIMON

I'm back and it looks like Simon woke up from nap number four. It seems he also hopped up on my desk chair and played with the computer. It seems that Simon is only acquainted with and understands a few words. Treats, naps and car rides are his main words at this point.

It might take a couple of months to get him ready to submit a full column, but he's learning.

Simon is progressing very nicely. We made a visit to one of the nursing homes that Stuart and I always visited. I was impressed how calm Simon was walking down the hallways. We went to Stuart's best friend, Christi's room and spent some time visiting with her. It was a very nice visit.

Simon (the dog), Harry (the cat), and all eight of the chickens are really getting along nicely. Things are looking good. Simon is working on his fifth nap now.

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Business Brief

Colonial Tavern, 4343 Madison Ave., on the point, formerly named Colonial Inn, will have their grand opening on St. Patrick's Day.

Owner Dane Bohnert and Lori Rowen have given the bar a makeover since a fire destroyed much of the bar in the fall.

Karaoke will start at 9 p.m. Pizza will be on the menu, as well as, Guinness beer for \$5, Jameson Whiskey shots for \$5 and Irish Car Bombs for \$8.

There will be free prizes and a drawing for a grand prize.

The tavern hosts Karaoke seven nights a week and Sunday thru Thursday they offer domestic buckets for \$13.

Dane Bohnert and Lori Rowen

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Defensive-minded Hornets win first regional

By Steve Page
Correspondent

In the previous three seasons, Beech Grove had emerged as champions of the Class 3A boys' sectional tournament.

But their run ended in the regional round every year.

Until Saturday.

First, the Hornets eliminated fifth-ranked Brownstown Central 65-57 in the day's second semifinal. Then they literally stopped Danville 66-50 before a large and noisy crowd in the championship game in Greencastle's McAnally Center.

So what was different this time?

"I told the kids what Matt English used to say when I coached with him before he died of cancer," Hornet coach Mike Renfro said. "He said, 'Win this day.'"

"First we won the semifinal game. Then we won this game. That's winning the day." No small feat.

"First regional championship in school history!" Renfro exclaimed. "And the first 20-win season in school history! Historic!"

The Hornets, 20-6, advanced to the semi-state round of four teams. There, they will play fourth-ranked Sullivan, 25-2, in a 1 p.m. contest March 19 at the Hatchet House in the southern Indiana town of Washington. The winner there will compete in the IHSAA State Finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. Sullivan topped Evansville Bosse 89-85.

To win the day, Beech Grove had to win the fourth quarter of Saturday's title tilt. That final frame saw the Hornets at their finest.

The defenders made the difference, as they limited the Warriors to two field goals and five free throws in the final eight minutes, outscoring Danville 24-10. The Hornets held the Warriors scoreless for a 3:47 stretch, inflating a six-point edge into a 55-45 bulge with 2:03 to play. In the last 4:56, Beech Grove outscored Danville 18-6.

Junior forward Anthony Ball said it was all about stopping scoring threat Tyler Dostin. Though he led Danville with 19 points, Dostin had just one field goal in the third quarter and another field goal and a free throw in the fourth quarter.

"Stop 2. That was it," Ball said of Dostin. "We kept him off his spot. He wasn't scoring." Ball scored 15 points and again was a force on the baseline.

Junior guard Jaleel Edwards led the balanced scoring attack with 18 points, three of which helped make a difference.

With his team leading 50-44, Edwards missed the second half of a one-on-one free throw opportunity. Without hesitation, he hustled down the lane, grabbed the rebound and put the ball in the net.

"It was just reaction," he said. "It feels good to win the regional, but I want to win the state championship."

Edwards converted six of seven free throws to go along with his six field goals. Fellow junior guard Jeremiah Alexander added 15 points on two two-point field goals, two 3-pointers and 5 of 6 free throws. Jeremiah Tate, another junior, added eight.

For three quarters, it appeared this one might come down to the game's last possession. The teams exchanged the lead 12 times while forging four ties. Then came the final frame. With the Warriors trying to foul their way back into the game, the Hornets converted 14 of 15 free throws in the quarter.



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY STEVE PAGE) Beech Grove teammates Jeremiah Tate (11) and Jaleel Edwards apply full-court pressure during Saturday's semifinal with Brownstown Central in Greencastle's McAnally Center.



As coaches celebrate, Beech Grove players, cheerleaders and students flood the McAnally Center floor following Saturday's regional championship game at Greencastle.



Beech Grove players, coaches, cheerleaders and friends celebrate winning their first regional championship in four attempts.

"It's our time, especially the fourth quarter," Renfro said. "We've got to go out and play defense."

Beech Grove 65, Brownstown Central 57

The Hornets combined tight defense with timely shooting to stop Brownstown Central.

They used another balanced attack to stop Brownstown's two-man effort. Jack Benter, a 6-4 sophomore, scored 36 points and fellow guard Carter Waskoia added 15, but only two other Braves did the rest of the scoring. Beech Grove countered with 18 points from Ball, 12 from Tate, 11 from senior Damon Thompkins and nine from Edwards.

With the score tied at intermission, the Hornets began the third quarter with an 8-0 run. They had another sterling fourth quarter, going on a 9-0 run over a span of 1:21 for a 52-41 lead with 3:45 remaining.

"We changed up our press a bit, then we sat down and played defense," Renfro said. "On offense, we started driving in, making baskets and drawing some fouls." Danville had advanced by beating 12th-ranked Brebeuf Jesuit in the first semifinal.

RONCALLI CLAIMS PERRY SHOWCASE



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY KEAGAN ROTHROCK) Perry Meridian's Seth Bolden (41) goes high for a potential kill against Roncalli's Ales Barkley (17) and Charlie Schoettle (6) in one of three matches in the showcase Friday at Roncalli. The host Royals won, 2-1.



Action at the net features Roncalli's Brendan Louthain (27) going up against Perry Meridian's Lai Mang (26) with Royals Alex Barkley (17) and Jackson Straumins (13) ready for any return.



Perry Meridian's Bryce Blessing (14) and Southport's Dalton Little (16) try to thwart each other at the net with backup by Cardinals Ro Blk (14) and Bei Hnel (11). The Falcons won, 2-1.



Southport's Dalton Little (16) attacks at the net against Roncalli's Andrew Dial (9) and Alex Moll (30). Roncalli won 2-0 for a clean sweep against Southport and Perry Meridian in the season-opening showcase.

Lutheran reaches Elite 8 before bowing from playoffs

By Al Stille
Editor

Lutheran reached the Elite 8 of the IHSAA boys basketball playoffs Saturday for the first time since 2008.

Then the Saints captured regional title but fell in the Class A semistate at Southport.

This time around, No. 9 Lutheran controlled No. 14 Metropolitan, 63-54 in the Martinsville Regional opener but ran into a superbly talented No. 10 Jac-Cen-Del team that outran the Saints, 71-54 in the nightcap.

"You can't win them all," Lutheran coach Remus Woods said. "This was one of those moments we couldn't get open shots to fall. Their quickness and their compact zone affected us and we had to hit shots to get them out of it (zone). We tried to stop them."

There were moments that Lutheran's impatience against the zone was costly as well as not being able to stop the Eagles' dribble drives. The Eagles (22-5) upended slightly-favored No. 8 Bloomfield, 63-54 to face the Saints (19-6).

The Saints kept pace early as senior Montasi Clay's drive to the basket put Lutheran ahead, 9-8. Then the Eagles went on a 10-3 run interrupted only by Clay's 3-pointer. Lutheran connected on only nine of 29 shots while the Eagles hit 14 of 26 for a commanding 35-26 halftime lead.

Jac-Cen-Del broke the title game open by scoring the first eight points of the third quarter for a massive 17-point lead. Lutheran recovered somewhat and cut the lead to 53-44 on freshman LJ Ward's drive

but got no closer.

Clay wound up with 18 points, Ward added 13, and Kaiden Patterson battled for nine points for the Saints.

In the opener, Lutheran turned the tables on Metropolitan (13-13) with their own 8-0 run to start the third quarter and finally gained the lead for good, 30-28 on Tristen Smith's follow-up shot.

Leading 41-35 to end the third quarter, coach Woods encouraged the Saints by urging, "We gotta finish this."

And finish, they did. The Saints upped their lead to 54-42 on Ward's follow-up and Clay's layup within seconds of each other.

Lutheran's more balanced attack featured 21 points from Clay, Lee's 12 points, and 11 points each from Patterson and senior Ethan Cutshaw. The Saints defense rattled the Pumas for 24 turnovers. And the Saints found the range on 22 of 47 field goal tries.

Metropolitan's full court pressure actually fell into the Saints' hands.

"We wanted to speed the game up," Woods said. "With them pressing, we still wanted to get up and down the floor. We took care of the ball and used their pressure against them. We wanted to keep it going (fast) because of our nine-man rotation."

Woods also revealed that his mantra throughout the season was to get the game to halftime, make adjustments, and go for the win which they accomplished successfully in 19 of 25 games.

Looking ahead, the Saints are expected to return next season with seven players, including Patterson and Ward.

"We will lose some good seniors, but we will reload," Woods reassured.

The Saints are 53-20 in three years with coach Woods.



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY DEIDRE BARNETT) Lutheran's Kaiden Patterson (34) goes high to get a shot off over a Metropolitan defender in opening game of the Class A regional Saturday at Martinsville. Patterson scored 12 points, one of four Saints in double figures, against the Pumas. The Saints won 63-54, but later fell to Jac-Cen-Del in the title game. Lutheran finishes with an Elite 8 appearance and a 19-6 record.

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BG Mayor Dennis Buckley provides up-dated state-of-the-city at luncheon

By Al Stille
Editor

New police headquarters, more walkability, and a continued balanced budget are in Beech Grove's future, according to Mayor Dennis Buckley's state-of-the-city message Thursday in front of the Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Buckley announced that a much-needed city police headquarters would be located on the southwest corner of Emerson Avenue and Main Street, also adding to public safety and continued revitalization of Main Street. The building would be named after the late beloved mayor and former police chief Warner J. Wiley as is the current headquarters on Churchman Drive.

"The main focus of the city, I think, it's the police department," Buckley stated in front of 80 luncheon patrons. "This (new headquarters) will have to last for 20 to 25 years."

He also reminded the audience that some cities across the U.S. talk about defunding the police, but Beech Grove increased its police department's budget by more than \$250,000, and he seeks to adjust their base salaries.

Buckley also talked about the merger of the Beech Grove Fire Department with the Indianapolis Fire Department that went into effect Christmas Day 2021.

"It's not a consolidation; I would not consolidate the fire department because we have one of the best ambulance services in central Indiana, and I'm not going to give that up," Buckley said.

He summarized that over the past three or four years that IFD also responded to fires that Beech Grove responded to which fostered the desire to merge the "fire suppressant" services.

"We're not giving up our fire department; we're making it a lot better," Buckley emphasized. "We did not have the resources to meet the needs of what the citizens desired, so we merged. If there's a fire in Beech Grove you will see all Indianapolis apparatus."

The city will pay Indianapolis \$3.1 million this year for fire protection compared to \$4.1 million if Beech Grove retained its own fire suppressant divisions,

probably a minimum of \$600,000 in line-item budgeting, he explained.

He cautioned that Beech Grove, an excluded city within Marion County, only has an area of four square miles and is land-locked which presents an on-going challenge for funding.

"The city is going to have to think outside the box," Buckley said.

He focused on two bright spots: city government finances and rising assessed property valuations.

In his third term, Buckley He said the city has been featured in Forbes magazine and is a desirable place to live.

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He looked back on 2021 and readily admitted that "Covid was terribly difficult for our city." Non-essential city employees worked from home but vital public safety personnel had to be on station. Full-time employees who worked through the pandemic received a \$2,500 stipend and \$50 payments were made to city employees who were vaccinated.

Significantly, the coronavirus altered the way the city's food pantry operates from Hornet Park Community Center. The city also assisted some civic groups, too.

Downtown Beech Grove is taking on a different look. The Spotlight Theater is being refurbished as a facility for private events. Art and music are featured along Main Street during good weather. Nearly 800 of the city's streetlights were converted to LED. And a regular recycling collection site is scheduled behind the city building.

This year, Buckley expects the city to break ground on the new police headquarters, finalize the Franciscan Trail and receive funding for a greenway behind Hornet Park Community Center that will wind through the nearby high school campus, and enter into an agreement for Citizens Energy Group to provide 24/7 emergency service and maintenance on the sanitary sewer system,
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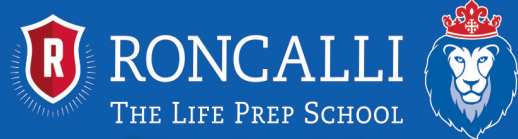
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By Al Stille
Editor

Championship Week determined the 68-teams in the 2022 NCAA Division I men's basketball field, well, sort of, but more on that later.

The top seeds are: Gonzaga (26-3) that avenged a late-season league loss to Mt. St. Mary's with a 72-59 West Coast tourney win against the Gaels for the automatic bid; defending national champion Baylor (26-6) with two key players injured; well-balanced and explosive Arizona (31-3); and high-powered Kansas (28-6).

Although no Big 10 team earned a No. 1 seed, the nation's most competitive conference has a tourney-high nine teams in the field: No. 3 Purdue (27-7); No. 3 Wisconsin (24-7); No. 4 Illinois; No. 5 Big 10 tourney champ Iowa (26-9); No. 7 Ohio

State; No. 7 Michigan State; No. 11 Rutgers (play-in); No. 11 Michigan (17-14); No. 12 Indiana (play-in). Play-in teams can be inspired by last year's UCLA team that won its play-in and reached the Final Four before barely losing to Gonzaga.

It's proof that all the Big 10 teams did was beat up on each other once league play began. Seems like the rankings stayed the same throughout the tourney except for a fading Purdue, high-scoring Iowa, and Indiana that moved in by winning its first two tourney games after losing its last seven of nine games in the regular season.

The challenge ahead for Big 10 teams is to win enough games to justify their numerous entries. Rutgers faced ACC season runner-up Notre Dame (20-10) with the winner facing Alabama (19-13). Michigan will be challenged by Colorado State (25-5) in Indy. Loyola (25-7) is a serious first-game threat against Ohio State.

The breakdown by conferences finds the Big 10 way ahead of the pack followed by the Big East, Big 12, and SEC, six each; ACC five; Mountain West four; West Coast, PAC-12, each three; and American and Atlantic 10, each two.

One of the cruelties of the pairings Thursday is at Gainbridge Fieldhouse where despised Michigan and No. 2 Kentucky will play (they won't be welcomed by I.U. or Purdue fans, for sure).

Bracketology experts point to past upsets by the 12 seeds against the favored 5 seeds: No. 5 Connecticut (23-9) vs. No. 12 New Mexico State (26-6); No. 5 Houston (29-5) vs. No. 12 Alabama-Birmingham (27-7); No. 5 Iowa vs. No. 12 Richmond (23-12); and No. 5 St. Mary's vs. No. 12 I.U./Wyoming play-in winner.

(See "NCAA Tourney," on Page 7)

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March Madness Facts

• Unbelievably, No. 5 seeded team has ever won a championship. Only Butler (2010), Indiana (2002), and Florida (2000) have risen from that humble ranking to the title game. None were victorious.

• Though the tournament has been held for almost 80 years, only 35 schools have ever won the top prize.

• Indiana boasts the youngest head coach to win a national title. When head coach Emmett "Branch" McCracken guided the Indiana Hoosiers to a championship in 1940, he wasn't that far out of college himself. At 31, he became the youngest man ever to coach toward a national title. He led his team to another title in 1953.

• Prior to this year, the tournament has been played 77 times and the University of Kentucky has been invited 55 times. 17 of these appearances have ended in Final Four berths and eight in championships.

• Only one coach has ever won both championships in the NCAA and NBA – current Southern Methodist University play-caller, Larry Brown who did it with the Kansas Jayhawks in 1988 (NCAA) and the Detroit Pistons in 2004 (NBA).

• Only three men can claim champion status as both player and coach: Joe B. Hall registered both achievements with Kentucky, Bob Knight with Ohio State and Indiana respectively, and Dean Smith, first on the court with Kansas and subsequently on the sideline with North Carolina.

NCAA Tourney

(Continued from Page 6)

The field includes some interesting teams. No. 2 Duke takes the court for retiring coach Mike Krzyzewski's 36th and final NCAA tourney appearance.

The No. 13 South Dakota State Jackrabbits, gotta love that name, has DI's longest winning streak of 21 games. No. 7 Murray State, Ja Morant's alma mater, is the first team in Ohio Valley Conference history to go through the league season unbeaten and win the league's tourney. Peter Kiss of play-in Bryant (22-9), the Northeast champion, is the NCAA DI leading scorer, going over 30 points 10 times and 25 points 13 times. The Horizon title was decided at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum when Wright State's Trey Calvin hit the winning shot with 10.5 seconds left.

Oh, referring to an item in the first paragraph, the Atlantic Sun tourney champion Bellarmine is not among tourney teams. The Knights are transitioning from DII to DI and are ineligible. They beat Jacksonville (Fla.) University for the title but with Bellarmine's win, the league reverts back to the team with the best conference record - Jacksonville (Ala.) State University.

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- Which team won the first National Invitational Tournament in 1938? _____
- What year did the NCAA tournament field expand to 64 teams? _____
- Which team did UCLA not defeat in a title game during their amazing run of 10 titles in 12 years? _____
- Who was the first Division-I school to lose the N.C.A.A. title game in two consecutive seasons? _____
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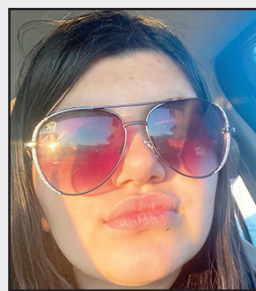
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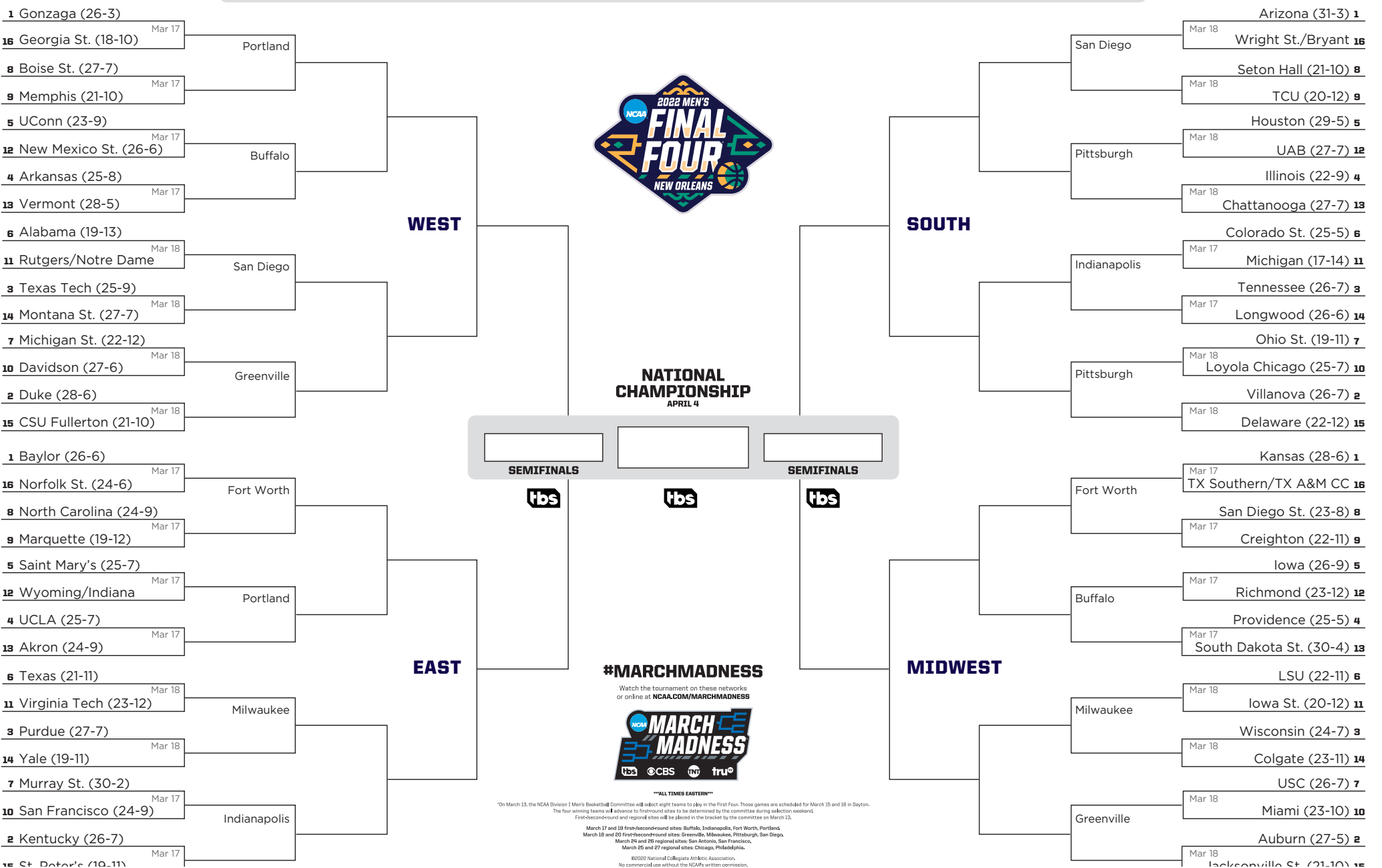
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