



## PURDUE MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Boilermakers nip Greyhounds

Purdue posts 80-73 exhibition victory

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This wasn't the dominant start Purdue's men's basketball players likely hoped for.

Wednesday's 80-73 exhibition victory over Indianapolis at Mackey Arena included plenty of missed shots, early defensive lapses and a demonstration of the new reality of calling fouls in college basketball.

Within the underwhelming score, the Boilermakers also

showed an announced crowd of 12,178 why it can be optimistic about a turnaround from last season's 16-18 performance. From freshman Kendall Stephens' 3-point confidence to Jay Simpson's slimmer look to an intriguing new point guard combination, Purdue took a shaky first step towards a return to the NCAA tournament.

"It's the first exhibition game — I thought we made a lot of mistakes, defensively and offensively," said senior guard Terone Johnson, whose 17 points led five Boilermakers in double figures. "But there's a learning curve for that, and I think these

guys are willing to sit down and watch film and learn, get better at it."

Purdue needed a 14-1 run to take a 41-34 halftime lead. The Boilermakers never got in a shooting groove, hitting 39.1 percent from the field and making only 6 of 25 3-pointers.

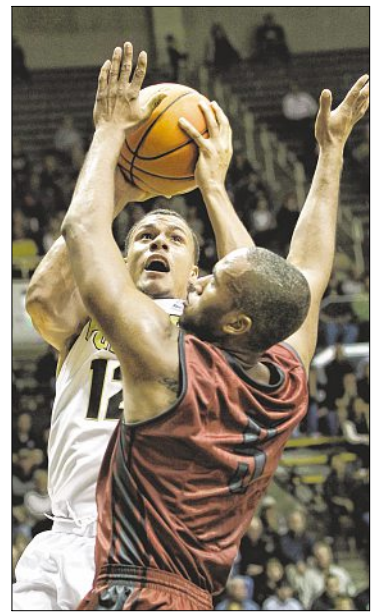
That reliance on perimeter shots, and Indianapolis' ability to get to the basket early, stemmed in part from the absence of A.J. Hammons. Purdue's sophomore center missed the first of three games after being suspended for a violation of team rules.

Purdue also committed 24 of

the 46 fouls called in a game that saw 61 free throws. The NCAA is emphasizing a more strict interpretation of foul calls against players with the ball and the block/charge rule.

"(Hammons) would help us at the rim altering some of that and protecting the basket," Purdue coach Matt Painter said. "We've got to do a better job of containing the dribble no matter who is playing center for us and keeping the ball in front of us."

Johnson and returnees Davis and Travis Carroll were joined



Bryson Scott scored 11 points on Wednesday. JOHN TERHUNE/J&amp;C

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## WORLD SERIES: GAME 6



The Boston Red Sox celebrate their third World Series title in 10 years Wednesday. AP

## MONSTER MASH

Red Sox win World Series title with 6-1 victory over Cardinals

By Ronald Blum || Associated Press

BOSTON — There hasn't been a party like this in New England for nearly a century. || Turmoil to triumph. Worst to first. || David Ortiz and the Boston Red Sox, baseball's bearded wonders, capped their remarkable turnaround by beating the St. Louis Cardinals 6-1 in Game 6 on Wednesday night to win their third World Series championship in 10 seasons. ||

Shane Victorino, symbolic of these resilient Sox, returned from a stiff back and got Boston rolling with a three-run double off the Green Monster against rookie sensation Michael Wacha. || John Lackey became the first pitcher to start and win a Series clincher for two different teams, allowing one run over 6½ innings 11 years after his Game 7 victory as an Angels rookie in 2002.

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## PURDUE FOOTBALL

## Knauf happy to be back

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B.J. Knauf thought his Purdue career was over.

In fact, the redshirt freshman receiver began to examine other schools and figure out how to tell his family he wouldn't be a Boilermaker in the future.

But Knauf remains part of Darrell Hazell's program, and he returns to the field following a two-game suspension Saturday when Purdue hosts No. 4 Ohio State at Ross-Ade Stadium.

"I thought I was done," Knauf said.

Knauf and teammate Jordan Woods were arrested for allegedly shoplifting from Kohl's on Sept. 30. The two have been charged with conversion, a Class A misdemeanor, and are scheduled to appear in Tippecanoe Superior Court 5 on Nov. 18. Woods remains suspended indefinitely.

The question, though, is why did Knauf put himself in this situation?

"I ask myself that a lot," Knauf said. "I just wasn't thinking. It was one of those things where I put myself before a lot of other things and I definitely shouldn't have. It bit me in the butt."

Knauf spent the last month in the "pit" — where injured players work out during practice — and on the scout team while fulfilling Hazell's community service obligations. He's now back working with the first- and second-team offense at the Z receiver position, trying to earn as many snaps as possible.

"He'll alternate with a couple of guys there until he gets back into playing shape," Hazell said. "He's been a playmaker for us, so he's going to have to make some plays on Saturday."

Humbling doesn't even begin to describe Knauf's emotions following the embarrassing situation. The Winter Haven, Fla., native has spent the last two weeks straightening out his priorities.

"The first part of the year I was having a really good year," said Knauf, who attended Santa



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## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

## Moody providing a lift

Injured senior helps West Side chase title dream from sideline

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Meghan Moody's adrenaline took over.

The West Lafayette senior took off running onto the field as the final seconds ticked away, signifying the Red Devils were going to the girls soccer state finals for the first time.

This was not ordinary, and

almost everyone on the sideline arrived at the point of celebration first.

But it marked the first time Moody ran since tearing the ACL in her left knee during a preseason scrimmage.

"I've worked on jogging. That was first time I full-out ran," Moody said.

This was not how she anticipated spending her senior season.

Coach Aaron Blessing had hoped to use the articulate and outspoken veteran as the team's "communication piece" in the center of the defense.

Instead, the Red Devils

watched their teammate somberly during an intrasquad scrimmage after Moody tried to win a battle for possession with the opposing forward and unevenly planted her left foot while crossing over.

Moody heard some pops and instantly dropped to the ground.

"I knew something was wrong, and my first thought was that I tore my ACL," Moody recalls. "Then denial kind of kicked in. They didn't tell me I tore it until I saw Dr. (Robert) Hagen the next day,

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A knee injury cost Meghan Moody her senior season at West Lafayette. FILE/J&amp;C

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## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# Better late than never

Relative newcomer Patacsil provides boost for Red Devils

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Dom Patacsil is a late comer to cross country compared to some of his West Lafayette teammates.

In less than three years, however, the junior has become one of the mainstays for a Red Devils team that is ranked third and a contender at Saturday's IHSAA Cross Country State Finals in Terre Haute.

When Patacsil and his family moved from Logansport before his freshman year, he was inspired to follow in his brother's footsteps. At the time, Sam Starbuck was running at Wabash College.

"I had some success with it my freshman year, and I just decided to continue," Patacsil said.

Patacsil finished 26th at Saturday's New Prairie Semistate, helping the Red Devils capture their first championship since

2003. As a junior on a team that has no seniors, Patacsil has become a leader, right down to echoing coach Steve Lewark's belief that the Red Devils didn't run their best race at New Prairie.

"I think we ran kind of where we should have, maybe not as well," Patacsil said. "We came in thinking we should come out with a victory, but I think some of us didn't race up to what we could have."

"Besides Cooper (Williams), Jake (Cohen), Evan (Johnson) and I didn't go out hard enough. We made it work, but we came into the regional a little more confident than we did semistate."

Lewark believes Patacsil has become a more mature runner in the past few weeks, thanks to a change in his mental approach.

"He's got a lot of ability," Lewark said. "He's never had a problem training hard. His problem last year and at the beginning of this year, he'd get into the race and that second mile he'd just lose focus and start dropping back. The last half mile, he'd charge up and get a lot of it back."

"The last half of the season, he's been really mentally tough that middle third of the race, when you have to be. If you can stay tough that third, you can finish off the race."

Patacsil credits the team's success in part to West Lafayette's academic reputation.

"I think there's definitely a link," he said. "Success in the classroom takes hard work and dedication, just like running. I think in many ways, they parallel each other."

As is the case in the girls race, top-ranked Carmel is the major obstacle for the Red Devils, as are semistate champions Columbus North (ranked second) and Fort Wayne Carroll (seventh).

Saturday's race is only the beginning for the Red Devils, whose seven state runners are expected to return in 2014.

"If they run like they can, like they did in the regional, they can be third or fourth in the state," Lewark said. "To have both teams in the top five, that would be wonderful. The schools that we are competing against — Carmel, Columbus North, Fort Wayne Carroll — are quite a bit bigger than us."



Dom Patacsil, left, and Jake Cohen lead West Lafayette into Saturday's state championship meet. FILE/J&C

## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

# Barber's passion drives WL

Junior hopes to lead young Red Devils team to state championship

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Delaney Barber's father knew best when he suggested that she take up cross country as a seventh-grader.

At the time, though, the West Lafayette junior wasn't so sure.

"I was a little bit hesitant because not a lot of people at that time said running was fun," Barber said. "But now, running is my life. I love running."

Barber's passion is one reason why the third-ranked Red Devils could at least repeat their runner-up finish of a year ago at Saturday's IHSAA Cross Country State Finals in Terre Haute. Top-ranked Carmel once again will be favored.

This year's West Lafayette squad has a far different makeup than the one that finished second to the Greyhounds a year ago. Gone are Bobbie Burgess (Georgetown), Cailey Daluga (Purdue) and Grace Lachmund (Purdue) — all of whom are running collegiately.

"It was fun having Bobbie, Cailey and Grace as a teammate, but now it's a new kind of fun," Barber said. "Instead of having someone to look up to, we have to figure it out for ourselves."

Coach Steve Lewark admits he's a little surprised his team has figured things out so quickly. The Red Devils won the New Prairie Semistate by 84 points over LaPorte. The Burgess-Daluga-Lachmund-led team was only 55 points better than Eastern (Greentown) at the 2012 semistate.

"When you lose your top three, our size school, that's a big blow," Lewark said. "The Johnsons (Kristen and Lauren) have stepped up, Delaney has stepped up, Rachel Bales has really stepped up. Grace Denton has also, to fill that gap."

The past couple of weeks, Lewark has seen vast improvement from Barber. Her progress has shown up not only on her times, but in her approach to races.

"She did a fantastic job in the semistate," Lewark said. "Her mindset has changed so much in the last couple of weeks. She's always wanted to do well, but now she really believes she can do well."

"Everybody who has trained for



Delaney Barber will try to help West Lafayette at least duplicate its state runner-up finish of a year ago. FILE/JOURNAL & COURIER

the season is in shape. It really comes to believing that you can do it. I think that's where our tradition helps out. They've done it in the past. There's the training they did. See what they did with it? You can do the same thing."

Barber admits confidence has been a problem in the past. A change in strategy helped her at New Prairie.

"Instead of slowing down my second mile like I usually do, I tried to keep it constant or even go faster," Barber said. "During races, sometimes you kind of lose yourself in the race and you stop

thinking. Sometimes you really need to think through it, strategize, keep going and listen to people and not just blank out."

Barber is no longer the reluctant runner. She plans to compete in college but is still figuring out her academic pursuit.

Her mindset is geared toward doing her part to help the Red Devils pursue a state championship.

"I think we're more prepared this year to go out and run the course," Barber said. "I'm just going to worry about myself, not Carmel, and I think it will play out as long as I run my race."

## MOODY

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which was probably better, even though I somewhat had that thought in my mind."

Now Moody says she's living vicariously through her team's success. She'll be at Carroll Stadium in Indianapolis on Saturday when the Red Devils try to become the area's first soccer state champion.

Her teammates want to win for her as much as anyone.

last turn as a high school student-athlete before she heads to Indiana University next year to study biochemistry.

And if Moody was destined to tear her ACL, the timing could not have been better. West Lafayette had worked on shaping up the rest of the positions and the defense had yet to be solidified. The injury allowed time to evaluate younger players and put the right unit on the field.

Moody's role has shifted from defensive leader on the field to leader from the sideline.

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AARON BLESSING,  
West Lafayette coach

"We can see her progressing and her knee is getting better, but we know she wants to be out here," junior defender Sarah Waters said.

As demoralizing as missing her senior soccer season is, Moody chooses to look at her situation in a positive light.

First, she should recover in time to join the softball team in the spring, giving her one

"From the sidelines, at times you can hear her talking to one of the backs, giving a little bit of information," coach Aaron Blessing said. "She is still helping us along the path here. She has taken the right attitude."

Moody embraced the situation with the attitude of a champion. On Saturday, she hopes to get the championship to go with the attitude.

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