

PURDUE BASKETBALL

Swanigan's example rubs off

Big Ten Player of Year's success impacts recruiting

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FORT WAYNE - Brandon Johns admired a young Caleb Swanigan when the Purdue basketball star spent his sum-

mers with the Speice basketball program.

Friday night at the annual Bill Hensley Memorial Run N Slam, as Johns waited to check back in from the Indy Heat bench, Swanigan sat arm's length away. The reigning Big Ten Conference Player of the Year, who spent his high school years in Fort Wayne, stood out despite the familiar black hoodie covering

his head.

Swanigan's future with Purdue remains uncertain, as the power forward considers his NBA Draft options. Many of the players the Boilermakers are recruiting to come in behind him, however, have taken notice of the All-American's impact, and his legacy.

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Speice Indy Heat Gym Rats player Brandon Johns considers Caleb Swanigan a role model.

NCC TRACK MEET

DEDICATED DUO

Overcoming of obstacles makes Harrison, Jeff victories sweeter



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Harrison's Leanna Getz receives the baton from Shelby Davis as she runs the second leg of the girls 400-meter relay during the NCC track and field meet Friday at Lafayette Jeff.

Getz's passion helps push Raiders to title

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Before every track meet, Leanna Getz prays to two people.

God and Maya Getz.

Maya Getz died on Aug. 17, 2012, as the result of an ATV accident.

She was a freshman at Harrison High School, the same grade younger sister Leanna is in now.

"She did the hurdles and the 4-x-100 like me," Leanna said. "I just want to make her proud. I am doing this for her. That really pushes me."

Maya Getz was surely proud Friday night when her sister helped the Harrison Raiders win a third straight North Central Conference title, outscoring runner-up McCutcheon by 35 points and third-place Lafayette Jeff by 37.

Harrison coach Chris Crum never got to work with Maya Getz in the hurdles.

He didn't even know Leanna prayed to her sister before track meets.

"I love it," he said when he was informed Friday night.

There were plenty of highlight performances from the Raiders in yet another blusteringly cold track meet in a spring full of them.

But Getz's steady performances as a freshman will be key with the sectional less than two weeks

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Juan Tirado points into the air as Lafayette Jeff wins the boys 3,200-meter relay with a time of 8:29:26.

Broncho runners define student-athlete

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How do you explain the rise of Juan Tirado?

"Geez," Lafayette Jeff distance coach Grant Fischer said. "Juan didn't run varsity anything his freshman year. In track he had some success. In cross country he was part of a conference championship team. And he is the ultimate leader. Everything he's got, he deserves."

Tirado, continuing a stellar season, was a double winner during Friday's North Central Conference meet at Lafayette Jeff, helping the host Bronchos finish second to Anderson.

And that's not the most impressive part about Tirado, a senior distance runner for the Bronchos.

Tirado has been promised four years of full tuition and room and board from Purdue University, where he will attempt to run for the Boilermakers.

"Our principal Mr. (Mark) Preston really emphasizes being a student-athlete," Tirado said. "I think we all try our butts off in everything that we do. We care about school and we are students first."

Let's talk about what Leo Bernier did on the track during Friday night's North Central Conference meet.

Bernier, a Lafayette Jeff senior, ran a total of four miles in four events and saved his best for last.

Bernier posted a personal record time of 9:52.82,

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away.

She had four top-nine finishes in her first North Central Conference meet and also has supplied junior Abby Darling with needed daily competition.

Friday night, Getz pushed Darling to a personal record in the 300-meter hurdles. Darling won the NCC title in 49.51 seconds, just ahead of Getz.

"She pushes me in both (hurdles events). She has beaten me in both before, so that is always in the back of my mind," said Darling, who just Tuesday was told by Crum she needed to embrace her love of the 300 hurdles, an event she said she never enjoyed.

"You are always going to have competition because (Getz) is with me at every meet. That has helped to have someone up there with me and

NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE GIRLS

TEAM SCORES

Harrison 150.5, McCutcheon 115.5, Lafayette Jeff 113.5, Kokomo 60, Richmond 47, Muncie Central 34.5, Marion 33, Logansport 31.5, Anderson 24.5, Tech 13
3,200 relay – Harrison (Myah Krintz, Kate Cunningham, Abby Sengsanith, Eleanor Sammons) 10:24.42; McCutcheon (Katelynn Hanback, Madison Stewart, Brianna Rivas, Haley Crowe) 10:39.90; Lafayette Jeff (Allie Eavey, Diana Vazquez, Yatzury Alvarez, Olivia Bangert) 11:25.59
100 – Tionna Brown (Kok) 11.93; Alanah Owens (McC) 12.32; Chelsea Simmons (Har) 12.69
100 hurdles – Kiara Lewis (Jeff) 14.95; Aaliyah Barnes (MunCen) 15.13; Shianne Switzer (McC) 15.64
1,600 – Myah Krintz (Har) 5:32.74; Katelyn Gerke (McC) 5:40.99; Katelynn Hanback (McC) 5:46.94
400 relay – McCutcheon (Kassidy Crowe, Riley Nicol, Haley Crowe, Alanah Owens) 50.73; Lafayette Jeff (Nykelia Haskins, Courtney Beckford, Janessa Hickman, Cassie Dispennett) 51.28; Anderson 53.19
400 – Tionna Brown (Kok) 1:01.73; Katie Gadd (Mar) 1:02.03; Nakala Bennett (Rich) 1:02.84
300 hurdles – Abby Darling (Har) 49.51; Leanna Getz (Har) 50.73; Shianne Switzer (McC) 51.72
800 – Eleanor Sammons (Har) 2:27.65; Kyrstin Green (Jeff) 2:28.46; Abby Sengsanith (Har) 2:32.31
200 – Tionna Brown (Kok) 25.56; Alanah Owens (McC) 25.76; Nakala Bennett (Rich) 26.71
3,200 – Myah Krintz (Har) 11:56.09; Kate Cunningham (Har) 12:02.61; Katelyn Gerke (Har) 12:29.88
1,600 relay – Harrison (Emma Smith, Abby Sengsanith, Eleanor Sammons, Chelsea Simmons) 4:13.74; Richmond 4:14.56; Lafayette Jeff (Kyrstin Green, Skyeler Sumrall, Allie Eavey, Brook Switzer) 4:25.65
Shot put – Essence Henderson (Jeff) 45-4 1/4 (meet record); Kiara Lewis (Jeff) 38-0; Sheila Naku (Tech) 36-3
Discus – Essence Henderson (Jeff) 147-3; Leilana Jackson (Mar) 109-8; Liz York-Achor (Har) 104-9
High jump – Lana Pham (Kok) 5-2; Mya Shively (Logan) 4-10; Malorie Neundorf (Logan) 4-8
Long jump – Riley Austin (Rich) 16-4 3/4; Tierra Harris (Jeff) 14-10 1/4; Cassidy Crowe (McC) 14-9 1/4
Pole vault – Audrey Walker (McC) 8-3; Kennady Oliver (McC) 8-3; Shelby Davis (Har) 8-0

even beating me sometimes."

It's been good for Darling to have that rival. It's been good for the Harrison track and field team to have two promising hurdlers and it's been good for Crum to watch

the daily battles.

"I love that competition," he said. "(Getz) is a freshman coming in and she wants to beat the upperclassman. The upperclassman doesn't want to get beat by a freshman. It's a good spirited rival-

"(Getz) has beaten me in both (hurdles events) before, so that is always in the back of my mind."

ABBY DARLING

HARRISON JUNIOR

ry that they have and I am going to keep them doing that obviously."

Getz admitted she's motivated by Darling's success and strives to beat her older teammate.

Darling said she is proud of the success Getz has had as a freshman, but more importantly her ability to remain loose regardless of the moment.

That is a trait Leanna got from Maya, who surely would have lit up many Raider athletes with her charm. "She has the most bubbly personality and she was so outgoing," Leanna said. "She always pushed me to do better at everything I did. She was also my best friend."

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PURDUE BASEBALL

Boilers' streaks end in loss to Northwestern

PURDUE AND STAFF REPORTS

Purdue baseball's longest home winning streak since 2010 came to an end Friday night when Northwestern earned a 7-2 Big Ten victory.

The Wildcats halted the Boilermakers' seven-game winning streak, never trailing after scoring four times in the first

inning. That outburst also snapped Purdue's streak of 57 consecutive innings without trailing.

Purdue (25-19, 9-7 Big Ten) had not surrendered a first-inning run since an April 16 loss at Rutgers. That quickly ended after a fly ball dropped between Skyler Hunter and Nick Dalesandro in right center field. That was the

first of five hits in the first for Northwestern.

Despite the rough first inning, Tanner Andrews (7-3) managed to give Purdue six innings, allowing one run and three hits after the first.

Milo Beam singled twice and scored Purdue's first run after drawing a leadoff walk in the third inning.

Evan Warden and Hunter drove in the Boilermakers' runs via an infield single and sacrifice fly in the third inning.

Purdue's Tanner Schumacher retired six of the seven batters he faced over two hitless innings of relief and has now set down 18 of 20 batters over his last three appearances dating back to April 19.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Ferguson returns from injury, hurls 2-hitter

STAFF REPORTS

Chandler Ferguson made a strong return to the mound for Lafayette Jeff on Saturday, pitching a two-hitter in the Bronchos' 5-1 North Central Conference baseball victory over Richmond at Lafayette Jeff.

Ferguson, who missed time with a sprained knee, struck out 11 and walked one.

Riley Potts broke a 1-1 tie in the fifth inning with a single that scored Jay Segal. Potts, who went 3-for-4 with three runs scored, later scored on a wild pitch to make it 3-1.

Clay Bowman and Segal each added two hits for the Bronchos (12-5-2), who received a forfeit victory from Indianapolis Tech.

Harrison 6 Anderson 2

Dylan Levesque collected three hits, including a two-run triple in the third inning, for the Raiders.

Harrison never trailed after Jonathon Laguire's RBI single in the second inning. Levesque's triple made it 3-0 and he later scored on a wild pitch.

That was enough for Drew Davidson who struck out six and allowed six hits over six innings.

Kokomo 2 Harrison 1 (8)

Dashaun Barbary singled home the winning run for the Wildkats.

Bobby Dearing went 2-for-4 for the Raiders (6-12).

Kokomo forced extra innings on Colt Munsey's RBI single in the sixth in-



FILE/JOHN TERHUNE/JOURNAL & COURIER

Chandler Ferguson of Lafayette Jeff struck out 11 against Richmond on Saturday.

ning.

McCutcheon 2 Muncie Central 0

Parker Lamb and Blake Sarjent combined on a three-hitter for the Mavericks (10-6).

McCutcheon collected just two hits but a balk and Dylan Henning's run-scoring double in the fourth inning were enough to claim an NCC victory.

Rensselaer 5

Frontier 1

Aidan Stevens pitched a no-hitter, striking out 15, and collected three hits for the Bombers.

Tyler Hannon also had three hits for Rensselaer.

Delphi 3-8

Morgan Township 0-7
Cade Murray struck out six and allowed three hits in the opener.

Run-scoring singles by Seth Waters and Weston Windell gave Delphi a 2-0

lead in the third inning. Waters, Windell and Jayden McClain each had two hits,

McClain drove in two runs in Game 2 to help Delphi (15-3) build an 8-2 lead after four innings.

Carroll 2-8

Tri-County 1-5

Dylan Spesard hit a two-run single in the top of the seventh to rally Carroll.

That hit decided a

ON THE AIR

NBA PLAYOFFS

3:30 p.m.	Cavaliers at Raptors	ABC
6:30 p.m.	Celtics at Wizards	TNT
9 p.m.	Spurs at Rockets	TNT

BASEBALL

1:30 p.m.	AL: White Sox at Orioles	Comcast SportsNet
2 p.m.	College: Texas at TCU	ESPNU
3 p.m.	College: South Carolina at TCU	ESPN
4 p.m.	College: Ohio State at Michigan	BTN
4:10 p.m.	NL: Giants at Reds	Fox Sports Indiana
8 p.m.	MLB: Yankees at Cubs	ESPN

GOLF

7 a.m.	European: GolfSixes	Golf
11 a.m.	Big Ten men's championship	BTN
1 p.m.	PGA: Wells Fargo Championship	Golf
3 p.m.	PGA: Wells Fargo Championship	CBS
3 p.m.	Champions: Insperty Championship	Golf

NHL PLAYOFFS

3 p.m.	Blues at Predators	NBC
7 p.m.	Ducks at Oilers	NBCSN

COLLEGE WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Noon	Big Ten championship	BTN
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MOTOR SPORTS

2 p.m.	Monster Energy: Geico 500	Fox
6 p.m.	NHRA: Southern Nationals	Fox Sports 1

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

1 p.m.	Auburn at Alabama	ESPN2
2 p.m.	Ohio State at Illinois	BTN
4 p.m.	Arizona at UCLA	ESPN2

SOCCER

8:25 a.m.	Premier: Southampton at Liverpool	NBCSN
9:30 a.m.	Bundesliga: Mainz 05 at Hamburger	Fox Sports 1
10:55 a.m.	Premier: Manchester United at Arsenal	NBCSN
1:30 p.m.	MLS: Kansas City at Minnesota	Fox Sports 1

SWIMMING

10:30 p.m.	Arena Pro Swim Series	NBCSN
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pitcher's duel between the Cougars' Tyler Holford and Tri-County's Austyn Nevitt. Holford struck out eight while Nevitt fanned six.

Mason Berenda went 2-for-3 for the Cavaliers.

In Game 2, Jared Hooper had two hits and an RBI for Carroll (11-3). Chase Kirby and Berenda each drove in two runs for Tri-County (3-13).

Rossville 11-4 Clinton Prairie 1-1

Matthew Homco and Mark Soiseth each drove in three runs to back Kelton Saylor's four-hitter in the opener.

Payton Dennison singled home the go-ahead run in the third inning to lead the Hornets (16-4) to a sweep. Dennison and Dawson Jacoby each had a pair of hits.

Covington 4-10 Riverton Parke 2-7

Tanner Dreher hit a tie-breaking single in the sixth inning of Game 1.

AJ Kline doubled home the go-ahead run during a five-run sixth inning for Covington (9-10) in Game 2.

Whiteland 7 Crawfordsville 0

Caden Jones had two hits for the Athenians (16-3).

Southmont 13 Greencastle 2

Brandon Rogers and Peyton Winger each had two RBIs for Southmont (7-8-1).

Softball

Harrison 6 Lafayette Jeff 0

Jade Johnson's two-hit shutout powered the

Raiders to an NCC victory.

Johnson and Dani Brewer drew bases-loaded walks in the first inning, and Olivia Stansbury singled home a run in the second for Harrison (13-4).

Twin Lakes Invitational

Despite a two-hitter by Maddie McDonald, West Lafayette couldn't muster enough offense in a 4-2 loss to Munster in the first round.

Allison Harmon doubled home a run for the Red Devils, who managed just three hits of their own.

The Red Devils (1-17) were held to five hits in a 10-1 loss to Pioneer. Alaina Omonode had a hit and an RBI.

Twin Lakes edged Rossville 5-4 in its opening game, scoring a pair of unearned runs in the sixth inning. Winning pitcher Hailey Applegate struck out 11.

Maggie Deboy homered in the first inning and smacked a three-run double in the fifth for Rossville.

The Hornets bounced back with a 10-2 victory over Maconaquah. Winning pitcher Emma Baumgardt pitched a three-hitter and drove in three runs.

Girls tennis

NCC split for Mavs
Megan Skadburg went 2-0 on the day at No. 2 singles for McCutcheon, which dropped a 4-1 decision to Marion but swept Richmond 5-0.