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of play. Howell’s first three of the first quarter gave the Argylls a lead they would not relinquish, his second put the Argylls back up by five after the Indians cut their lead to two, and his third put the Argylls up 20-12 at the first quarter break. “This was a big game for them for a lot of different reasons, and we knew if we gave them a little bit of space, they were really going to take it a long way, and that’s exactly what happened,” Mississinewa Head Coach James Reed said. “They hit a few, and from that moment on, we were on our heels, got punched in the mouth, and we were kind of wobbly the rest of the game.”

As the lone underclassman in a starting lineup full of seniors, Howell has endeared himself to his teammates, and his coach, with his grit, his tenacity, and his tireless motor on both ends of the floor.

“I can’t say enough good things about him,” Cherry said of Howell. “As a sophomore to come in here and step up and make shots early, that just got the team going. He competes hard every day, and that rubs off on all of our kids.”

“He’s been playing with us seniors since he’s been little,” Kaden Howell said of his brother. “He’s always fit in with us. We respect him and he respects us. We trust him. We know he can hit the shots, and that’s exactly what we did tonight.”

The Argylls’ momentum carried through the rest of the first half, as their lead never dipped below six points. The Indians used a 5-0 run midway through the quarter to cut the Madison-Grant advantage to 27-21, but an 8-2 response by the Argylls resulted in a 35-23 halftime lead.

The third quarter was marred by turnovers – five for the Indians and four for the Argylls – but a 7-2 run to start the stanza kept the Argylls ahead by double-digits.

Neither team would score again until the 47.3 mark, when Mississinewa’s Hayden Ulerick knocked down a pair of free throws, but another Wilson bucket in the waning moments of the period put the Argylls’ up 44-31.

The Argylls put the game away at the line in the fourth quarter, knocking down 12 of their 14 looks from the charity stripe, including their final 10. Brown went six-for-six in the final frame.



Mia Catey records a steal at mid-court against the Argylls in the Indians win on Saturday afternoon. **Photo by Sean Douglas**

Indians

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everything.”

The Argylls came out strong in the first quarter-and-a-half, taking a 9-8 lead after the first quarter and building a 20-13 advantage with 3:31 to play in the first half. However, the Indians took control of the game from there, as Catey, Webb, and Swindall combined to score nine straight points to give Mississinewa a 22-20 advantage.

“I think we were asleep a little bit there in the first quarter and a little bit in the second, but they woke up and started playing the way that they know they can,” Friday said. “We made a few defensive adjustments. We shifted our post [player] over and made that person cover the high post, so I think that worked really well, but they just played like they know how to play.”

The Indians’ dominance continued in the third quarter, as they outscored the Argylls 18-8 in the frame and continued to get the ball into the post, with resounding success. Webb scored six points in the quarter, all from the low block, to help the Indians build their double-digit advantage.

“We felt like our body language changed,” Madison-Grant Head Coach Brandon Bradley said. “We’ve got to get a lot tougher mentally. We’ve got to get more physical, especially when teams come at us. I thought they did a nice job of, really, just attacking us, and we didn’t really take that on real well.”

Despite this, however, the Argylls battled back in the fourth quarter, cutting the Indians’ lead to one possession on two separate occasions, but some crucial turnovers proved costly in the final 1:44, and Catey and Swindall combined to hit six of the Indians’ final eight free throws to secure the seven-point victory.

“I think the five girls that were on the court did a great job,” Friday said. “They wanted to make sure that they got the ball and that they had it in their hands when Madison-Grant fouled them. I think that’s a huge step for our team.”

For Madison-Grant, Azmae Turner led the way with 12 points and nine rebounds, while Daya Greene finished with 11 points.

Now, the focus switches to the Grant Four Tournament, which will take place on Dec. 30 at Madison-Grant. The Indians will be battling Eastbrook in the first semifinal contest, and Friday is excited for the opportunity to get another crack at the Panthers after a tough 66-32 loss in their first meeting back on Dec. 9.

“We want to show who we actually are,” Friday said. “We want to make that game competitive, and last time we played them, we weren’t competitive. I’m really excited to get back and get a second chance at them.”

Oak Hill

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lead at the halftime break. “I did not think that we played with the type of intensity and desire that we needed to play with in the first two-and-a-half quarters,” Oak Hill Head Coach Clay Bolser said. “Anybody that watched it could see that.”

But as the second half progressed, Oak Hill began to gain more and more confidence, and by the end of the third quarter, despite trailing 31-17, the momentum began to shift.

Oak Hill’s fortunes changed in the fourth quarter when they switched to a full-court pressure defense. The strategy worked to perfection, as Oak Hill forced six turnovers in the final eight minutes, and their aggressive defensive play provided a jolt to the offense as well.

Audrey Leak, who had not scored up to that point, provided the spark, starting out the quarter with a triple. A few minutes later, Alston knocked down a three while being fouled and capitalized on the rare four-point play, cutting Wabash’s lead down to 10 points.

At the 4:20 mark, Leak struck again, hitting her second three of the evening to trim the Apaches’ advantage to seven. From that moment on, the Golden Eagles did not trail by any more than nine points.

Oak Hill kept up the pressure as the fourth quarter progressed. Trailing by seven in the latter stages, Leak recorded her third triple, and Treniti Thurman hit a three of her own with 4.5 seconds left to make a one-point game, but their comeback effort fell just short. Wabash hit timely free throws down the stretch to secure the three-point triumph.

Leak led the Golden Eagles in scoring with 11 points, all in the fourth quarter, while Nikki Alston collected 10 points off the bench. Mariah Wyatt collected a double-double for Wabash with 14 points and 12 rebounds.

While they were unable to pull it out, the Golden Eagles proved that when they play with confidence, they can play with anybody. Now, for Bolser, it is about making them believe that fact every night they step out on the hardwood.

“This can’t be defined by wins and losses. It has to be defined by the progress and the process of what we are going to do,” Bolser said.

Fairmount boy

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room. The youngster gained access to a loaded Ruger nine-millimeter handgun. Evidence indicates the boy pulled the trigger on the Ruger and was struck by a single bullet.

Owings was transported by ambulance to Marion General Hospital. Despite life-saving medical care,

Owings succumbed to his injury.

This is an ongoing investigation. No further information will be released at this time.

At the conclusion of Maller’s investigation, a report will be forwarded for review to the Grant County Prosecutor’s Office.

Answers to Sudoku, Crossword puzzles

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