

### #21sports1team

If you've been listening to 93.9 FM at all since late last week, you know that the Christmas music has already begun ... *oh the weather outside is frightful*, but the sports inside are SO DELIGHTFUL!! Wrestling, Boys & Girls Swimming/Diving and Boys Basketball seasons are all underway with contests scheduled to begin around Thanksgiving ... Gymnastics starts Monday ... and Girls Basketball hosted a pair of sectional champions this past week!

With temperatures outside sitting firmly in the 30's, grab some cabin socks and a blanket ... it's time for *BricksCenter*!

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### Girls Basketball

After earning a split in their 1st two contests, the Lady Brickies faced a tall task this past week ... playing two 2021 IHSAA Sectional Champions.

On Wednesday night, Hobart hosted the Kouts Fillies, IHSAA Class 1A Sectional Champions. The Fillies finished the 2020-2021 campaign with 17 wins and returned a bulk of the scoring from a group that lost to eventual state champ Pioneer in the regional semis. Kouts looked in control early on and took a 3-point lead into the halftime break. Hobart stormed back to take the lead in the 3rd quarter! Every time the defending champs threatened in the 4th quarter, the Lady Brickies had an answer as our girls put the game on ice with some great defense and timely shooting! Junior **Asia Donald** led all scorers with a season high 31 points and **Jesse Neace** added 11 as Hobart improved to 2-1 with the hard fought 53-44 win!!

Saturday, the Griffith Lady Panthers ... IHSAA Class 3A Sectional Champions ... visited The Friendly City. In 2020-2021, Griffith won nearly 80% of their games and this winter, they return some key contributers and were off to a 2-0 start entering Saturday's contest. Normally a full-court, in-your-face pressure defensive team, Hobart began the game in a conservative 2-3 zone to inhibit basket attack opportunities and force the Lady Panthers to shoot from the outside. Early on, it worked like a charm as the Lady Brickies held a 7-4 lead after 8 minutes. Griffith finally found the bottom of the net in the second stanza and held a 17-14 advantage at the half. To open the 3rd quarter, Griffith hit back-to-back 3s to increase their lead to 23-14, which forced Hobart to adjust and go back to applying full-court pressure! The rest of the game was INTENSE ... Griffith would extend the lead ... Hobart would BATTLE BACK, ultimately cutting the deficit to just 3 points midway through the final period!! Unfortunately, that's as close as our girls would get as the Lady Panthers salted this one away at the FT line and won 42-33. It was a tough loss for Hobart, but one that should teach lessons that will help us down the road. **Donald** once again filled the stat sheet and finished with a team-high 17 points, including 9-of-10 from the charity stripe. Junior **Niko Latinovich** and senior **Amarea Donald** each scored 6 in the loss.

The Lady Brickies are an even 2-2 on the season so far and will travel to neighborhood rival River Forest on Saturday for another non-conference battle. LET'S GO BRICKS!!



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Check out a recent conversation with the NWI Times and the Donald sisters!



Asia and Amarea ...

www.nwitimes.com

### Alumni Update

Over the last few years, a number of Brickies have stayed busy taking their game to the NEXT LEVEL after finishing stellar careers at HHS! One in particular recently (by recently I mean yesterday) played for a NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) Div III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!! 2020 Brickie grad **Addison Metts** is *flying high* as an outside hitter for the Rock Valley College Golden Eagles. Rock Valley played Owens Community College in Minnesota for the National Title on Saturday and lost a thriller in 5 sets to finish as National Runner-Up. **Metts** has been a key contributor to the success of the Golden Eagles 32-7 season, even winning NJCAA Player of the Week honors back in September!! CONGRATULATIONS ADDISON! KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK WORK WORK!!

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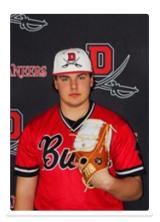
Here are some other Brickies competing at the NEXT LEVEL!



Matthew Hylek -Football - Aurora



Benny Guevara -Baseball -Emerson



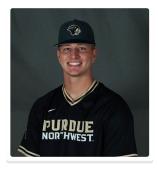
Matthew Benton -Baseball - Dawson CC







Aleks Novakovich - Basketball - Delaware



Tyler Schultz -Baseball - IUN



Benny Guevara -Baseball -Emerson



Emma Wright -Swimming -Houston



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Christina Shaginaw, Holly Shaginaw, Bruce Leipart & Diego Gomez - Cross Country - PNW



Zach Vode -Football - Western Michigan



Hannah Camarena - Softball - Trinity Christian



Jaden Deel -Baseball -Huntington







Grace Nestich - Basketball - Augustana



Riley Johnston -Track & Field -Indiana



Gavin Gallagher -Baseball -Kishwaukee CC



Saylem Smith -Softball - PNW







Bobby Babcock - Football - Illinois State



Cayleb Carey -Bowling - Lourdes



Alyssa Peterson -Softball - South Suburban



Tyler Davis -Soccer - IUN







Lilly Butler - Cross Country - IUN



Avione Lane -Soccer - IUN





Alex Griggs -**Bowling - Lourdes** 





# Sports Schedule This Week

Monday **Gymnastics - First Official Practice** 

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday



Boys Basketball - Scrimmage vs. Lake Central

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday Girls Basketball @ River Forest

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