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BROADCAST SCHEDULE

July 11 Harness Racing 6:00
at Nappanee

July 17 Harness Racing at
Nappanee

July 18 Harness Racing at
Nappanee 7:00

July 24 Harness Racing at
Lagrange 7:00

July 25 Harness Racing at
LaGrange 6:00

July 31 Harness Racing at
LaGrange

August 1st Harness Racing
at Lagrange

July 23rd Northern Indiana
Media Show

Coming this summer stock
car coverage

This Week in Northern
Indiana Sports and
Community Events

Northern Indiana Media
Show

It is great to see the kids back starting to work out for the fall sports. It is also great to see the pictures of all the kids working out and getting ready for the fall sports season.

It has been over 3 months in waiting but finally the schools are open and the kids can start getting ready for there sports season.

Many kids have put in a lot of time working out while they were not allowed to do so at there school

I seen the coaches talking with there teams during the shut down, groups of kids went on there own at a park or in someone back yard to work out.

New Level Media will have all the sports covered and all the scores with summery of all the games

Starting August 15 New Level Media will start the broadcasting of the fall sports, game and location right now is TBA will be announced August 3th

There is many new things New Level Media will be starting, New Level Media will bring back a lot of features done in the past that will help a lot with coverage now.

Stay with New Level Media on all the new and good things coming in the fall of 2020

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IWU's DeMichael Repeats as Crossroads League AD of the Year

AVON, Ohio – Indiana Wesleyan's Mark DeMichael has been named the 2019-2020 Crossroads League Athletic Director of the Year for a second-straight time. The honor is DeMichael's fifth award in the past nine years.

"The Athletic Director-of-the-Year Award is a direct reflection of the outstanding work done by everyone in our athletic department," said DeMichael. "The fact that it is an award voted on by friends and colleagues in the Crossroads League makes it very meaningful."

DeMichael recently wrapped up his 12th and final year as Indiana Wesleyan's Athletic Director, after taking over the department in 2008. During the 2019-2020 year, DeMichael saw IWU claim the Crossroads League All-Sports Championship for the 11th time under his watch.

In addition to finishing first or second in eight of the 11 sports offered by the Crossroads League during the COVID-19 shortened year, Indiana Wesleyan secured six league titles, saw every varsity program post a grade-point average over 3.0 and led the league with 44 CL Athlete-of-the-Week honors.

The Crossroads League Athletic Director-of-the-Year honor is voted on by the 10 Athletic Directors from the Crossroads League and announced each summer.

Crossroads League Athletic Director of the Year Recipients

2019-2020 – Mark DeMichael, Indiana Wesleyan

2018-2019 – Mark DeMichael, Indiana Wesleyan

2017-2018 – Josh Gleason, Goshen

2016-2017 – Chad Briscoe, Grace

2015-2016 – Mark DeMichael, Indiana Wesleyan

2014-2015 – Mark DeMichael, Indiana Wesleyan

2013-2014 – Lori Culler, Huntington

2012-2013 – Tim Demant, Goshen

2011-2012 – Mark DeMichael, Indiana Wesleyan

2010-2011 – Angie Fincannon, Taylor

2009-2010 – Chad Briscoe, Grace

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Murray Nominated for NCAA Woman of the Year by HCAC

Anderson University women's track and field standout [Mariah Murray](#) was chosen as one of two student-athletes to be nominated for NCAA Woman of the Year by the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC). The HCAC announced its nominees on Tuesday.

Murray garnered all-conference honors in all seven of the conference track and field meets she competed in, while capturing the conference high jump title three times. She was selected as Anderson's Most Outstanding Senior Athlete last month.

As a freshman, Murray took second (1.59 meters; 5 feet, 2.5 inches) in the high jump during the indoor meet and third (1.58 meters; 5 feet, 2.25 inches) in the high jump during the outdoor meet. Murray earned second-team all-conference honors during the indoor meet and all-HCAC Honorable Mention during the outdoor meet. As a sophomore, Murray secured second in the high jump for both the indoor HCAC meet (1.61 meters; 5 feet, 3.5 inches) and the outdoor HCAC meet (1.57 meters; 5 feet, 1.75 inches), collecting second-team all-HCAC honors in both meets.

Murray locked up the HCAC indoor high jump title as a junior, clearing a height of 1.65 meters (5 feet, 5 inches). During the outdoor conference meet, Murray totaled three individual medals and two relay medals. As an individual, she captured first in the high jump (1.60 meters; 5 feet, 3 inches), second in the 100 (12.86) and third in the 200 (26.20). Murray also contributed to a second-place finish (4:10.32) in the 4x400 and a third-place finish (50.36) in the 4x100. She earned first-team all-conference honors in both the indoor and outdoor meets.

Murray garnered first-team all-conference recognition during the HCAC Indoor Championships as a senior after receiving three individual medals and a relay medal. She defended her high jump title by clearing a height of 1.62 meters (5 feet, 3.75 inches). Murray also claimed second (8.32) in the 60-meter dash and third (27.13) in the 200. She contributed to a third-place finish (4:17.24) in the 4x400.

Among NCAA Division III leaders, Murray finished 6-of-7 seasons ranked in the top 30 for the high jump and every season ranked in the top 70 for high jump. Her lifetime bests in the high jump were heights of 1.67 meters (5 feet, 5.75 inches) indoors and 1.65 meters (5 feet, 5 inches) outdoors. Murray received USTFCCCA All-Region honors for the high jump in all four indoor seasons as well as the outdoor season of her junior year. She was named a USTFCCCA All-Academic individual as a junior.

Murray captured the HCAC Field Athlete of the Week during her senior indoor season after winning the high jump (1.60 meters; 5 feet, 3 inches) and tying the facility record during the Coach Rob NCAC/OAC/HCAC Challenge. She also earned academic all-HCAC honors for the indoor and outdoor seasons of her senior year.

Murray graduated with a Marketing degree and earned a 3.603 GPA. She was named the Falls School of Business Outstanding Senior Award and is also a member of the Alpha Mu Gamma National Honor Society. Murray made the Dean's List three times. She has received the Center for Leadership Development Scholarship, the Massey Scholarship, the Reardon Scholarship, the Circle City Classic Scholarship and the Police & Firemen Association Scholarship. Murray was a member of the Black Student Association and served as a Spanish tutor.

The NCAA will announce the top 10 candidates for NCAA Woman of the Year in each division on a date in September that is yet to be announced.

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After yesterday's game, I told the guys that we need to stay aggressive running the bases," Murphy said. "They really took that to heart today. Baserunning is going to be one of our strengths all year, we've got a lot of speed. If it takes a perfect throw to get us out, then I'm totally fine with that. We're not afraid to take chances, and it's really paying off." As the offense took the main headline, starting pitcher **Ryan Troxel** (Saint Xavier/Valparaiso, Ind.) quietly carved through the DuPage County lineup. In his first-ever start as a collegiate pitcher, he threw six quality innings, allowing four runs (two earned) on seven hits, striking out four. His ability to work out of jams and avoid the big inning gave the Minutemen key boosts when they needed them most. He stranded six Hounds on base and retired the last six batters he faced. "Ryan just attacked everybody from the start," Murphy noted. "He was fearless out there. Even after giving up an early double, he continued to pound the zone and battle. After the fifth inning, I went over to him to see how he was feeling, and he told me 'do not take me out of this game.' If you're pitching that well and you have that attitude, it's a no-brainer to let him keep going." The runs came early and often for both teams in the early goings, but it was the Minutemen's plate discipline and willingness to work counts that spotted them a 9-4 lead after six innings. Bolton, **Matthew Lelito** (Kankakee CC/Merrillville, Ind.), **Ryan Missal** (Western Michigan/Lowell, Ind.), **Ryan Howe** (Purdue/Mount Prospect, Ill.), and **Ryan McCoy** provided timely two-out hits to put some distance between themselves and the perennial MCL power. But, in the game's final third, the Hounds stepped up and took control. Back-to-back four-run innings in the seventh and eighth powered a comeback that ultimately put the game out of reach.

"Sometimes things just don't go your way," Murphy said. "Everybody played really hard and fought up until the last pitch. It just wasn't meant to be today."

The loss drops the Minutemen to 0-2 in the early stages of the 2020 Midwest Collegiate League season. They are still searching for their first win in franchise hi

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Minutemen Offensive Outburst Not Enough to Take Down Hounds

Lansing, Ill. – From top to bottom, the MCL Minutemen lineup fired on all cylinders to the tune of nine runs on 12 hits, tripling their output from the night before. However, they were unable to keep up with the DuPage County Hounds, as their late-game clutch hitting kept the Minutemen at bay, handing them a 12-9 loss. Every position player to take the field for the Minutemen reached base at least twice, each finding multiple ways to get on base. In addition to their twelve hits, they drew 11 walks and were hit by three pitches. “I am very happy with our approach at the plate today,” manager **Jack Murphy** said. “Our philosophy is to compete in the strike zone and don’t chase anything. We did an excellent job of taking pitches and really making the other guys [Hounds] really battle to get us out.” While their disciplined approach led to success in the batter’s box, their aggressive mentality on the basepaths caused even more chaos for Hounds pitching. The Minutemen went a perfect 4-for-4 on stolen base attempts and took three more on pitches in the dirt. **Mike Bolton** (Purdue/Calumet City, Ill.) led the way with two steals. “

Anderson University Partners with BSN Sports & Nike

ANDERSON, Ind. – Anderson University announced that it has entered into a multi-year partnership with NIKE through BSN SPORTS to make NIKE the official apparel of AU Athletics. BSN will also serve as the official equipment provider. The agreement, which began on July 1, 2020 is part of BSN SPORTS Collegiate Select program, which aims to make BSN SPORTS a one-stop provider for all collegiate athletic, intramural, club and staff apparel and equipment to all D1, DII, D3, NJCAA and NAIA schools.

Director of Athletics Marcie Taylor stated, "We are excited to partner with Nike through BSN SPORTS in order to offer our student-athletes the best apparel, footwear and equipment in college sports. This agreement provides the opportunity to promote the Anderson University Ravens athletics brand."

Nike will serve as the exclusive outfitter for all 20 Raven varsity sports teams. The multi-year agreement includes numerous incentives in the form of discounts and rewards along with incentives for on-field achievements and additional marketing and promotional opportunities.

"We are excited to partner with Anderson University and Nike in elevating the performance and impact of their athletics program. This strategic partnership provides the finest apparel and athletic products to the Raven athletic teams and benefits each student athlete representing the community on the athletic field or court," said Todd Northrop, Collegiate Select Vice President. "We are proud to be their partner and pleased that we can elevate the student-athlete experience."

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Minutemen Push Oilmen to Their Limit in Season-Opening Loss

Whiting, Ind. – The MCL Minutemen were unable to write the storybook opening they hoped for the beginning of their franchise's history. Though they gave the Northwest Indiana Oilmen all they could handle, the hosts took care of business, saddling the Minutemen with a 5-3 Opening Day loss

However, despite the negative result, manager **Jack Murphy** saw plenty of positives in his team's inaugural Midwest Collegiate League game. "Obviously, nobody likes losing," he said. "But we played hard the entire time. Our guys are starting to get more comfortable both in the batter's box and on the mound. We just need to clean up some things and limit our mistakes, we'll be good this summer."

Despite not pitching competitively in nearly five months, **Jacob Frencl** (Southeastern CC/Frankfort, Ill.) threw 96 pitches over the course of 4 2/3 innings in his first college-level start. It took some time to find his rhythm, allowing a run to score on a fielder's choice after loading the bases with two walks and a hit batsman, but he kept the Oilmen at bay from there on out. He struck out four batters and allowed only three earned runs on four hits in a tough-luck loss.

"Jacob was fearless on the mound today," Murphy said of his starter. "The thing I talk about most with pitchers is attacking the zone and throwing strikes, and they did a good job of that. There were a lot of walks and hit batsmen, but I think that's due to first-game jitters. He's only going to get better as the summer goes on."

Upon Frencl's departure, **Norman Standish** (South Suburban College/Highland, Ind.) and **Cade Turner** (Illinois-Springfield/Frankfort, Ill.) carried the Minutemen the rest of the way out of the bullpen. In their combined 3 1/3 innings of work, the duo allowed just one run on two hits, racking up five strikeouts. For Turner, this marked his first time facing collegiate hitters having graduated from Lincoln-Way North High School last spring.

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Norman [Standish] and Cade [Turner] were excellent,” Murphy stated. “They did more than their part. Both guys stepped up and got outs when we needed them the most. They gave us a great chance to win, and that’s all you can ask for.”

After the Oilmen grabbed the game’s first tally in the bottom of the first inning, both offenses laid dormant until the fifth. The Minutemen took advantage of wild Oilmen pitching and aggressive baserunning to take their first-ever lead. **Ryan McCoy** (Wabash Valley College/Frankfort, Ill.) slapped an opposite-field single and advanced two bases on wild pitches while **Brad Miller** (Illinois-Springfield/Oak Forest, Ill.) walked and took second base on the second errant toss. **Brendan Collins** (Wisconsin-Parkside/Frankfort, Ill.) singled in McCoy and immediately stole second, drawing a wayward throw to push Miller across home plate and put them up 2-1.

Unfortunately, their lead was short-lived. Three successive two-out knocks and an

Neuhart of Grace Honored as Crossroads League SID of the Year

AVON, Ohio – The Crossroads League announced on Monday that Josh Neuhart of Grace College had been named its 2019-2020 Sports Information Director of the Year. The award is the second for Neuhart, who recently completed his tenth year as the SID for the Lancers. “We have a tremendous group of Sports Information Directors in the Crossroads League, so it is humbling to be selected by them for this award,” stated Neuhart. “I am incredibly thankful to have such a supportive administration, notably Dr. Bill Katip and Chad Briscoe. It is an honor to share the stories of our student-athletes and point the spotlight on our coaches and programs every day. My student staff is also first-class. Working alongside them each day is very rewarding.” Neuhart and his department highlighted their list of accomplishments during the 2019-2020 year by spearheading Grace’s publicity efforts for its men’s soccer COVID-19 marathon. Coverage for the event extended to *Chicago Tribune*, ESPN, Runners World and Sports Spectrum, while earning air time in at least 10 segments over various television outlets. Neuhart was also recognized for his work throughout the 2019-2020, by receiving 13 CoSIDA and NAIA-SIDA awards for excellence in writing, social media, graphic design and publications. “Josh and his staff set a high standard of excellence every day, and this award is a direct reflection of their tremendous work throughout the year,” said Grace College Director of Athletics Chad Briscoe. “Josh is not only an exceptional SID, but he is a true servant leader and an integral part of our athletic administration.” The Crossroads League Sports Information Director-of-the-Year award was voted on by the 10 Sports Information Directors from the Crossroads League.

Crossroads League Sports Information Director/Department of-the-Year Recipients

2019-2020 – Josh Neuhart, Grace

2018-2019 – Chris Bauman, Spring Arbor

2017-2018 – Zach Wadley, Marian

2016-2017 – Seth Mikel, Taylor

2015-2016 – Josh Neuhart, Grace

2014-2015 – Seth Mikel, Taylor

2013-2014 – Geoff Sherman, Marian