



## ND, IU, Purdue want Coleman

Indy Cathedral guard works on bulking up.

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Jalen Coleman has the metabolism of athletic youth. He burns off basically everything he eats, and he eats plenty.

This might be fine if you were, say, captain of the chess club. Thinness isn't relevant for that. However, it's tough when you're a guard with major college basketball aspirations.

You'd better believe this Indianapolis Cathedral freshman has major aspirations. Who wouldn't when Purdue, Indiana and Notre Dame have offered you scholarships? When Michigan State, Michigan, Texas and Florida are interested, and Illinois just entered the picture?

Coleman can play. He can score and pass, dribble and drive. But he is listed at 6-2 and 155 pounds, and while this isn't a problem for high school and travel ball competition, it could be a significant college drawback. For comparison, Jordan Hulls is 6 feet and 181 pounds, and no one would consider him big or bulky.

Fortunately for this Class of 2015 standout, there's plenty of time, and Coleman makes the most of it.

"I'm trying to be the best I can be," he says.

Size and strength are crucial given Coleman's ability to attack the basket. At higher levels, opponents punish those who do.

Mass matters. Coleman understands. He's doing the protein-shake-and-lift-weights routine, but it's tough to gain weight, especially when you're either practicing or training or playing games nearly every day of every week.

"I actually gained 5 pounds," he says. "I've been doing push-ups at home. It's hard to gain weight and keep it consistent when I'm doing all this. I'm picking up weight slowly."

Coleman joins East Chicago Central's Hyron Edwards and Indianapolis eighth-grader Eron Gordon as young in-state guards with scholarship offers from IU and Purdue (Indiana offered him on his 15th birthday last July, before he'd enrolled in high school), but he isn't satisfied with that.

"It's just about getting better," he says. "Improve day by day. Working out in the gym every day."

"We do a lot (with his Cathedral teammates in team training sessions), and after that I work out on my own."

Coleman doesn't list any college favorites, in part because he's a couple of years away from making a decision.

"I'll make it my junior or senior season. I'm taking my time to work on my game."

As far as Indiana, he's made several unofficial visits.

"I like the coaching staff a lot," he says. "I love the campus and the atmosphere. The school showed they like me a lot by offering me. I'm very thankful for that."

Coleman says he also likes Purdue and plans to visit the campus soon. An earlier visit was canceled because of bad weather.

The recruiting interest isn't a distraction, he adds.

"My dad keeps up with all

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# Bruins girls take sectional

Northrop wins seven events to top Carroll.

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Even the never-satisfied Tom Knudson was happy. As coach of the No. 3 Northrop girls track team, Knudson wasn't completely satisfied, but he knows perfection is nearly unattainable.

Knudson's Bruins won the Northrop track and field sectional on Tuesday by 30 points (135-105) over Carroll and advanced much of their intended state finals lineup to next Tuesday's Northrop Regional.



Skelton

We had great performances by a lot of girls."

The only casualty was state-ranked hurdler Demetra Taylor, who false-started in the 300 hurdles and was disqualified. Still, it was hard for Knudson to complain.

"We talked to the team and told them that things were going to happen around the state tonight,"

"I would give them an A," Knudson said when asked for his team's grade. "We did everything we wanted to and then some."

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Knudson said. "We hoped it wouldn't happen to us, but it did. It was still a great night for our team."

The top four finishers in each event and relay advance to the regional round. Northrop led the way with seven event winners (out of 16 events) and had five second-place finishers. In the first seven run-

ning finals, Northrop individuals or relay teams either won or placed second. In the eighth they placed third and went 1-2 in the ninth (200 meters). Finally, the Bruins broke a 28-year-old record in winning the 1,600-meter relay to close out the meet.

"I think we did awesome," said Northrop's Makelle Skelton, who won the 300 hurdles, placed second in the long jump and was on the winning 1,600-meter relay team. "We put so much work into this (part of the season). It was great to see it all come together."

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### GAME 3 IS THURSDAY IN INDY

# Pacers even up series

Indiana's defense too much, denying Miami's James, Wade at the end



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MIAMI — LeBron James and Dwyane Wade did almost everything for Miami — until the final minute.

And that has the Heat facing their first big problem of the postseason.

David West scored 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, and the Indiana Pacers took home-court advantage away from Miami by beating the Heat 78-75 in Game 2 of the teams' Eastern Conference semifinal series Tuesday night — after James and Wade both came up short on key opportunities down the stretch.

"We never felt like we were the underdogs," Indiana's Danny Granger said.

The series is tied at a game apiece, with Game 3 on Thursday in Indianapolis.

With Chris Bosh out indefinitely because of a strained abdominal muscle, James scored 28 points for Miami and Wade finished with 24, making them the only two Heat players to score more than five — the first time that has happened in franchise history, according to STATS LLC. James missed two free throws with 54.3 seconds left and Miami down one, and Wade was short on a layup that would have tied the game with 16 seconds remaining.

Moments later, a few of the Pacers were leaping at midcourt of Miami's floor, something Wade said was noticed afterward, though the Indiana side disputed that it was a celebration. Either way, the Heat have bigger issues to address.

"Chris was missed, no doubt about it," Wade said. "But that's not the reason we lost this ballgame."

The Pacers kept giving Miami chances. Plenty of them.

Indiana missed 24 of 29 shots in one stretch, on the road. The Pacers wasted an 11-point, second-half lead. They were outscored by Wade and James in the fourth quarter, 21-17.

Somehow, it worked.

"Defense and rebounding," Indiana coach Frank Vogel said. "We built this team, we started talking about smash-mouth basketball, about winning the war in the trenches, and that's with defense and rebounding. That's what I grew up watching Eastern Conference basketball being like. We understand offense is going to come and go, especially like a great defensive team like these guys ... but we're pretty good, too."

Miami shot 35 percent and got out-rebounded

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Miami Heat's LeBron James, left, and Dwyane Wade outscored the Indiana Pacers 21-17 in the fourth quarter of Game 2 of their Eastern Conference semifinals series Tuesday, but both came up short on key opportunities late in the game. The Pacers won 78-75 to even the series at 1.

# Ball State building better schedule

Coach Lembo wants to see more balance.

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Lembo

Last fall, in his first season as football coach at Ball State, Pete Lembo had to battle Indiana, South Florida, Army, Oklahoma and Temple in a span of 35 days. So it was little wonder that Lembo's wife, Jenifer, asked him during the winter before he accepted the position with the Cardinals, "Are you sure you want to take this job?"

Lembo faced a number of obsta-

cles when he accepted the challenge of rebuilding Ball State football. The most concerning was the fact that the future schedules weren't conducive to building a program.

"At Ball State, winning was all over the map," Lembo said. "And also, the scheduling was all over the map. No matter what you are trying to achieve in life, you have to have a plan."

Ball State announced Tuesday

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that it will face Northwestern on Sept. 26, 2015, and that type of game is exactly what Lembo envisions as part of a scheduling philosophy the program should follow.

"We are in a situation where bringing in revenue is important," Lembo said. "But like everything else in life, balance is a key."

That "balance" doesn't include facing teams from the Big Ten; the Big East; a cut-blocking, option-

running squad; and a national power in consecutive weeks. Oh, and why don't you throw in a Mid-American Conference power at the end of that string, just for good measure?

"You have to keep the well-being of your student-athletes in mind and continue to try and think about the goals that you have for your program," Lembo said. "And in regard to those goals, your schedule has to be set up to help you get there."

The immediate future for Lembo's squad isn't much more

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