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65,000

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How many blood products the Red Cross delivers to about 2,500 hospitals in the U.S.

5,000,000+

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The amount of the nation's blood supply that comes from the Red Cross. This is in addition to the shelters, food and comfort given to victims of disasters.

The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Getting up at the same time every day is very important to getting good sleep.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Love grows more tremendously full, swift, poignant, as the years multiply."
Zane Grey

THREE THINGS

You Should Know

- 1 Attorney General Todd Rokita invites Hoosiers to visit IndianaUnclaimed.gov to see if they have any money waiting for them this spring. After decimating the prior record set in 2014, Attorney General Rokita's office returned over \$81 million in unclaimed property to its rightful owners in 2023. Over \$1.5 MILLION is returned to Hoosiers every week, and hundreds of millions are just waiting to be claimed. And it seems appropriate at this time in March that some property owners in the Unclaimed Property Division's database include such holiday-appropriate first or last names of Ireland, Gold, Clover, Shamrock, and Green.
- 2 Speaking of Rokita had some strong words regarding Hoosier lawmakers: "As I have stated throughout the debate on this antisemitism bill, the law was originally written to protect Jewish students in Indiana K-12 schools and university campuses from ruthless, anti-Semitic attacks that have increased since the horrific slaughter of Israelis on Oct. 7. Indiana Senators turned it into a toothless mess that allows anti-Semites to continue to cloak their discriminatory hatred of Jews as simple political disagreements directed at Israel, not Jews. Then, Indiana Representatives would not correct the Senate's actions, which equates hateful, anti-Semitic rhetoric, like "From the River to the Sea" to mere political speech. The Governor should veto this compromised bill to show he understands that regular Hoosiers won't compromise with Jew-hating bigots."
- 3 As the winter heating season draws to a close, CenterPoint Energy is reminding customers that the State of Indiana's winter moratorium recently ended. The utility is taking proactive steps to support customers during this time and encourages them to contact us to discuss options. The Indiana winter moratorium protects customers who have applied for support through income-qualified programs, such as the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), from having their heating services interrupted. CenterPoint Energy has implemented a number of programs to provide continued support beyond the moratorium's end. The company reminds customers that some assistance programs are still available.

TODAY'S JOKE

Why did the chicken cross the road?
Beak-cause it could!

THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

If you are heading toward North Salem on State Road 236, the Indiana Department of Transportation has some news that will impact you. There is a bridge being replaced on 236 over Big Walnut Creek near North Salem. Work is expected to continue through late August.



The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank JOHN EDIE for subscribing!

The "Little Schools" in Montgomery County



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

On a September day in 1954, I walked to the end of our lane, nervously awaiting a big yellow bus to transport me

three miles to Darlington . . . for my first day of school. After I climbed aboard, Bill Crowe, a high school sophomore, motioned for me to sit with him, and I rode with him on the bus most of that first year. On the last leg of the bus route, we picked up my cousins – Kendall and Johnny Wells, the Moffitts – Sam, Steve and Minnie May, the Peebles kids – Sandy, Peggy, Dave, and John and the four oldest Weliever kids – Charlie, Bob, Betty and Mary Lou.

When the bus driver dropped all of us off in front of the school, I looked up at the three-story building in awe. This was to be "my home away from home" for the next twelve years. In fact, it is entirely possible that I spent more time at school during my waking hours than I did at home. Little did I know then that I would also become a teacher one day . . . and spend another 10 years in that building. Even though I am 75 years old, I can remember every room and almost every detail of the Darlington school building, which had been built in 1913 before the town even had electricity. That's why almost all of the older little schools had so many windows!

In 1997, I drew pictures of the old county schools, and the Crawfordsville Rotary club used these to make a calendar, which was sold to raise money for their scholarship fund. I noticed that the schools were very similar in construction and layout. At Darlington, when you entered the building, there were a few steps that led up to a large hall. Directly above these steps was the principal's office . . . a place where you might end up if you were a little too mischievous or the teacher could not make you mind. Nearby was a small room for the school secretary and another small room called "the sickroom." Off this hall there were six large classrooms for grades one through six, and each one had a large closet called the "cloakroom" where we hung

➡ See BUTCH Page A4

Insomnia Follow Up



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.
 Montgomery Medicine

I want to follow up on last week's column where I discussed the causes of insomnia by focusing on basic prevention and treatments. If the cause of insomnia is not readily identifiable, it's helpful to keep a sleep diary for 2-4 weeks to share with your doctor. It should include sleep and wake times, naps, and actual time spent sleeping. You can download a blank sleep diary at bit.ly/3DZjTRH.

The most common problem identified when taking a sleep history or reviewing a sleep diary is poor "sleep hygiene." Sleep hygiene is defined as daily activities and habits that are consistent with or promote the maintenance of good quality sleep and full daytime alertness.

When I ask patients what they do when they can't fall asleep, most answer that they continue to lie in bed and watch the clock. A key sleep hygiene concept is that one's bedroom should be reserved for sleep and sex. It should not be used for watching TV, surfing the internet, doing work, exercising, etc. You need to train your brain that when it's in that room it should be shutting off and recharging.

If you are unable to sleep you should get out of bed and go to another quiet room. Engage in a low-energy activity such as reading or perhaps doing a crossword puzzle. Do this until you become drowsy and then go back to bed. If you find you can't sleep after 15-20 minutes, get out of bed again and repeat the process. You may have to do this numerous times. However, don't be tempted to sleep in the following day – the total hours you spend in bed should remain about the same each day.

It's important to have a ritual before going to bed. This should include quiet "wind down" time for at least 30 minutes before retiring. A warm bath or shower before bedtime can be helpful. The bedroom should be cool since a drop in body temperature promotes sleep. A light, non-fatty snack may also promote drowsiness. Meditation can be very effective. Many of my patients were successful using the free Oak app on their smartphones.

While it is very important to try and maintain a consistent bedtime, it appears that a consistent wake time is even more important. This is usually extremely difficult for folks that work nights Monday through Friday and are off on the weekends. They need to try and maintain the same schedule as closely as possible to get the same total number of hours of sleep that they get while working nights.

A tip for night workers is to put on dark wrap-around sunglasses before leaving the workplace and wear them until you get in a dark room at home. This helps to keep our brain's, "it's light out, time to wake up" switch from being turned on, allowing you to get to sleep more easily.

I touched on medications last week, but I want to briefly mention drugs that frequently cause insomnia. Caffeine can stay in the system for up to eight hours, so don't consume it within eight hours of bedtime if you're having trouble sleeping. Cold medications containing pseudoephedrine (Sudafed®) keep the brain awake. Nicotine is also a stimulant, so if you're a smoker, you should discuss quitting with your health provider. Alcohol is the absolute last thing you want to consume if you're having trouble

with insomnia; it can prevent deep sleep.

Natural products, particularly melatonin, may help some people. It's important to start at a low dose, perhaps ½ to 1 mg, and take it at least two hours before bedtime. Large doses are rarely effective and are more likely to cause side effects.

Prescription sleep medications should be the absolute last resort for treating insomnia. These medications only provide a few extra minutes of sleep each night on average. They are all highly addictive and can cause unwanted or dangerous side effects in some people, particularly the elderly.

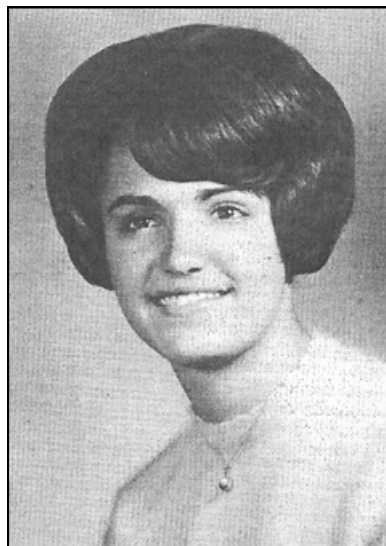
An excellent resource for more information on insomnia can be found at bit.ly/39XAkPC. I also recommend two books you can find at Amazon: *The Sleep Solution: Why Your Sleep is Broken and How to Fix It* by Dr. Chris Winter, and *How to Sleep: The New Science-Based Solutions for Sleeping Through the Night* by Dr. Rafael Pelayo.

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia (CBT-I) is very effective for treatment of chronic insomnia. Finding a therapist in your area that performs CBT-I can sometimes be challenging. Some of my patients received good results using CBT-i Coach, an app for smart phones. You can read more about CBT-I at: bit.ly/3wRuGwt.

– Dr. John Roberts is a retired member of the Franciscan Physician Network specializing in Family Medicine.



Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do you recognize this person?

HINT:
 She graduated from Waynetown High School in 1968 and loved to cheer for the ball teams!

Answer on Page A3

Juvenile Mentoring Program Looks Forward to 2024

The Juvenile Mentoring Program of the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau is seeing some changes in 2024, and is starting off strong!

The JUMP program matches an adult volunteer or a married couple with a Montgomery County youth who has similar interests. The goal of the program is for the volunteer to be a positive role model, be a friend to the child, and provide support and a listening ear. A mentor also does fun activities with their mentee to allow the child to experience new things that they might not have been able to try otherwise. These activities don't have to be elaborate, most of our kids are happy to just hang out and spend time with someone.

Mentoring has a huge impact on youth in our community, causing them to be more likely to succeed academically, become involved in their community, and go on to become mentors as adults.

New to 2024 is how the program supports matches with planned activities. Feedback told us that our matches were struggling to get together at the specific dates and times we offered the monthly activities. To support these matches, with more flexibility, we have changed to coordinate one big group activity every quarter for the mentor or mentee to attend. These events will be

bigger experiences for our larger group, such as bowling, a pizza party or going to an amusement park. In March, the program offered a quarterly group activity at Plaza Lanes, which was sponsored by Valero Renewable Fuels. The group played laser tag, enjoyed some food at the concession stand, went bowling and played in the arcade. The other months the program offers activities that the mentor and mentee can do that fit into their schedule. For example, in February mentees and mentors could attend Annie Jr. at the Vanity Theater when it fit into their schedule by notifying the program manager when they were available to attend. This will allow for more flexibility and will allow the match to focus on building that friendship by participating in a new or favorite activity together that interests them. This summer we have scheduled a trip to Malibu Jacks, will be hosting a music and foam party and this fall are looking forward to visiting Oak Hill Tree Farm to pick out some pumpkins. It is going to be a great year. We would like to thank Valero Renewable Energy and Banjo/Idex Corp for their generous sponsorship of our program. This year will also bring back mentor support sessions. These mentor-only meetings are a chance to grab a snack and network together, brainstorm and share a fun activity they did with their mentee, talk through struggles or celebrate

our match successes. As well as training sessions in areas that our mentors feel would be helpful.

If you would like to learn more or have questions about becoming a mentor for the JUMP program we would love to talk with you, contact Sara@mcysb.org or call 362-0694 ext 102.

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A Borrowed Plate



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

My husband, Peter, and I were surprised that two plates were missing.

We stay in our little apartment in Mexico and, while we're gone, all our dishes and glasses remain in the cupboards. We pack away most of our spices, but we leave the vegetable steamer and the pressure cooker and all the art on the walls. We leave it all in the apartment which, we assume, is rented out to other people while we are gone, although it is hard to know for sure because everything is always right where we left it. But this time, two plates were missing. And I knew where they were.

Shortly before we left last year, a few weeks before Christmas, our wonderful landlord Jorge was chatting well into the evening with a woman about his age at a table in the courtyard. The woman looked a lot like him, and the way they were talking and laughing together led me to believe this was probably one of Jorge's 12 siblings.

"Would you like a piece of cake?" I asked them on the way to my apartment. I had just bought a cake, a chocolate one. (If it sounds as if I do nothing but eat cake and donuts and apple empanadas in Mexico, that would not be far from the truth.)

"Oh, no!" Jorge said, smiling. "I don't need any cake." But I could tell he wanted some.

"Oh, yes!" the woman, who was probably his sister, said. "I would love a piece of cake!"

So I brought two pieces of cake down on two small hand-painted plates I had bought at the market. A few days later, we returned to the U.S. for Christmas, and when we came back this winter, the two little plates were still missing.

I should note that this

did not bother me at all. We still had two small plates, and Peter thought those plates were too small for cake anyway. He bought four more that were just as pretty and a little bigger, and that was the last I thought about our plates. Until last night.

Last night, Jorge knocked on our apartment door.

We are on the third story and Jorge is usually behind the front desk, or supervising the small kitchen downstairs, or spending a night in the little apartment on the ground floor, waiting for late arriving guests. But there he was at our door, holding our two plates.

"We have a tradition in Mexico," he told us, in English. "When you are given a plate with food, you must return it with a gift. This is what we do with our family and our friends."

On the plates were what appeared to be two enormous biscuits.

"These are... I'm not sure what the word is in English," he confessed. "But they are the best."

Jorge handed us the two plates. We thanked him, and he left. Then we immediately put honey on the large, tasty whole wheat biscuits and ate them up. Jorge was right. They were the best ever.

As I washed up our two missing plates, I thought what a wonderful idea it was to return a borrowed plate with a gift. And I thought of what an honor it was to be considered Jorge's friend.

And I decided I needed to loan out more plates in the future—plates filled with whatever I have to offer, whatever I can give—knowing that, one way or another, the borrowed plate will be returned in some fashion, filled with something better than I could ever imagine.

*Till next time,
Carrie*

Help Not Wanted



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

Do you need help? I'd like to give you some. Help is unwanted in my house. I try to give help, but Mary Ellen doesn't want it.

She is totally helpless.

This is of her own choosing. If you are confused by this, let me give you a few examples that might be helpful.

First, Mary Ellen is usually in the kitchen around six preparing dinner. I always ask, "Anything I can help with?" It's been more than 40 years since she could think of something that I would really be of any help doing. I sometimes say: "Is there anything you can help me, help you with." Nope. Nothing.

I'm also not allowed to do the taxes anymore. One year we were audited because I had taken a deduction for pizza delivery because I ate in my home office.

I am not allowed to load dishes in the dishwasher because Mary Ellen has this crazy idea that the cups, utensils and plates have their own special place in the machine.

But I am good at getting stubborn lids off cans and bottles. I like doing this because it makes me feel needed. Plus, I enjoy the beer.

On rare occasions, she requests that I go to the supermarket on my own, but she takes no chances with my ability to find exactly what she needs. Let's take one example.

"Dick, I need almond milk. I am sending you a text to remind you exactly what to get. It has to say UNSWEETENED; it has to say ALMOND BREEZE and it has to say ORIGINAL on the container. It can't say VANILLA. Now I am also going to send you a picture of the package so you can't possibly make a mistake."

I ask people shopping in

the dairy department if they know where almond milk is and they just shrug. Apparently, these people drink something that comes from a cow's udder. YUCK!

Finally, I did see a bottle of cashew milk, so I bought it.

"What did you buy, Dick? This is cashew milk. I don't like cashew milk?"

"I figured any nutty idea was as good as the next."

Once when Mary Ellen called me, she requested canned tomatoes and said she would text me a photo and description of exactly what she wanted. But when I got to the supermarket, my phone was dead. I wasn't taking any chances. I did not want to go back to the store. So, I got tomatoes every which way: Diced, as a sauce and a soup, stewed, crushed, whole peeled, quartered, sun dried and condensed. They were all wrong. I was back at the store an hour later. What the heck is tomato paste? At least, it doesn't sound as bad as Gorilla Glue.

Recently, Mary Ellen requested I stop and pick up, get ready for this, a container of egg whites.

"Mary Ellen, I'll never find something weird like that. I'll buy two dozen eggs and separate them myself."

"No, the package must say cage-free. It has to be 100% liquid, and it must be zero cholesterol."

I asked one of the clerks. "Do you sell egg whites?"

"Of course."

"Where should I look?"

"Inside our eggs."

Finally, later that day, Mary Ellen agreed she would extract the egg whites herself. This incident did cause some conflict between us. But we made up. Now only our eggs are going to be legally separated.

THE PAPER

↓ BUTCH

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Illustration courtesy Butch Dale

Butch drew pictures of the old county schools that Crawfordsville Rotary used to make a calendar.

our coats and kept our lunchboxes. Each of these rooms had large blackboards and chalk trays, above which were pictures of famous Presidents. Grades one and two also had the letters of the alphabet directly above the blackboards. Each room displayed a flag . . . and each morning we stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

On the top floor there was a large room in the center, with many student desks, which I discovered later on was the "study hall" for the high school and junior high students. On that same floor were six more rooms and a small room which had been converted to a library, along with another small room which was called the "sunshine room," used by members of the high school girls' Sunshine Society.

In the basement section was a long hall which was called "the subway." The basement contained the boys and girls restrooms, and two more classrooms . . . one for home economics and one for science. A short hallway led to the boys' locker room and showers. Another hallway led to the girls' PE locker room, a very large stage and the gym, all of which had been added on in 1927. The basement also had a tiny kitchen and a small cafeteria, and these were later converted to a teacher's lounge and band room in 1957. The school custodian had a small office next to the furnace room. Two things I vividly recall are the 5-cent bottle Coke machine by the janitor's desk and the electric eraser cleaner in the furnace room. The school was heated by a large coal furnace, and there were radiators in

each room, which provided excellent heat . . . perhaps a bit too much if your desk was next to one!

Like the other schools in the county, we had a playground area consisting of a swing set, monkey bars, maypole, merry-go-round and teeter-totter. East of the building was the baseball field and cinder track. We played ball on a small diamond in left field for hours and hours, but we also played red rover, tag, hide-and-seek and many other games. There was a 25-minute recess both in the morning and afternoon, and an hour-long lunch period. School started at 8:10 a.m. and ended at 4:20 p.m.

In 1957, under the leadership of trustee Harry Weliever, a new cafeteria, two elementary classrooms and a shop classroom were added, in addition to the gymnasium being doubled in size. In 1961, four more classrooms were added to further accommodate the large number of "baby boomer" kids. The last high school class was 1971, but the school remained as an elementary and middle school until 1988. Instead of keeping the school in town, renovating it, and bringing it up to modern standards . . . which is what the overwhelming majority of voters wanted, the school board voted to demolish the old schools and build new ones. A sad ending to the era of smalltown schools.

-John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 35 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

Answer:
Deb (Steelsmith) Yerkes-Mason

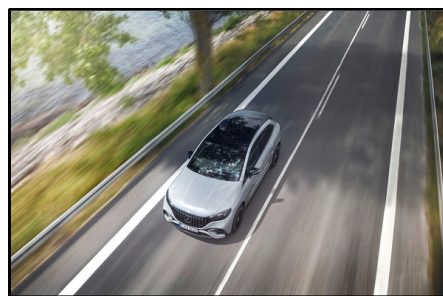
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2024 Mercedes-AMG EQE is an Electric Hammer That's as Gentle as a Suede Glove



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

Deep in the Lilburn, Georgia garage of Jonathan Hodgman sits a one-off

Mercedes AMG E-Class wagon built in the 1980s with a 6-liter 32-valve V8 engine. Known as "Hammers", AMG modified about 50 E-Class sedans, coupes, and wagon for a price of \$160,000 – or \$445,000 today, Rolls-Royce money then and now. I guess that's one way to get the kids to school!

All of this is in my mind as the modern Mercedes-AMG "wagon", an electric Hammer if you will, arrived in my driveway. Let's go for a very quick ride in the 2024 Mercedes-AMG EQE SUV.

Sporty Body Bling

In deference to those classic Hammers, known for their painted chrome and slammed style, our EQE sports black chrome badging, black trim, and dark 21" wheels. LED lighting

all-around signifies this AMG is of our age. The EQE body is elegant and sleek, but maybe a bit too blobbish to be distinct. I miss the strong lines and tall stars on the classics.

Where the old AMGs seemed to say "get your hands on the wheel and drive", this one flaunts Mercedes' pillar to pillar Hyperscreen that provides flatscreen gauges, wide infotainment screen in the middle, and a third for the co-pilot. Devices connect wirelessly through Apple CarPlay and Android Auto - and can be charged wirelessly, but passengers can conjure directions or summon music, then swipe them to the main screen. "Zero layer menus" grant swift access to functions.

Beyond all that wizardry, the EQE is awash in all of the sporty spiffiness expected in an AMG model. Red-stitched leather and suede cover the seats, steering wheel, and doors while carbon fiber and aluminum

bring the bling. Four-zone automatic climate control and Bermester 3D audio add divine comforts. Tap the power hatch to open up a roomy cargo hold that holds its own with the old wagons.

Hodgman's wagon rockets from 0-60 mph in 5 seconds and on to a top speed of 176 mph. A Corvette from the era took an additional second to hit 60 and fell 20 mph short on top speed. If you wanted to flash your family from Stuttgart to Munich toot sweet, this was your whip.

The EQE would embarrass that classic AMG in all but top speed. Its electric powertrain with all-wheel-drive delivers 617 horsepower and 0-60 mph in just 3.4 seconds. Top speed for AMG models is limited to a gentlemanly 149 mph so as not to run the battery dry running to McDonald's and back. It can charge 10-80% on a DC fast charger in 32 minutes, but will take closer to 11 hours on a home charger. Range is rated

235 miles, provided you're not towing the maximum 4,000 lbs.

Driving The Sublime.

Nothing drives like a powerful Mercedes from the '80s, suspended on stiff iron sponges, but the EQE is a starship by comparison. Its air suspension can be adjusted from wafting comfort to brutal cornering. Performance is further enhanced a raft of crash avoidance systems that include adaptive cruise, automatic lane changing, automatic emergency braking, and exit warning. Driver's view vitals through a picture-size head-up display that appears to hover feet in front of the car. Maneuvering in tight downtown spaces is a dream with rear steering.

I make a big deal about the EQE's performance, but it's also a very pleasant vehicle to drive everyday. It can crush you kids' backpacks when driven hard, but it can also carry them

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Range: 235 mi
Fuel economy: 77/71 MPGe city/hwy
Assembly: Vance, AL
Base/As-tested price: \$109,300/\$130,850

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in cossetting comfort as gently as a mother's kitten. And, it does it all with style and tech unimaginable when Hammers ruled highways.

Hodgman's car cost new. Others to consider include the Tesla Model X, Cadillac Lyriq, Audi Q8 e-tron, and BMW iX M60.

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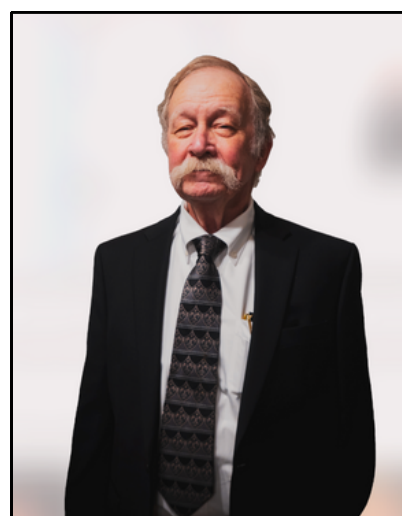
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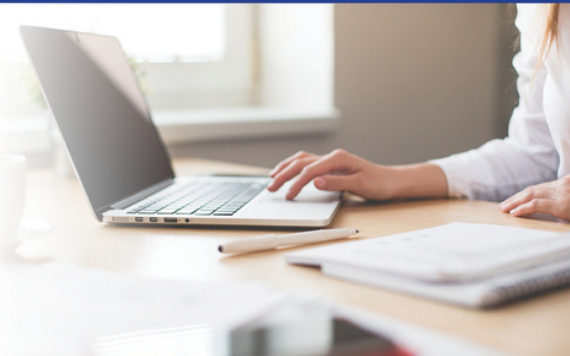
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Looking Back Over Purdue's 13 Championship Seasons





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Whether it's a sign of getting older or Purdue basketball getting better, the Boilermakers wrapped up their 13th Big Ten Conference championship in my lifetime with an 80-74 victory against Michigan State last Saturday night in Mackey Arena.

That total is half of the league-best 26 titles credited to Purdue since its first in 1911. Matt Painter's fifth Big Ten regular season title puts him just one behind his mentor, Naismith Basketball Hall of Famer Gene Keady. Ward "Piggy" Lambert won 11 between 1921 and 1940.

From Rick Mount in 1969 to Zach Edey, who is 66 points from eclipsing Mount's seemingly untouchable career scoring record in 2024, there have been memorable stories from each of the 13 Big Ten championships.

1969

George King's Boilermakers led the nation at 93 points a game on the way to a national runner-up finish against John Wooden, Lew Alcindor and the UCLA dynasty in the midst of winning 10 national championships in 12 years.

Mount accounted for more than a third of that production at 33.3 points a game during his junior season. Two other future pros, seniors Herman Gilliam and Billy Keller, averaged 15.8 and 13.3 points respectively.

Purdue won the Big Ten by four games over Illinois and Ohio State with a 13-1 record.

One Mount record that almost certainly will never be topped: most points combined by a backcourt combination. Mount scored 40 and Keller had 31 in a 120-76 victory against Indiana in the regular season finale at what was then Purdue Arena. The 120 points also remains a Purdue single-game record.

One other piece of trivia: King scored more points in his collegiate career than Mount. But King's 2,535 points came in four seasons and 117 games at Morris Harvey College, now the University of Charleston.

1979

Imagine winning a Big Ten championship and being denied a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

That's what happened to coach Lee Rose's first Boilermaker squad, which claimed a three-way share with Michigan State and Iowa on the final day of the season.

The Big Ten was only allotted two bids in the 40-team NCAA field. The Spartans earned the automatic bid by beating Iowa twice and splitting with Purdue. Iowa earned the second berth by beating Purdue twice.

Purdue accepted a place in the National Invitation Tournament, where it would lose to Indiana in the championship game at Madison Square Garden.

1984

The Boilermakers were picked to finish ninth in the Big Ten, and Keady admitted years later he was worried about losing his job.

Purdue had gone 60-34 in Keady's first three seasons, reaching the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 1983 and the NIT Final Four in 1981 and 1982. The pressure to win was probably more in Keady's mind than in reality.

Had there been such a thing as "ESPN 30 for 30" in those days, the 1984 Boilermakers would have made a good story. A former walkon (the late Jim Rowinski) transforming his body and his game on his way to Big Ten Player of the Year honors. The rest of the starting lineup (Big Ten

Defensive Player of the Year Ricky Hall, Steve Reid, Greg Eifert and Mark Atkinson) weren't even given a second look by Indiana's Bob Knight, already a two-time national championship coach.

But on Sunday, March 11, a CBS television audience watched Purdue win at Minnesota, 63-62. More than 1,000 fans welcomed the Boilermakers home at Purdue Airport later that evening. No matter that the NCAA, in its questionable wisdom, rewarded the Big Ten champs by sending them to Memphis to play the host Tigers, it was a season to be remembered.

"This has been a miracle season by a miracle bunch of guys," Keady told Tom Kubat of the Lafayette Journal and Courier.

1987

The Boilermakers set a school record for victories in a season and clinched a share of the Big Ten title at Michigan State on the next-to-last game of the regular season.

But the celebration was short-lived. A 104-68 thumping at Michigan opened the door for Indiana to share the title and snare the No. 1 Midwest Region seed and a quasi-home first two games at Indianapolis. That launched the Hoosiers to Bob Knight's third NCAA title.

Coming off the previous season's screw job by the NCAA Tournament committee, sent to play LSU at Baton Rouge, Keady expected the Boilermakers to be punished. He was right as Purdue was handed a No. 3 seed and sent out East to Syracuse, where it lost in the second round to Florida.

"The kids had a great year tying for the Big Ten championship, but that's not enough anymore," Keady said.

1988

So high were the expectations for Purdue that former Indianapolis Star sportswriter Mark Monteith joined the program for a behind the scenes look that turned into the book "Passion Play."

Reaching No. 2 in the Associated Press rankings, the Boilermakers crushed Minnesota on the final day of the regular season to wrap up an outright Big Ten title and the coveted NCAA tournament path of South

Bend and Detroit.

Fairleigh Dickenson and Memphis were not even speed bumps at South Bend for Purdue, which had to feel good when Kansas State was up next in the Sweet 16. The Boilermakers had crushed the Wildcats 101-72 during the regular season. Keady's first Elite Eight seemed a certainty.

But Purdue wasted a 10-0 start and uncharacteristic loss of poise, plus some shot making by future NBA All-Star Mitch Richmond, resulted in a 73-70 loss that rivals Virginia in the 2019 Elite Eight for the most painful in Boilermaker history.

1994

Here's an example of Glenn Robinson's greatness: Under 10 seconds to go at Michigan and the remnants of the Fab Five have a 94-93 lead. There was no doubt who would win the game or lose it for Purdue.

"I was taking the shot regardless," Robinson said of the 10-footer that gave the Boilermakers a 95-94 victory and first place for good in the Big Ten with one game remaining. "If somebody else would have been open, I'm sorry but I felt this is my time."

Robinson would follow his 37-point effort with 49 in his final game at Mackey Arena the following week, an easy victory against Illinois.

Weeks later, one victory away from an elusive Final Four, Robinson injures his back (when it happened is still disputed) and he was not close to his National Player of the Year form in a 69-60 loss to Duke.

1995

Without Robinson, the No. 1 overall NBA Draft pick by the Milwaukee Bucks, the Boilermakers won back-to-back outright Big Ten titles for the first time.

"It's just a given that people aren't going to expect a lot from us," senior forward Cuonzo Martin said after the regular season finale, a 73-67 victory against Michigan. Purdue actually was one game better in the Big Ten standings (15-3) than the year before.

Purdue closed the regular season with an eight-game winning streak. The Boilermakers extended it to

nine with a close call against Wisconsin-Green Bay, but a last-second basket lifted Memphis past Purdue in the second round.

1996

No one outside the Purdue locker room expected a third consecutive outright Big Ten championship, a feat not accomplished since Ohio State in 1960-62.

A “motley crew of misfits” as Journal and Courier sports editor Jim Lefko described a Boilermaker lineup that only had two starters – Brandon Brantley and Porter Roberts – remaining from the 1994 squad.

As commissioner Jim Delany put it during the post-game trophy ceremony, “Purdue put a man on the moon since (then).” Two in fact, Neil Armstrong and Eugene Cernan.

During the three-peat run, Purdue was 20-6 away from Mackey Arena in the Big Ten. Another close call in the NCAA tournament first round, this time against Western Carolina, was followed by a more athletic Georgia team sprinting past Purdue in the second round.

2010

Purdue overcame a 2-3 start in Big Ten play to earn a share of the championship thanks to closing league play with six consecutive road victories.

But this season will always be remembered for Robbie Hummel’s first torn ACL during a 59-58 victory at Minnesota on Feb. 24. The Boilermakers had achieved their highest Associated Press ranking (3rd) since 1994 and were being mentioned as a Final Four contender. Following Hummel’s injury, the NCAA dropped Purdue to a

four seed, and the Boilermakers were eliminated by top-seeded Duke in the Sweet 16.

2017

Three seasons after finishing last in the Big Ten, the transformative recruiting class of Vincent Edwards, Isaac Haas, Dakota Mathias, P.J. Thompson and Jacquil Taylor helped Purdue break a tie with Indiana for the most regular season championships.

That fivesome was bolstered by the additions of 2017 Big Ten Player of the Year Caleb Swanigan, eventual Jerry West Award winner Carsen Edwards and Carmel’s Ryan Cline.

Fittingly, the Boilermakers surpassed the Hoosiers with an 86-75 victory on senior night in Mackey Arena.

2019

In hindsight, Purdue’s unexpected run toward the NCAA Elite Eight began on a cold January night in Madison, Wis.

Carsen Edwards scored 36 points and Grady Eifert hit the go-ahead free throws with 38.3 seconds left in an 84-80 overtime victory against the Badgers. Including that night, the Boilermakers went on to finish the regular season 14-2 and tie Michigan State for the Big Ten title.

2023

The loss of three starters, including NBA Draft lottery pick Jaden Ivey, created low expectations outside of West Lafayette.

What no one counted on was Zach Edey going from good to greatness and the freshman backcourt of Braden Smith and Fletcher Loyer starting from Day 1. The trio propelled the

Boilermakers to a Big Ten title by three games over Indiana and Northwestern.

2024

Third-ranked Purdue became the first Big Ten program since Ohio State in 2006 and 2007 to win back-to-back outright titles with Tuesday night’s 77-71 victory at No. 12 Illinois.

A win on Sunday’s senior day game with Wisconsin in Mackey Arena, the Boilermakers will set a school single-season record for Big Ten victories with 17. Purdue has gone 7-3 in conference road games in back-to-back seasons.

Making amends

It was probably just coincidence, but not 48 hours after soon-to-be two-time National Player of the Year Zach Edey posted this on his X (formerly Twitter) feed – “If Braden’s not on your All American ballot leave me off too please” – the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame corrected a major oversight.

After not being among the 10 semifinalists for the Bob Cousy Award, given to the nation’s best point guard, Purdue sophomore Braden Smith was among the five finalists announced Monday.

The other four are seniors, one of whom – Alabama’s Mark Sears – also was not among the semifinalists. The favorite may be Marquette’s Tyler Kolek. The other finalists are Connecticut’s Tristan Newton and Houston’s Jamal Shead.

Smith is the first finalist from Purdue in the Bob Cousy Award’s history. He entered Tuesday night’s game at Illinois as the only player in America averaging at least 13 points (13.1), 7

assists (7.1) and 5 rebounds (5.9) per game.

With six assists against the Fighting Illini, the Westfield graduate broke Purdue’s single-season record set by Bruce Parkinson (207) in 1974-75.

Smith currently ranks sixth in the country and second in the Big Ten in assists per game, while leading the league in assists during conference games only (7.5 APG).

Noteworthy

Purdue is the unanimous choice of ESPN college basketball writers to repeat as Big Ten Tournament champions. “Boilermakers center Zach Edey is not only the undeniable favorite in the Wooden Award race again, he’s also a better player -- so much so that NBA prognosticators believe he can be a lottery pick in the draft this summer,” Myron Medcalf writes. “But this season’s Boilermakers are also more than Edey. They’re one of the top 3-point shooting squads in America (40.5%), unlike last season’s group that won the Big Ten tournament and earned a top seed in the NCAA tournament.” ...

Matt Painter became the winningest coach against Naismith Hall of Famer Tom Izzo after Purdue’s 80-74 victory last Saturday night. Painter is now 17-16 against Izzo.

Give an assist to Edey for helping Painter go over .500 against Michigan State. In his last three games against the Spartans, Edey has averaged 34 points, 13.7 rebounds and 2.3 assists.

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