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Mullin to replace McKey in Pacers starting lineup

The Associated Press

Chris Mullin's versatility brought him to the Indiana Pacers, and that same ability to handle a variety of chores will keep him on the floor even after injured Derrick McKey returns.

Coach Larry Bird intends to start Mullin at small forward in place of McKey, still rehabilitating an injured foot. McKey missed 32 games last season, first with a stress fracture and then with a ruptured tendon.

"When Derrick comes back, there'll be plenty of time for Derrick, too, because we can move guys around," Bird said.

Mullin's 20-point career average offers a pretty good indication he can take some of the offensive load off Reggie Miller and Rik Smits. But that's not the only reason the Pacers acquired him this week from Golden State in a trade for Erick Dampier and Duane Ferrell.

"Our No. 1 priority was to try to get somebody at small forward," Pacers president Donnie Walsh said. "We felt that was one element we haven't had on our team the last two or three years. We knew we had four big men, and most likely, to get someone at that (small forward) position, we knew we would have to give up one of those big men. Dampier was the one most people wanted."

The 6-11 Dampier, a first-round draft pick in 1996, started much of the season last year while Smits was injured. At least until McKey returns, the Pacers likely will start Mullin and Dale Davis at forward, Smits at center and Miller and Mark Jackson - Mullin's college teammate at St. John's - at guard. Antonio Davis, who can play forward or center, will remain the top big man off the bench.

"Chris is a basketball player. He can do a little bit of everything well," Bird said. "He'll present a lot of problems for opposing teams. Rik Smits will probably benefit most, because Chris will get the ball to him."

"Mark's a great passer, but most of the time he's passing from the top, not from the wings. Chris fills a void. He can pass, he can shoot, and he can

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Chris Mullin, above, is looking forward to playing alongside the starters of a playoff contender.

With Mullin at the starting small forward spot, injury-plagued Derrick McKey, right, may lose minutes in the upcoming season. (Recorder Photos by Walt Thomas)



Last fall Arlington High School won the IPS city football conference with a perfect 4-0 record against the other IPS high schools. The Golden Knights were 5-4 against all opponents in 1996. (Recorder photo by John Cryder)



City high school football schedule announced

Friday, August 22nd, marks the beginning of the 1997-98 football season for all public and parochial high schools within the City of Indianapolis. The five IPS high schools will play each other once and play a variety of opponents from the county as well as some other Indiana cities.

The 1997 State Football Tournament begins with Sectional action on Friday, October 24. The State Finals will be held for all five divisions on the weekend of November 28-29 at the RCA Dome.

Teams began practicing on August 4. Although there will not be a city jamboree this year, most teams have engaged other schools in scrimmage. For a complete listing of Indianapolis city high schools football schedule, see Page 2.

INDIANAPOLIS CITY HIGH SCHOOLS FOOTBALL SCHEDULES, 1997

DATE	TECH	ARL	B.R.	CATH	CHAT	MANU	N.W.	RITTER	RONC	SCEC
8/22/97	Law. N. T	Warren Central H	Chartard @ BR T	Pike T	Br. Ripple @ BR H	Ritter @ NW T	Franklin County H	Manual @ NW H	Muncie Cen. H	Yorktown @ Manual H
8/29/97	Ben Davis T	Manual T	Northwest H	Chartard @ Dome H	Cathedral @ Dome T	Arlington H	Br. Ripple T	Pike T	Franklin Central H	Warren Central T
9/5/97	Manual H	Avon H	G. M. H	Law. Cent. T	Roncalli T	Tech T	Secina H		Bishop Chartard H	Northwest T
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9/12/97	Br. Ripple H	Northwest T	Tech T	Roncalli H	Manual T	Chartard H	Arlington H	Speedway T	Cathedral @ Arl T	Zionsville T
9/19/97	Arlington T	Tech H	Cathedral H	Br. Ripple T	N. Central T	Southport T	Ritter @ NW T	Northwest @ NW H	Secina @ Manual T	Roncalli @ Manual H
9/26/97	Roncalli T	Br. Ripple T	Arlington H	Ritter H		Northwest T	Manual H	Cathedral T	Tech H	Ham. Hgts @ Manual H
9/27/97					S. Bend St. Joe @ Arl H					
10/3/97	Franklin Central T	Bloom. N T	Manual T	Col. North H	Secina @ Brebeuf H	Br. Ripple H	Roncalli T		Northwest H	Chartard @ Brebeuf T
10/4/97								Brebeuf @ NW H		
10/10/97	Warren Central T	Cathedral H	Bloom. S. 7:00 T	Arlington T	Northwest T	Roncalli H	Chartard H	Laf. Cath. T	Manual T	Sheridan @ Roncalli H
10/17/97	Northwest H	Chartard @ Arl T	Roncalli H	Warren Central T	Arlington @ Arl H	S. Dear. T	Tech T	Batesville T	Br. Ripple T	Westfield T
Coach	Bill Smith	Richard Harpold	Keith Burke	Rick Streiff	Craig Barr	Bruce Shadiow	Cliff Sedam	Jim Boswell	Bruce Scifres	Rodney Deckard

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City ready to give Colts \$5 to \$8 million

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) _ Indianapolis Colts officials say the \$5 million to \$8 million the city stands ready to hand the team to keep it in town still isn't enough.

That amount "will not permit the Colts to be competitive on and off the field," said Michael Chernoff, executive vice president and chief financial officer for the team.

Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Gold-

smith said he's ready to hand over the money the city's Capital Management Board _ which manages the RCA Dome _ makes from the Colts. The city is still trying to determine the exact amount, he said. But it's believed to be between \$5 million and \$8 million.

Goldsmith said the city would lose that money if the Colts leave town.

"I think it's fair to consider ascribing back to the Colts revenue sources attributable to them," he said. "We're going to lose \$8 million either way."

But Goldsmith said he won't use tax money or funds from the city's operating budget to entice the team to stay in Indianapolis.

Colts owner Jim Irsay said the average NFL team makes from \$10 million to \$15 million in stadium revenues. Goldsmith said Irsay had indicated he wants to be at the higher end of that average.

The city and Colts have been negotiating for the past two weeks, but the talks seem to be headed in different directions. Goldsmith said he got personally involved in the discussions Tuesday.

MULLIN

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defend from the wing. He'll fit right in with everybody else."

That's exactly what Mullin wants. And he's already sure he can help the Pacers improve on last year's 39-43 record, when they missed the playoffs for the first time since 1989.

"I'm looking to playing for Larry and playing with all the great players they have with Mark and Reggie and Rik Smits and the Davis guys. It's really exciting to me," Mullin said. "The times we played them, they gave us fits. They've got some players on their team who I dislike playing against, which is a compliment.

"Reggie's always tough to play against. When you've got Dale and Antonio setting screens for a guy like that ... I was envious of him. Derrick was always a guy who gave me problems defensively. I played with Mark years ago, but he's one of the guys who thinks 'pass first,' which is nice. And Rik, he's just a guy they have to double all the time."

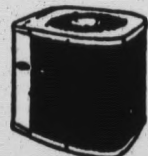
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Indiana high school football preview

By STEVE HERMAN
Associated Press

In a year of change, there are a few comforting constants in Indiana high school football going into the 1997 season.

No matter how many players Penn lost from the previous year, the Kingsmen will be contenders for another Class 5A championship.

Ben Davis and Carmel will again battle for supremacy in central Indiana, and Bloomington South and Martinsville could be challenged by at least one Evansville team in the south.

The biennial realignment of the state's five playoff classes produced some interesting shifts, however, making 4A just as competitive as 5A. Indianapolis Cathedral, unbeaten a year ago, could be the favorite again in 4A, but among the schools moving up to that class are three that finished in the 3A Top 10 rankings last year.

One of them, Indianapolis Roncalli, will play in the same sectional as Cathedral.

"It makes our sectional, which is already difficult, that much more difficult," Cathedral coach Rick Streiff said.

"The championships usually take care of themselves. We have to stress getting better every day. Right now, this team is trying to find itself."

Roncalli, Fort Wayne Dwenger and Jasper, the No. 1 team in the final 3A poll last year, all moved up to 4A. Overall, 40 schools switched classes due to changes in enrollment. The only ones new to 5A are Anderson and Anderson Highland, which moved up because of the closing of Anderson Madison Heights and the increased enrollments at the other two schools.

Both Anderson and Highland were assigned to Sectional 4, which includes Carmel, Kokomo and Indianapolis North Central. Dwenger goes to Sectional 12, which includes last year's No. 1 4A team DeKalb. Jasper moves to Sectional 16, which also has Vincennes, a narrow loser to Cathedral in last year's 4A semistate. Jasper coach Jerry Brewer is the winningest coach in state football history, with 310 career victories.

Roncalli and Cathedral are joined in Sectional 15 by Avon, which also lost to Cathedral a year ago.

"A lot of people said Cathedral had the best physical talent in the state, at any level, and they have a lot of players coming back," Roncalli coach Bruce Scifres said. "It will be interesting."

"But our approach is you can hit and tackle and block just as hard in Single-A as in 5A, so the class shouldn't really matter. The basic fundamentals are not going to change."

Roncalli is led by tailback Sean Schembra, who rushed for more than 2,000 yards and 17 touchdowns as a junior.

Cathedral lost two All-State players along with rushing leader Devin Schaffer, but the Irish return a trio of key players among 10 starters back from their 14-0 team of a year ago.

All-Stater A.T. Simpson, Cathedral's top receiver, is back at defensive back; quarterback Zach Fox is coming off a 1,300-yard performance; and tight end-defensive end Rylan Hainje returns for the Irish.

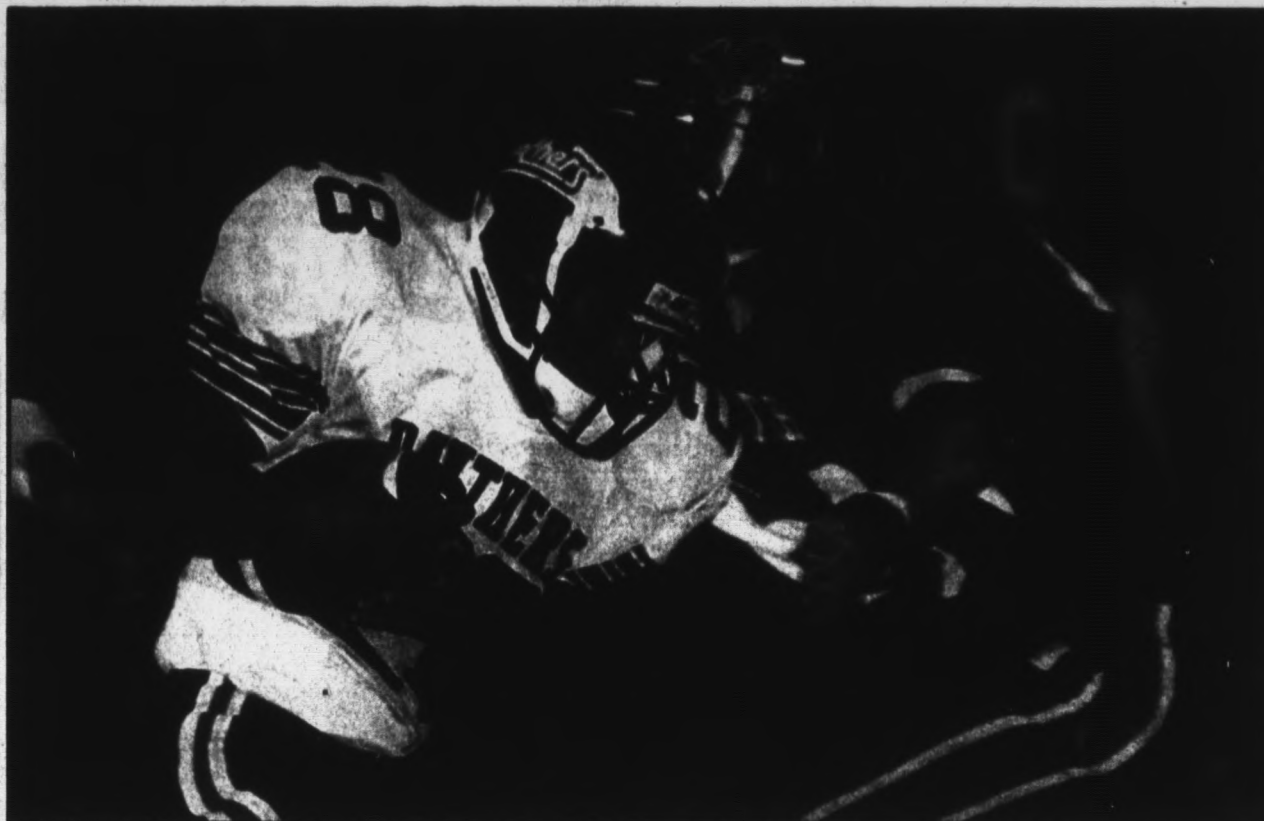
"We're making some progress. We do have a good group of kids. It's just a matter of chemistry and leadership, which is probably the same with every team," Streiff said.

Eight of the Cathedral players are three-year starters.

The only thing that kept Penn from the No. 1 ranking last year was a midseason loss to Ben Davis—a 24-0 rout that snapped the Kingsmen's record 89-game regular-season winning streak.

Penn has only three fulltime starters back, but could be ready for another run at the championship—its third in a row—come tournament time, coach Chris Geesman said.

"We graduated a pretty good group of kids, 10 of whom were two-year starters on back-to-back state championship teams. Those kind of players are not quickly or easily replaced," said Geesman, who enters the season



North Central will have added opposition in Sectional 4, which now includes Anderson and Anderson Highland, who are also new to 5A.

with 261 career wins, the state's fourth-best victory total of all time.

"However, we have good numbers and pretty good kids. I think once we get them settled into the positions they should be playing and get some experience under our belts, by mid-year we can be a pretty good team."

The three returning fulltime starters—all three-year regulars—are guard Brian Martinic, defensive tackle Mike McBride and offensive lineman Chris Williams. Two others, tight end Aaron Leniski and running back Shawn McGann, started about half the games. The new quarterback for the Kingsmen is Kevin Nicolini, who saw limited action as a backup last year.

Ben Davis coach Dick Dullaghan said he "lost a ton" of players from last year, but compared with Penn, the Giants have a ton of experience.

"We've got a pretty good nucleus of kids coming back," Dullaghan said. "We've got four starters back on defense. On offense, the line looks to be the bright spot. We've got three starters back in the line, along with one wide receiver and our fullback."

The top returning player for Ben Davis is 277-pound lineman Marcus Adams, an All-State tackle last season.

"He changes clothes in a phone booth," Dullaghan said. "He's a great player. Not many linemen in the state are going to be better."

Other veterans include fullback Lamont Logwood and kick returner Steve Raine. One of the biggest concerns, however, is at quarterback, where little-used backup Joe Lonneman is the early leader in a three-way race to replace graduated Darren Phillips.

Ben Davis, which like many schools added a ninth regular-season game instead of a jamboree this year, opens against Evansville Harrison, rated by Dullaghan as the best team in Evansville.

"That's what everybody tells me, and they've got a bunch of guys back," he said.

Harrison upset then-No. 3 Evansville Reitz and No. 8 Castle in the sectional last year before losing in the regional to Martinsville. Bloomington South, which returns one of the state's top quarterbacks in Rex Grossman and All-State defensive tackle Shane Moat, was ranked No. 1 and unbeaten before its sectional loss to Martinsville.

"Bloomington south is absolutely terrific," Dullaghan said. "If they're not No. 1, they ought to be No. 2. They've got everybody back and a hell of a bunch of skilled guys."

They're loaded. They've been pointing to this year for two years."

Carmel's Greyhounds, who lost to Penn in the semistate, go into the new season with a new coach. Longtime assistant Keith Fiedler replaced Jim Belden, who retired with 283 victories and four state championships in 33 years as coach.

The Greyhounds, whose only other loss last year was to Ben Davis, departed the Olympic Conference to join Ben Davis in the newest and possibly most power-laden conference in the state.

The new Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference also includes Center Grove, Lawrence North, Indianapolis North Central, Warren Central, Terre Haute North and Terre Haute South.

"North Central's going to be better. Carmel will be about the same. They just reload," Dullaghan said. "Their schedule is a little tougher this year, so that's going to change for them a little bit. In the past, they really didn't have the quality opponents they're going to have in the MIC. That conference is a bear."

Carmel figures to rely heavily on the running of tailback Shannon Polk.

Under the new alignment, four of the MIC teams—Ben Davis, North Central, Warren Central and Carmel—are the four largest 5A teams in the state. Muncie Central is the biggest 4A school, Rushville and Fort Wayne Lutheran are the largest in 3A, defending state champion North Montgomery and Manchester are the biggest 2A schools, and Knightstown is the largest in Class A.

Hobart, which reached the championship game for a record 11th time last year, returns running back Doug Bloom, who rushed for more than 1,000 yards and 13 touchdowns last season. The Brickies were 12-2 last year, losing to Cathedral in the 4A title game.

With the moves to 4A by Jasper, Dwenger and Roncalli, the top teams this year in 3A could be defending champion Zionsville, which was unbeaten a year ago; NorthWood, which was ranked second and suffered its only loss in the semistate to Dwenger; or Lakeland, which was ranked fifth before its only loss of the season to NorthWood in the sectional.

"I think we'll be strong at the skill positions. Offensively, the big question mark will be the offensive line," Lakeland coach Rex Bowser said.

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