



Freshman Trayce Jackson-Davis goes up for a celebratory dunk after winning the dunking contest Oct. 5 in Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall. In honor of the Hoosier Hysteria special guest, Jackson-Davis wore former IU player Calbert Cheaney's old jersey for the dunk. CLAIRE LIVINGSTON | IDS

Calbert Cheaney honored in return to Assembly Hall

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Trayce Jackson-Davis asked for one more dunk.

He had just come from the corner in front of the bench, running toward the basket and leaping from near the restricted area.

As he rose toward the basket, the forward swung the ball between his legs and slammed it back with his left hand as he soared past the rim.

His dunk received nines and a 10 from the judges' panel, and as he was named the winner of the dunk contest, he asked for one more, a victory lap.

Jackson-Davis walked toward the judges' panel at mid-court, and stood in front of Hoosier-great Calbert Cheaney, one of the three judges. He pulled out an IU jersey with a No. 40, Cheaney's number, and put it on top of his own No. 4 uniform.

The Assembly Hall crowd gave a standing ovation as the freshman, not yet born when Cheaney played at IU, honored the record-setting Hoosier.

With the crowd on its feet, Jackson-Davis picked up the ball at his feet and dribbled down the lane. He jumped as he stepped past the "BIG" logo, and finished a two-handed reverse slam, a dunk alluding to Cheaney's own career, where he brought crowds to their feet with the same dunk.

Cheaney, the Big Ten's all-time leading scorer, returned to Assembly Hall as he was honored during Hoosier Hys-



Junior Al Durham moves the ball down the court Oct. 5 in Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall. Durham and his teammates played against each other in a scrimmage during Hoosier Hysteria. CLAIRE LIVINGSTON | IDS

teria. He was given a chance to come out on stage, for fans that rooted for him years ago and those like Jackson-Davis who weren't alive to see him. Cheaney was given one more ovation by a Hoosier crowd.

"Showing support for the program, it never gets old," Cheaney said. "I've been removed from Indiana basketball in terms of graduation for 25, 26 years. But I always want to come back because the program is very important to me. I just want to help out anyway I can."

IU head coach Archie Miller introduced Cheaney to the crowd before he walked out. He barely needed an introduction. As soon as Miller began to talk about Cheaney, before even mentioning his name, the crowd began its applause.

As Cheaney walked out the stage, the instant he ap-

peared from beyond the screen set below IU's national championship banners, the crowd immediately rose in a standing ovation.

It cheered for a man who scored like no player in the Big Ten had before, nor since. Cheaney finished his career with 2,613 points.

He said records are meant to be broken, but in an age with so many players leaving school before they graduate, he doesn't see his record falling soon.

Before Cheaney took the stage, Miller said this year's team had the potential to be special during his speech to the crowd.

It was a message Cheaney backed up, showing his support toward his program.

"I'm 100% behind Archie and what he's doing with this



Senior Brenna Wise dances as she gets introduced Oct. 5 in Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall. Wise threw kisses into the crowd as she walked into the center of the court. CLAIRE LIVINGSTON | IDS

IU women's basketball team has next step in mind

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Last season raised the question of how the Hoosiers would fare with seniors Tyra Buss and Amanda Cahill graduated and a young but battled tested core.

Coming off a Women's National Invite Tournament title, the Hoosiers earned an NCAA tournament berth, falling to the University of Oregon in the second round.

But now with four returning starters and 10 returners overall, plus six freshman introduced to the fold, the question for the 2019-20 Hoosiers is just how far can they go.

On Saturday at Assembly Hall for Hoosier Hysteria, head coach Teri Moren made it clear that ahead of

her sixth season at the helm, the Hoosiers would not get complacent.

"When I think back to the few trips we've made to the NCAA Tournament, the banner that hangs up there, the NIT championship, I'm really proud of the things that we've been able to accomplish to this point," Moren said. "But I've got to be honest, we still have more to do. We still have more to do, and we have players to do it with."

As the team took the floor during introductions, complete with pyrotechnics and a massive LED board behind them, NBA All-Star game style, you could sense an air of confidence about them.

The swagger was aided by the roars that erupted

from the crowd as the likes of redshirt junior guard Ali Patberg and senior forward Brenna Wise walked toward center court, not to mention the equal reactions for junior guards Jaelynn Penn and Bendu Yeaney.

The Hoosiers' four starters will be the linchpin for success, especially if they can rely on the three-point shooting of Penn and Patberg, who faced off in the championship round of the three-point contest

Yeaney, who suffered a ruptured Achilles last season, was free of any walking boots and looking spry as she walked down the platform onto the floor.

Fans got to see sopho-

CALEB'S CORNER

Hysterically bored: Hoosier Hysteria is a reminder of Indiana's love of basketball

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The fact IU basketball can fill up Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall by having a DJ, pyrotechnics and some skill competitions is all the proof you need to show how much Indiana loves its basketball.

Hoosier Hysteria is a show and a boring one at that. The event feeds off how crazed people in Indiana are for IU basketball. There is no reason most of the 17,222 seats in Assembly Hall should be filled for this type of event.

The most exciting part of the whole event is the player introductions, and IU wasn't even able to get that part right Saturday.

During the most anticipated part of the event, the men's basketball introduc-



A child watches Coach Archie Miller give a speech during Hoosier Hysteria on Oct. 5 in Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall. Families and students came together to enjoy the event. CLAIRE LIVINGSTON | IDS

tions, the crew in Assembly Hall got a little excited with the fire and smoke buttons and set off the fire alarm.

Even with the alarms going off, most people remained in their seats because they weren't going to miss any

IU basketball — and because there was clearly no real danger. I don't know if it's funny or sad, but the five

minutes of confusion when the fire alarms were going off and the players were standing on the court not knowing what to do was the most memorable moment of the whole afternoon.

Sure, the competitions are mildly entertaining to watch, but even the players didn't show any energy or do anything to create excitement. Sophomore Damezi Anderson looked like he was sleep-walking on the court during the three-point competition.

I had to ask two people to remind me who won the skills competition — it was juniors Joey Brunk and Ali Patberg if you were wondering — and the only play that stood out in the scrimmage was a turnaround jumper from redshirt-freshman Jerome Hunter, who missed all of last year with a leg in-

jury.

In two weeks, almost nobody will remember anything that happened at this year's Hoosier Hysteria besides the fire alarm going off and maybe that freshman Trayce Jackson-Davis won the dunk contest.

It's not like this was just a down year for Hoosier Hysteria. This was my third year going to the event, and it was probably the most exciting one I've been to. The DJ was actually a nice touch, having a giant video screen and pyrotechnics for the players to walk through was cool, but the whole event still fell flat.

Yet Assembly Hall is filled year after year just to see the spectacle that is IU basketball. I guess Hysteria is the right word.

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