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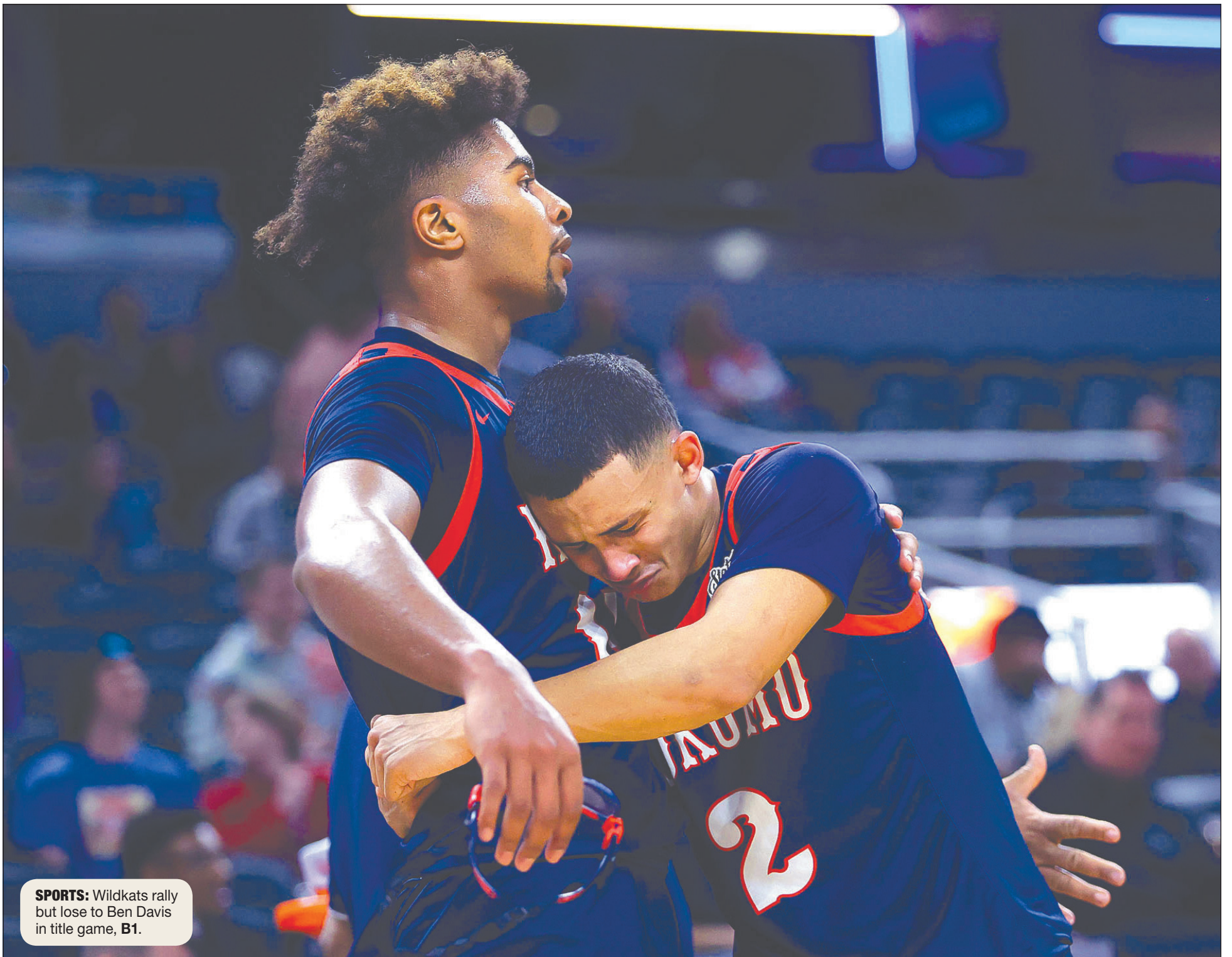
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## KATS FALL AT STATE



**SPORTS:** Wildkats rally but lose to Ben Davis in title game, **B1**.

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Reis Beard, right, hugs Patrick Hardimon as Kokomo falls to Ben Davis 53-41 in the Class 4A boys basketball state championship at Gainbridge Fieldhouse on Saturday.

## Kokomo native wins close race to lead UAW union

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DETROIT — A challenger defeated the president of the United Auto Workers in a close election and vowed Saturday to take a more confrontational stance in negotiating with the big automakers.

A court-appointed monitor declared challenger Shawn Fain the winner over incumbent Ray Curry. Fain's slate of candidates won control of the big union, as workers rejected most incumbents in the wake of a bribery and embezzlement scandal.

It was the 372,000-member union's first direct election of its 14-member International Executive Board, which came in the wake of the wide-ranging scandal that landed two former presidents in prison.

The vote count had been going on since March 1, and the outcome was uncertain going into Saturday

because of challenges against several hundred ballots.

Curry had filed a protest alleging election irregularities and campaign-financing violations. But he conceded Saturday and said Fain would be sworn in on Sunday.

Fain said members clearly wanted the union to become more aggressive in dealing with the auto makers.

"Today we put the companies on notice the fighting UAW is back," Fain said in a video.

Fain vowed to end two-tiered contracts that provide lower pay and fewer benefits for some workers. He said the UAW will fight against factory closures that result in lost union jobs.

"We've seen plant after plant close without any serious fight from our union," he said. "We've lost 40% of our active membership over the past 20 years. That ends here."

Fain also promised to clean up the

union.

Fain, 54, now an administrator with the international union in Detroit, had 69,459 votes, or 50.2%, while Curry had 68,976 votes, or 49.8%, according to an unofficial tally as the counting neared completion.

Earlier, Curry had asked court-appointed monitor Neil Barofsky to hold another runoff election because of the alleged irregularities, but Barofsky denied the request.

Fain's UAW Members United slate now holds seven of 14 seats on the board, with one independent member siding with his slate. The Curry Solidarity Team slate has six board members. Four of five top officers are from Fain's slate, including the secretary-treasurer and two of three vice presidents.

Fain first joined the UAW in 1994

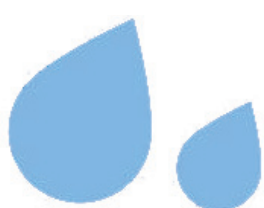
See **UAW** on A8



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In a frame grab from video, United Auto Workers presidential candidate Shawn Fain is interviewed Jan. 13 in Detroit. The vote count in the election to decide the United Auto Workers' top leader should come to an end Thursday.

### WEATHER



A few showers are possible today, with cooler temps expected.

**48 | 30**

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