

THE BOARDS

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Quarterly Report

by

Harley Sheets, President

It seems that the majority of I.H.S.B.H.S. members look forward to conversing about their research, as well they should. Therefore, it was suggested that we should have a working get together, whereby members after a short official meeting could then remain, talk about and display their research to each other.

Vice President, Bob Adams and I agreed that the time for this would be at the fall meeting on Saturday, September 20, 1997 at the Fountain County courthouse in Covington, Indiana (Community Room-1:30 P.M.). Don and Ruth White have graciously consented to be hosts and will make the necessary arrangements. A board meeting will be held prior to this meeting at the **WHITE HOUSE** at 12 noon. The Whites have suggested that we could have dinner at Covington's world-famous **BEEF HOUSE**, the Turkey Run Inn or other moderately priced restaurants in the area. This can be discussed at the next meeting which will be prior to the All-Star game.

Congratulations to the I.H.S.B.H.S. members who were honored at the annual Indiana Scholastic Athletic Administrators Association Conference. Former Greenfield Central A.D., Don Pfaff our Hancock and Henry County researcher received the Charles F. Maas Service Award from District #4 and Bill Rogge, our Wabash County aficionado, received the Distinguished Service Award for District #2. Bill has been the sports announcer at Wabash radio station, WKUZ, for the past 32 years. Leroy Compton, our Marion County member served as the 1996-97 conference historian.

Congratulations, also, go out to Terri and Bob "Adams County" Adams on their 25-year cohabitation. They will celebrate their Silver Anniversary on June 18, 1997. I understand that they were married in the metropolis of Desoto, Indiana and then motored over to Modoc for a fantastic honeymoon.

At the summer meeting on June 21, 1997 prior to the All-Star game, we will have the election of board members. All paid up members wishing to run for one of the openings should contact our secretary, Ruth White, no later than the 10th of June so that she will have time to place the names on the ballot that she will be making up. This meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus at Keystone and 71st St. (1 P.M.). The building is on the north side of 71st, just west of Keystone. The arrangements were made by past president, John Ockomon.

The membership fee is due on or before June 30, 1997 to stay current. A revised membership roster will be sent to current members along with a new membership card. If any changes in address etc.....

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have changed, please send the information to Ruth White immediately. Dues, preferably by check, should be sent to, treasurer, Bob Whalen.

At our previous meeting at the North Park Masonic Lodge the membership voted to entitle the IHSBHS quarterly, **THE BOXSCORE.**

A traveling library has been established under the oversight of our Jasper County researcher and political expert, Bob Pearson. Some publications have already been donated and I encourage other members to do the same. Bob will bring the library to each meeting and the books available may be checked out. I don't know if a procedure has been put in place. In case it hasn't been ready with suggestions.

Mr. Wabash Valley, Dean Kendall, is putting the final touches on his three year labor of love entitled "THE WABASH VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT". It is an 8.5 by 11, 600 page record of the event that lasted for 57 years until consolidation eventually caught up with it. It will sell for \$25.00 and if any one is interested in purchasing one let Dean know so he can gage how many to have printed. I recommend this publication without having read it because I have read his other work. The WVT was the largest non-state (Indiana and Illinois teams competed) high school basketball tournament in the world. I first met Dean at the Indiana Historical Library in Indy. He is a low-key, congenial man that you can't help but enjoy being around, unless you mispronounce his alma mater, PI-mento. However, we all have our bad times and Dean was sort of in a negative mode one day, mumbling about not being able to find certain information because of the Terre Haute newspaper strike in 1965. Another time he was having trouble finding Lafayetteville. I thought Dean had struck out too, but Wendell Trogdon straightened him out. The school was actually Fayetteville. Now Dean is his old self again. This research can get to you at times!

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Enclosed in this issue is a form for each member to fill out and return to me so that in future quarterlies members can be profiled. This will be done as space permits. One thing which I failed to include is the field of each members expertise. Some are doing a particular county(s). Others are focusing on a specific thing or area. David Lee Compton, for example, is researching all Indiana and Illinois counties that have had schools participate in the Wabash Valley Tournament. Each member can include this on the back of the form.

Elsewhere in this issue will appear the picture of the Gary Emerson player whose picture was omitted in the last issue. This is for those of you who may not have guessed who Malden Sekulovich was.

Because the 1996-97 records of three coaches were not completed, the I.H.S.B.H.S. list of the top 25 winningest Indiana high school basketball coaches honoring Jack Butcher for moving into the number two position was held out of the last edition. Look for it in this one.

Although 1937 Deer Creek High fans may not consider it as such, my gem of the past has to do with the Flora sectional of that year. The Deer Creek Crickets, under the direction of Arthur Cohee, came chirping into the tournament with a clean slate of 19-0, but lost their first game to the Burlington Polar Cubs. So what's the big deal? Other schools have met the same fate after an unbeaten regular season. The deal was that the Cubs had not won a game until then. Burlington loses the next game. On the converse side of the coin, other schools have taken an opposite direction in the sectionals. In the 1933 Boone County sectional held at Lebanon, the Advance Osceolians, coach by Dick Caldwell, came in with an 0-19 record and proceeded to eliminate Jamestown (25-22) and Whitestown (33-10) before being humbled by the host Tigers, who were coached by Hall of Famer "Butch" Neuman.

I have been setting on the fence ever since the issue of class basketball has evolved in the Hoosier State. I can see valid points to both sides, my position being if it doesn't work, revert to the original. However, after reviewing the aforementioned gems, maybe we shouldn't have messed with it. We'll see.

In the next quarterly, my gems of the past will begin to focus on the Indiana influence of Illinois high school basketball.

Finally, it is with great regret that Arthur Joseph Quigley Jr., our friend, editor, and co-founder, has had to relinquish his duties as editor due to a very serious illness. Vice president Bob Adams and I wish to extend to our friend, our appreciation for his untiring efforts in helping to establish ISHBISH. We, along with, I'm sure all you other members, send our prayers and best wishes to Joe. Hang in there, old buddy, we are all pulling for you. HBS

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TOP 25 WINNINGEST COACHES

This is the I.H.S.B.H.S. list of the twenty-five winningest Indiana high school basketball coaches compiled in honor of Jack Butcher, who has moved up to number two, as of the 1996-97 school year. He, also, has had but two losing seasons (1958 and 1992) in his forty years as head coach. A thought came to mind as I reviewed this list. With such a preponderance of nicknames associated with Hoosier coaches - some of my favorites are Fizz, Hunk, Peedad, Pooch, Shrimp, Two Penny and Whiskey - I thought that perhaps, Mr. Butcher should be given a nickname. At first my inclination was toward "Durable" but after looking at Mr. Stearman's 47 years and Sharpe's 46, I reconsidered. How about "Loyal". Jack's entire tenure has been with one school (his alma mater). Sharpe coached at six schools and Stearman at two.

as of 2000

No.	Name	Wins	Years	Wins per season
1	Howard Sharpe ⁷²³	753	46	16.37
2	Jack Butcher + ⁷⁷⁷²¹	7721	40	18.03
3	Bill Stearman	714	47	15.19
4	Ward Smith #	692	41	
5	Marion Crawley ⁶⁴⁴	620	32	19.38
6	Bill Harrell*	619	40	15.48
7	Jim Miller	607	36	16.86
8	Tom Goldsberry	588 ⁴⁸ / 33		17.82 ^{win}
9	Norm Held *	586		
10	Cliff Wells	580	28.5	20.35
11	Byard "By" Hey	549	31	
12	Pat Rady +	537	34	15.79
13	Bob Macy	533		
14	Bill Springer †	531	38	13.97
15	Gunner Wyman*	526	29	18.13
16	John Adams	524	24	21.83
17	Jim Jones +	514	36	14.28
18	Alva Staggs	511	25	20.44
19	Jim Rosenstihl	506	33	15.33
20	Phil Buck	491	32	15.34
21	Guy Glover	489	27	18.11
22	Cliff Davis	485		
	Joe Hinton †	485	29	16.72
	Dave Porter	485		
25	Art Cosgrove	477		
	Bill Patrick	477	24	19.88

+ Still Active
 * Includes wins in another state
 # Record not completely verified, but number of wins is more likely to be closer to 630

Note: The list that appears ^{below} above is based on much diligent research by several members of I.H.S.B.H.S. and will not always agree with other published lists. Anyone who may disagree with any of this information may feel free to contact I.H.S.B.H.S, but please have valid verification.



Jack Butcher

After the Meeting and a Day at the Track

By Bob Adams

Some of the more enjoyable experiences I have had as a member of I.H.S.B.H.S. are the times spent before and after meetings, shooting the breeze with, and picking the brains of, the other members of our historical society.

After most meetings, it is really not to difficult to find a member or two (or five, or ten) who is willing to make a difficult trek to a local den of inequity ^{iniquity} which serves soft drinks and adult beverages. Much to the chagrin of my wife, I have often been found several hours after a meeting, swapping lies and being forced to drink alcoholic beverages with other poor souls like myself, people afflicted with the dreaded plague of modern man-kind, orange roundball fever.

After our last meeting in Indy, several of us made the dangerous trip to the wilds of Broad Ripple, where we found an oasis which was called Plump's Last Shot.

Upon entering this establishment, Bob Pearson, who is not only Indiana's biggest proponent of CLASS BASKETBALL, but a card-carrying member of the Bill and Hillary Clinton fan club, made the statement that he had made this journey before, and he proceeded ^{proceeded} to make suggestions as to what we should order. His suggestion was the grouper sandwich, which he said was not only big, but was very good.

Other society members were able to ignore Pearson's suggestions, but me being the fool that I am, ordered my fish sandwich. It was really good, but the problem was that it was about the size of Shamu, and me being the small, light eating fellow

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that I am, had trouble choking it all down. There goes my girlish figure.

The highlight of the evening came when Bobby Plump, he of the famous shot, came to our table, and insisted on having his picture taken with me. To eliminate any hard feelings, I told Bobby if he wanted his picture taken with me, he would have to get his picture taken with the other members of the group. He was more than happy to comply. I am sure that this made his day.

A couple of weeks later, I received an invitation from the Hall of Fame to attend their annual DAY AT THE TRACK. The demands of my business (I never pass up business to deal with basketball) were going to force me to bypass this event, but once again, my good friend, and former Selma Bluebird, Bob Pearson came to my rescue by calling me and talking me into going to the track with him.

As soon as we got to the track, we were welcomed by Hall of Fame Director, Jason Crowe, and Hall of Fame associate member, Don Nicholson. They were so happy to see us (and me in particular) that we were immediately escorted to a fourth floor suite, where several Hall of Fame members were breathlessly awaiting our (my) arrival.

One of the first people who greeted us, and again, insisted on having his picture taken with us (me), was Hall of Famer Marvin Wood. (He's the fellow who coached the fellow who made the famous last shot.)

Other people who insisted on visiting with us were Jim Hinga, Bob Straight, and Bud Brown, along with many other famous names in Indiana high school basketball.

After many enjoyable hours spent watching my hat fly from Indianapolis to Columbus, Ohio, (it wasn't just us shooting the breeze, it was really windy that day), touring the pits, and watching the Indy drivers fight for the opportunity to get their pictures taken with us (me), we were finally able to set down to a meal. By this time I had wasted away to almost nothing.

Toward the end of the meeting, Jason Crowe stopped by the table and asked me if I would complete everyone's day by giving a talk about our historical society to the assembled group. (Tom Carnegie was supposed to speak, but, when he found out that we (I) were there, he quickly passed.)

I gave my usual rousing speech, and was awarded by a standing ovation. These Basketball Hall of Famers couldn't get enough. Then I woke up.

(Bob and I really did go, and we had a wonderful time.)

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Who is that man with Ruth White and why is she smiling? And where is Don?

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