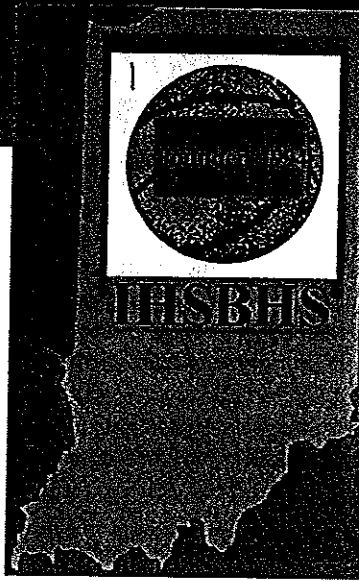


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Has It Really Been Five Years?

The Indiana High School Basketball Historical Society was founded in the summer of 1994

The first meeting was hosted by Ron Newlin at the Hall of Fame, on June 25, 1994, and was attended by the following people: Harley Sheets, Joe Quigley, Don White, Ruth White, Evelyn Wohlford, Chuck Wohlford, Earl Mishler, Ken Johnson, Steve Brockman, John Ockoman, and Jack Poore.

From that first meeting of eleven people, we have grown, in five years, to almost 100 members.

To help celebrate this event, our Heltonville member, Wendell Trogdon, has set up a summer meeting that promises to be a meeting to remember.

Consider this an early alert to our summer meeting, which will be a weekend getaway to southern Indiana.

Your help is needed to plan for hotel reservations at Bedford for Friday night, July 17, 1999. Here's what is planned:

FRIDAY NIGHT (July 16): A business meeting followed by an evening of socializing amid, of course, informal story telling about basketball. We plan to ask area coaches such as Dan Bush to stop by.

Rooms will be reserved at the Stonehenge Motel on the Ind. 37 bypass at Bedford. We need to know - by Jan. 15 - how many members plan to stay overnight.

Once that number is known, we can provide you with the rate for a group discount. We are guessing rooms will run in the \$65 range.

A restaurant is in the motel and a steakhouse is nearby as are other dining spots.

SATURDAY (July 17): The overnight stay will provide an early start on a tour of six to eight old gymnasiums in the area. Among these are the old Bedford gym (circa 1924), Dolitic, Fayetteville, Williams, Huron, Heltonville, Clearspring, and Freetown. The trip will allow visitors unfamiliar with the area a

glimpse of Indiana far different than the northern counties.

We expect to have a former coach or player available at each of those gyms to speak briefly and answers questions.

Please let us know - by Jan. 15, if you will need overnight lodging.

Contact Wendell Trogdon (317-831-2815)- email wend@iquest.net- P.O. Box 651, Mooresville IN 46158) or Bob Adams (219-724-3359) - email unlocks@decaturnet.com - 1115 W. Madison, Decatur IN 46733.

Once we get a number we will send you reservation forms for the room and additional information.

You, of course, do not have to say overnight to participate in the Saturday gymnasium tour.

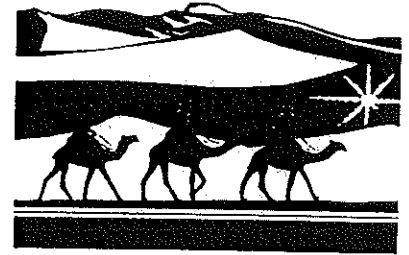
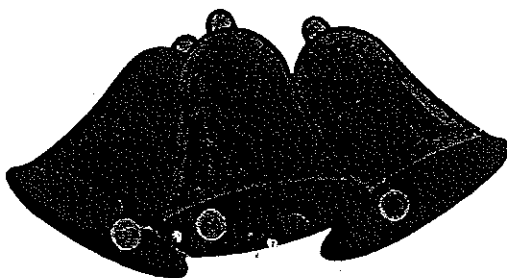


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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Indiana High School Basketball Historical Society will take place on January 9, 1999. It will be held at IHSAA headquarters at 9150 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN. IHSAA headquarters are located on the west side of Meridian just south of I-465 and Meridian.

After a short business meeting, Dr. Roger Robison will give a talk on the history of the IHSAA, and Dean Kendall will talk about the Wabash Valley Tourney.

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Norseman Notes

By Bob Adams

Those of you that missed the fall meeting at Western High School near Russiaville missed an excellent meeting.

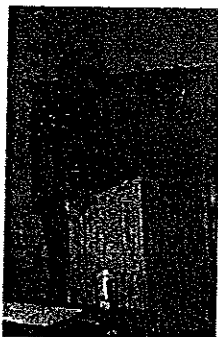
Host Gene Parks not only lined up the meeting room, he also lined up local historian Gene Pearson, former Western principal and superintendent Richard Rea, and North Central Conference secretary Ken "Red" Craig as speakers.



IHSBHS V.P. Bob Pearson and Fall Meeting Host Gene Parks

After a short business meeting, Gene Parks talked about his coaching experiences at New Waverly High School.

Next up was new member and Western historian Gene Pearson. Gene told of the history of New London, West Middleton, and Russiaville High Schools, the schools which made up the Western school consolidation.



Gene Pearson

Next up was Richard Rea, former coach and principal at New London. Rea was also the principal and superintendent at Western. He spoke about the history of Western High School and what triggered the consolidation craze that began in the late 1940's.

Last up was the long-time secretary of the North Central Conference, Ken Craig. Ken talked about the history of the conference and also talked about the history of Kokomo basketball.

After a short talk by board member Dr. Roger Robison on his trip to the Hall



Richard Rea

of Fame in Springfield, MA. , Gene Pearson led the group on a tour of Western High School and the new Western Junior High School.

The board of the IHSBHS met a couple of weeks earlier in Decatur, at the Adams County Historical Museum. After the meeting, a tour was taken of the local Catholic school, former home of the Decatur Catholic Commodores, the 1930 Catholic State Champs.



Ken "Red" Craig

We will be appointing a nominating committee at the next meeting to nominate persons to run for the IHSBHS board. The election will be held at the spring meeting. If you are interested in running for the board, please let one of the current officers or board members know. The only thing that I ask is that if you plan on running for the board, you plan on attending board meetings and regular meetings.

Dr. James Mast, one of our Terre Haute members, suggested that we publish a list in each newsletter about what different basketball related items different members collect. The first "Collectors' Corner" will mention a few members that I am currently aware of and what they collect. If you would like your name and what you are looking for listed, please let me know. If you can help a member find an item, please contact that member. Look for the Collectors Corner in another section of the newsletter.

A keyboard problem caused many mistakes in the members roster that I published the last issue. Most of the time when I hit "4" on the board, it came out as a "3". A new keyboard corrected this problem, and included in this issue is an up to date, corrected, membership roster.

If you would like to host the spring meeting, please let me, or one of the other officers know. This meeting should take place in mid-April, after the conclusion of the high school basketball season.

I would like to thank Wendell Trogdon, Bob Whalen, Harley Sheets, Roger Robison, and Dean Monroe for their contributions to this issue of BOXSCORE.

If you have a basketball story, some trivia, or history that you would like to share with other members, please let me know. One on-going problem we have is getting enough material to put in BOXSCORE. There are still several areas of the state that we haven't written anything about yet. So-please help if you can.

The next meeting of the Indiana High School Basketball Historical Society will be on January 9, 1999 from 1-3 p.m., and will be at IHSAA Headquarters which are located at 9150 N. Meridian St. in Indianapolis. This building is located on the west side of Meridian just south of the intersection of I-465 and Meridian. We will have a short board meeting which will start at 12:00.

And finally, I would like to wish every IHSBHS member and their families the very best during the holiday season and the upcoming year. -Bob

OOPS!!!

In scanning in Harley's article in the last issue of Boxscore, the last paragraph got messed up and I didn't catch it. It should have read: Mr. Francis may have made some mistakes in Jeffersonville, but he continued coaching with no further problems and he raised three children who seem to have turned out quite well. Let us judge him on this achievement and not on a supposed indiscretion which happened many years ago.

The Legend of Dewey Kiddem

The following article was taken from a column which appeared in the *Crawfordsville Journal-Review* in the early 1970's. The column was called the *Athens City Scene*, and was written by Jack Hess.

Due to the high degree of interest locally it has been decided to print the following exclusive report although the key figure in it could not be reached for confirmation.

Because of this it was further decided to carry the report here in speculative form rather than on the front page or sports page pending further investigation.

Lack of official confirmation notwithstanding, it was reported yesterday, April 1, that a 6-11 high school basketball star now residing in the East is moving to Crawfordsville. The towering athlete, only sophomore, is identified as Dewey Kiddem who this past season led Springfield YMCA Training School to the Massachusetts state championship.

The youth, who lives with his widowed mother, could not be reached to confirm the report because the family has no phone.

However, his coach, James A. Naismith, was contacted and said the report apparently is true.

"This is a real blow to our school," Naismith said of losing the sophomore sensation.

"I've been around basketball a long time and this kid is the best I've seen. Outstanding in even, respect. With him in there nobody had a chance against us last season."

Reviewing the past season, Naismith said the close opponent came to YMCA Training School was Boston Consolidated, which also was undefeated going into the state title game. Boston Consolidated lost by a 99-49 score, but was the first team to hold Kiddem and his teammates under 100 points.

Naismith expressed surprise when told that reports of Kiddem's basketball prowess had not reached the Midwest. "He received extensive press coverage in the East and Johnny Wooden flew in from UCLA three or four times to see him," Naismith said. "Wooden told me if he had both Kiddem and Bill Walton he'd have to move Walton from center to forward.

Naismith was lavish in his praise of the super soph, calling him "a complete basketball player" despite being only 15 years old. "I wouldn't be afraid to put him on the floor against Ewing or Shaq right



Kiddem

now," the veteran coach declared, referring to pro basketball's premier centers. "He has uncanny jumping ability." Naismith went on, relating an incident which seemed to lend credence to his statement.

(Editors Note-An article in the *West Lafayette Sun-Times* indicated that Bob Knight and Gene Keady were to greet Kiddem when he arrived in Crawfordsville. However, they were beaten to Crawfordsville by Everett Case, who tried to convince Kiddem to move to Frankfort, by promising his mother a job in the local Almond Joy candy factory. Since Dewey was allergic to coconut, they politely declined.)

"In an effort to get an indication of the boy's ultimate jumping ability, a local banker taped one end of a hundred-dollar bill to the top of the backboard and told him he could have it if he'd jump up and grab it. Know what happened? The kid just grinned, shrugged his shoulders and said, 'Okay.' Danged if he didn't leap up there and get it with his teeth! Did it on the first try too."

A deep sigh could be heard coming from the other end of the telephone line and

Coach Naismith added, "Kids like that are hard to come by."

Asked if he knew the reason behind the decision by the boy and his mother to move to this area, Naismith said he had heard Mrs. Kiddem had been offered employment here. "The job market in Springfield is pretty tight right now," he explained.

He said he had been informed Mrs. Kiddem had been given a job as a dishwasher in an all-night truck stop here. "I sure hate to lose the boy but I'd certainly not stand in the way if the family has a chance to better itself."

A spokesman for a local real estate firm disclosed Kiddem and his mother will be moving here just as soon as the swimming pool is completed in back of the 14-room home being built for them near the Country Club.

We understand that this was not the really the end of the story. By the time Kiddem had transferred to Crawfordsville, he had grown to 7'4" and would have been the tallest high school player ever in the state. Wabash College, Central Normal and Indiana State all offered him full ride scholarships, on the recommendation of Naismith, before he ever played a high school game in Indiana. The timing was such, that if things would have worked out, Kiddem and Larry Bird would have played together for two years at Indiana State.

But, it was not to be. While helping his mother move, Dewey, who had tried to carry a water bed in the house from the moving van, slipped on the moving truck ramp, and broke his leg so badly that they had to take almost 24 inches of bone out of his left leg. Two years later, he had the same length taken out of the other leg so he wouldn't walk with a severe limp the rest of his life.

The basketball scholarships fell through, and the now 5'8" Dewey gave up his dream of becoming a pro basketball star. Today he lives in Rutaced, IN, where he is the town locksmith, and the editor of a newsletter.

DEWEY KIDDEM

Today We Did

DON'T MISS THE NEXT IHSBHS
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Small Town Dreams

By Wendell Trogdon

It is Feb. 25, 1944, a Friday and the basketball sectionals are being played at 64 sites around Indiana.

Some teams already have lost, their dreams of glory gone with the snows of winter. Other teams have yet to play. Their hopes are alive, as fresh as the frost that coats the roofs of barn where basketball goals are hung.

Heltonville will meet Bedford at 7 p.m., the final game in the opening round of the 10-team sectional. Heltonville, gymless since the school burned two years earlier has won but one game. Bedford is big and talented as usual, almost as good as the Stonecutter team that advanced to the state finals the year before.

It has been a busy week. The Heltonville players have washed the laces and removed the smears from their basketball shoes. The barber has trimmed their hair, which they have combed and recombbed. And they have thought endlessly about the game, knowing their chances of victory are about the same as a snowball in the school coal furnace.

Their parents don't mind. Basketball is an escape from the darkness of the war being waged in southern Europe and in the South Pacific.

School is out for the day so students can attend the two afternoon games. My brother Wayne and I have gone to Bedford with our dad who was told by our mother to buy us new trousers "so they won't look like country hicks when they walk into the gym tonight."

They stop on 15th street at Sherman-Berner clothiers, where one of the owners says, "So, you're playing Bedford tonight?" It was more of a lament than a question.

Wayne nods, reflecting his apprehension, for he will play as a sophomore. I'm a freshman, who likely will be planted firmly on the end of the bench.

"Well," the haberdasher explains, "maybe you can pull off an upset like Mooresville did last night up north." Martinsville had gone to the semifinals the previous year and many fans thought the Artesians might make it to the state finals this time. Most of the Martinsville team was back, including Mel Payton, who would later set scoring records at Tufane University, and Hugh Rutledge,

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



who would star for the next four decades as a reporter for The Indianapolis News.

The merchant hands us the morning paper, folded to the sports section. Mooresville had won, 33-32, beating Martinsville on a one-handed shot by Richard Kellum as time ran out.

We read the paper while dad pays for the two pairs of pants the merchant has sold while talking basketball.

Our dad returns home. He doesn't want to watch his sons and their friends annihilated that night. We wear the new trousers to the game, hanging them carefully to avoid creases before we pull on our faded basketball uniforms.

It will be by far the biggest crowd we have seen. Bedford has maybe 2,500 fans at the game, Heltonville no more than 100. The other 1,900 seats are filled with fans backing us as they would any team facing the county seat powerhouse.

Nobody is more surprised than Heltonville coach Marshall Axsom when Heltonville, behind the ball-handling of Junior Norman, plays the Stonecutters to a 7-5 standoff in the first quarter. Bedford fans are stunned, the anti-favorite fans delirious. Across the way in the Bedford section, the clothier who had mentioned the Mooresville upset, is wondering if he is watching another.

Alas. It will be the only memorable quarter of the game.

The Mooresville upset of Martinsville will not be repeated. Bedford wins big, 64-21. No one from Heltonville is too upset for the team has had a chance to play the best, unlike teams in the late 1990s who would never know the thrill of competing against a team out of their class.

The Stonecutters will go on to win the sectional and advance to the state semifinals, as the third week of the tournament was then called.

The Heltonville players go home to think about next year. It will be 365 or so days until the next sectional.

Postscript: Mooresville continued on in the tournament, losing to eventual champion Evansville Bosse, 44-33, in the semifinals.

The 1967 Crawfordsville Sectional Tourney

By Bob Whalen

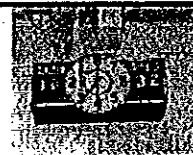
As the time came for the 1967 Sectional, there were eight Montgomery County teams entered in the Crawfordsville Sectional. Two Montgomery County teams were sent elsewhere, Linden to Frankfort and Darlington to Zionsville. Darlington had the best record of any Montgomery County team, but lost their first game to Zionsville.

Coal Creek, which had won the County Tourney, Crawfordsville and New Ross had the best records of the balance of the teams. Alamo who hadn't won a game and New Market, coached by Jim Petty, which had won only TWO games, were the teams with the poorest records. None of the other teams had a winning record.

The sectional started out with Waveland defeating Waynetown and Ladoga defeating Alamo on the first night. On the second night New Market UPSET Coal Creek by six points and New Ross UPSET Crawfordsville by three. On Saturday in the first game Waveland took out Ladoga in overtime and New Market then UPSET New Ross by upsetting them by EIGHTEEN points. This set up the Title game between New Market and Waveland. In a hard fought game, New Market came out on top by seven points.

Thus NEW MARKET who came into the Sectional with only TWO WINS had won THREE games in the sectional. New Market advanced to the Regional which was played at the new Frankfort gym. They were destroyed by Bainbridge in their first game by thirty seven points. Bainbridge won the Regional and also their first game in the Semi-State before they lost.

In all of the history of the Crawfordsville sectionals this ranks as the biggest upset of them all, as New Market was the winner with the fewest regular season wins of any team that ever won the Crawfordsville Sectional.



As the clock runs down on 1998, we, the officers and board members of the Indiana High School Basketball Historical Society, wish you the best for the coming year.

LOVE STRUCK

Russellville and the 1921 State
Tourney

By Bob Whalen

Russellville is a small town in the north west part of Putnam County. It is now a part of North Putnam High School. It was consolidated with Bainbridge and Roachdale in 1969 to form North Putnam.

Their main "Claim to Basketball Fame" was the 1921 State Tourney. This was the only time in their basketball history that they won a sectional tourney. In 1921 there were sixteen sectionals and each winner advanced to the SIXTEEN team state finals in Indianapolis at the Old Coliseum. Russellville had won the Greencastle Sectional. They had a good team in 1920, but lost on Saturday afternoon to Greencastle by two points.

Russellville won their first state tourney game by defeating Bloomington by a score of 27 to 23. This advanced them to the final eight. They lost their next game to Muncie by a score of 21 to 15. Muncie lost in the final four to Anderson who was the runner up to Franklin for the 1921 State Title.



Linc's First Time
(At the Microphone)

By Wendell Trogdon

This story opens at a radio station in Bedford in the late 1940's.

It is basketball season and commercial time has been sold for the broadcast of a game between Lawrence County rivals Mitchell and Oolitic.

But, alas! The play-by-play man, it turns out, is unexpectedly unavailable to call the game. The station manager is frenetic. Game time is a few hours away. He searches his options and spots a new employee, a young man from Rhode Island who has just landed in Indiana.

"You!" he shouts to the New Englander whose name is Larry Incollingo, "Linc" as he will be called here.

"Linc," protests as much as job security will allow. "I've never seen a basketball game, let alone call one," he admits.

The station manager ignores his plea. "But you can talk can't you?" he asks. "Go!" he orders.

"Linc" heads for Mitchell, leaving his "but, but, but" behind him. He finds his way to the Mitchell gym, climbing to the balcony beside Louie Gains, a radio salesman who would on this night be the site engineer.

As the game is about to star, "Linc" signs on, acting very much the professional broadcaster. "Good evening ladies and gentlemen in WBIW land," he says. "Welcome to tonight's basketball game between Oolitic and the Mitchell Bluejackets."

Time has erased his memory of what followed. Until the end that is, which remains vivid in the audio of his mind.

"The game is over," he shouts over the noise of rabid fans. "The score is tied. NOBODY wins this one."

Louie is beside himself. He has turned off the volume and is shouting something, "Linc" recalls, that sounds like, "You damned fool, it's an overtime."

"Linc" asks if the mike is off, fearing the profanity has fled on airwaves across the southern Indiana hills to God-fearing listeners.

Linc's First Time (con't)

"Just tell the audience the game is going into overtime," Louie explains.

"What in the hell are you talking about?"

"Linc" shrieks.

Louie explains that there are no ties in basketball as he flips the on switch.

The overtime is played, but the score remains knotted. "The game is over," "Linc" again bellows. "Nobody wins this one either."

Louie is beside himself. "Tell them," he screams over the ear-splitting roar of the fans, "that it's a double overtime and we are headed for sudden death."

"Linc" wonders if the sudden death will be his. Somehow he survives, continuing his play-by-play until the winner-he no longer remembers who- was determined..

Back at the station the next day, "Linc" tells the manager, "You will NEVER EVER get me to do the play-by-play of another basketball game."

The manager says nothing for a time. Suddenly, as if he is listening to a rerun of the broadcast of the game, he speaks.

"Thank God," he explodes.

Larry Incollingo is a newspaper columnist, author, and a friend of Wendell Trogdon. The story is excerpted from one of Incollingo's books.

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Russellville High School

An interesting side note on the game that Russellville lost is as follows:

The starting floor guard for Russellville was "LOVE STRUCK," and left Indianapolis to go home before they lost to Muncie so he could have a date with his girl friend. Russellville only had an eight man team and this left them with only seven and minus one of their starters. Some of the other team members NEVER forgave him for this. (This story came from the book, "Clodfelter Pioneer Days," a history of the Clodfelter family.) One of the members of the Russellville team was Ralph Clodfelter who received a scholarship to Butler from Tony Hinkle. He basketball played football as a freshman even with never having played football in high school. He never got to play because he left college after the first semester to work in the Gary steel mills.

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THESE PATRIOTS NEVER QUIT

BY DEAN MONROE

One of the most famous speech ever given by Winston Churchill was a simple, but strong message. The British Prime Minister simply told his audience, "Never, never, never quit," and proceeded to sit down.

The 1994 edition of the Jay County Patriots took this advice and set an IHSAA record by becoming the only team to ever win a sectional that had only one win during the regular season.

Reflecting on this magical season, it is not really hard to understand how this happened.

The Patriots were a young team that by the end of the season had come of age. Only 2 juniors, 10 points and 6 rebounds per game, were returning from an 8-15 team for second year coach Jim Black. At the start of the season, 12 sophomores were competing for positions on the varsity.

This created a lot of controversy in Jay County, as Black cut four seniors who tried out for the team. Black must have felt the seniors were no better than his talented sophomores and if he was going to take his lumps, he may as well build for the future.

The Pats played a difficult schedule and were really only out of two games all year.

Playing in the tough Olympic Conference, they also played 3 NCC schools. In December, the Patriots crushed Union City, 71-45 for their only win of the regular season. The young team was competitive, but could not come through down the stretch, at least not until tourney time.

Another plus for the youngsters was that the sectional would be held at Jay County, a site where the Patriots had won 9 titles in 15 years against smaller schools. Jay County is a tough place to play. Twice, at their own house, the Patriots have knocked off the state's number one team, Anderson Highland in 1982 and the Woody Austin led Richmond Red Devils in 1988.

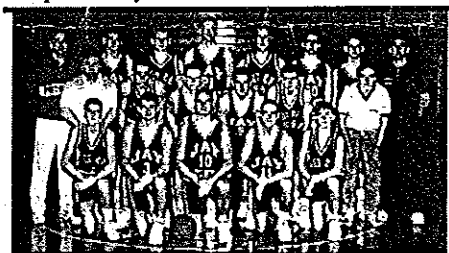
When Jay County received a bye in the opening round, the table was set. Jay got their second win of the season knocking off Wes-Del in the second round and then took out tough Wapahani in the double OT sectional final thriller,

The Patriots (cont)

52-51. A Jim Ferrell free throw with one second remaining won it, sending the senior dominated Raiders home with a 19-3 record.

No one gave the now 3-19 Patriots much hope as they entered the always tough Anderson Regional. The Pats took the Alexandria Tigers to the limit, before falling 57-54, on 3-pointer with 3 seconds left by Brad Howell. It was the Tiger's only lead of the game. The sectional champion Patriots were now 3-20. The sophomores made it back to the Wigwam their junior and senior years also, but fell in the regional finals each time. Two of the sophomores would go on to play college basketball. Brian Bickel is dribbling for Taylor University, while Andy Mitchell plays both football and basketball for Hanover.

Although a lot of things finally fell into place for Jay County, it would have been easy for them to have packed it in early, when the odds were against them. They didn't quit and for the talented sophomore class, it was rewarded with three straight sectional titles and a place in Hoosier hoops history.



Front Row: Ryan Kegerreis, Alan Dirksen, Jim Ferrell, Jeremy Kelly, Brock Raszkowski
Middle Row: Coach Joe Grogg, Nick Reed, Josh Whittington, Spencer Tirchie, Wes Journay, Mgr. David Dornberger
Back Row: Coach Jim Black, Brian Bickel, Brent Geesaman, Brian Patch, Andy Mitchel, Matt Lingo, Coach Williams

The Ten Second Line

Twenty-eight years ago, on November 13, 1970, the author of this article, Dean Monroe, hit two free throws in the second overtime to give his Pennville Bulldogs a 75-73 win over the Albany Wildcats.



Jay County High School

New At The Joe Quigley Memorial Library

Athenian Greats

Book One-The Early Years

By Bob Whalen

Everett Case and the Frankfort Hot Dogs

By Dr. Roger F. Robison

Crawfordsville 1993 Nostalgia Sectional

By Bob Whalen

The Yellow Jackets-A History of Decatur High School Basketball 1903-1967

By Bob Adams

49 Years of Jet and Greyhound Basketball

By Bob Adams

Rushville Lions Basketball- A Great Year-1997-98 Scrapbook

By Jerry Craig

The Joe Quigley Memorial Library is a traveling library that is brought to each meeting by librarian Bob Pearson. The library contains many books about Indiana High School Basketball, most of which were written by members of the IHSBHS.

A full list of library books was published in the Fall 1998 issue of BOXSCORE.

To check out a book from the library, either see Bob Pearson at a meeting, or call him at 219-356-8674.

Collectors Corner

Listed below are members and what they collect. If you would like your name listed here, let me know. If you can help a member out with something, please contact that member.

Member Name	Item Collected
Dr. James Mast	H.S. Basketball Memorabilia
John Edgerly	H.S. Basketball Memorabilia
Olin Edgell	H.S. Yearbooks
Harley Sheets	Post Cards
Bob Adams	Pictures of former and current H.S.



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HOOSIER GOSPEL

By Harley Sheets

Wabash 1995

The bible tells me that God's original plan for the earth was to create a perfect area (Eden) and place two perfect people (Adam and Eve) in it to procreate for the purpose of expanding this Utopian environment to the four corners of the earth. Much to mankind's dismay, this unblemished pair botched the opportunity before reproducing. Hence, their progeny (the entire human race) became prone to error. So, as in this long distant past, there today exists error and differences of opinion in any field of endeavor with which imperfect man associates himself.

Much to my chagrin - and I am sure this extends to most connoisseurs of "Hoosier Hysteria"- there exists discrepancies in our favorite diversion. Some may have been intentional, others unintentional. My opinion is based on sixteen years of extensive research and numerous conversations (both on and off of the record) with individuals connected in one way or another to our favorite pastime.

This publication's organization - the Indiana High School Basketball Historical Society - was originally conceived to put forth an effort to correct the discrepancies. Shortly thereafter, when it became evident that IHSBHS was, more than likely going to be a viable entity, it was formally organized. However, in its charter, the membership decreed that our main goal was to furnish to the Hall of Fame the most accurate and dedicated research that we could muster. It was then to be left to their discretion to use it as they saw fit. Except for the earlier years of this century (Circa 1900-30), we know that our research is 98% efficient in most cases. Nonetheless, it was just words and figures on paper to them. The Hall of Fame has made some corrections, but has been slow in most cases and rightly so. We have been messing with some of our state's icons. But to their credit new guide-lines have been put in place as a prerequisite for making changes.

As an example of some variances that have prevailed for sometime and need to be put forth for consideration. I offer the following chart. This information extends through the 1997-98 school year and includes wins in Indiana only.

COACHES WITH 500+ WINS	IHSBHS WINS OUR RESEARCH	YEARS OF COACHING	AVG. WINS PER YEAR	WINS REPORTED BY OTHER SOURCES
Jack Butcher + a	738	41	18.0	738
Howard Sharpe b	723-733	46	15.7-15.9	741-753-755-759
Bill Steadman a	714	44	16.2	714
Marion Crawley a	644	32	20.1	620-734
Jim Miller c	607	36	16.9	607
Cliff Wells d	580-582	29	20.0- 20.1	497
Ward Smith e	553-558	41	13.5-13.6	692
Pat Rady + a	552	34	16.2	552
Bill Springer + f	535	39	13.7	535
Jim Jones +g	531	35	15.2	531
John Adams h	524	24	21.8	524
Alva Staggs i	511	25	20.4	
Tom Goldsberry j	507-545	39	13.0 - 14.0	582-588
Jim Rosenstihl a	506	33	15.3	547-549

+-Still actively coaching

a-research finished with complete verification

b-research finished with 10 game unverified

c-research incomplete but feel that 607 is correct

d-research complete, probably 582

e-research complete with 5 games unverified

f-research incomplete but feel that 535 is close to correct

g-complete (don't confuse with ^{Jim} Jones that coached at Logansport & Wabash

h-incomplete but wins are likely within a game or two of published total

i-complete except for 3 yrs (15-16-18) which have not been verified

j-507 games verified but 38 possible other games as of yet unverified

In scanning this list, one may notice the omission of certain coaches. Why? Those such as Bill Harrell, Norm Held and "Gunner" Wyman have totals that include games won in other states. Everett Case and Bob Macy won some of their total in college. And By Hey has been verified at 456, not 549 as published elsewhere. On the other hand CliffWells, who has for years been logged in at 497 now has 180-82 wins due to IHSBHS research.

The only active coaches ready to cross the 500 threshold are Basil Mawbey at Kokomo and Bill Patrick who gained fame at Whitko. He is now at Tippecanoe Valley after a three year sabbatical.

My sojourn into the Indiana high school basketball researching field has taught me that it is not a disaster when some figures vary by 3 or 4 games, especially in the coaching ranks. Why? One person may not take into consideration small school varsity versus big school B-team, forfeiture and alumni games, when another researcher might. However, when there is a difference of 25 to 100 games, it is obvious something is truly amiss. See Crawley, Goldsberry, Rosenstihl, Sharpe, Smith and Wells in the chart.

In closing, I hope that the information within will encourage other members to do research. It is a wonderful hobby if you love Indiana basketball. There are many areas in the state that have been neglected. However, I must caution you that some heat may have to be taken, even when you present truthful and valid facts. Remember, God didn't kick Adam and Eve out of their paradise estate for telling the truth.

Best Holiday Wishes-Harley Sheets

DOCTOR'S ORDERS

By Dr. Roger Robison

1) "BEARCATS....A History of Basketball at Muncie Central High School", by Dick & Jackie Stodghill, 1988.

It seems only appropriate that the first comprehensive history of a Hoosier high school hardwood team would be about the King, Muncie Central. If anyone knows of an earlier history please notify the Boxscore. Between 1928 and 1988, the Bearcats took eight titles. By comparison, Marion won six between 1926-1987, and Frankfort took four from 1925-1939. No one else won more than three from 1911-1997.

The influence of this book on the origins of IHS-BHS can not be over-emphasized. For the first time there was an accurate and well-researched account of an Indiana high school legend. This book is 152 pages, measures 5.5" by 8.5" by 6/8", and sold for \$8.50 in 1988 when written by the Stodghills. At the time Dick was a writer on the Muncie Evening Press. The book is now out of print and a collector's item. However, the Stodghills are retired at 1750 4th St.,

Apt. #602, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221, and have some copies left. The book gives complete season records from 1901-1988 and lists all the varsity players and records. There is a brief one paragraph summary of each year and pictures of all the state champs and outstanding players and coaches. There are 6 pages on the '88 champs and almost 40 pages of narrative about all the teams.

(2) "TIGER BASKETBALL. A LEBANON PASSION 1911-1991. The Story of Basketball in Lebanon Indiana", by H.B. Sheets, 1991. Available at the Hall of Fame or from H.B. Sheets at a discount. The co-founder of IHS-BHS, Mr. Sheets, credits the aforementioned book as his inspiration for his history of the Lebanon Tigers. This book is the same size and format as the Bearcat book.

Lebanon and Crawfordsville ruled the roost during the early years of this century.

The Athenians dominated the first decade and Lebanon the second. The Tigers were the first to win 3 titles and then a charter member of the NCC. They sent players and a coach on to Purdue to enable the Boilers to dominate the big 10 until 1940. Lebanon

was left for dead during the roaring-20s; went to the final 8 in '32 and '34, and then came back to life in 1943 with a runner-up finish. They were dead AND BURIED from 1944-1960, winning only four Sectionals. Again they rebounded. They went to the final 8 in '61, '66, '75 (final 4), '76, and '84. And Lebanon is still alive and well as a growing suburb of Indy.

Despite only a 3A enrollment, the Tigers still play 4 NCC schools and 2 other former members. Lebanon is the only school to have played in every state tournament. Their rivalry with Crawfordsville is the oldest in the State (any challengers?). Also they were the first school to be penalized by the infant IHSAA in 1904 (for football ringers). They claimed exemption from the Rules because they had not paid their dues yet! And they pioneered the red-shirt system (five year high school) with the Mount family. The Tigers have done it all and in style and this is a wonderful history.

The research that went into these two books demonstrated that accurate histories could be produced amidst all the hype that was prevalent in other publications about Hoosier hardwood heroics. Indirectly these 2 books led to the establishment of IHS-BHS in 1994.



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