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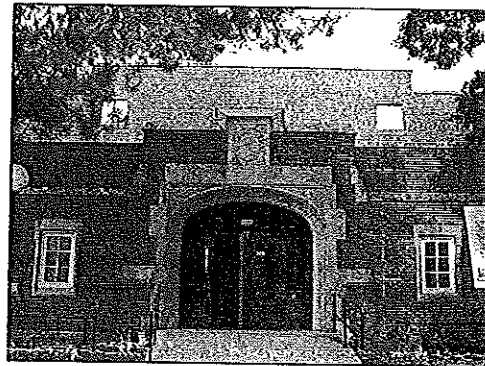
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Knightstown Meeting

A sampling of highlights from the June 25th meeting at the historic Knightstown gym:

Duane Queener, coach at Knightstown from 1970-1984, reminded us that although the old Knightstown gym seems small by today's standards, it was quite large for its time compared to others. Duane gave the example of the tiny gym where he had his first varsity coaching job in Brocton, Illinois. In the opening game of the season, an opposing player launches and makes a desperation shot from the opposite foul line. This sounds like an amazing feat, until Mr. Queener explained that the gym floor was only about fifty feet long, making the shot about the modern day equivalent of an average three-pointer!

Many interesting stories were related by **Ray Pavy**. Ray had attended Sullivan HS as a freshman and found out that his father was moving the family to New Castle. Ray didn't want to go because New Castle hadn't done much in the early '50s. But they did go, and Ray's New Castle teams won sectionals in his sophomore (1957) and senior (1959) years. What is ironic is that



Entrance to old Knightstown Gym

Sullivan also won sectionals in these two seasons. What might Sullivan have done if Ray stayed? Mr. Pavy also expressed his opinion that the 1956 and 1957 Lewisville teams may have been the greatest in pre-consolidation Henry County history, which is remarkable when you consider this was *before* the Marion Pierce era at Lewisville (1958-1961). Ray admitted that the 1950s weren't some of New Castle's best years, but when you consider NC's enrollment at the time was about 1100, compared to tiny Lewisville's enrollment of about 50, one wonders how the Bears were able to compete with the mighty Trojans. But compete they did, with Lewisville falling to host New Castle 55-53 in double overtime in 1956. In the 1957 sectional final, it was déjà vu all over again as New Castle prevailed 70-64 in overtime. Harley Sheets will have a story about these classic match-ups in the next *Boxscore*.

Ray's closing comments had to do with truths and falsehoods, and how many of us have heard basketball tales embellished for effect. Ray felt his dad and uncle, in his younger years, had

done some exaggerating about their playing days at New Marion and Versailles, respectively. Many years later, after going through old newspapers, Ray found his father *was* as good as he said he was. His uncle must have been fair to middling also, as he went on from Versailles to play with Hugh Durham at Florida State, who later coached at Georgia and Florida State

Knightstown's excellent basketball historian **Larry Bundy** spoke next, and all we can say is that this man has to be Indiana's finest (only?) basketball comedian. If you're lucky enough to have Larry as your tour guide in the historic gym, ask him to share some stories of his basketball playing days, which mostly involved staring at cheerleaders and being yelled at by his mother.

Coach **Don Schwarzkopf** came to the podium and relayed the story of his playing days at Montpelier, in Blackford County. In 1958 they were 18-2 and thought they had a good chance of winning the Hartford City sectional, but were beaten by Bryant in the championship game. Mr. Schwarzkopf is known in Henry County coaching circles as the only non-New Castle coach to win back-to-back Henry County sectionals. He accomplished this at Tri High in 1976 and 1977, during his first tenure as the school's varsity coach. After an 18 year hiatus from coaching at Tri, he returned to the sidelines in 1998 and retired in 2005 after winning the school's third sectional.

Roger Dickinson, executive director of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, and lifetime member of the

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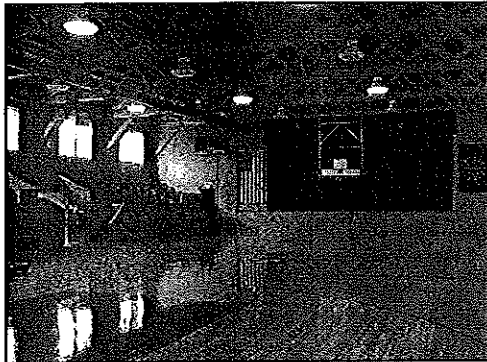
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Knightsdown Meeting continued:

IHSBHS, invited us to come to the HOF and would appreciate any stories we had to share for publication in their quarterly magazine.



Interior of old Knightstown Gym

Next up was **Bill May**, author of the book "Tourney Time," a collection of reminiscences of his decades as an official, plus 600 pages containing all scores of tournament games from 1911-2003. Bill informed us that he is working on an updated version of the popular book, which will include the last two seasons, as well as corrections. Mr. May has done our community a great service by being the first to actually publish the information for public consumption. Bill compiled the scores verbatim from IHSAA records, and realizes many errors are present, but welcomes any corrections. In closing, Mr. May made reference to the demeanor of Hoosier high school basketball fans during his refereeing days. These schools got his vote in this notorious category – Hartford City, Bluffton, and Logansport.

Bill Bergmann played his basketball at Mt. Summit High School, where he played against the great Marion Pierce. He later became only the second coach to win a single class sectional at Knightstown in 1987. A humorous comment, once more about tiny gyms, related to the Spartanburg gym which had its out-of-bound sidelines running approximately two feet up the walls!

Mr. Bergmann surely goes down in the history of Indiana high school basketball as one of the most loyal men in the coaching fraternity, according to Duane Queener, who Bergmann followed as coach at Spiceland and Knightstown. While Queener's long-time assistant at Knightstown, Bergmann had numerous chances to go elsewhere, but remained as a valued right-hand man during Queener's 15 year tenure.

Greg Guffey, author of the excellent "History of Boys Basketball in Henry County" was our final speaker, and discussed his upcoming book "The Golden Age of Indiana High School Basketball," which covers the years 1950-59. Greg is a graduate of New Castle High School and Notre Dame University, where he was editor of the school newspaper.

All credit for the fantastic get-together goes to a young and upcoming coach, **Chad Ballenger**, who has in our opinion done an outstanding job in his three-year stint at Knightstown. In Chad's three seasons with the Panthers, he has won two sectionals and one regional. By winning these two sectionals, Chad's teams have equaled the total Knightstown output in the 85 years prior to his arrival. After winning Knightstown's first regional in 2005, the Panthers advanced to the Final Four where they lost by three points to eventual 2A champions Forest Park. Quite an accomplishment, to say the least.

Chad shared an interesting tale from his playing days at Hagerstown, which has never been known as a basketball powerhouse. The story had to do with the night the Tigers upset the New Castle Trojans in a regular season game. Chad says that victory was tantamount to winning the state tournament. Sam Alford must have agreed, as the New Castle paper quoted him as saying it was the lowest point in New Castle basketball history!

In addition to being one of the state's best young coaches, Chad also shows a great interest and respect for the history and tradition of our wonderful pastime. The IHSBHS wishes to convey our deep gratitude for the huge effort put forth by Chad in arranging this meeting. All IHSBHS members extend our heartiest wishes for a great upcoming season and those beyond.



Magnificent old Knightstown High School



IHSBHS Charter Members
Don & Ruth White

Ruth White
1932-2005

Ruth G. White, 72, of Covington, passed this life Thursday (May 26, 2005) at her home.

She was born on Nov. 26, 1932, in Champaign, Ill., the daughter of Frank Glick and Dwen Turner Glick Eaton. She married Don E. White on May 15, 1955, in Roachdale.

She is survived by her daughter, Sharon (Chuck) Nosil of Wickenburg, Ariz.; two sons, Dale White of Covington and Mark (Melissa) White of Indianapolis; five grandchildren, Kevin (Jackie) of Normal, Ill., Elisa and Gretchen of Indianapolis and Chris and Lance of Wickenburg, Ariz. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a son, Gary White.

Ruth was a 1950 graduate of Roachdale High School. She served as chief probation officer for Fountain County for 23 years, before retiring in 1998. She had previously worked at Eli Lilly & Company and R.R. Donnelly & Sons. She had a servant's heart and benefited numerous organizations and ministries during her lifetime. Ruth served as organist, pianist and board secretary at the Covington United Methodist Church, where she was a long-time member. She also worked in various capacities with the Republican Party, Book Lovers Club, Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Psi Iota Xi, Weight Watchers and Covington Woman's Club. She was one of the founders of Covington Area Broadcasting, Inc. (currently broadcasting as KISS, 103.1 and KOOL, 92.9) and a charter member and officer of the Indiana High School Basketball Historical Society.

Ruth enjoyed her grandchildren, reading, scrap booking, traveling and Covington High School sports.

1957-58 Mackey Aces

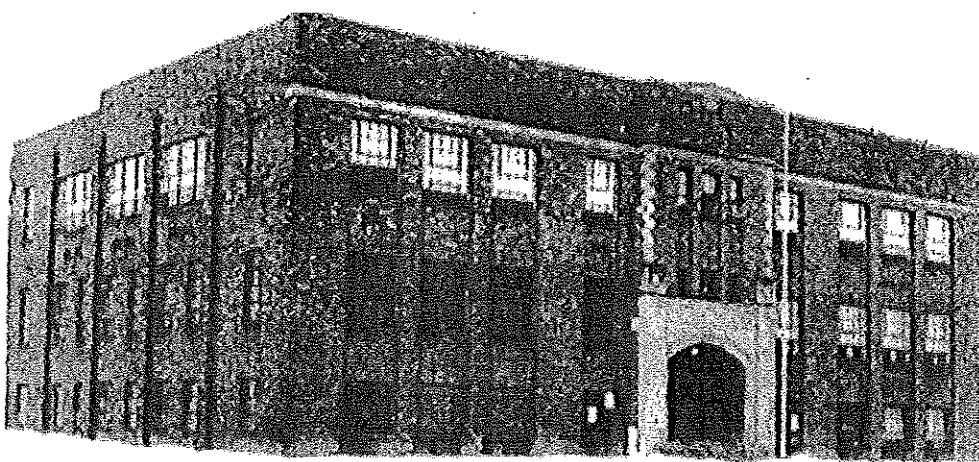
"You Could Only Hope to Foul Them"

by Rocky Kenworthy

The late Celtic broadcaster Johnny Most often uttered the phrase, "you can't stop 'em, you can only hope to contain 'em." For the 1957-58 Mackey Aces of Gibson County, that maxim needed an addendum: "You could only hope to foul them." The Aces were your typical decent small school basketball team of the period— not much size, but good quickness, and one of Southern Indiana's best in 5-9 Ronnie McGillem, a 24 ppg scorer. Locals probably didn't expect a barnburner when Mackey played the Hazleton Lions in the Mt. Olympus Christmas Tournament. Hazleton was in the throes of a 46 game losing streak, which wouldn't be snapped until the following season. And while barnburner it wasn't, strange it was. Mackey opened up a 21-4 first quarter lead. When Hazleton "big man" Joe Degenhart (5-10) went to the bench with five fouls, early in the second quarter, it should have been an omen. He'd soon have plenty of company. With the personal fouls mounting, one-by-one the Hazleton players went to the sidelines via the foul route. Early in the fourth quarter, after the sixth Lion disqualification left them with only four players, Mackey coach Jim Skelton benevolently pulled one of his players, to make it a 4-on-4 contest. And when another Hazleton player picked up his fifth, it was 3-on-3. And then 2-on-2. In the final minute of play, and after the ninth Hazleton disqualification, the crowd was treated to a little 1-on-1 between Mackey's Dewain Kramer and Hazleton's John Hyneman. Final score: Mackey 110, Hazleton 26.

Certainly this fits the bill as a rarity and oddity. But many historians can cite games where teams ended up with less than five players. Even I could cite games where Danville, Loogootee and Indian Creek all ended up with less than five on the floor. So this doesn't exactly qualify as *Twilight Zone* material— right?

Fast forward (or maybe a long rewind) to January 31, 1958. The Patoka at Mackey contest promised to be a much closer affair than the Mackey-Hazleton debacle a month prior. Mackey was continuing their strong season, and the Patoka Wrens still had some remains from



Mackey High School

their '55 Princeton Sectional Champs. Patoka coach Everett Wilson only dressed eight for the battle. He needed more. As you can probably guess by now, attrition via fouls caught up with the Wrens. In the third quarter, three Patokans fouled out, as Mackey widened their lead to 16. There was no proof Yogi Berra (or Rod Serling) was in attendance that night, but in the fourth quarter, it was déjà vu all over again. Being over-aggressive in their attempt to get back in the game, a fourth Patokan fouled out, leaving the Wrens with only four on the floor. And even though this game stayed in the 12-15 point range, gentleman Coach Skelton pulled a Mackey player to even things up. Two more Patoka players fouled out, resulting in a 2-on-2 contest, with Mackey's Dale Bethe and Larry Georges tag-teaming Patoka's Mike Gilpatrick and Ray Stuckey. We're

not finished yet. Gilpatrick commits his fifth foul in the final minute, leaving his teammate Stuckey to line up on the lane, with Georges shooting two, as Coach Skelton removes Bethe. Georges makes his first foul shot, misses his second, and in the ensuing "battle" for the rebound, just take a wild guess as to who commits their fifth foul. Stuckey. With all eight Patoka players now fouled out, referees Warren Griese (related to Bob?) and Paul Meyer had no choice but to call the game with time still on the clock. Final score: Mackey 70, Patoka 56.

To finish this episode it would be great to be able to tell you that the 1957-58 Mackey squad won the Princeton Sectional, as all 12 Princeton players fouled out in the sectional final. But in actuality, the Aces made a great run, but fell a little short. After beating Mt. Olympus, then Francisco, on a McGillem sudden-death overtime hoop, the Aces were tied with big bully Princeton in the sectional final inside the two minute mark, but Princeton prevailed 46-42. Princeton's key to victory — no one fouled out.

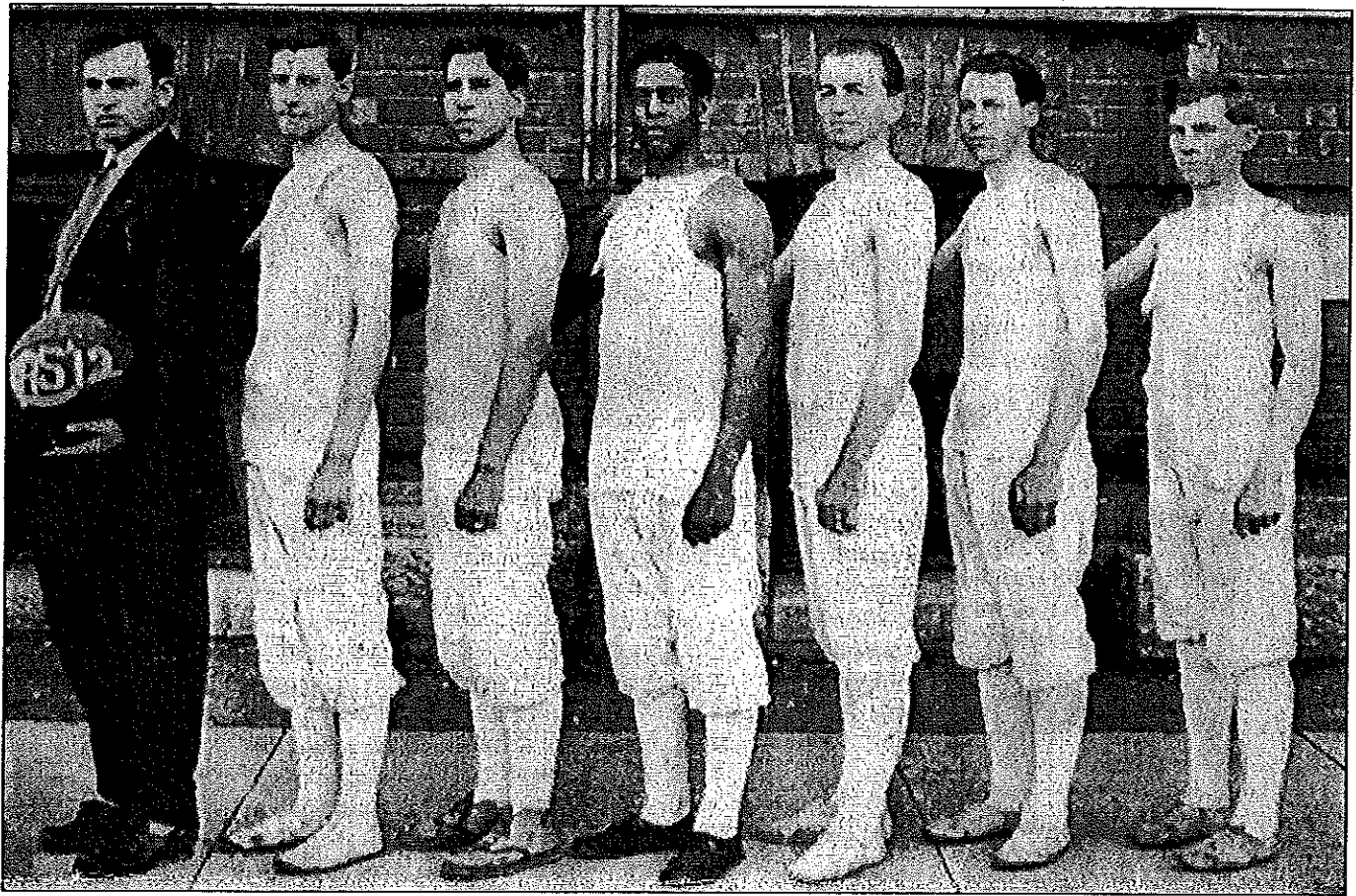
Mackey (110)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Georges	3	2	3	8
Bethe	5	3	1	13
Memmer	6	10	0	22
Kramer	4	5	1	13
McGillem	5	7	1	17
Besing	4	5	3	13
Folsom	2	2	3	6
Wheaton	2	7	1	11
Siekman	1	2	3	4
Sevier	1	1	1	3
Skelton	0	0	1	0
Totals	33	44	18	110

Hazleton (26)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Young	1	0	5	2
Blaize	0	3	5	3
Degenhart	1	0	5	2
Kordes	1	1	5	3
Cox	0	0	5	0
Tislow	0	2	5	2
Carson	3	2	5	8
Fithian	0	0	5	0
Elliott	2	0	5	4
Hyneman	1	0	1	2
Totals	9	8	46	26

Mackey (70)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Georges	2	6	4	10
Bethe	3	4	1	10
Memmer	2	1	4	5
Kramer	2	4	1	8
McGillem	12	5	5	29
Besing	2	4	4	8
Totals	23	24	19	70

Patoka (56)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Farris	2	2	5	6
Bingham	5	2	5	12
Hughes	3	2	5	8
Hudson	5	0	5	10
Hedge	3	6	5	12
Gehl	2	0	5	4
Gilpatrick	1	0	5	2
Stuckey	0	2	5	2
Totals	21	14	40	56

First Black Player



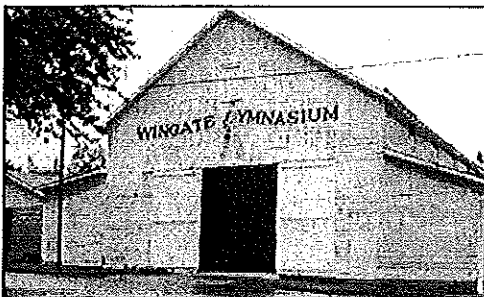
1912 Connersville Spartans

Coach L.C. Bridge, Ed Myers, Nick Mancini, Everett Castleman, Byron Nickels, Allen Hinchman, Harry Caldwell

From *Connersville: A Pictorial History*

“Castleman was the first black athlete to play for CHS. He was also an outstanding baseball player.”

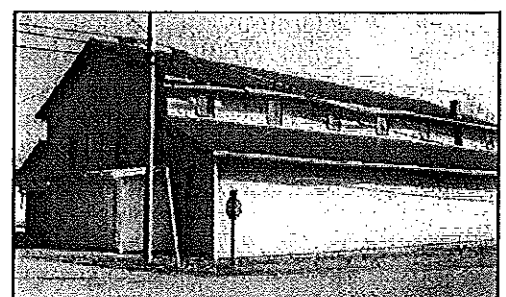
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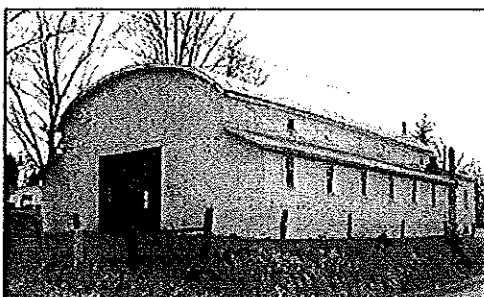
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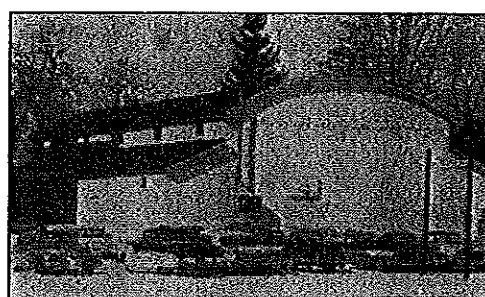
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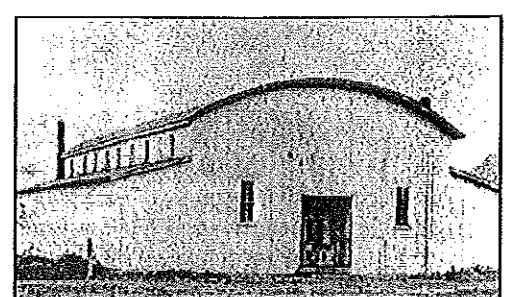
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Little York



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Rossville

1927 & 2004 Waldron Mohawks

History Repeats, Nearly Identically

by Gary McGrady

Only two Waldron teams have won a regional championship in the school's ninety year history – the 1927 team, coached by Billy Webb and led by twins Bernard and Leonard Miller, and the 2004 team, coached by Jason Delaney and led by twins Jordan and Justin Barnard, who won the 2004 Class A State Title with a perfect 27-0 record.

As memories of the 2004 squad are fairly fresh, this story will concentrate on the 1927 squad, which started their season 17-0, and finished with a 27-4 mark. Impressive among the team's 22 regular season victories were wins over eventual sectional champs Peru, Batesville and Decatur, along with a win over Columbus (OH) High School. The Mohawks also had two wins over Shelbyville St. Joseph, accounting for half of the little known Catholic school's losses in a 16-4 campaign.

Coach Webb's 1927 Waldron team's three regular season losses were all to powerful opponents. Center Grove, the team that broke Waldron's 17 game winning streak with a narrow 36-32 victory, finished the season 18-1. The Trojans didn't participate in the Franklin sectional that season because their principal had forgotten to submit an entry. County rival Shelbyville (in their last season known as the Camels) provided Waldron with their second straight loss. After getting back on track with a victory against Terre Haute Gerstmeyer, the Mohawks traveled to Cincinnati for the Tri-State Tourney, where they defeated two Kentucky schools and Decatur, IN (whose team finished 22-5, tied for most wins in school history) to reach the championship game against another Indiana school, Logansport. This game probably reminded Cincinnatians of the all-Indiana contest seven years earlier when Crawfordsville narrowly edged small school rival Wingate, as Logansport won a nailbiter over Waldron 26-25 to claim the Tri-State title. Cliff Wells' Berries finished the season 25-2, the fewest losses in the school's 100 year history.

Entering the Shelbyville sectional, the "M" twin led Mohawks were considered tri-favorites along with Columbus and the host Camels. The Shelbyville *Daily Democrat* proclaimed: "Waldron enters the sectional with just hopes of romping home with the championship



1927 Waldron Mohawks

slab of bacon." After breezing past Moral Township and Clifford in the first two rounds, Waldron then met Shelbyville (who had defeated Columbus in the semi-finals) in the championship, with the Mohawks indeed bringing home the bacon for their first sectional title.

In the first game of the Columbus regional, Waldron met the Franklin Grizzlies, with Fuzzy Vandivier in his first year at the helm. Waldron prevailed 21-19 to advance to the championship game against Greensburg with a trip to the State Finals on the line. The Miller boys accounted for half of the Mohawks point total in a 34-25 victory, sending the small school to the Cattle Barn in Indianapolis, where they and Sharpsville were the darkhorses in a field of 16 that included powerhouses such as Martinsville, Gary Emerson, Connersville, Bedford, Washington, Kokomo, Logansport, and the central schools of Evansville, Muncie and Ft. Wayne.

Waldron's opponent in front of the throng of 15,000 was Everett Case's mighty Frankfort team who were making their seventh straight State Finals appearance, and were only two years removed from their first of four state titles. The Hot Dogs were possibly looking past Waldron towards a potential rematch with tourney favorite Logansport, whom they had beaten in a controversial 10-7 delay game earlier in the year, Logan's only loss of the season.

The "New and Old, Silver and Gold" book of 1977 summarizes the Waldron-Frankfort game:

"Everett Case's Frankfort team eliminated a very game Waldron team 37-31. But Jack, the giant killer, didn't go easy. The Frankfort sharpshooters were hotter than a potbellied stove as they winged out to a 21-11

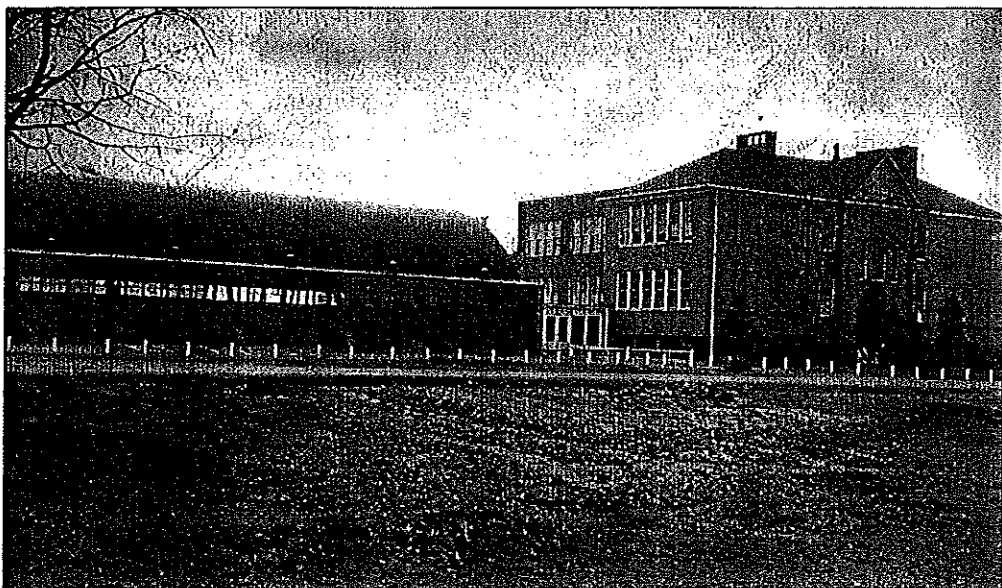
lead at halftime. Leonard Miller with 11, Bernard Miller with 7, and Malcolm Clay with 6 managed to pull Waldron close in the second half but finally succumbed 37-31.

The anticipated Frankfort-Logansport matchup never materialized as Frankfort lost to Connersville in the next round, and the Berries were "shocked" by the eventual state champs, John Wooden-led Martinsville.

The coaches of both the 1927 and 2004 Waldron teams were not only in their first year at the school, but it was also to be their *only* year at Waldron. Billy Webb went to Edinburgh for the 1927-28 season, where he coached two successful teams but could not win the tough Franklin sectional. Jason Delaney left Waldron after the 2004 state championship season to coach at Southport. Waldron made history in 2005 by becoming the first school to follow an undefeated season with a winless season, as they went 0-20. Information on the 1928 Waldron regular season is sketchy, but it is known that they were hammered by Columbus in the first game of the sectional, 60-13.

Len and Ben Miller went on to play basketball together at Indiana University, while Jordan and Justin Barnard are currently playing together at the University of Indianapolis, the most recent of an amazing string of parallel events between two Waldron basketball teams.

Waldron 1927		Waldron 2004	
Charlottesville	48 16	Brown County	63 51
Manilla	32 26	Triton Central	68 54
Plainville	40 19	Edinburgh	78 51
Owensville	45 30	Morristown	82 63
Batesville	40 19	Union County	53 38
St. Joseph	25 22	North Decatur	61 45
Morristown	49 29	Milan	67 62
Monrovia	42 29	New Palestine	60 58
Milroy	40 31	Morristown*	71 60
Charlottesville	34 24	Triton Central*	52 36
Hopewell	56 16	Jac-Cen-Del	85 51
Columbus, OH	49 17	Hauser	81 79
St. Joseph	41 24	Oldenburg Academy	71 46
Peru	35 22	Southwestern	81 52
Moral Twp.*	41 20	Heritage Christian	62 56
Fairland*	64 4	Covenant Christian	78 59
Morristown*	38 11	Indy Lutheran	76 45
Center Grove	32 36	South Decatur	59 47
Shelbyville	25 40	Knightstown	74 56
TH Gerstmeyer	56 38	Indian Creek	87 63
Dayton, KY**	30 14	Morton Mem.	74 46
Newport, KY**	32 10	Morristown	65 46
Decatur**	28 12	Southwestern	62 49
Logansport**	25 26	Orleans	44 40
Shelbyville	35 26	Henryville	61 55
Moral Twp.	53 14	White River Valley	82 76
Clifford	45 25	FW Blackhawk	69 54
Shelbyville	20 17		
Franklin	21 19	* Shelby County Tourney	
Greensburg	34 25	** Tri-State Tourney	
Frankfort	31 37	IHSAA Tourney in bold	



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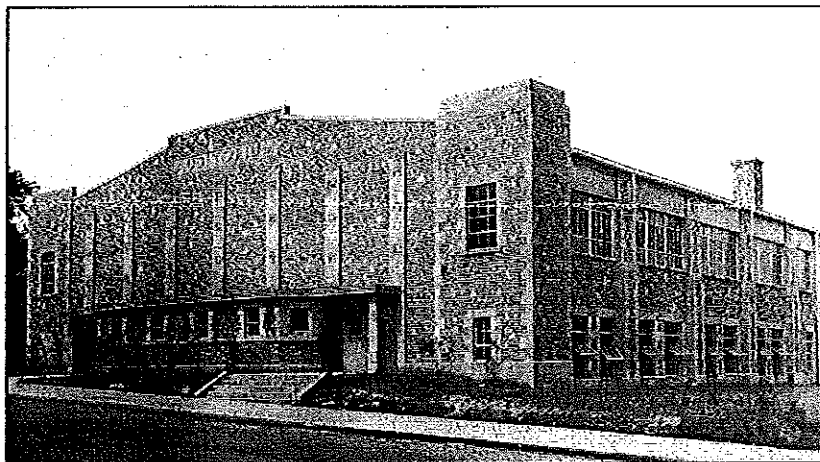
IHSBHS Mystery Photo

Each issue of the *Boxscore* will feature a gym photo (usually from the postcard collection of Harley Sheets) for members to attempt to identify. The first person to correctly name the gym or school pictured will win a copy of Harley's "Where in the World" book, which lists all consolidations as of 1983.

In some cases (such as this one), any additional information – year built, current state, capacity, tourneys hosted, similar gyms, etc. – would be much appreciated and printed in the next issue along with the identity.

Send guesses and/or info. to:
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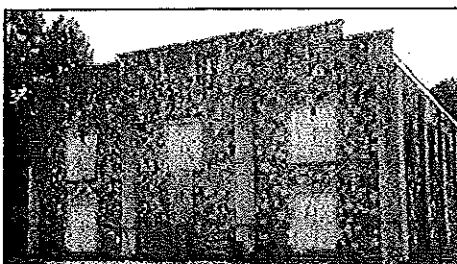
Bicknell Gym

Hugh Schaefer, Jon Robison and Randy Messel all came up with the correct answer of Bicknell.

Hugh added several pertinent facts about the beautiful old gym:

- It opened in November 1940.
- Coach of the first Bicknell team to play in this gym was Hall of Famer Matthew Walker.
- First tourney held in the gym was the Wabash Valley Prelims in January 1941.
- Estimated capacity: 1,500.
- Used as a junior high gym after Bicknell HS closed in 1963.
- Has unfortunately been torn down.

Wendell Trogdon responded that the gym looked familiar to him, and thought maybe it was Tell City. It turns out there is a miniature replica of the Bicknell gym still standing in Springville, which is in Lawrence County (perhaps the one Wendell was thinking of). The Springville gym is now used by the volunteer fire department and was undoubtedly designed by the same architect as the Bicknell gym.



Springville Gym

IHSBHS Lists

With the closure of Ft. Wayne Northside's 1927 gym at the conclusion of the 2004 season, and Hebron's 1936 gym seeing its last game this past season, only nine gyms from the 1920s and 1930s are still in use. Here are the 10 oldest:

Muncie Burris	Ball Gymnasium	1925
Vincennes Rivet	Ralph Holscher Gymnasium	1925
Mishawaka	The Cave	1926
Rushville	Memorial Gymnasium	1926
Washington Catholic	The Birdcage	1926
Indianapolis Tech	Reuben Behlmer Gymnasium	1928
Muncie Central	Muncie Fieldhouse	1928
Howe Military		1930
Michigan City Marquette	Old Elston Gym	1936
Rockville	The Rockadome	1940

Chronology of largest gyms:

1922 Frankfort	Howard Hall	3,500
1924 Martinsville	Glenn Curtis Memorial Gymnasium	5,200
1926 Vincennes	Adams Coliseum	6,202
1928 Muncie	Muncie Fieldhouse	7,500*
1954 Elkhart	North Side Gymnasium	8,384*
1959 New Castle	New Castle Fieldhouse	9,325

*Capacity at time of construction

IHSBHS Challenge

Last spring, Leigh Evans' *HickoryHusker.com* had a discussion concerning the Indiana boys player who participated in the most varsity games during a career.

Here is a partial list, with Damon Bailey having the most confirmed games played:

Firman Wampler ... Vincennes	1922-25	134*	
Fuzzy Vandivier Franklin	1919-22	114*	
Damon Bailey	Bedford N. Lawrence .	1987-90	110
Lloyd Wampler Vincennes	1920-22	110*	
James Blackmon ... Marion	1980-83	108*	
Matt Joris	Muncie Central	1924-27	105
Jerry Memmering.. Vincennes	1966-69	100	

* Unconfirmed and based on maximum games possible

Dr. Stedman, IHSBHS member from Vincennes, is working to confirm the Wampler brothers totals.

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