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IHSBHS News

At present we have two new officers, Jeff Luzadder and Tom White. Jeff will assume the role of Secretary, replacing Gary McGrady, whose job situation changed thus necessitating his resignation. For the position of Editor, it takes two men to fill Harley's shoes. Tom and Jeff will be the Co-editors, thus relieving Harley of the responsibility (as well as the frustration) of putting together the newsletter. Harley is now free to research and write his interesting articles without worrying about the technical details of a newsletter.

One Small Step for Man ...

As of the next issue, we are offering the option for members to receive their copy of *Boxscore* via email as opposed to the regular "foot" mail. For those that are interested, email Jeff.

Notes from the Editors

We have reinstated the front-page header similar to the one from a couple of years ago. We liked the format and this will continue for all future issues. Any suggestions for improving the appearance or contents of this newsletter or any ideas as to topics related to *Boxscore* should be directed to the editors.

The narrow three-column format was adopted to make the newsletter read more like the sports pages of your local newspaper that we are all familiar with.

The column, **IHSBHS News**, will be a permanent fixture in the newsletter for the foreseeable future. We expect to use it to inform the membership on any IHSBHS related news items that might be of interest to the readers.

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Tom White & Jeff Luzadder

Membership Comments on Last Issue

From Walter Smith: Last issue was exceptional. Liked the ideas of the fellow [Cliff Johnson] who lives in California.

From Roger Robison: Lots of positive feedback on Johnson's article on rules changes. Everyone comments on it.

From Jeff Luzadder: Most of the people I've talked to seem to think this is about the best newsletter yet.

From Bill Ervin: Last newsletter was one of the best. Especially enjoyed the Tarzan article.

From Tom White: Mr. Johnson's article was interesting, thought provoking and presented issues not necessarily popular with the basketball establishment. Nicely done Cliff.

Important Notice

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled October 25 in the Milan\Sunman area. Please save that date! We know we will have some good local speakers lined up plus a side visit to the Milan '54 Museum. Additional information will be supplied in the next issue of *Boxscore* or a special mailing.

Indiana High School All-Star Game Origin - Part II By Roger Robison

The week beginning August 19, 1935, Cliff Wells, Everett Case and Sam Berry resumed the Indiana Coaches School at Logansport. Under Wells' supervision, the school would now remain at Logansport, as who knew where Case might be next. One hundred and five coaches attended the seventh school's five-day program. Speakers were Chuck Taylor, the shoe guru from Columbus, Indiana, and Dave Kerr of the New York Celtics. There were dramatic new rule changes, which would lead to the modern game of basketball in the school year of 1937-38. In addition to the elimination of the center jump after successful free throws, another significant change was the three-second rule. It now applied to all offensive players in or out of possession of the ball.

On the first and second days, Sam Berry and Case explained and demonstrated the new rules for the 1935-36 season. Berry discussed trials, which had been conducted in the elimination of the center jump by the southern division of the Pac-10 Conference for the past three years (1933-35). Berry of USC, John Bunn of Stanford and Nat Holman of CCNY had been advocating its elimination for several years. Finally, the Joint Rules Committee had compromised and eliminated it after successful free throws. The second day, in an exhibition game, the Anderson state champs of 1935 opposed the Logansport champs of 1934 using the new rules. Berry had recruited Ruh and Lambert from the '35 Anderson team that won the game 17-14. They would join Carl "Buttercup" Anderson and Bill Remson, other Anderson boys recruited by Berry.

On the third day, Case and the Frankfort team demonstrated offensive and defensive plays. The next day, Wells and his Logansport

boys demonstrated their offense and defense. At 8 p.m., Dave Kerr showed movies of the Original New York Celtics. On the last day, Chuck Taylor discussed the pro game. Next came a roundtable discussion, a review session and a question-and-answer confab.

In 1936, the eighth year of the school consumed three days in August. In attendance were 100 coaches from 21 states and Canada. Lecturing were Doug Mills, the new head coach at the University of Illinois; Chuck Taylor on fundamentals; Dave Kerr, Glenn Curtis, and Case. The new rules for 1936-37 were demonstrated in an exhibition game between Frankfort and Logansport. In the 1936 Indiana state tournament, the Frankfort state champions were lucky to edge the Logansport Berries 28 to 27, their only serious challenge. Case had four senior starters available from his '36 champions. They were supplemented by Ed Shaver (Frankfort '31, Purdue '35). At the conclusion of this year's school, the Frankfort boys went on a "barnstorming tour" playing five additional games and winning them all. Opponents were, the Elkhart All-Stars, as well as grads from Logansport, Ft. Wayne, Tipton, Jeffersonville and New Castle.

The ninth coaching school met again in August 1937. This year, Wells and Case had 154 coaching registrants for the five-day affair. The main focus would be on the game without the tip-off after made field goals. In 1930, Case and Berry had initially demonstrated this rule. This year the rule was used in an exhibition of Logansport and Frankfort graduates, with the Frankforters winning 45-35. Among the featured speakers were the old regulars - Case, Wells and Curtis. Others included Jim Needles (Loyola of Los Angeles, a coach of the 1936 Olympic team) and Dave Kerr, coach of the New York Celtics. Also featured was Mark Peterman, who had won Illinois

state high school championships at Canton in 1928 and Springfield in 1935. He had also had runner-up teams in 1926 and 1933. The exhibition game was Wednesday evening, and on Thursday afternoon, the group went to the Logansport Country Club for afternoon golf and an evening banquet. A chicken dinner was served by the local Kiwanis Club. The school ended on Friday. Many coaches had fond memories of these get-togethers. This attitude contrasts sharply with the bitterness which a relatively few coaches felt towards Case.

In 1938, the Coaches School met for the tenth time. This year, it drew 105 coaches from 22 states. The main attraction was Clair Bee from Long Island University in Brooklyn. His Blackbirds would win the 1939 NIT and then start a long unbeaten string during the 1939-40 school year.

Bee narrated moving pictures of the initial 1938 NIT won by Temple. Also on the program was A. A. Schabinger, the chairman of the American Olympic Collegiate Tourney, which Purdue and Indiana had boycotted in 1936. In addition the faculty included Wells, Case, John Adams (Vincennes), and Chet Kessler, the coach at Hammond High. Hammond had been upset in the recent state title game. From Illinois was faculty member Frank Storby, who won the Illinois state high school championship at Quincy in 1934.

Cliff Wells came up with a different concept for an exhibition game this August. His 1938 Logansport team recorded the worst record in his tenure there. With the help of the local newspaper, Wells solicited the fans' votes for an all-star team from the area. The 16 seniors selected by the fans would oppose the Hammond High graduates, who had won the northwest semistate. The team included one boy from Logansport, two from Royal Center and five from Alva Staggs' Monticello team which had posted

an overall 27-2 slate. The Hammond grads won the game 36-21 in a demonstration of the new rules for 1938-39. The concept was not forgotten and would reappear in Indianapolis the following August as the first Indiana high school All-Star game.

Big Men of Putnam County By Rocky Kenworthy

The dominant big man has been a staple of Indiana high school basketball for nearly a century, from the likes of Homer Stonebraker to Greg Oden, and countless in between. Combating the "biggs" has forced more varied opposing coaches' strategies than probably any other attribute. Although not every championship team can boast of a good big man, it's a pretty good bet that if you've got one, you're going to have some success. The legacy of talented size in Putnam County basketball annals is a good example. While the heyday of basketball in the Putnam County area has seemingly come and gone, the past feats of this largely rural region's squads are pretty impressive and mostly fueled by a "giant" (at least for his time).

The first two decades of Putnam County basketball resulted in some statewide success. The 1920 Greencastle Tiger Cubs would win their sectional, and then win a couple of games in the 26-team state finals (all sectional winners went to state) before being derailed by Anderson 27-24. In 1927, the Tiger Cubs would host and win their regional (Indiana's first year for regionals at 16 sites), and repeated that feat in 1930. However, their first talented big man, Jess McAnally, was to make the Tiger Cubs serious state championship contenders for the next three seasons.

Jess McAnally, Greencastle 1933, as described by the Greencastle Banner during the 1931-32 season; "Big Jess" who

towers nearly 6 feet, 5 inches, was selected as the best white center in Indiana during the 1930-31 season. (author's note: political correctness hadn't been invented yet). He is completing his second year as a regular on the Tiger Cub team, and has another season of varsity competition. 'Mac' has been one of the main cogs, both on offense and defense this winter. He is a cool, heady player, and his one-handed, twisting shots near the basket have been the downfall of many opposing squads."

McAnally would pace the Tiger Cubs to three straight Final Four appearances, 1931-1933, but Greencastle could never win the state title. After losing to Muncie Central 31-23 in the '31 final game and New Castle in the '32 morning round, McAnally's high school career ended in a 27-24 final game loss to Martinsville. In this game, McAnally controlled every center jump (after a basket), but the Artesians made the most of their possessions, hitting an incredible, for the era, 10 for 17 from the floor. McAnally's Greencastle teams amassed 73 wins in his three-year career, and he won the coveted Gimble Award as a junior. By all accounts, he was a true gentleman and scholar. He moved on to play basketball at Northwestern University, but tragically died of strep throat after his sophomore season. Greencastle's fine basketball facility, built in 1969, bears his name - McAnally Center.

Charley Cox, Bainbridge, 1944. Cox won't go down as the best player in Bainbridge Pointer basketball history. In fact Ward "Piggy" Lambert, who coached at Purdue, in an interview with the Terre Haute newspaper after watching Bainbridge play at the 1932 Wabash Valley Tournament (which Bainbridge won), called Bainbridge's Woody Dickson, "The finest high school forward in Indiana". Either Jeff Blue, or Larry Steele probably is more worthy, but Cox was certainly the biggest. In 1944, the 6-10 Cox may have

been the tallest player in Indiana history to that point. Accurate heights have always been a bit sketchy, but the list to rival Cox's elevation is, well ... short. 6-10 Kentucky native Bradford Lair, who had a cup of coffee at Jeffersonville in 1931 before running afoul of the IHSAA, 6-9 Chet Gabriel from Kokomo (1940), and 6-9 Milt (The Goon) Schoon of Calumet (1940) were at least close, although Schoon shrank two inches when he played professionally (listed at 6-7, 230). Strangely enough in '44, Bainbridge's tiny foe to the east, New Winchester also sported one of Indiana's biggest of the era. 6-9 Jim Springer, who later as a collegian, led the state in scoring at Danville's Canterbury College and played briefly in the pros, starred for New Winchester. I would have liked to have found the outcome of the Bainbridge-New Winchester game of Jan. 29, 1944, but more important World War II battles dominated print media at the time. Cox had some 20-point-plus performances in his senior year, but 18-2 Roachdale was the solid sectional favorite. However, Cox and company upset the apple cart, and nearly won a regional crown. After knocking off Hillsboro in the regional opener, the Pointers had unbeaten Waynetown down two in the waning seconds of overtime in the regional final. But Waynetown's Pete Moore's disputed hoop at the gun tied things at 44, and Bob Powell's subsequent score in the second overtime ended Bainbridge's season.

Dick Neal, Reelsville, 1953.

The 6-6 Neal was a four-year starter at the little school near Pleasant Gardens, the school a stone's throw south of U.S. 40. Athletic and rugged around the hoop, Neal was a dominant force in the area, scoring somewhere in the neighborhood of 1700 career points. His first three seasons produced a fair amount of points, but limited team success (the Indians lost their sectional opener

each time). But the summer of '52 would be a key, as Reelsville hired former Washington Hatchet and Indiana Central star Elwood "Woody" McBride as varsity coach. Behind McBride's tutelage and Neal's talents with help from brothers Jack and Bill Cox, the Indians mowed through the opposition, with a 66-63 win over Amo their only close encounter in a 21-0 regular season. But after two sectional wins over Cloverdale and Roachdale, the Indians fell victim to Greencastle in a battle royal sectional final, 60-57. Dick Neal led the state in scoring in 1953 with a 29.4 average, but was largely unknown outside the area. When Indiana's Top 100 seniors (from whom the Indiana All-Stars were selected) were announced, Neal's name was missing. And even though Neal garnered a scholarship from Branch McCracken to Indiana, he languished in more obscurity on the Bloomington bench through his junior year. It wasn't until the Big 10 opener of 1957, when McCracken, disgusted with his club's lackluster preconference rebounding, placed Neal in the Hoosier starting lineup for the first time. Neal responded with a 22-point, 16-rebound performance against Michigan and never left the starting five. He went on to average 15.6 points/12.3 rebounds in conference play, and set a Big 10 field goal percentage record of .512 in helping the Hoosiers to a Big 10 co-championship.

Jeff Blue, Bainbridge, 1960. Putnam County's all-time leading scorer (1798 points), at 6-6, 220 lbs., was a man among boys during the late 50's and 1960. Most old-timers remember Blue as the first dunker in Putnam County circles. Blue took dancing lessons to hone his hardwood footwork, and carried cement blocks in summer work. He along with Mike O'Hair, Don Jeffries, and Bill Harshbarger led little Bainbridge to a sectional title in 1958 and an unbeaten regular season and regional crown in 1959. The Pointers were challenging Final

Four entrant Logansport in the Lafayette semistate in '59 until Blue fouled out late in the third quarter, and they went on to lose by 14. Bainbridge's 1960 club lost only to Montezuma 61-60 in the regular season, but was upset in the Greencastle sectional by the Tiger Cubs despite Blue's 37 points. The Indiana All-Star went on to play for Tony Hinkle, where he was three-time All-Indiana Collegiate Conference at Butler, setting single-season and career scoring and rebounding marks. Currently, Blue is Butler's 12th all-time scorer (1392 points), and 2nd all-time rebounder (953). In 1962 he led Butler to its first NCAA tournament appearance, where the Bulldogs defeated Nate Thurmond's Bowling Green Falcons, before bowing to Kentucky. He was drafted by the Boston Celtics, where an ankle injury in training camp ended his career.

Wayne Bright, Belle Union /Fillmore, 1966. If you're ever fortunate enough to land on *Jeopardy*, with the category *Famous BU's*, and the answer is, "A fire station, and Little League diamonds," then you better tell Alex, "What is Belle Union?" Because that's all there is now. But in the mid 60's, 6-8 Wayne Bright put this tiny hamlet's high school on the map with some incredible scoring performances. As a junior, he set a Putnam County single-game record that stands today. In 1965, he hit hapless Lizton with 57 points and closed the doors forever on Belle Union High with a 46-point salvo in a 77-71 sectional loss to Fillmore the same year. He was a tremendous rebounder with good skills around the hoop. Belle Union's demise was Fillmore's gain, as Fillmore absorbed Belle Union's kids (all 51 of them), including Bright in 1966. The Cardinals also hired Belle Union's first-year coach Darrell Hoyer. Bright teamed with 6-4 scorer John Glaze to form a formidable front-line senior duo. Fillmore finished the regular season

16-3, losing all three times to county foe and eventual Final Four participant Cloverdale. In fact, three Putnam County schools in 1966 would have finished unbeaten in the regular season if not for playing each other. Cloverdale (20-1) lost only to Bainbridge in the Putnam County Tourney final, while 17-2 Bainbridge lost only to Cloverdale and Fillmore. The big school, Greencastle, at 16-4 and Western Indiana Conference champs, was no better than fourth horse in Putnam County that season, and lost its sectional opener to Bainbridge. Despite Bright's 37 points, Bainbridge beat Fillmore in the sectional final, and the Pointers went on to the Sweet 16, while Cloverdale went the southern route (through Brazil, Terre Haute, Evansville) to the Final Four. Wayne Bright would finish his four-year career with 1765 points, more than 1000 rebounds, and a scholarship to Western Kentucky. As a Hilltopper, Bright averaged 18 points on the freshman team and was a part-time three-year varsity starter. The 1970 22-2 Western Kentucky squad, led by 7-1 Jim McDaniels (Bright averaged 8 ppg) earned one of 25 NCAA tournament berths, losing to the Artis Gilmore-led Jacksonville national runner-up.

Larry Steele, Bainbridge, 1967. For a former Cascade Cadet like myself, there was always something unfair about a guy that had a Coatesville address and an Amo phone number, but went on to wreak havoc on the hardwood for Bainbridge High School. In case it's never been stated, we could have used him. The 6-5 Steele, who grew up just inside Putnam County boundaries, was a standout at an unbelievably competitive time in the area. Very thin in high school, but a scrapper who could run, he teamed with 6-2 classmate Ronnie Rossok (1383 career points), Marvin Price, Gary Martin, younger brother Norman Steele and the Judy boys, Bill and Gary, to form a high-scoring, fast

breaking aggregation in Hall of Famer Pat Rady's initial coaching gig. As previously alluded to, Bainbridge, which led the state in scoring at over 88 per game, were sectional and regional champs in '66, and gave East Chicago Washington all it wanted in a 78-74 semistate loss. This East Chicago team then eliminated the Rick Mount led Lebanon Tigers by one point to reach the final four. The '67 club lost to Cloverdale's unbeaten crew twice, but outclassed the sectional and regional field again. The Pointers weren't stopped until Marion Crawley's Lafayette Jeff Bronchos held on for dear life in the 75-72 Lafayette semistate final, a game that saw Bainbridge come storming back from 19 down to take the lead late before succumbing. Bainbridge amassed a two-year 46-6 record, largely on the shoulders of Steele's 1648 career points. The Indiana All-Star went on to play for Adolph Rupp at Kentucky, where he was a three-year starter and first team All-SEC in 1971. Steele went on to a nine-year NBA career, all with Portland, where he led the NBA in steals in 1974 and averaged double digits (10.3) for the Trail Blazers' 1977 NBA champs.

Joe Williams, Reelsville /Cloverdale 1967; Rick Ford, Cloverdale 1968. Raw-boned 6-6 Joe Williams continued the 60's string of size. Williams came into his own in his sophomore season, with four 30-point games, and averaged 21 points a game over a two-year stretch at Reelsville. The Indians couldn't compete with the good teams in Putnam County at that time, but Williams' 21 points and 24 rebounds did spearhead an upset of Howard Sharpe's Terre Haute Gerstmeyer Black Cats in the 1966 regular season. The success of Cloverdale's '66 club kind of gave legs - long legs in fact - to the old adage "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." Big Joe transferred to Cloverdale for his senior season of 1967, joining budding 6-4 junior

star Rick Ford for possibly another state run for Jim Miller's Clovers. The season opener was a precursor, with Ford hitting for 53 (still a Cloverdale record) in a rout of Eminence. The Clovers ripped off 21 straight wins, with only Bainbridge (twice, 72-71, 85-76) providing any real competition. Ford led the Clovers with a 25.6 average, Williams averaged 20 points and 20 boards, while small forward John Truax (13.4) rounded out a dynamite front line. The unbeaten season and AP 12th place ranking did not translate to tournament success though as host Brazil pulled off a major upset of the Clovers in the sectional semifinal, 63-58. The following year, Ford averaging nearly 30 a night, almost gave the Clovers a second straight unbeaten season, losing only to Rosedale. They did pick off the sectional, before they ran afoul of Vincennes in the Washington regional final. Ford finished his career with 1386 points, and while Williams' freshman point totals at Reelsville are sketchy, he's probably in the same vicinity as Ford. Rick Ford became an Indiana All-Star in '68 and played for Indiana University, where he set a Big 10 free throw percentage record of .883 in 1970. He later coached varsity basketball at Southmont and Cascade. Joe Williams' college career started at Henderson (Texas) Junior College, where he averaged 20 points and 15 boards. He played his final two seasons at Indiana State, where he led the Sycamores in field goal percentage.

Fred Cox, Bainbridge/North Putnam, 1970. It's in the genes, as 6-10 Charley Cox's little boy Fred, 6-6 as a freshman at Bainbridge, grew to become Putnam County's only 7-footer. Cox started for two seasons at Bainbridge, averaging 22.7 points and 16.5 boards his junior year. Not physically strong or quick, but the possessor of decent coordination and a good touch around the hoop, he was the third

leading field goal shooter in the state in '69 (.632). His wingspan, rivaled only by Inspector Gadget, clogged the middle on many a penetrating opponent. The North Putnam consolidation (Bainbridge/Roachdale/Russellville) merged Cox, as a senior, with Russellville star Richard Lyons in 1970 and brought former Muncie Central mentor Ike Tallman in to coach. The result was a 20-4 mark, with a sectional title, but a 22-3 Lebanon club knocked them out at the regional. Cox averaged 23.4 points and 17.5 boards, and led the state in field goal shooting at .649. He earned a scholarship to Ole Miss, where he teamed with other native Hoosiers; Dave Shepherd of Carmel, Dave Downing of Brownsburg, and Danny Gunn of Marion, via Thorntown. Cox started in the post for three seasons, averaging 14.5 points per game in his last two seasons for Cob Jarvis. Cox's coach at Bainbridge, Pat Rady, relayed this story from 1967. Kentucky assistant Joe B. Hall came to a Bainbridge workout to recruit Larry Steele. Cox, a gangly freshman at the time, happened to have a ball in the center circle. Hall told him if he hit from there, he would have a Kentucky scholarship in time, also. Cox nailed it. Reportedly, Joe B. held true to his word three years later (although Fred springing to 7-0 may have had some bearing), but couldn't close the deal. Instead, Cox led Mississippi to their first win in forty-five years over Kentucky with an 18 point, 15 rebound performance in 1973, and backed it up with 14 in a Rebel victory over the Wildcats in 1974.

Chad Tucker, Cloverdale, 1983. Like Larry Steele, Tucker wasn't a post man, but at 6-7, he still fits the big-man bill. Primarily a set shooter with a quick release early in his career, he's one of the finest marksmen to come out of Putnam County. Along with classmate Jerry Neese, a sniper-deluxe in his own right, they carved out a three-year ('81-'83)

67-11 mark, with three sectionals, one regional, and one unbeaten regular season for the Clovers. The unbeaten '82 team, with 6-4 workhorse Jim Price (1112 career points), who probably should be featured here. He was a load. Price along with Bill Chestnut and Mark McCammon, was arguably strong enough to get to Market Square Arena, but lost a 60-59 heartbreaker to Terre Haute South in the regional final. Tucker scored 1338 career points at Cloverdale, but really blossomed at Butler, where he got stronger and developed a jump shot. His 2321 career points are still a Butler record. He was a three time Butler MVP, three-time all-Horizon League, and a career 54% shooter. Sadly, Tucker passed away in 1996.

Some other standout Putnam "biggs" worthy of mention include 6-5 Gene Clodfelter, a 20 point per game scorer from Russellville (1952), 6-8 Robin Moore, a 1000 point scorer from Cloverdale (1972), and 6-7 siblings Jim (1976) and Ron (1977) Brothers from North Putnam.

Indiana vs. Illinois By Harley Sheets

Comparisons

This year's Indiana-Kentucky All-Star game saw Kentucky win 3 of the 4 games, but is a series that has been dominated by the Hoosiers. As I reflected on these games my thoughts drifted in the direction of Illinois. I have often wondered how a lengthy series with our neighbors to the west would have turned out. My long and arduous study of high school basketball has taken me to Illinois on numerous occasions due to the fact that many Hoosiers have journeyed there to coach and with a lot of success, including 7 state championships.

Our neighboring states have furnished 3 men who have coached Indiana high schools to 6 state

championships - Bill Harrell (Kentucky) 3 at Muncie Central, Alan Darner (Ohio) 2 at Pike and Gunner Wyman (Kentucky) 1 at Vincennes. Another title was achieved at Brebeuf by Leo Klemm from California.

Let's get back to an Illinois-Indiana all-star match up. Before I became a researcher, I had thought that Indiana would outclass any state in a prolonged series. But as I garnered more information on Illinois, my thoughts began to change. I then started to believe that a confrontation between the two states could go either way, because I came across some measuring devices with which to make a comparison.

In a book entitled *March Madness-The Story Of High School Basketball In Illinois*, I came across information about the one and only Illinois-Indiana All-Star game. Doxle Moore a Delphi native and Purdue graduate, after coaching 4 years at West Lafayette, became coach at Mt. Vernon, Illinois in 1939. In 1941, Doxle promoted a game between Illinois' and Indiana's best high schoolers. The Hoosiers led by 10 at halftime, but lost the game by 6. Since no series evolved we are left in a quandary as to what the outcome of a series would have portrayed.

Ron Ferguson who coached Quinn Buckner during two state title runs and in the process rang up a state record 58 consecutive wins offers this view. "I've always felt Indiana stressed offense while Illinois' game was stronger defensively. Also, I feel Illinois has more good players and good teams because it's bigger. No, I won't say it's better. Maybe just as good, but definitely not better. I remember Washington of East Chicago in 1971. Considering the development and success of its players in college competition, I've always rated Washington one of the great all-time high school teams."

Another comparison comes from Jim Brown (not the NFL star) who played high school basketball in Indiana (Gary Froebel) and coached it in Illinois (Chicago DuSable). He rates the two states at the top of the list from a caliber of competition standpoint. "If the two state champions played a best-of-seven series, I wouldn't be surprised if it went the limit. I don't think there would ever be a sweep because the two states are that close." Brown was the coach when DuSable became the first all-black team with a black coach to reach Illinois' championship game, probably the most controversial ever played in Illinois high school history (see the Summer 2003 edition of *Boxscore, Attucks and DuSable*-page 3 and *Racism In Indiana, Part II* under subheading *Trouble In Illinois*, page 8).

Finally, but not all encompassing, comes my last gauge - a ledger of the Illinois high schools my alma mater has played.

1926	Leb	32	Streator	26	(W)
1940	Leb	44	Aurora	33	(W)
1965	Leb	109	Chi Carver	89	(W)
1966	Leb	91	Chi Carver	66	(W)
1972	Leb	48	Chi Carver	43	(W)
1973	Leb	55	Chi Carver	44	(W)
1987	Leb	51	Chi Carver	55	(L)
1988	Leb	42	Chi Carver	41	(W)
1993	Leb	58	Sprgfld Acad	59	(L)

Indiana's Influence

Because many individuals from Indiana chose to coach in Illinois, this may help to explain why the two states are similar. Let's take a look at some of them. Arthur Trout (Bruceville) became the first to win three state championships (Centralla -'18, '22 and '42) while becoming the all-time winningest coach with 809 victories. Ron Felling (Glenn-Vigo Co.) won 3 titles at Lawrenceville. Larry Graham (Odon) took Marion quintets to the top, twice.

Another Hoosier who did well was Paul Church (Lebanon) who coached at Elgin from 1920-23. In

1922 his football team was proclaimed mythical state champs. However, after the '23 season he left Elgin for some unknown reason and left a basketball team that would win back-to-back championships in '24 and '25. In 1920 his basketball team was eliminated from the tournament by state champ Mt. Vernon. In the 1921 tournament his basketball team bowed to state champion Marion by 1 point in overtime.

Then there is Archie Chadd (Bainbridge) who had a runner up at Canton in 1932 and went to the Final 8 in 1933, before taking the reins at Anderson and winning state titles in 1935 and 1937.

Next comes "Cat" Adam, my wood shop teacher, who took Rantoul to the Final 8 in 1931 and 1932, the farthest that school had ever gone.

Another Hoosier who became an elite coach in Illinois was Lowell "Pug" Dale (Lebanon) who just missed the 500-game plateau and was inducted into the Illinois high school basketball Hall of Fame in its second year of existence. In 1925, state champ Elgin eliminated Dale's Streator team by 1 point. In 1940, state champ Granite City, with the great Andy Phillips, stopped Streator. In 1918, while Dale's alma mater was winning its third state title, Dale took DuQuoin to the Final 4 in Illinois.

Then there was Ray Estes, who in 1960 guided Bridgeport to a runner up finish. He then registered a 213-95 slate in two stints at Anderson, taking them to a Final 4 finish in 1973.

Two other Hoosiers that made their mark are Clyde Grater (Lebanon) and A. A. "Fizz" Wills (Lewisville). Grater after graduation from Wabash College became assistant basketball coach at I.U. while obtaining his Masters degree. He then moved to Goshen for two years where he had a mythical state football champion in 1923 (coaches in these days coached in multiple sports), before going to New Trier High School in

Winnetka, Illinois in 1927. In his 39 years there, he coached football, basketball, baseball, golf, swimming and track. For 11 years as A.D., he administered to 15 sports without the aid of a secretary. A. A. Wills is described as the Mr. Basketball of the Joliet, Illinois area, having coached the high school and the junior college for many, many years.

It seems to me that Illinois owes a debt to Indiana and they sort of paid it back when Bob Knight coached at I.U. Look at some of the great players that he got from Illinois - Isiah Thomas, Scott May, Erik Anderson and Quinn Buckner to name a few.

Missing School Colors

From the list of schools below, we are attempting to find their school colors. If you know yourself or you know someone who knows, contact Jeff with this information.

Modoc
Monon
Monroe Twp. (Washington Co.)
New Augusta
Newberry
Mace
Milford
Noble Twp. (Cass Co.)
North Bend
North Caston
Pierceton
Owensburg
Putnamville
Ragelsville
Reynolds *Blue & Gold*
Round Grove
Selvin
Shadeland
Shipshewana
South Bend Wilson
South Caston
South Milford
Stockwell
Union (Pike Co.)
Velpen
Webb
West Newton
Westport
Wolcott *Blue & Gold*
Wolcottville
Clinton Center (Putnam Co.)

Fairmount Academy
Flint
Glendale
Grandview
Belle Union
Bowling Green
Bringhurst
Burns City
Greene Twp. (St. Joseph Co.)
Griffin
Hanging Grove
Houston
LaOtto *Green & Gold*
Leopold

Well Wishes

The IHSBHS wants to wish lifetime member Steve Brett our every best in his new venture at Shakamak. Steve was let go at Loogootee but perhaps we shouldn't be surprised. I remember, when reading *Butcher Ball*, how amazed I was that Jack Butcher with his phenomenal success had hidden detractors. Go get'em Steve!!!

Harley Sheets

Obituary

From the South Bend Tribune
Arlene Frances Quigley, 88, of South Bend, died November 18, 2007, at 3:45 a.m. in Dujarie House at Holy Cross Village. Arlene was born on November 3, 1919, in Springfield, Mass., to Harold and Anna Rose. On March 25, 1940, in Roxbury, Mass., she married Arthur Quigley, who passed away on December 11, 2000, and was a professor in electrical engineering at the University of Notre Dame. They moved here from Boston, later in 1940.

Surviving are three daughters, Kathleen (David) Sullivan of Winterset, Iowa, Patricia Bodnar of Dayton, Ohio, and Mary (Ted) Price of Grapevine, Texas; a sister, June Hunsicker of Morgan Hill, Calif.; nine grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. A son, Arthur Joseph Quigley, Jr., passed away in 1997.

Mrs. Quigley was very involved in the St. Joseph Parish Community

Including The Altar Society and Parish Council; she was a Eucharistic minister and was active in the St. Joe Grade School PTA. She was also a member of the National Council of Catholic Women, the South Bend Area Council of Catholic Women, the United Religious Community, the Christian Family Movement and National Right to Life. She was founding member and active volunteer at the Northeast Neighborhood Council where she served as secretary as well as the Robinson Learning Center. Arlene also volunteered at the United Religious Community, Boy Scouts of America [where her son Arthur, Jr. became an Eagle Scout] and Camp Fire Girls. She had received several awards for her service including the St. Anne and Charlotte Joy Farnsworth, the National Right to Life and the Edward "Monk" Malloy awards from the Robinson Learning Center.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Friday in St. Joseph Catholic Church, corner of Hill and LaSalle in South Bend, Rev. John DeRiso, CSC and pastor, officiating. Friends may call today from 3 to 7 p.m. in the McGarin Hay Funerals /Cremation/Gatherings, Universal Chapel, 2313 E. Edison Road at Ironwood, where the parish will pray the Rosary at 3:30 p.m.

Memorial donations in Arlene's honor may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation or Right to Life.

Editor's note: This obituary is printed belatedly because it was not available for the last newsletter. Many thanks to Mrs. Quigley's daughter Patricia for sending it to me.

For those who do not know, Arlene Quigley was the mother of A. J. Quigley Jr., co-founder of IHSBHS. HBS.

Do you know this high school?

In many issues of *Boxscore* there has been a high school photo (usually from Harley Sheets' post card collection) for members to attempt to identify. Any person who correctly names the school (pictured below) will win a copy of Harley's *Where in the World*, which lists all consolidations as of 1983. Hint: It's real close to one of Indiana's military preserves. Send guesses to

vols@indy.net

or

IHSBHS Mystery Photo
710 E. 800 S
Clayton, IN 46118

A Comment from Harley

Since this is my last newsletter as editor (well, as part-time editor), I would like to express my appreciation to some dedicated Indiana high school basketball advocates. To Gary McGrady who gave me needed relief until things didn't work out the way we had planned. To J.J. "Rocky" Kenworthy for hanging in there with me when Gary relinquished the editorship. To Tim Puet a proofreader deluxe (you should have seen the chicken tracks he applied to my articles). Next comes a really, really big thanks to our two new editors - Tom White and Jeff "Sweet Lu"

Luzadder. The board of directors had considered a monetary stipend for them to publish the *Boxscore*, but they negated the offer because, in their words, they were doing it "for the love of the game". HOW NEAT IS THAT? Had it not been for Tom contributing his article on Class vs. Multi-Class Basketball in Indiana, I might not have been in touch with him enough to realize what a gem we had in the organization - a real computer whiz. And mucho gratias to "Sweet Lu" for his willingness to not only assist Tom with the publishing but his many ideas to further the success of the IHSBHS. Something else I'll always remember about the Dunkirk Speedcat, although I don't think he's exceptionally fast, is the encouragement he gave me when I thought, at one time, that it might be time to fold up the tent and head for the hills.

My hope is that all members will pitch in with whatever expertise is possessed and make Tom and Jeff's job as easy as possible. "The Rock" and I will still be around to contribute a story here and there and assist in anyway we can. But now that I am allowed to put myself out to pasture, here I go - Moooooooooooo.

