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Reminder!!!

For those who haven't paid their dues for 2010, the price is \$7. Send remittance to Rocky Kenworthy at the address shown in the Publication and Membership Notes section, above right on this page. We hope you have enjoyed your association with IHSBHS and wish to continue in the future.

Important Notice!!!

July 24 Membership Meeting in Terre Haute

The Board is organizing a membership meeting in Terre Haute at the Vigo County Public Library on Saturday, July 24, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The officers encourage members to attend because, in the past, these meetings have always given members a chance to meet each other in person. Pat Rady will be the main speaker. See page 9 for the flyer.

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to IHSBHS: Ray Baurley, Mark Eccles, Steve Bean, Mac Martin, Richard Ockomon, and Lon Showley.

IHSBHS Musical Chairs

We are proud to announce that Roger Robison has been elected as our new president. He has been an active member from almost the beginning of IHSBHS, including holding other offices, serving on the Board and writing stories for *Boxscore*.

We would like to thank John Ockomon for his years of service as president. John was the first IHSBHS president and has served three terms as president. Since all past presidents are permanent Board members, John will remain on the Board, serving IHSBHS the way he always does.

Tom White has thrown Harley under the bus, so we also have a new vice president. In his retirement, Harley will still be a Board member, since he was also a past president. Harley would like to pass on a message to the membership - Mooooooooooooo (For a translation, see "A Comment from Harley," *Boxscore* 2008, Issue 2). To replace Harley, the Board has elected Tom White as the new vice president (You've got to watch those guys who grew up near the Region. They throw someone under the bus and then take over his position).

Jeff Luzadder has been re-elected as secretary. Rocky Kenworthy has been re-elected as treasurer, mostly because he is doing such a stellar job and partly because he is "not smart enough to do anything else" (See "About the Authors," *Boxscore* 2009, Winter issue, for an explanation).

The Board has reappointed Tom White and Jeff Luzadder as co-editors of *Boxscore* and since Tim Puet has

been such a mainstay, he is retained as the Asst. Editor.

The Board has created a new position, business developer, and has installed Jeff Luzadder in that role. Jeff will be keeping an eye on membership numbers and figuring out ways to expand the membership, either by external ads or other means.

This concludes the musical portion of our program. All new officers will assume their roles as of July 1 and will serve a two-year term. In the spring of next year, there will be an election for the six member-at-large positions on the Board. Those wishing to serve in this capacity may contact any current Board member to be placed on the ballot for next spring.

Tom White

Members Articles

In a previous *Boxscore* I commented that we can only print stories that we have received from the membership. We are beginning to run low on member stories and may be completely out by the end of the year. If you have been solicited by me or are a member with a story in mind, you should probably start working on it. Remember, if you don't write something then *Boxscore* will consist of only those items that regularly appear in each issue plus an article that I write. You don't want to be bored to death reading only my articles issue after issue, so please send your articles to Tom at (whitelitng@gmail.com) or Jeff at (jeffluzadder@comcast.net).

Tom White

The New Prez: Roger Robison

I graduated from Frankfort High in 1954 after living in Terre Haute, Frankfort, Chicago (Englewood), and Lowell. I played four years of intramural basketball, three years of varsity tennis (NCC champs in '52 and '53) and one year of varsity football, where I was known as POINT-A-MINUTE ROBISON. I got in one game for one minute and scored one point (against the Plainfield Reform School). At I.U., I was a chemistry major and my wife was a linguistics professor's daughter. I went on to med school in Albany, N.Y. Afterward, I did additional training in New Orleans, California, and Houston and worked as a GP, an internist, a medical oncologist, and finally a radiation oncologist. I practiced in California, Tampa, Bloomington, Terre Haute, and Vincennes. We have lived in Bloomington for the last 20 years.

Growing up in Frankfort was like living among ghosts—the ghosts of past glories under coach Everett Case. The legends were everywhere. During a game, an old-timer would remark, "14 to 5, the same score Frankfort led Martinsville after the first 10 minutes of the 1924 title game." The gym teacher would say, "That's the spot where Ansell Street hit the last-second shot that beat Lafayette in the 1935 Regional." Even living in Lowell in 1948, I found that the principal and his wife were from Logansport and still fuming about the 1927 "deep freeze" stall game win (10-7) over undefeated Logansport. At I.U. in 1955, I was verbally assaulted by a World War II vet still angry over Frankfort's 1944, one point Regional win over his Thorntown Kewasakees.

My Latin teacher and our park superintendent was a former coach who twice took teams to the Sweet 16 (1933, 1944) and was Case's assistant from 1936-42. He recounted the triumphs, the tragedies, and the secret skeletons in the closet. Thank you, Larry Farrell, for a lifelong hobby of trying to separate fact from fiction. And that has been the mission of IHSBHS under Quigley and Sheets since 1994. Being part of that noble enterprise has been an honor for me the last 15 years. "Tis strange but true; for truth is always strange, -- stranger than fiction".

Roger



1948 Monroeville Cubs

The Amazing Monroeville Cubs of 1948

by Max Robison

The small, sleepy town of Monroeville lies in the southeast corner of Allen County and in 1948 had a population of around 1,000 inhabitants. The school there was known as Monroeville School, with grades one through 12. There was no kindergarten there in those days. The high school had less than 100 students. The most notable thing to happen to that town and the school in 1948 was the outstanding success of the high school basketball team, the Monroeville Cubs.

There were 10 county schools in those days and five in the city of Fort Wayne. The 10 in the county were Monroeville and Hoagland (now Heritage), Woodburn and Harlan (now Woodlan), Arcola and Huntertown (now Carroll), Lafayette Central (now merged into Homestead), Elmhurst, which is now a Fort Wayne school, New Haven, and Leo. The five city schools were North Side, South Side, Central, Central Catholic, and Concordia. The Fort Wayne sectional in those days was made up of these 15 schools plus Coesse from Whitley County to make an even 16. Never before in the history of the Fort Wayne sectional had a "county" team won a sectional.

The 1947-48 Cubs had an 18-3 record going into the sectional and had won the Allen County tournament that year. They were coached by Bill Milliner, who was in his second year

coaching the Cubs after returning from a stint in the Navy during World War II. The Cubs' starting five were Dick Reinking, Don Lehrman, Abner Lee, Gene Rhodes, and Merritt Myers. Other members of that team were Max Brown, Jim Giant, Bob Hullinger, Stan Shaffer, and Newt Beucler. Only Lehrman, Beucler and Shaffer are still living. They defeated Central Catholic in the first game 50-45, then beat Woodburn 50-35. The next opponent was North Side, and they took them out in the semifinals of the sectional 44-33. That brought on the Central Tigers, who were city champions that year. Their star player was the great Johnny Bright. The Cubs beat the Tigers in the final game 38-32. This was some accomplishment. The Cubs not only won the sectional, but beat three city schools in the process. The celebration in Monroeville was something to behold. A large bonfire in the main intersection was lit that night, with hundreds of people celebrating.

The Cubs weren't done yet. In the Fort Wayne Regional at North Side High School, the Cubs first defeated the previously unbeaten Milford Trojans 51-46. They then disposed of the Garrett Railroaders in the final game to become Fort Wayne Regional champs. I was 10 years old that year and obviously a great fan of the Cubs. I would follow their games on the radio with Hilliard Gates broadcasting, using my Eckrich scorecard to keep score. Hilliard's color man in those days was

Fred Smith. I was lucky enough to get my hands on a ticket to the regional and went there with my grandfather, whose name was also Fred Smith. Where did we sit? Right behind Hilliard and Fred for that tournament.

The Cubs then advanced to the semistate, which was held at the Muncie Fieldhouse in those days. They played Muncie Central and lost to the Bearcats 49-38.

What a great season that was, and it never could have happened with class basketball. Yes, it was only a one-time occasion, but people still talk about it more than 50 years later. The Cubs were still a young team with only Don Lehrman from the starting five graduating that year. Coach Milliner received many offers after that coaching gem and took a position with the Elkhart Blue Blazers the following year. With a new coach and most of the team back, the 1948-49 Cubs won 24 straight games, including the county tournament again, and were ranked as high as fourth in the state, but lost to Fort Wayne Central in the semifinals of the sectional, [49-42].

The town of Monroeville isn't much larger now than it was then and only has an elementary school now. The high school is part of Heritage, located just west of Monroeville.

Boilermaker Memories

by Cliff S. Johnson

The late 1950s were pretty good basketball years for the Purdue Boilermaker teams, their student supporters, and their fans. Our total win-loss record for 1956 through 1959 was 60-28, primarily against stout Big Ten competition. Most of the squad members during those years were recruited by coach Ray Eddy from the many competitive high school teams throughout Indiana. I was lucky enough to be one of his recruits. Although I was on the basketball and track teams for only two years and did not get in much varsity hardwood playing time, I was nevertheless thrilled to be associated with the high-caliber players and enthusiastic boosters we had during that period. Since more than 50 years have now passed, many of the names have been forgotten. The younger generation has probably never heard of most of them. But it might be of interest to some basketball history buffs if I reintroduce a few of those guys again, to the best of my recollection. After all, the

publication you're now reading is geared toward history, so you might have that interest.

Joe Sexson: I'll begin with the player who made the greatest impression on me during those years. The 6-foot-4 Sexson was a graduate of Indianapolis Arsenal Technical High School in 1952. He carried the Green Wave to the final game of the state tournament in his senior year, scored 44 total points in his two final games, and was the recipient of the Trester Award for mental attitude that year. Shortly afterward, the title of Indiana's "Mr. Basketball" was appropriately bestowed upon him. But it was only after I had the opportunity of watching firsthand his ballhandling, teamwork, passing skills, caginess, rebounding, and field-goal accuracy during Purdue ball games that I fully appreciated the extent of his talent. He was expert at playing any position. In my opinion, Joe was the archetype of a Larry Bird. During his three seasons of play for the Boilers, he averaged 16.6 points per game and scored 1,095 points, both school records up to that time.

Lamar Lundy: From Richmond High School and one year younger than Sexson, Lundy, at 6-6, was as proficient a basketball center as he was an offensive end for our football team. He was a favorite target of Lenny Dawson, the Boilers' quarterback. Both Lamar and Len were inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame after long careers in the NFL. Lundy's rebounding skills in basketball were probably the best in the Big Ten Conference during his years at Purdue. His muscular frame, at 226 pounds, was a major factor, as he could not be pushed around in the keyhole and steadfastly held his position for rebounds. In watching him play, you'd readily notice that he was exceptionally lithe and agile, in spite of his bulk. He was also an adept scorer, ringing up 686 points in his three college seasons. I can vividly recall during a scrimmage that I was picked off and became temporarily mismatched defensively against Lundy while Sexson had the ball in the backcourt. Lundy towered over me, and Sexson, never missing an opportunity, whistled a no-look pass at the nine-foot level next to the rim for an easy touch/tip in by Lamar. That pass & catch combo was a thing of beauty and undoubtedly the slickest move I ever fell victim to. They used it often against our opponents, too.

While with the Red Devils at Richmond, Lundy and Wayne Van Sickle were the scoring leaders of a team that reached the Final Four in 1953. Van Sickle and Lundy together scored 25 of their team's 40 points in an eight-point afternoon loss to Terre Haute Gerstmeyer and the Andrews trio of Arley, Harley, and Uncle Harold.

Willie Merriweather: One of Crispus Attucks' all-time greats, the 6-5 Merriweather was somewhat overshadowed in high school by his teammate Oscar Robertson (but who wouldn't be?). Attucks had powered its way in 1955 to a 31-1 record, losing only to Connersville by one point toward the end of its schedule. On its path to the state championship, that season, the team scored an overwhelming 2,316 points to its opponents' 1,640, a differential of 21 points per game. Amazingly, some of those games were semistalls conducted by Attucks' opponents to keep the scores down. Merriweather, after his high school graduation, ultimately became a member of one the finest aggregations of court showmen Purdue had ever put onto its fieldhouse floor. He and teammates Jake Eison, Bill Greve, Bob Fehrman, Harvey Austin, and several capable backup men, were able to put on crowd-pleasing displays of ballhandling and court antics that were the talk of the Big Ten for three straight seasons, 1957 to 1959. But coach Eddy innately was a strict fundamentalist. He would not tolerate Globetrotter-like antics. Whenever a regular would "showboat," even if it were a fancy assist or movement that led to a field goal, it became "bench time" for that player for a while. There were frequent substitutions and the lack of cohesion between coach and players might have cost the Boilers conference crowns for three straight years. Merriweather was a mainstay on that squad and usually led the offensive assaults in scoring from a guard position. The Boilers finished as the close runner-up in the Big Ten in 1958 and 1959.

Wilson "Jake" Eison: Another 6-5 Indiana "Mr. Basketball" before joining the Boilermakers' varsity in 1957, Eison was a complete player. Slender and agile at 187 pounds, he had all the moves and scoring ability needed to help convert any ordinary team into a championship contender. He was instrumental, along with Dick Barnett, in driving the 1955 Gary Roosevelt

team into the final game of the state tournament. He scored 25 points against Fort Wayne North Side (and his future Boiler teammate, Charlie Lyons) in the afternoon and finished the day with a 31-point barrage in a losing 97-74 effort against Merriweather, Robertson, and their Attucks teammates that night. At Purdue, Eison fell victim to academic difficulties in 1956 and 1957 and sat out one full semester before re-establishing his GPA and rejoining the team in the fall of 1957. His final two seasons of play were nothing short of superb at the center position. He scored 701 points for a colorful, entertaining team also noted for its balanced scoring and team play. He was the squad's leading rebounder.

Bill Greve: Another member of the late 1950s powerhouse, Greve was a 6-5 forward with an unerring eye for shooting two-hand set shots from the edge of the court and grabbing more than his share of rebounds (479 over a three-year period). Very maneuverable and adept at setting picks, Bill could also effectively perform at guard when needed. He led the team in scoring and was second only to Lundy in rebounding during his sophomore season. A graduate of Waveland High School, Bill took over the No. 1 spot on his school's all-time scoring list during his senior year, overtaking the record set by older brother Keith a few seasons earlier.

Bob Fehrman: Another 6-5 performer, who played a mean forward and crashed the boards by keeping his opponents at bay with sharp elbows and a hard-nosed determination to come down with the ball, Bob was an exceptionally fierce competitor. He hailed from Aurora, near the northern bank of the Ohio River. Not just a one-dimensional player, he also finished his three-year varsity career by scoring a total that was one point shy of 500.

Harvey Austin: The shortest starter on this powerful team, at an even 6 feet, Harvey was the dynamo and our key playmaker. He was usually the fastest man on the court during any game. He was also exceptionally tricky with the ball, sometimes coming up with scoring and assist maneuvers that no one had seen before. Although assists were not recorded in those days, Harvey was a marvel at setting up teammates for easy field goals. As a shooter, he was an unexcelled marksman, with a

percentage of .487 his junior year, an accuracy well above the standard for those days, especially for a backcourt man. He had an easy-going, pleasant personality and was a favorite companion of many of us. His tendency to occasionally clown around on court and often make opponents look foolish displeased coach Eddy, to the extent that Harvey was often called upon to warm the bench. On every such occasion, bleacher fans routinely began clamoring loudly for his return to the court. Harvey was a few years older than the rest of us, having spent three years in the Army after graduating from Emerson High School in Buffalo, N.Y. He had been an outstanding player at the secondary level, but his court skills were honed further during his military service.

Richard Swank: Often a promising basketball career can be disrupted by a turn of peculiar events or by a freak accident. Such was the case with Dick Swank, a strong 6-5 rebounder and high scorer from Monticello who, as a Boiler sophomore, looked poised to set all sorts of records. During a practice session at the front end of the 1957-58 season, Dick came down hard on his knee after capturing a rebound, then couldn't rise back up. After being carried off the court, later exams revealed that his kneecap had been splintered into sections. A tricky operation was deemed optional as recourse, but the chances for full recovery were thought doubtful and the kind of operation needed might have made things worse (i.e., a stiff leg for life). His playing days were thus cut short, and we'll never know how much more the Boilermakers might have benefited from his court presence during a remaining two-and-a-half seasons of eligibility. Dick, like myself, became a career university administrator. He lives in retirement near Eugene, Oregon and we communicate regularly by e-mail.

Coach Ray Eddy: Ray was John Wooden's Purdue teammate for one year during the early '30s and, like Wooden, was an outstanding player on outstanding conference championship teams coached by one of the greatest mentors of all time, "Piggy" Lambert. As a coach, Eddy was a strong adherent of fundamental basketball and insisted that his players stick to the basics of what he believed to be the only key to winning basketball. He had proved his case year after year as

the high school coach for the usually powerful Madison Cubs. His stint at Madison culminated with a state championship in 1950 after being runner-up to the Jasper Wildcats a year earlier. Immediately afterward, he was offered a change of venue to coach the Kokomo Wildkats, who reigned supreme in the area where I grew up. I had the opportunity of playing for Eddy in high school by transferring to the city school but I didn't want to, partially because my Western teammates and I had beaten the Kats in the junior-high county tournament for two years in a row. As it turned out, Ray rejected the Kokomo coaching position once he was offered the Purdue job. A strange sequence of events had preceded his decision. John Wooden had been offered the job but turned it down due to what he perceived as a moral issue involving a coaching assignment. Wooden was then contacted by Minnesota. Once it was ascertained that he was still available and had not made a firm commitment with UCLA, the Minnesota regents were given 24 hours to make arrangements, but because of downed telephone lines, due to a snow storm, the regents were unable to make contact in time, thus leading Wooden to UCLA. The rest is history.

Ward "Piggy" Lambert: Coach Lambert's overall accomplishments at Purdue have never been surpassed. He was one of the wisest coaches of all time, in my possibly unqualified opinion. He had been a star high school and college player in Indiana during the maturation days of Naismith's game. By the time I enrolled at Purdue in the fall of 1954, Lambert had returned to the campus as freshman coach after serving a brief stint as commissioner for the National Basketball League. Before that, he had coached all but one of the Purdue teams from 1917 through 1945, compiling a win-loss record of 364-145 (72%)--mostly against opponents from what was then regarded as the nation's toughest college basketball conference. Purdue won 11 conference championships during Lambert's reign, many more than any other Big Ten school could muster. During the early 1930s, he was John Wooden's mentor. What else need be said regarding his knowledge of a winning basketball philosophy?

Paul Hoffman: Formerly a standout player for Cabby O'Neill at

Jasper and honored as an Indiana All-Star in 1943, Hoffman became a Purdue cager under "Piggy" Lambert, beginning in the fall of 1943. At 6-3, Paul was an All-America selection for three years running. After graduation, he donned the uniform of the Baltimore Bullets and became one of the best players in the NBL. Known as "the Bear" because of his overpowering strength and size, he was appointed Purdue's freshman coach beginning in the fall of 1955, just as our "cream of the crop" players were arriving. Under his tutelage, they were shaped into the formidable offensive machine they were to become for the next few years. Paul was a master at producing small personal advantages on the court and would not hesitate to urge their use, as long as nobody (especially the officials) could detect them--a questionable mode of thinking, perhaps, but it could prove effective in tight situations.

Joe Dienhart: This coach served as Eddy's righthand man during the 1950s and was generally recognized as the most versatile member of the Purdue athletic staff during the 1940s and '50s. He had been an assistant athletic director to Guy Mackey, served as assistant coach for football and basketball, and was an eagle-eyed talent scout for both programs. In his earlier years, Joe had been a letter winner at Notre Dame in basketball and football. Many of us recognized him as the most ardent supporter of our Boilermaker athletic teams.

Johnny DeCamp: Known as the "Voice of the Boilermakers," DeCamp displayed much of his talent at the microphone for local radio station WBAA over the years. Tuning in to his basketball game broadcasts (usually on Saturday and Monday nights) was a rather fixed, yet always exciting routine for many Boilermaker fans who weren't able to make it to the Purdue Fieldhouse or attend away games. There was no greater fan or booster those days than Johnny who would also show up at open practice sessions and cheer us on during our scrimmages.

While undoubtedly I've omitted other key personalities who contributed greatly to the Boilermaker successes of the late 1950s, the ones I've mentioned previously are those who are solidly fixed in my memory. It's my hope that these accounts have brought back a few fond memories for you, too.

Is the IHSAA Inept or Indifferent To Solving Recruitment Problems, As Illustrated by Charter Schools? by Tom White

The IHSAA has no problem in espousing the fairness of their class system. With regard to recruitment of ballplayers by individual schools and types of schools, they seem to lack the backbone to institute a fair policy. To understand part of this you have to understand the types of schools that are in the public and private domain.

Magnet schools are part of a public school system bureaucratically, but allow students to crossover school district boundaries to attend schools from another district. Magnet schools were initially developed as a political tool to desegregate schools in the late '60s and early '70s. Today magnet schools offer a slightly different curriculum, which might emphasize mathematics, art or some other subject. Since magnet schools were set up to allow crossing school boundaries, they are exempt from rules that limit their recruitment.

Charter schools are a recent development (2001). They are public schools that are governed by a charter, which states the goals for the school's existence, and are not part of any school district. This means they have no recruitment boundaries.

Catholic and other religious schools are private schools. But they are exactly the same as magnet and charter schools in that they have no recruitment boundaries. These schools can recruit from anywhere.

For the most part all remaining schools are public and therefore have school district boundaries which limit where they can recruit players.

The second part of the problem deals with players that transfer from one school district to another. If a player is transferring to a new school and his parents are changing their residency to this new district, then everything is copacetic and there is no penalty invoked. However, if the player goes to the new school and the parents remain in the previous school's district, the player is given a one-year penalty with the option of playing on the B-team. In the latter case the transfer is deemed to be for "athletic reasons" and the IHSAA is against this because it looks like this new school is trying to acquire talent to gain an advantage. One year Lebanon coach Jim Rosenstihl recruited a kid from the

Zionsville school district. The player and his mother then moved to Lebanon. When the season ended and the boy graduated, he and his mother were soon gone. Since the participants in this affair lived up to the letter of the law, the IHSAA was evidently not happy but legally could do nothing.

There is an old joke in basketball circles that the water in Lawrence North must be different from the water at Lawrence Central because the North teams are always bigger than the Central teams. This is mostly because of the steady influx of tall transfers into Lawrence North. Although North has not been found guilty of any recruitment violations, it is obviously ignoring the spirit of the policy.

Bowman Leadership Academy is a charter school. As such it recruits from all over Gary and the surrounding areas. Bowman has another advantage in that its coach, Marvin Rea, is also an AAU coach. This allows him to observe and recruit kids for Bowman at the sixth and seventh grade levels, since there are AAU tournaments played at those levels. The IHSAA's mandate only covers the "high school years" so unless they can expand this to cover seventh and eighth grades, Bowman has them over a barrel.

Catholic and private schools have been included in the IHSAA since 1943. In the past Catholic schools were made up of only Catholic students. Presently non-Catholic students also attend so in effect, Catholic schools have no recruitment or religious boundaries. The IHSAA has had approximately 60 years to resolve the problem of Catholic school recruitment, but has spent that time sitting on their hands doing nothing.

Both Greg Oden and Mike Conley played together at Lawrence North (taking three consecutive state championships: 2004, 2005, and 2006), even though Oden transferred in from Terre Haute and Conley came in from out of state. Although The IHSAA could find no evidence of involvement by the coach or by North in the transfers, there was definitely a conspiracy by the players and/or their parents.

Either the IHSAA has been asleep at the switch or it doesn't believe in "fairness" for all the schools within their organization. A policy that ignores some schools or types of schools while forcing others to abide by the policy is

absolutely ludicrous. A policy that is ignored by players and parents without repercussions makes the IHSAA a laughing stock of the basketball community and the state.

Public schools are at a marked disadvantage because they are expected to observe the recruitment boundaries while religious institutions get a free pass and schools with boundaries, blatantly ignore them.

In each of the last two years Danville has imported a player from another school district to improve its chances in obtaining a state title. This year it was Jordan Weidner, a senior transfer from Franklin Central. When faced with playing for a graduation depleted Franklin Central squad, Weidner opted to play along side 6-10 Travis Carroll of Danville. The parents more than likely acceded to his wishes and moved into the Danville school district.

When the IHSAA originally established the "no recruitment" policy, it was basically to ensure that coaches and schools could not recruit players from other school districts. In the last decade players, parents and certain schools have flaunted this policy. Whether it's the player, the parents, the coach or the school, in the end it's all the same recruitment violation. It's about recruiting to obtain an advantage and that is what the "no recruitment" policy attempts to eliminate.

There is a simple solution to this problem, and that is to do what the NCAA does. If a player transfers to a new school, they sit out a year and play on the B-team. This eliminates the IHSAA from having to make individual decisions. The Lawrence Norths and Danvilles will then be forced to play by the same rules as everyone else.

In the past, in order to suspend a school, the IHSAA had to find evidence of a conspiracy to recruit outside its school district by a coach and/or administrators. This definition is far too narrow to be of any use. In the case of Oden and Conley, the conspiracy was between the two players and/or their parents. Thus, Lawrence North participated in the conspiracy by including both players on its roster. It's the height of hypocrisy to allow two students or parents to do what an individual school would never be allowed to do. It's also the height of hypocrisy to allow Catholic schools,

charter schools, Lawrence North and Danville to continue to have their own personal recruitment rules while expecting other schools to abide by a different set of rules.

Besides expanding the definition of what constitutes a recruitment infraction, the IHSAA must also consider adjusting the way it administers punishment. The "death sentence" one-year school suspension is far too extreme and is generally not handed down by the IHSAA. Since the schools know the IHSAA is never going to use this type of suspension, it's not really a deterrent for recruitment infractions. I would suggest a "lighter" approach. I would suggest not inviting the suspected "recruitment infraction" schools to the end-of-year state tournament. Historically the IHSAA has issued invitations to all nonsuspended schools to participate in the state tournament. Each school must return the invitation with their affirmative response in order to be included in the tournament draw. In the past this has been a mere formality, but the IHSAA could use this tool to get compliance with the recruitment rules. This change in the invitation process reflects a change in attitude by making the participation in the tournament a privilege and not a right. If a school violates the intent of the recruitment rules, they would simply not be invited to participate in the state tournament. This would get the attention of schools that consistently recruit to obtain an advantage.

The IHSAA got lucky when Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard rejected Buck Creek Academy's sports-theme proposal to be a charter school. BCA was supposed to have a sports-oriented curriculum, which seemed to fly in the face of what charter schools are all about. Unfortunately for the IHSAA, Bowman Academy disguised this and snuck in under the radar.

I also find it hard to believe that a school like Buck Creek Academy could ever get accredited with a sports related curriculum. Are high schools no longer required to educate kids? When I went to school the main purpose of a high school was to educate and not to contribute to another generation of ignorant ballplayers. I don't know whether the IHSAA considers accreditation, but maybe it should. It should probably talk to the state's Department of

Education and figure this out before another Buck Creek Academy type school comes down the path. The next time it may not be so fortunate.

Before 1943, the IHSAA discriminated against religious schools and segregated black schools by not including them in the IHSAA. After the initial years of discrimination, the IHSAA has flipped over to allow more than 60 years of discrimination against public schools. Forcing recruitment boundaries on public schools while allowing Catholic and private schools to be "boundary free" is in itself an act of discrimination. Isn't it about time that recruitment fairness should be reintroduced into the process?

The IHSAA has an obligation to all of the member schools to make sure everyone is playing by the same set of rules. Anything short of this will be an abdication of its responsibilities and it should probably disband and reorganize, with better authority and new personnel.

The problems posed by the charter and Catholic schools with their "no recruitment boundaries" can be eliminated by creating a new and separate class. This class would contain all schools that have no recruitment boundaries, which means charter, magnet, Catholic, military, and other private schools based on religion or something else. In this way every school within each of the various classes is playing by the same rules. This is not my idea. About every year someone proposes a separate class for Catholic schools. My idea is different in that it groups all schools with no recruitment boundaries into the same class, not just Catholic schools.

The only other suggestion I have to make is to eliminate recruitment rules altogether. Allow every school to steal athletes from any other school without any repercussions from the IHSAA. This may be a bit ugly, but it would certainly equalize the playing field.

I have come up with a couple of possible alternatives that I think could solve the recruitment problem. If IHSAA doesn't get a handle on this issue soon it will have screwed up basketball in Indiana even more than the class system did.

(The opinions expressed here are those of the author and may or may not reflect those of IHSBHS members.)

Observations from the Class Finals by Tom White

This was the 100th anniversary of the state finals and it was the worst collection of games I have ever seen. This is in part because of the inadequacies of IHSAA policies and the current class setup, but a major part resulted from the refereeing. In a couple of the games, I thought I was watching a combination of wrestling and football instead of basketball. I spent all day watching four basketball games and mostly, it was a waste of my time.

Class 1A

Bowman Academy 74
Barr-Reeve 52

Bowman is a relatively new addition to the IHSAA and because of the way in which the IHSAA determines the class of a new school, it was placed in Class 1A. It is not a 1A school. It is actually a high 2A school now in terms of enrollment. In 2012, when the IHSAA reorganizes the schools into the various classes, Bowman will probably be reclassified as a 3A school. This was not missed by the Barr-Reeve cheering block when it chanted, "We are ... 1A." Bowman is also a charter school as I have previously discussed. All of this, along with poor refereeing, made the result of this game a forgone conclusion.

The game would have been far better and more evenly matched if Bowman had played North Central (4A). As it was, the spindly Barr-Reeve players were constantly being bumped and mauled by the slightly wider and bigger Bowman players and, since the referees swallowed their whistles, Barr-Reeve could never get into the game.

The Gary Thea Bowman Academy Eagles finished the year at 24-1, while the Barr-Reeve Vikings ended at 24-4.

Class 2A

Wheeler 41
Park Tudor 38

When class system supporters wax poetically about small schools getting a chance to play for championships, what they forget to tell you is that when a bad team makes it to the finals, it is "really bad." Park Tudor had no business being in the finals. After ending a mediocre 9-10 regular season while playing mediocre opponents, its overall school ranking was probably right around 150 of the 400 schools. The Panthers had one player, guard

Kevin Ferrell, who scored 43% of their points during the regular season and 20 of their 38 points in the final game. Wheeler shot a paltry 26% but won because it was playing against only one player that could score.

The purpose of any tournament is to eliminate the riff-raff and end up with the two best, or at least two very good schools, vying to be champion. Since the current class system is made up of four tournaments, each of these 100-team class tournaments offers one less game at both the semistate level and in the finals. These additional tournament games are important because they offer more opportunities to eliminate a bad team.

Although I've complained for years about the IHSAA's implementation of class basketball, I must admit I do like the intent of class sectionals and regionals. Wheeler is an example of why they are good. After about 93 years of no sectional titles, Wheeler won its first sectional crown in 2007 and has won three of its last four. It could never have done this before class basketball since it is located near Valparaiso, which has 1500 more students and is always a 4A basketball powerhouse.

The Wheeler Bearcats finished the season at 27-1, while the Park Tudor Panthers ended at 15-11.

Class 3A

Washington 65
Gary Wallace 62 (OT)

This was the most poorly refereed game I have ever witnessed in my 50 years of watching basketball. There was this old referee with short-cropped hair and balding (Tom Walters), who from the start of the second half until 1:38 left in the fourth quarter never made a call that favored Gary Wallace. There were eight or nine calls, half of which were atrocious, and all were in favor of Washington. I hope he retires, because I'd hate to see a spectacle like that again. Without his blatantly biased calls, the Hornets would have won in regulation.

On the face of it, this was the most exciting game of the four, with both teams being closely matched. The Hatchets were lead by Cody Zeller with 20 points and Kurtis Anthony with 17, while the Hornets had Branden Dawson and Latroy Taylor, each with 22. With about 1:48 left, Washington held a five-point lead. However, Taylor hit a 3-pointer from the corner with 37 seconds left that tied the game. At the

end of overtime, Dawson barely missed a half-court shot at the buzzer that bounced off the rim.

The Washington Hatchets finished the year at 23-3, while the Gary Wallace Hornets ended at 19-5.

Class 4A

North Central (Indpls.) 95
Warsaw 74

My comment is based on the overall poor refereeing displayed both in this game and in the Bowman-Barr-Reeve game. In both games, the North Central and Bowman defenders were allowed to "mug" the offensive player. They were continually allowed to run into and "angle off" the guards toward the sideline, while no foul was forthcoming. Jordyn Coon is a pretty good ball handling guard for Warsaw, but even he had trouble dribbling with one hand and hand wrestling with the other. When the referees refuse to make these types of calls, they turn basketball into touch football. I left at halftime with the score 46-26, and it was obvious to me that Warsaw would never catch a break from these referees. North Central may be better than Warsaw, but it isn't 20 points better. The difference was mostly determined by the refereeing.

The North Central Panthers finished the season at 25-3, while the Warsaw Tigers ended at 23-3.

In terms of attendance, the class 1A and 2A session drew 12,375, which makes me wonder that if the class system is so important for small schools, why was the crowd two-thirds of the class 3A and 4A total? The nighttime attendance was 18,366, which was declared a sellout. Maybe the IHSAA should put classes 1A and 3A in the first session and 2A and 4A at night to even out the disparity.

On a more positive note, the best player on the court all day was 6-foot-10 Cody Zeller of Washington. His 20 points, 26 rebounds, and overall hustle gained him high marks for the day. The award for the school that had the most supporters at the games goes to Warsaw with Washington a close second. There was Warsaw orange almost everywhere, and they showed up to support their Tigers.

Next year, the IHSAA might as well put flags in the player's jockstraps and turn the finals into four touch football games, since that is apparently the quality of refereeing they accept.

Tidbits from Here and There by Harley Sheets

I had attended but one state finals since the institution of the class system. The two primary reasons were my disappointment in the change of format and my obligation as show chairman and then as president of the Indianapolis Postcard Club's annual postcard show, which has always taken place concurrently. Because of Tom White's continual pleading and Tim Puet's willingness to procure tickets, I gave in this year. For a number of years, I had offered Tim the hospitality of my home, but for various reasons, he was unable to accept. This year I was to be his host, but as fate would have it, obligations were forthcoming and Tim was unable to attend. However, the Tim's ticket was not wasted. I invited my neighbor Willis Parker to the morning session and my son to the evening proceedings.

Tom White has discussed the games on the previous page, but here are my observations and impressions. It was exciting once again to enter the magnificent Conesco Fieldhouse, but nothing will ever replace, for me, the ambience and milieu of that staid old edifice formerly known as the Butler Fieldhouse. As I entered the inner sanctum seeking my seat. I was deluged for the next 30 minutes by a prevailing wind that bloweth rap music my way. What have we older fans done to deserve this? Isn't class basketball bad enough? At the same time, Blake Ress graced the environs near the playing floor. While meandering about, his bewitching smile seemed to indicate a serenity of well-being within himself and the tournament he oversees. My take is that the smile is a mask to cover up the criticism constantly heaped upon him and the organization he presides over.

As for the games, the 2A and 3A were close, evenly matched and somewhat entertaining. Obversely, the 1A and 4A were pretty much mismatches and that was definitely evident as the Barr-Reeve crowd chanted "We are 1A" as their team was being demolished. Thus, I can only say this to the powers-that-be at the IHSAA: "Wouldn't it have been a blast to see a possible championship game between Thea Bowman Leadership Academy (what a misnomer this name is), the 1A champion, and North Central (Marion County), the 4A titlist."

I close my observation with some astute words from the popular lyricist Johnny Mercer:

*You've got to accentuate the positive
Eliminate the negative
Latch on to the affirmative
And don't mess with mister in-between*

Now I'm not sure what Johnny's take was on messing with mister in-between, but I sure would like to see the IHSAA make this its theme song and play it on their intercom each working day.

Lifetime member Curtis Tomak, who recently retired as an archeologist for the state of Indiana, is originally from Linton, but has lived in Martinsville for a number of years. Recently, he has been compiling a definitive history on John Wooden's family, and has come up with some enlightening facts during his research. An example: we all know that John played high school basketball at Martinsville and most, including myself, assumed that he had been born in Hall, Indiana. Curt has found that one of our most celebrated basketball icons not only played basketball in Martinsville, but also was born there. Even Mr. Wooden himself states in his autobiography titled "They Call Me Coach" that he was born in Hall. I speculate, after talking with Curt and others, that the Wooden family, like many others in the first third of the 20th century, were more concerned about making a living and surviving in depressed times than where an individual might have been born. Add this fact to the equation: the family had moved several times in this period. Just after the writing of this article, word came that Mr. Wooden had passed away. IHSBHS would like to express their condolences to the Wooden family and their appreciation for all Mr. Wooden had done for the game of basketball. This gentleman coach will certainly be missed. I'm hopeful that Curt will submit more intriguing tidbits he has harvested from his trip back in time to study this fascinating man's family.

Almost at the same time Curtis Tomak was divulging this information to me, I obtained a book titled "Practical Basketball" by Ward L. Lambert. "Piggy" Lambert and Hugh Wooden - John's father - were, in my opinion, the two most influential men in young John Wooden's life. Since Lambert's first basketball coaching

endeavor had taken place at my high school and I had played my last high school basketball game in Lambert Fieldhouse, and because my high school principal ("Butch" Neuman) and coach (Robert Igney) had both played at Purdue for him, I had, some time ago, made a fairly in-depth study of Ward "Piggy" Lambert.

On the front cover of the book, something that some might consider insignificant caught my eye. In all my research, I can never recall having seen Mr. Lambert's middle name or initial in print. This naturally piqued my interest. While mulling over how to resolve my predicament of finding the middle name, I came up with the idea of getting on IHSBHS member Leigh Evans' excellent high school basketball website, Hickory Husker. Because of my earlier Wooden family conversations with Curtis Tomak, I had previously submitted some Wooden trivia questions to the site. When I posed the questions, I had hoped I would have a little fun and see the participants struggle a bit with at least one of the questions before coming up with the answer. It didn't happen. Not on that website. The experts nailed the answers in no time. Faced with the dilemma of how to solve the mystery of Lambert's middle name, I had the answer. I'll pose it as an additional Wooden trivia question. I did this without knowing the answer (forgive me, Leigh), but this time, when I wanted the experts to get the answer right away, they were stumped. In continuing to try to soothe my curiosity, I next contacted my friend Arnold Sweet, a retired Purdue professor and member of the Tippecanoe County Historical Society. Soon thereafter an e-mail arrived with the answer. The "L" stands for Lewis, which, ironically, is my mother's maiden name. While reviewing the book, I was very pleased to see, in some of the pictures used to illustrate Mr. Lambert's basketball acumen, my principal, Paul Neuman, and the illustrious John Robert Wooden.

There are many of you members that I'm only aware of by means of our annual roster, so it's nice when the occasion arises to meet one of you in person. This happened recently with longtime member Eugene Roberts. He had made contact with me by phone twice in the recent past. He is a researcher and had exhausted most means of reference in the Bedford

area. We arranged to meet at the state library so I could help indoctrinate him on some of the nuances of that facility. Go to it, Eugene! Do your research and send us some stories for our newsletter. Every Indiana high school basketball fan has a tale to tell.

I have always wanted to gather information on Roy Wheeler, the leading career scorer at the Knightstown Soldiers and Sailors Home (Knightstown Memorial) and more than likely the best basketball player in the history of the school, including Tim Brown of Ball State and NFL fame.

It saddened me to hear that the school had been closed. I was disappointed because I had just been put in touch with a lady graduate of Memorial who lives just outside of Danville. When I asked her if she had heard of Roy Wheeler, she choked up and began to cry. She said she had dated him while in school and he had just passed away.

I have not kept myself current on certain high school basketball lists and categories for about five years. I think I know the answer to this question, but am not sure. Therefore, I would like your input on a certain subject. Here it is. What Indiana high school has had the most Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame inductees coach at its school? I've found out through my many years

of research that when more than one individual does identical research and they are in agreement, it pretty much validates that the research is accurate.

Recently, co-editor Tom White and I have been involved in a serious disagreement as to the importance of Boxscore. Tom's observations are that the membership is indifferent to the newsletter, because he rarely gets any feedback. My view, based on recent and past conversations with members, is that they like it. Example: During our meeting at the Indiana State Library, Eugene Roberts told me that he enjoys it and reads every word. Please give me your opinions about this irritating issue between Tom and I. Contact me at harleysheets@yahoo.com if you have an answer or opinion concerning one or both of the previous questions.

John Ockomon's Last Message from the President

I recently took a trip to southwest Indiana and had an interesting meeting with a graduate of Central of Lawrence. In 1941, Oaklandon, Castleton, and Lawrence consolidated to form Central. It was called Central High School for a few years before becoming Lawrence Central, as we know it today. Their lettermen jackets had a big "C" on them. This was reported in my interview with Fred Kautzman, a player

on the team in the 1942 sectional. None of the three schools won a sectional from 1915 to 1941. That's 0 for 81 !!! But in 1942, with 54 students graduating, they made it to the Final Eight!

My wife and I drove down to French Lick on a Saturday and I was able to finally get inside Springs Valley gym, where Larry Bird played. It was built in 1960 and is a great gym for Hoosier basketball. We found gyms in Shoals (which I claim is the oldest school still trying to win a boys sectional) and Loogootee, but didn't try to get in. I need to go back and meet Jack Butcher. Big signs around town proclaimed his record of coaching victories.

Next stop was Montgomery, where again I was lucky to get into another marvelous gym, Barr-Reeve, built in 1959; Dale Lawrence called it "One of Hoosierdom's great gyms." The final stop was even better. Again, my position as president of IHSBHS allowed me to talk my way into one of the oldest gyms still being used ... The Birdcage, i.e., Washington Catholic, built in 1926. I got a tour from a 2008 grad. It was neat! We ran out of time, so I missed going to Wheatland and Vincennes.

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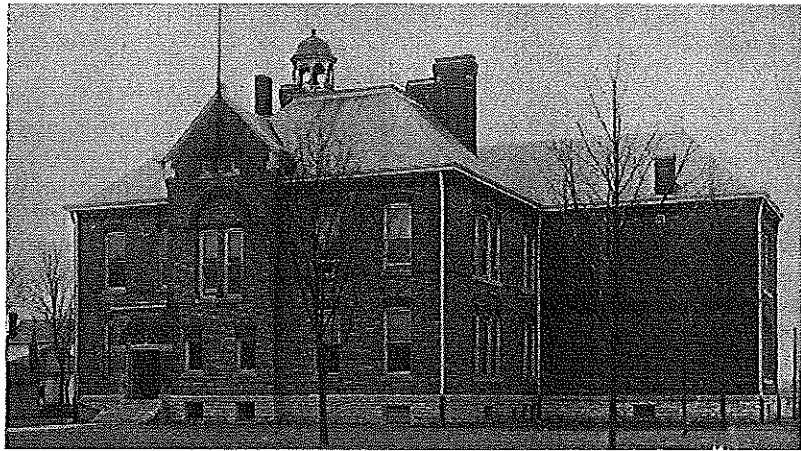
Indiana Top 10 Boys Career Scoring Leaders (from the IHSAA)

Player, School, Final Yr.	Pts.
1 Damon Bailey, Bedford North Lawrence, 1990	3134
2 Marion Pierce, Lewisville, 1961	3019
3 Deshaun Thomas, FW Luers, 2010	3018
4 Brody Boyd, Union (Dugger), 2000	2632
5 Rick Mount, Lebanon, 1966	2595
6 Billy Shepherd, Carmel, 1968	2465
7 Alan Henderson, Brebeuf Jesuit, 1991	2419
8 Mike Edwards, Greenfield, 1969	2343
9 Delray Brooks, Michigan City Rogers, 1984	2324
10 Brady Adkins, Morristown 1992	2319

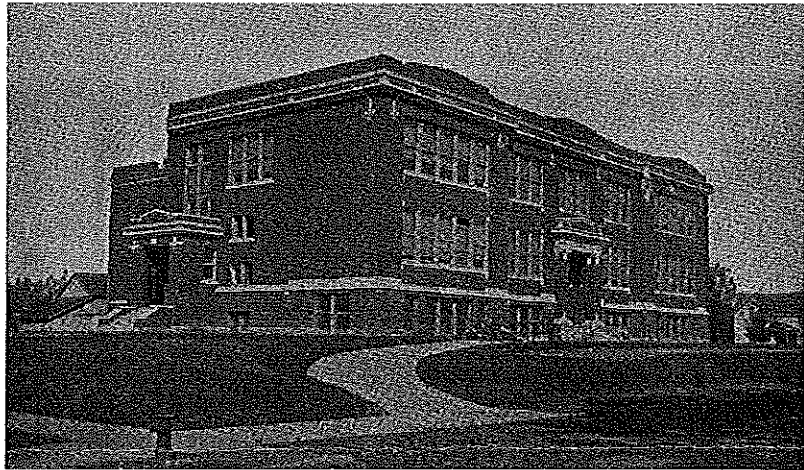
Mystery School Photo

From the 2010 Spring issue mystery school contest, we had no winner. The school pictured was Mount Vernon (Posey).

In many issues of *Boxscore*, there has been a high school photo (usually from Harley Sheets' postcard collection) for members to attempt to identify. The first person to correctly name the school (pictured twice at the right, different schools in different eras) will win a copy of Harley's *Where in the World*, which lists all consolidations as of 1983.



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The Statistical Corner
 by Leigh Evans

Highest Free Throw Percentage in a Game (Min 10 Attpmts)

- (B) 100% (25/25) Steve Alford - New Castle vs. Broad Ripple 1982-83
- (B) 100% (25/25) Gary Yoder - Westview vs. FW Wayne 1972-73
- (B) 100% (20/20) Chuck Kriston - Valpo vs. Gary Emerson 1958-59
- (B) 100% (19/19) Trey Eaton -Tippecanoe Valley vs. Rochester 2002-03
- (B) 100% (18/18) Charlie Roush - Nashville vs. Shelbyville 1958-59
- (B) 100% (18/18) John Shewan - Liberty Twp. (Porter) vs. Hebron 1954-55
- (B) 100% (18/18) Seth Colclasure - Belmont vs. East Noble 1999-00
- (B) 100% (14/14) Don West - Zionsville vs. Thorntown 1954-55
- (B) 100% (14/14) Matt Garis - Zionsville vs. Tri-West 1998-99
- (G) 100% (21/21) Jaclyn Leininger - Warsaw vs. Mooresville 2003-04
- (G) 100% (20/20) Amanda Miller - Charlestown vs. Silver Creek 2009-10
- (G) 100% (18/18) Shanna Zolman - Wawasee vs. Tippecanoe Valley 2000-01
- (G) 100% (16-16) Amanda Miller - Charlestown vs. Corydon 2009-10
- (G) 100% (16/16) Amanda Stull - Rushville vs. Richmond 2004-05
- (G) 100% (14/14) Whitney Arion - Delphi vs. Frontier 2009-10
- (G) 100% (14/14) Maria Stack - Columbus East vs. Southport 1979-80
- (G) 100% (14/14) Kelci Freds - Warsaw vs. Huntington North 2009-10
- (G) 100% (13/13) Amy Bogard - Jeffersonville vs. Providence 1995-96
- (G) 100% (13/13) Lindsey Secrest - Bloomfield vs. Owen Valley 1999-00

If you know of any longer streaks, contact Leigh Evans at
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**Indiana Top 10 Girls Career
 Scoring Leaders (from the IHSAA)**

	Player, School, Final Yr.	Pts.
1	Shanna Zolman, Wawasee, 2002	3085
2	Stephanie White, Seeger, 1995	2869
3	Skylar Diggins, SB Washington, 2009	2790
4	Megan King, FW Canterbury, 2007	2652
5	Abby Conklin, Charlestown, 1993	2616
6	Katie Gearlds, Beech Grove, 2003	2521
7	Debbie Bolen, North Judson-San Pierre, 1988	2421
8	Jennifer Jacoby, Rossville, 1991	2344
9	Brittany Rayburn, Attica, 2008	2337
10	Brittany Schoen, South Central (Elizabeth), 2008	2293

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