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Members' Articles

In the last issue, we made a call for more member articles. Since then, we have received a couple of short ones. While we appreciate these articles, it is not nearly enough. To continue your reading enjoyment, please send your articles to Tom White at (whitelitning@gmail.com) or Jeff at (jeffluzadder@comcast.net).

Member-at-Large Election

At the Spring 2011 Board meeting, there will be an election of Member-at-Large positions. If you have any desire to serve on the Board, contact Tom White at whitelitning@gmail.com to be placed on a ballot.

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to IHSBHS: Merritt Scheurich, Jerry Hoover and Dr. William Cron.

Message from the President by Roger Robison

Many thanks to Mike McCormick for arranging the great program at Terre Haute. Pat Rady now has exactly 700 wins to join Bill Stearman (714), Howard Sharpe (723), and Jack Butcher (806). Howard has notified Quigley, however, that upon further review, he has found 10 more wins!

During the Damon Bailey era in the late 1980s, Rady was at Terre Haute South and the only coach to stay even with Bedford: two-and-two. In a loss at Bedford, with one second left, Bailey went the length of the floor to score. Time does not fly in Bedford.

I had no idea that there were so many lay coaches nowadays. I am hoping someone who knows about this trend will enlighten us with an article. Duane Klueh entertained us with stories of his lifelong friendship with John Wooden. Klueh played for Wooden at ISU in 1947 and 1948. Both years, ISU earned a berth in the NAIB (now NAIA), but it refused the invite in '47 because Clarence Walker, a black, was not allowed. The NAIB reversed its policy in '48 and ISU was runner up to Louisville, 82-70, for the title. Klueh won the Chuck Taylor MVP Award. This award led to an offer to play in the inaugural year of the NBA in 1949-50. After pro ball, he coached at Fowler and ISU. The precursors to the NBA were the NBL (good guys) and the BAA (East Coast bad guys). The history of the NBL, "the hometown league" of the Midwest, and all its Indiana stars is a great read in the book "The National Basketball League:

A History, 1935-1949," by Murry R. Nelson.

Next summer, we hope to have our annual meeting in Lafayette. If you have ideas for speakers or topics, notify Jeff Luzadder (e-mail above).

Terry Dischinger of Terre Haute Garfield and Purdue has been inducted this August into the Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., as a member of the 1960 USA Olympic team. His record should have been good enough to get in as a player alone! He joins Wooden, Lambert, and Stretch Murphy (Marion '26) as Purdue inductees. IU has Bob Knight, Everett Dean, Walt Bellamy, Branch McCracken, and Isiah Thomas.

Also inducted was Robert "Bob" Hurley Sr., the head coach at St. Anthony's High School in Jersey City since 1972. He has won 25 state parochial championships and three USA Today national championships (1989, 1996, 2008). For national records on the most wins, Google up the National High School Sports Record Book. Centralia, Ill., has fallen to No.2 with a 2,028-891 record. Mt. Vernon, Ill., is now No.7 at 1,761-876. Hurley is now six wins shy of the magic number of 1,000. Only Prof. Blood has more than 1,000 wins. Bob Knight quit at 902 and Everett Case at 893.

If you might be interested in attending the state finals or Christmas tourneys in Terre Haute or New Castle, drop us a line.

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Check the latest issue of Indiana Basketball History Magazine (HoF) for more on Ralph Jones. This great magazine is only \$18 a year.

Fadeaway Charging Call Controversy Stung Attucks by Leigh Evans

Controversy and Indiana high school basketball seem to have been star-crossed since the inception of our great tourney. One huge call that falls nicely in that category is a whistle blown at Butler Fieldhouse on a March afternoon in 1953.

The segregated Tigers were still a few seasons away from their 1955 and 1956 back-to-back glory years and seven years removed from their third title, which would come in 1959.

The 1953 Attucks squad was 23-3 and winners of 17 games in a row. It was led by a group of upperclassmen who had tasted both a deep tourney run and sectional sorrow. In 1951, the Tigers had advanced all the way to the Final Four before bowing to Reitz 66-59, and in 1952, they had been dropped in sectional play by a very strong Tech team 63-60.

As the semistate, then called semifinal, round of the IHSAA state basketball tourney shaped up in 1953, emerging Indianapolis powerhouse Crispus Attucks was the consensus favorite to cut down the nets at Butler.

The Tigers' afternoon opponent was by all accounts a tough Shelbyville quintet, led by All-South Central Conference fullback Jim Plymate. The 195-pound star of the gridiron was the undisputed leader of the 18-8 Golden Bears.

Tiger leaders Hallie Bryant and Bailey Robertson, older brother of Oscar, utilized their fast-breaking style to build a 35-25 lead with a little more than three minutes left in the third quarter.

Shelbyville utilized a deliberate half-court offense to claw back. Prep writer extraordinaire of the era Bob Collins described it in his famous "Shootin' 'Em and Stoppin' 'Em" column as having "Canny coach Frank Barnes is calling practically every shot."

It wasn't all just efficient Shelbyville offense, though. While the foul disparity was not that great - 13 against Attucks and eight against Shelbyville - accounts of the game indicate critical calls against the Tigers fell in this deciding period. With the score knotted at 44 apiece, none caused more of an uproar than the "fadeaway charging call."

With 58 seconds remaining, Attucks' Hallie Bryant made his move

for what would have been a very timely go-ahead bucket. Bryant, who at the time was the greatest scorer Indianapolis had ever produced, drove, pulled up for a fadeaway shot that missed, and was called for charging - a controversial call that sent Butler Fieldhouse into hysterics.

Under the rules at the time, the call resulted in free throws at the other end. Plymate knocked down both, providing the final winning margin, 46-44.

Bob Collins called it this way:

"Hallie cut through two men, stepped to his left, jumped and shot. Referee Stan Dubis was the closest. He had his druthers -- charging or blocking. Dubis decided it was charging and Plymate became the game's hero."

Another preeminent Indianapolis prep sports writer at the time, Jimmie Angelopolous, recounted simply that "Bryant sailed up, missed the shot and was called for the foul. It was Bryant's only foul."

Other media outlets were not as indifferent about the controversy. The Indianapolis Recorder noted that Shelbyville netted 14 of 19 from the charity stripe, while Attucks managed just six foul shots.

Milan would later top Shelbyville in the evening session 43-21, holding the Bears to two field goals through the first three quarters. This would set the stage for Milan's first trip to the Final Four.

Would Attucks' historic 1950's dynasty of Hoosier Hysteria started a bit earlier had the fade away charge been called the other way? Our tourney is filled with what-ifs and near miss damn-its, but it would be tough to bet against those Tigers.

From Previous Tidbits by Harley Sheets

In the last issue I asked: "What Indiana high school has had the most Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame inductees coach at its school?" The answer is Lebanon [surprise surprise] with nine.

The nine coaches are as follows: Ward "Piggy" Lambert (1962), Alva Staggs (1966), Paul "Butch" Neuman (1974), Chet Hill (1975), Alf Smith (1976), Glenn Curtis (1980), Jim Rosenstihl (1984), Robert Igney (1991), and Mel Payton (2006). The date in parenthesis is the year they were inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Remembering John Bastin by Rocky Kenworth

Through IHSBHS and publishing the little orange schedule books, I've had the pleasure of meeting and/or corresponding with some of the wonderful elder statesmen of Indiana basketball. One of my "bucket list" items is to do a better job of maintaining contact with these gentlemen. They have a plethora of stories to tell, be it basketball or not, and generally the time and eagerness to tell them.

IHSBHS member John Bastin was a fine example. We had corresponded only a couple of times, but even in his late 80's, it was evident John still had a passion for high school basketball. Mr. Bastin passed away on July 2, in Richmond, at age 89. Attempting a personalized eulogy would be really shallow of me, so I will just offer a few of Mr. Bastin's accomplishments.

John was a 1938 graduate of Paragon High School in Morgan County. He was a WWII veteran, IU graduate, and began his varsity coaching career at Hebron in 1950. He piloted the Hawks to back-to-back sectional crowns in '53 and '54. The '54 crew, led by 1000 point scorer Herb McKay and later-to-be state finals official Troy Ingram, didn't have a player over 5-11. But Bastin's quick and well-schooled aggregation hammered Valparaiso (59-37), still the only time in school history, and nearly knocked off 22-3 Michigan City in the Hammond Regional, losing a 58-56 heartbreaker.

Coach Bastin moved on to Monticello for three seasons, where he took the Tioga Indians to unprecedented heights. His first Monti team, coming off a 3-18 disaster in 1954, won sectional and regional crowns with a boatload of juniors, finishing 19-7. The 1956 team, widely accepted as Monticello's best-ever, was ranked as high as seventh, and was most pundits' pre-tourney choice as the Lafayette Semistate favorite. However Logansport, behind Dalen Showalter, knocked out the Indians 60-54 in the regional final, ending Monticello's season at 24-2. Coach Bastin related this past December that this was his most disappointing defeat. The stars of '56, 6-1 Allen Schlegelmilch and 6-6 George Price went on to good careers at Indiana and Memphis State respectively, while 6-5 Dick Swank's promising stint at Purdue

was cut short by injury. Coach Bastin's final Tioga Indian club had a mediocre regular season at 9-11, but managed to squeak past Burnettsville and Monon en route to a third straight sectional title. From there, they gained a measure of revenge, beating Logansport and North Judson to win the school's second (and final) regional crown.

In 1958, Coach Bastin moved on to LaPorte for three seasons, and then Richmond for five seasons, where he claimed three sectional winners. He then went into administration as assistant principal at Union (Modoc) and retired as assistant principal at Centerville.

Rest in Peace, Coach.

An Informal History of IHSBHS by Thomas White

(The following was cobbled together from John Ockomon's initial meeting notes, Bob Whalen's "A Brief History of IHSBHS," a couple of pieces written by Harley Sheets and A.J. Quigley that were included in early newsletters, some old Boxscores, and recollections from Harley.)

The Initial Five Years

When Harley Sheets wrote his book, "Where in the World is Wes-Del, Westview and Wapahani," he had no idea that it would lead to an important friendship (albeit a short one) with Joe Quigley and to creating IHSBHS. The basic idea for IHSBHS was formulated by Harley and Joe over a three-year period in which they exchanged approximately 150 letters. Harley in Danville, Indiana and Joe in Atlanta, Georgia were frustrated over errors and the lack of verified high school basketball statistics. At the time, coaches kept their own records and there was no independent verification.

Joe and Harley finally met face-to-face in late 1993. Harley then called Ron Newlin, director of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, and arranged a meeting on October 10. Joe and Harley wanted to discuss what they thought needed to be done concerning verifying statistics.

There was a subsequent meeting on June 25, 1994, of Indiana high school basketball historians at the Hall of Fame. At this meeting, it was agreed the group would undertake the mission of gathering year-by-year records and identifying coaches for all Indiana high schools that have

participated in the annual tournaments (boys from 1911). Certain individuals took the counties they were interested in researching and we had hoped in the future others would cover the counties not taken. Attending the meeting were Ron Newlin (host), Harley Sheets, Joe Quigley, Don and Ruth White, Evelyn and Chuck Wolford, Ken Johnson, John Ockomon, Jack Poore, Steve Brockman, and Earl Mishler.

The next meeting took place on October 28, 1994. Ron Newlin spoke and said he was pleased with the direction of the group and wanted it to proceed with the blessing of the HoF, but without his direct supervision because of constraints on his time. The initial goals of this meeting were to turn over the research results to the HoF and to form the nonprofit Indiana High School Basketball Historical Society. Attendees were Ron Newlin, John Ockomon, Don and Ruth White, Bob and Margaret Whalen, Harley Sheets, Ken Johnson, Jack Poore, Bob Adams, Mike McCormick, and Joe Quigley. Elected as officers and Board members were John Ockomon, president, Harley, vice president, and Joe Quigley, secretary. Other board members were Don White, Bob Whalen, Ken Johnson, and Bob Adams.

At an early meeting in Bloomington at Assembly Hall, it was decided that since the membership was so spread out all over the state and because so many interesting tidbits had come up at different meetings that needed to be written about, IHSBHS should have a means of spreading the information around. Also, since IHSBHS was having quarterly meetings at the time, it needed a means of announcing them in advance. Joe Quigley volunteered to compile a newsletter and became the first editor of what was to become Box Score.

In a meeting at the Lebanon library on September 8, 1995, it was decided to collect \$5 annual dues, and Bob Whalen became the first IHSBHS treasurer. This fee was to offset the cost of the newsletter that was planned for the next year.

By the summer of 1996, Harley became the president with Bob Adams as vice president, Ruth White as secretary, and Bob Whalen continuing as treasurer. On the board were Doug Bradley, John Ockomon, Bob Pearson, and Roger Robison. I mention these names now because some of them are still involved with IHSBHS.

The first issue of the newsletter came out in the fall of 1996 under the name of ISH-BISH. It was renamed to Box Score before the Summer 1997 issue. Over the course of time, the name has evolved into Boxscore (one word) and has remained so. By this time the membership had grown from the original handful to 53. In the first issue, it was stated that the purpose of IHSBHS was, first, to supply research to the Hall of Fame with the purpose of having it placed in the HoF's new computer system, which would be available to all visitors (I remember when the HoF had a wall near the basketball shooting exhibition at the bottom level. It had a small computer screen in it where you could select your school and get back information about the leading scorers and such). The second purpose was to help the HoF correct, with valid verification, errors that existed there.

In July 1997, IHSBHS suffered a major blow when one of its co-founders, Joe Quigley, died of liver and pancreatic cancer at age 54. His loss was felt by many in IHSBHS.

In the fall of 1997, IHSBHS received some notoriety in The Indianapolis Star, The Indianapolis News, and the Terre Haute Tribune-Star for its work in uncovering discrepancies in coaching records. It was pointed out that Jim Rosenstihl, former head coach of Lebanon, had 506 victories, as determined by IHSBHS, while he claimed 549. This stirred up some controversy and would not be the last time IHSBHS came across a coach with invalid records.

Through the fall of 1997, Harley would sprinkle a little trivia in some of his various writings included in each newsletter. One of these "gems" came in the Spring issue where he discussed the basketball exploits of Malden Sekulivich (Karl Malden). In the winter of 1997, the first full-fledged "Gems of the Past" article appeared featuring Arthur Trout. Generally, these articles were about a coach or stemmed from an interview with a coach that led Harley on a research path. The last Gem was "Ellettsville to Edgewood" (see Boxscore, Summer 2003), which was a result of a conversation with Tom Goldsberry.

By 1999, the membership had grown to more than 100. In late 1999, a feud developed between co-founder Harley Sheets and then president and editor Bob Adams over obvious editing

errors in Harley's article "Racism in Indiana (Part 2)" (see Boxscore 2008, Special 15-year Anniversary Issue for a re-edited version). There was an attempt to impeach Harley ostensibly over some disparaging comments he made about those currently in power at the Hall of Fame. As with most impeachments, it failed to receive the required number of votes. Shortly thereafter Harley took over the job as editor (spring of 2000). Bill Ervin replaced Bob Adams as president at the same time and the Board established an editorial committee composed of Bill Ervin, John Ockomon, and Bob Whalen to oversee the editor's work.

At the request of Mike McCormick and Bill Ervin (both Terre Haute Wiley grads), Harley started to investigate the point totals of Howard Sharpe's players (Arley, Harley and Uncle Harold). Larry Hembee, owner of the Loogootee radio station, WKZR, put in a request through Rocky Kenworthy for Harley to research Howard Sharpe's record. Harley and Rocky had never met prior to this. Apparently, Sharpe had transposed some scores and had some nonexistent games. These errors resulted in an overstatement in the number of his victories (753 by Sharpe and 723 verified by IHSBHS). There were also rather large discrepancies in the number of points scored by some of Sharpe's players (see Boxscore, Winter 1999).

A disagreement developed between the HoF and IHSBHS over the Sharpe episode. Sharpe was supposed to leave an endowment to the HoF in his will, but withdrew it as a result of the IHSBHS investigation. The HoF Board's apparent emphasis of money over correct records was also a sticking point with Harley. Today, there is no feud, since enough time seems to have lapsed, and we are now on friendly terms with the HoF again.

It should also be noted that when Jack Butcher passed Sharpe in number of victories, Sharpe made a few disparaging comments to newspapers about the lack of quality teams in Butcher's list of victories. Butcher, taking the high road, pointed out that the quality of his victories couldn't have been that bad, since his teams beat Sharpe's teams every time they played (6 times).

The Second Five Years

In the Winter 1999 Boxscore, the first of many "One-Hit Wonders" articles appeared. One-Hit wonders are schools that have won only one sectional in their history. There are 168 of these schools (see Boxscore, Spring 2009 for a list), with 17 different articles. Early in 2000, Jack Butcher was honored as a "Sagamore of the Wabash" by the Indiana House of Representatives. In his acceptance speech, he thanked IHSBHS for its work researching and recording the records of Hoosier Hysteria. In a March 21, 2000, interview with the Washington Times-Herald, Jack made a statement in reference to the Hall of Fame changing Howard Sharpe's record: "I don't think it's a really big surprise. The people at the Indiana [High School] Basketball Historical Society had already made the change. Those people do not get enough credit for the time they spend on assuring that records for coaches as well as players are accurate. I think we fail to give them the credit they deserve."

In the fall of 2000, there was a discussion among the membership about instituting an IHSBHS Hall of Fame or All-Star roster. This was to include deserving coaches and players who had been overlooked by the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. Nothing came of this idea outside of proposing a few names, but in 2009, a committee was formed to investigate the possibility of an IHSBHS Lifetime Achievement Award for worthy individuals who had fallen through the cracks in the HoF selection process.

In July 2001, the only treasurer IHSBHS had to that point, Bob Whalen, stepped down. Bill Ervin remained as president, Roger Robison as vice president, Ruth White as secretary, and Harley as editor. By the Fall Roger stepped up to take the treasurer position also. The membership had grown to 133.

As a general rule, IHSBHS held four membership meetings a year with four board meetings on the front end. Membership meetings were organized by a member at a location of his choosing and included speakers and an occasional tour of some facility. In 2001, for the first time the Board cancelled the fall membership meeting because of previous poor attendance by the membership, but still held a Board meeting at "Old Stoney" (the former Frankfort High School). Since

today we live in a different technological and social era, membership meetings occur about once a year and board meetings are generally held four times a year via telephone conferencing.

In the winter of 2001, Harley issued a call for a new editor. His poor computer skills and the long period he spent in putting Boxscore together were taking up too much of his time. His pleas, with one exception, were left unanswered until the Summer issue of 2005.

Harley and Bill Ervin met on February 2, 2002, with HoF executive director Roger Dickinson and the committee for reevaluating HoF inductee credentials. An agreement was reached for IHSBHS to submit research on coaching records. The purpose was to help refine the HoF records with well-documented research conducted by IHSBHS members. Their first case, so to speak, was that of Everett Case.

In the fall of 2002, Stephen Brockman took over as vice president and Nancy Hart became the secretary, taking over from Ruth White, who was spending most of her time administering to her ailing husband, Don. Both Whites were charter members.

In the spring of 2003, Roger Robison agreed to give Harley a break and took over the editorship of Box Score for one issue. By the fall of 2003, membership was at 134.

As a bit of personal history, Jeff Luzadder joined IHSBHS in 2003 and I (Tom White) joined in 2004. Not historically significant, but since I'm writing this piece, I thought it was interesting. For the first time since the beginning, the membership dropped slightly in 2004, to 128.

The Third Five-Year Period

In the spring of 2005 Harley was working on Boxscore and couldn't seem to come up with topics or enough energy to complete the task, so there was no Spring issue that year. He was strongly considering shutting down Boxscore altogether, but was talked out of it by a couple of members.

In the summer of 2005, Bill Ervin was still president, Harley assumed the role of vice president, Gary McGrady became secretary, and Roger Robison remained as treasurer. Harley's four-year request to be replaced as editor was finally acceded to, with Rocky

Kenworthy and Gary McGrady becoming the co-editors of *Boxscore*. With McGrady as the technical expert and Rocky as a masterful storyteller, this combination seemed to revitalize *Boxscore*.

Also in the summer of 2005, the Mystery School Photo contest was established. It has been a mainstay in practically every *Boxscore* since then. In the Winter 2005 issue, it was announced that the editors (mostly Gary McGrady) would be working on a new website, ihsbhs.com, in the coming year. It was up for only about a year or so. A new site, ihsbhs.org, is being built in 2010 and will hopefully last a little longer.

In the summer of 2006, Gary McGrady had a conflict with the hours of his new job and decided to step down as co-editor. After a year out of the editorship, Harley returned and was co-editor with Rocky, who also took over as treasurer. After three two-year terms, Bill Ervin retired as president and was replaced by John Ockomon. In the Fall 2006 *Boxscore*, Harley introduced a new member Saul Harvey, twin brother to Paul Harvey. It was a "nom de plume" (pen name) for a Harley story. In 2006, the membership was about the same at 126.

IHSBHS had a horrendous year in 2007. Harley was again calling for his replacement as editor and, more importantly, membership had plummeted to 92. We never did figure out why there was such a large drop (and maybe we should). In 2007, I submitted an article to *Boxscore* titled "Multi-Class or Single-Class Champion, Could Both Be Wrong?" (see *Boxscore* 2007, Issue 3). It was a result of some research and serious thought, and I was curious to see if it was good enough to be published. Afterward, I got a phone call from Harley saying that he liked it and would publish it. During this hour-long conversation we discussed the article, some basketball history and eventually got to Harley expressing his desire to give up the editorship of *Boxscore*. If you know Harley, you know that he is sort of "technology handicapped" when it comes to computers. His frustrations with technology and editing *Boxscore* together were "kicking his ass." Since I had the time and the technical skill set, I volunteered to take the job over. Unbeknownst to Harley, since he had missed the previous Board meeting,

the Board had offered the job to Jeff Luzadder. The final decision sat with the Board as Harley finished the 2008 Issue 1. The Board finally decided to offer both of us co-editorship, and Jeff and I agreed. This in turn led to a strong working relationship between the two of us. Starting with the 2008 Issue 2, we took over the editorship of *Boxscore* with Harley in a supporting roll. The first thing I did as co-editor was to bring in Tim Puet, a professional journalist, as assistant editor, based on a suggestion by Harley. The first thing any editor does is to put his mark on the product. We reintroduced Gary McGrady's front-page masthead with a few slight modifications. We also re-established the three-column newspaper-like format and made the front page an IHSBHS news page. We added "Recollections in Hoosier Hysteria," which is an occasional column for members to reminisce about their Hoosier Hysteria exploits. At the end of 2008, we put together a 15-year anniversary issue, recapping the best articles from the beginning of *Boxscore*.

Toward the end of 2008, the membership went up slightly to 96, but it was apparent the membership had to be rebuilt. Jeff and I generally have an editor's meeting between *Boxscore* issues and, at these meetings, we discuss enhancements to *Boxscore* and how to increase membership. What was obvious to me was that Jeff had a lot of contacts in the Indiana sports sector and we should use these to increase our membership. We discussed this and, came up with some ideas for advertising, and made some changes to *Boxscore*.

In the spring of 2009, Jeff organized and hosted a membership meeting at Monticello. As a result of the meeting and contacts he had made, membership is up to 133 and growing.

In the spring of 2009, the Board approved an increase in the membership fee from \$6 to \$7 for the next year. This was the first increase in about nine years. The reason for the higher dues was the upcoming expense of the IHSBHS website. Also in 2009, we resurrected a couple of columns from old *Boxscores*. The "Message from the President" by John Ockomon is where the president discusses issues related to IHSBHS. The second was "Doctor's Orders," with Roger Robison

commenting on books he thought might be of interest to the members. In the summer of 2009, we added "Tidbits from Here and There" by Harley Sheets, which covers short items or random thoughts and observations we felt were missing from *Boxscore*.

Recent History

For the Winter issue of 2009 we covered the Final Four of 1940, with four articles researched and written by four of our main authors (Harley, Rocky, Cliff Johnson and me.)

Early in 2010, IHSBHS purchased a website, ihsbhs.org, and plan to build and populate it with data.

In the spring of 2010, Roger Robison and Tom White became the new president and vice president, respectively. The Board created a new business development position and installed Jeff Luzadder in that role.

We are slowly advancing into our fourth five-year period with our website and modifications to *Boxscore*, and are continually attempting to attract new members. I'm hoping that the next phase of IHSBHS development will be of interest to all the members.

Indiana's High School Gyms (1912-present)

by John Ockomon

This story is about the history of Indiana high school gyms and the progression of the largest gyms until New Castle in 1959. It summarizes their history from Donald Hamilton's great book *Hoosier Temples*, published in 1993. It is a must-read!

Swayzee claimed in 1912 to have built the first gym constructed just for high school basketball. Newberry claimed the same honor in 1916, and it appears impossible to verify who was first.

Vincennes apparently had the largest gym in 1915-16, seating 1,500. But the first really large gym was built in 1922 in Frankfort, where Howard Hall (now gone) seated 3,500.

It held the "largest" title for two years, until Martinsville's gym opened in 1924 with 5,200 seats. At that time, it had more capacity than the Purdue or IU gyms, proclaimed Arthur L. Trester.

In 1925, Anderson built its first Wigwam, seating about 5,000 - not large enough to be the biggest. It burned down in 1958.

Vincennes reclaimed the title in 1926, when it opened Adams Coliseum, seating 6,202. It was used until 1988.

In 1928, two big gyms opened. One was the Butler Fieldhouse - not a high school gym, but a college facility, which hosted many state tournament games. It seated almost 15,000 until its capacity was reduced after the state finals were moved elsewhere in 1972.

The new high school to claim the largest gym was Muncie Central, where the Muncie Fieldhouse was dedicated in December 1928 with 7,200 seats. Two weeks after the ceremony, Indiana University dedicated its new gymnasium with 7,500 seats.

Many gyms were built in the '20s and early '30s, but none surpassed the Muncie Fieldhouse. Some of them were at Bloomfield, New Albany (4,500), Paoli, Valparaiso (2,640), Lewisville, Delphi, Warsaw, Tell City (1,278), Switz City (900), Osgood, Aurora, Milan, Southport, Kokomo, New Castle, Rushville, Lafayette Jefferson (5,000), Connersville, Bedford (5,000), Bloomington, Terre Haute Wiley, Elwood, Jasper (1,500), Brazil (4,000), Shortridge, Mooresville, Lebanon (2000), Logansport, Huntington (4,000), Indianapolis Tech (6,000), Marion (6,000), and Tipton.

Most of the above gyms are gone. Some are standing vacant, and a few, such as Rushville's, are being used. Some large gyms built between 1935 and 1953 were in Richmond, Madison, Kokomo (6,204), and Huntingburg (6,214).

In 1954, Elkhart built the largest gym, with a capacity of 8,284, to claim the title for five years. Then in 1959, the largest high school gym in the world, with a capacity of 9,325, opened in New Castle. It still holds that title. Anderson reopened the Wigwam, with 8,996 seats, in 1961. Richmond's Tiernan Center, built in 1984, has 8,100. Seymour's gym, built in 1970, has 8,110.

A Side Note

Last issue I commented on charter, religious, and private schools recruiting with no school boundaries. This year Lafayette Central Catholic, Heritage Christian, Andrean, and Indianapolis Cathedral appeared in the finals of the four class baseball tournaments. They were all religious schools and three of the four won. You should probably be pointing this out to your IHSAA representative.

Reprint from Hickory Husker by Leigh Evans

GARY, Ind. -- Long-standing scoring records may soon be altered if a new video technology company proceeds as planned. AGR Video Productions, based in Gary, has proposed the use of its groundbreaking technology to review old game films to determine more accurate scoring totals. Both the IHSAA and the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame are listening...

One of the most significant innovations to football coverage now is closer to impacting Hoosier hoops legends.

The technique used by AGR Video Productions is one that most sports fans will already find quite familiar. For some time, television viewers have seen simulated digital lines superimposed on football fields to indicate first down yardage. By placing a similar digital image of a virtual three point line across black and white footage of old game films, it is possible to keep a modern scorebook and stats that include three point baskets into players' totals.

"We've long wondered what great shooters from the past, like Rick Mount or Jimmy Rayl could do with the three point line. Now we know."

Indiana High School Basketball Historical Society president, John Ockomon added, "We compare them now (players from different generations) on the same list ranked by total points scored. Why not at least use this as a bit of an equalizer?"

The Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and the Indiana High School Athletic Association have shown a willingness to alter records in the past when presented with new data.

IHSAA Sports Information Director, Jason Wille added, "Our organization is always interested in the most up to date technology. We are also always open to data or evidence that would make our records more accurate. This is an intriguing concept."

Chris May, Executive Director of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame offered a different perspective. "As it stands now, all these players from differing decades are already compared to one another. The players that played before the 1987 rule change never had the chance for those additional points that came with the advent of the three point arc."

Correcting is a slow process. AGR spokesman, Curt Havens went on to

say the biggest challenge is accumulating complete game films from eras where sometimes they simply don't exist. Once a player's "game library" is complete (a process that can take months or years,) then the actual tabulation process begins.

"Surprisingly, this final phase only takes a few days. We have no shortage of volunteers willing to watch the old games with stat sheets in hand. That is definitely the fun part."

Lebanon's Rick Mount will be the first player to have their scoring record officially altered by AGR.



Lebanon's Rick 'The Rocket' Mount

"The Rocket was a special player, and today's fans might begin to understand just how special when his total points are recalculated to include three pointers."

About AGR Video Productions

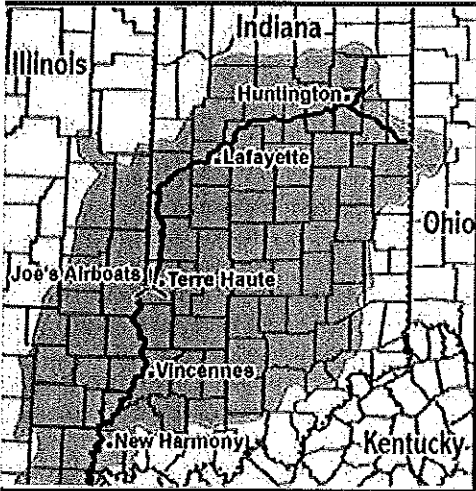
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For more information regarding the AGR Video Productions/Corrected IHSAA Scoring Records, visit [HERE](#).

(This story appeared in Hickory Husker on April 1, 2010. I fell for this April Fools joke with a rather serious and disparaging response. I guess there's always one April fool in every crowd and this time it was me ... tw)

**De Facto Class Basketball
Tournament Before 1998:
the Wabash Valley Tournament
by Thomas White**

The original Wabash Valley Tournament was played from 1916 to 1972 and often would start in mid-January for a two-week period. Since it was a good four or five weeks before the season-ending state tournament in March, it was a strong indicator of who was playing well and might make a deep thrust into the state tournament from the southwestern part of the state.



Schools that were invited to play in this single-elimination tournament were generally within a "long jump shot" of the Wabash River, as its trek across Indiana turned southward to become the border between Indiana and Illinois all the way down to the "toe" of Indiana. Nearby Illinois teams were also included and laid claim to eight titles.

Terre Haute is almost the only large Indiana city along the river and generally had multiple teams in the tournament. Terre Haute teams won 10 titles over the 57-year time frame of the tournament. Excluding Terre Haute, the vast majority of participants (183 over the years) were schools in small towns. As a result, this gave the tournament a "small school" feel in much the same way as Classes 1A and 2A do today.

From the raw data used for the chart in the second column, the median enrollment (the value at which there is the same number of teams above and below) can be determined for both the tournament and the IHSAA as a whole. In 1954 the median was about 105 for the Wabash Tournament, while for the IHSAA, the value was 116. What that means is that the

Wabash Tournament had a higher percentage of small-school teams than did the state tournament.

It is difficult to make an assessment concerning what constituted a small school in 1954. By using today's numbers, with a Class 1A limited to schools below 329, approximately 625 of the 750 IHSAA schools in 1954 would fall into today's Class 1A category. Alternatively, you could split the teams of 1954 into four classes, and the Class 1A maximum enrollment would be 73.

The chart below illustrates the small-school nature of the tournament and the small-school nature of the IHSAA in 1954.

Range of Enrollment	% of schools for Wabash	% of schools for IHSAA
<51	6.3%	6.9%
51-100	40.2%	35.7%
101-150	29.5%	19.2%
151-200	14.3%	11.4%
201-300	4.5%	8.4%
301-500	0.9%	7.3%
501-1000	4.5%	6.0%
>1000	0.0%	5.2%

Note that about 75% of the teams in the Wabash tournament had enrollments of fewer than 150, compared to 60% for the IHSAA.

Of course, one could just look at the names of the participating schools and figure out the smallness of the Wabash Tournament. Some of the small schools that were champions or runners-up over the years are Bainbridge, Bloomington, Clay City, Decker, Edwardsport, Ellettsville, Flat Rock (Ill.), Freelandville, Fritchton, Hutsonville (Ill.), Loogootee St. John, L&M, Paris (Ill.), Rockville, Rosedale, Switz City, Unionville, and Wheatland. This does not include the untold number of schools that didn't make it to the championship game or the final 16.

Looking at 1950, the structure of the tournament had 16 prelims, tantamount to the IHSAA "sectionals." These games were played in small-to large-school gyms and even in gyms where the home school was not a participant in the tournament. The 16 prelim winners would travel to Terre Haute to play the finals, which in 1950 were held at Terre Haute State and Garfield. The teams making it that far were Attica, Fritchton, Decker, Brazil, Clinton, Russellville, Kansas (Ill.), Bloomfield, Gosport, Palestine (Ill.), Marshall (Ill.), Jasonville, Dugger,

Glenn, Terre Haute Wiley, and Worthington. Not exactly a who's who of big-name schools in Indiana basketball history, but definitely a plethora of well-known small-town schools. The championship was won by Glenn 53-24 over Fritchton. Glenn was a school north of Terre Haute that had the Session brothers. Ellettsville, Fontanet, Richland Twp., Perrysville, and Patricksburg all entered the tournament unbeaten and suffered their first defeats against tournament foes. It was Ellettsville's only defeat (to Gosport, 47-46) in a 20-1 regular season.

The Wabash Valley Tournament was a "big deal" in those days. Its participants were 15% of the total number of schools in the IHSAA. Schools expecting to play in the tournament would leave a two-week gap in their schedules in case they made it to the championship round. The tournament was so large that in some years, winning or being runner-up would add six or seven games to a team's regular-season schedule.

For those of you wanting to know more about the Wabash Valley Tournament, I suggest you pick up Dean Kendall's "weighty tome" on the subject. To contact Mr. Kendall, call him at (317) 784-5681 or write him at 5335 Camden St., Indianapolis, IN 46227. He still has copies of the book available (\$10 + \$5 shipping). In this book, Mr. Kendall covers the Terre Haute portion of the tournament with copies of newspaper box scores, accounts of the games and tournament charts taken from the final-16 programs. A historical read for any Indiana high school basketball fan.

**Doctor's Orders
Ghostwritten by Tom White**

Since Roger Robison is president, has a quarterly "Message" column, and is working on his "early tournament" series of articles, we are suspending the Doctor's Orders columns as of the next issue. If any member has read a good basketball book and would like to write about it for our members, we will reinstitute the column for that issue.

For this issue, we are listing basketball books that have been written and published by IHSBHS members. Some of these are still available from the author so you might consider enhancing your Indiana basketball library by purchasing one or more. (See bottom of next page.)

Notes and Quotes

Enjoyed your observations in the summer Boxscore on recruiting and etc. Often this issue is the topic of conversation up here in NE Indiana (ref: Dwenger, Luers, Blackhawk, Snider, et al).

I've known retired Dwenger football coach Andy Johns for years, and what I have said to him and other Catholic friends is that their athletic programs, despite recruitment, are commendable from the standpoint of the efforts they make from little tykes on up.

But if I were a sporting Catholic, I would not want to play in the big leagues all season ... and then drop down and blow out schools who have been at perhaps a different level of competition. I would be more proud if we either faced the bigger class teams in the playoffs or had our own state or interstate competition for championships.

On a related note, in the 90s I broadcast cable channel sports for Central Noble. During that time conference member Westview's principal, Stan Shopa, was on the committee that rammed thru class basketball ... citing always the reasons why. Many more kids getting trophies was one of the main reasons.

Quite soon thereafter, in 1999, Westview won the Class 2A state basketball championship with a very good team. But on our next visit to

broadcast basketball up there, hanging (still) in their gym was a nice banner which beamed WESTVIEW WARRIORS 1999 INDIANA STATE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS.

I spent the evening barking about the banner that conveniently failed to note that it was a Class 2A championship!!

Todd Davis

Just want to let you know that I do enjoy reading "Boxscore". I was a high school basketball player in the 50's before they ruined the Indiana game with class basketball. Unfortunately, they ruined the game for me because I have very little interest in it these days so it is with great anticipation that each issue of "Boxscore" allows me to renew my interest and relive the game, as it should be. I am also the guy who just wrote the article in the previous issue about the Monroeville Cubs of 1948 and thank you for publishing it. I just forwarded the latest issue to a sportswriter here in Fort Wayne by the name of Ben Smith who writes for the Journal Gazette. I thought he may enjoy the read also. Thanks and keep up the good work

Max Robison
Fort Wayne, Ind.

I too read every word.
I am amazed at some of the stats and trivia. Keep'em coming.

Walt [Smith]

Harley's Hardships

Harley's mother died recently, for which we of IHSBHS extend our sincerest condolences. Harley's wife, Dzintra, broke her ankle last winter and after two operations and two extended periods in rehab, she still is hobbling around, so Harley has had to take over the household duties and help with her rehab. Harley has also received word that an IHSBHS friend has problems with lung cancer. Harley is therefore taking a sabbatical from his "Tidbits" column for this issue. The previous write-up (page two) is only a response to a question from the last issue. For those wishing to talk to Harley, I would be a little wary. He just spent two hours chewing my ass and you'd think he was still the editor (ha ha).

Tom White

Editor's Comment

At the Terre Haute meeting I got some feedback on my discussion of Lawrence North from Mike McCormick. I can't remember the exact quote but he seemed to agree with what I said.

I also got a negative comment that said a historical organization should not be involved in the business of commentary. Basically history is yesterday's news, and a historian interprets that news with the facts he knows. I will never step away from an issue when I think someone is trying to pull the wool over everyone's eyes.

Tom White

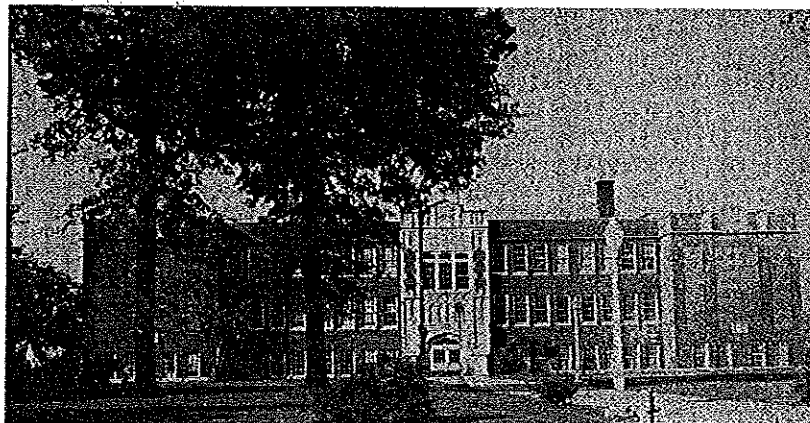
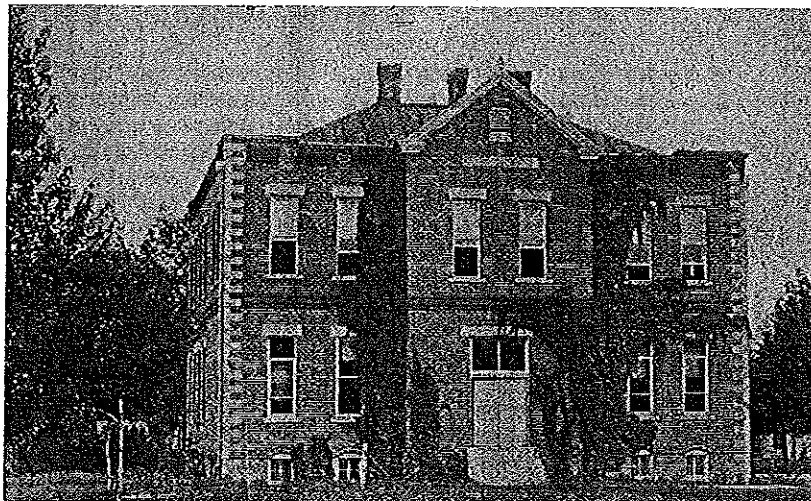
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	Tiger Basketball, A Lebanon Passion	sold out		
	Indiana High School Basketball Review (1911-97)	yes	\$10 + \$2.50 shipping	
Tim Nonte	St John's "Eagles" Loogootee "Athletic Legacy " 1950 to 1969	yes	\$18 price includes shipping	email: timjoynonte@frontier.com 622 S Old Patoka Rd Patoka, In 47666
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Roger Robison	Everett Case and the Frankfort Hot Dogs	yes	\$14 + \$4 shipping	2422 e. rechter road, Bloomington, IN 47401
Norm Jones	Growing Up in Indiana: The Culture & Hoosier Hysteria Revisited	yes	\$21.75 + shipping	Authorhouse in Bloomington, IN 1-888-280-7715
Chic Hess	Prof Blood and the Wonder Teams	yes	\$21.95 + shipping	Amazon.com
Dale Glenn	The History of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (1903-1976)	yes	\$5 + \$1 shipping	e-mail:dglenn62@yahoo.com 2815 Dale Court, Bloomington, IN 47401
Dean Kendall	The Wabash Valley High School Basketball Tournament Note: The original cost of Dean's book was \$30. Harley's books will be sold at half the listed price to IHSBHS members.	yes	\$10 + \$5 shipping	phone:(317)784-5681 5335 Camden Street, Indianapolis, IN 46227

Mystery School Photo

From the 2010 Spring issue mystery school contest, we had a winner, Harold Dieter, and the school pictured was Middletown. We also had a correct guess from a non-member, Joe Mannis.

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.

Send guesses to
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The Statistical Corner

by Leigh Evans (hickoryhusker@sbcglobal.net)

Most Steals in a Game

- (B) 22 Mathew Graves - White River Valley vs. Shakamak 1991-92
 - (B) 19 Larry Stone - Howe vs. Holy Cross 2004-05
 - (B) 14 Kem Martin - Charlestown vs. North Harrison 1975-76
 - (B) 14 Grant Ream - Frontier vs. North White 2009-10
 - (B) 13 Jake Odum - TH South vs. BNL 2008-09
 - (B) 12 LaSalle Thompson - Pike vs. Center Grove 1989-90
 - (B) 11 John Michael Jarvis - TH South vs. Martinsville 2009-10
 - (B) 11 Roddy Richardson - Lafayette Jeff vs. Rossville 2008-09
 - (B) 10 Don Farabee - Borden vs. Milltown 1966-67
 - (B) 10 Dexter Wilson - Borden vs. Ninth & O Christian 1980-81
 - (G) 15 Judy Cummings - Brownsburg vs. Avon 1978-79
 - (G) 15 Heather Gonser - Owen Valley vs. S. Vermillion 2006-07
 - (G) 15 Amanda Miller - Charlestown vs. Rock Creek 2008-09
 - (G) 14 Brandy Woody - Western Boone vs. Zionsville 2008-09
 - (G) 14 Heather Gonser - Owen Valley vs. S. Vermillion 2007-08
 - (G) 14 Barbie Rogers - Covenant Christian vs. Baptist Academy 2000-01
 - (G) 13 Heather Gonser - Owen Valley vs. North Daviess 2007-08
 - (G) 13 Alissa Graf - Borden vs Paoli 1994-95
 - (G) 13 Ashley Houston - Eminence vs. Dugger 2001-02
 - (G) 13 Carol Hunter - Whiteland vs. Edinburgh 1980-81
 - (G) 13 Maggie Gilstrap - Henryville vs. West Washington 2007-08
- Leigh gathers statistical information for Indiana basketball and displays it on hickoryhusker.com. If you know of any information that might help fill in some gaps above, please contact Leigh.

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