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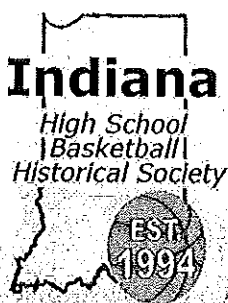
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## Important Reminder!!!

This issue marks the end of the 2010 dues period for most of you. The number next to your name on the envelope is a reminder of the year your membership ends. (10) indicates 2010. Please do not forget to pay your \$7 dues for next year. Send a check to Rocky Kenworthy at the address shown in the Publication & Membership Notes section (above right).

## 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 whitelitnng@gmail.com to be placed on the ballot. For the most part board meetings are held via phone conferencing, so board members can participate from their own homes. Board members come up with ideas for improving IHSBHS, discuss and vote on them. We currently have three members-at-large but according to the bylaws, there can be as many as six.

## Members' Articles

We are continuing our call for more member articles. At some point within the next year, I will be cutting Boxscore from its normal 12 pages to 10 or less because we are getting virtually no articles from the membership. To continue your reading enjoyment, please send your articles to Tom at whitelitnng@gmail.com or Jeff at jeffluzadder@comcast.net.

## Sorry ... We Forgot

In the last issue, we forgot to mention that coach Randall Schoen of South Central (Elizabeth) was a featured speaker at the Terre Haute meeting. He discussed his daughter Brittany (10<sup>th</sup> all-time leading girls scorer) playing for him and his son, who has followed him into the ranks of girl's basketball coaching.

We also forgot to include Jack Butcher's book "Butcher Ball" in last issue's "Doctor's Orders" column.

## Spring and Summer Issues

The Spring 2011 issue of Boxscore, will contain Roger's 1912 state tournament article and possibly a story about Bowman Academy, by me. We will also have a funny short story by Don Thompson about refereeing.

The Summer 2011 will be a theme issue, "How would you change the yearend tournament?" We will have an article by Dale Glenn and one by me. All members are welcome to send in their own ideas regarding this.

## New Members

We welcome the following new members to IHSBHS: Chase Criswell, Joe Manis, and Larry Weis.

## Message from the President by Roger Robison

The 111<sup>th</sup> season of Indiana high school boys basketball commenced Nov. 24 and next March will be our 101<sup>st</sup> consecutive state tournament. It's the oldest consecutive sports event in the state.

A resurrection of the venerable Wabash Valley Tournament will again feature 16 local teams at Terre Haute from Dec. 27 to 30. The Hall of Fame classic at New Castle on Dec. 30 will match Warsaw (No. 2 in 2010) and Bloomington South (2010 favorite). Washington (3A), with Cody Zeller, will take on Center Grove (4A) in the first game at 11 a.m. The losers and winners play at 6 and 8 p.m.

On Dec. 22 at Indianapolis Marshall Bowman Academy plays Jeffersonville, with FW Luers against Arlington and others. The controversial Bowman has an amazing schedule of at least 20 games. The Eagles play eight Indiana preps; six from Illinois; two from Wisconsin, and two from Michigan. They are in Mequon, Wis. on Dec. 28 and 29. On Jan. 7 and 8, they are in Wellston, Ohio to play Huntington, W.Va. and Northland, Columbus, Ohio.

Ed Schienbein of Madison celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in November. He played for Southport and was the No.1 vote getter in the 1940 All-Star game, as selected by the fans. This was the year in which not a single player from the final four was selected for the All Star game!

John Miller Cooper, age 98, died in California after living in Bloomington for decades. He is considered the

father of the jump shot (Missouri, 1934) and the father of Modern Biomechanics and Human Movement.

### Obligations to IHSBHS

by Tom White, vice president

Word has come to me that some people are reluctant to join IHSBHS because they feel it requires "other obligations." Your only obligation is to pay your yearly \$7 dues. Any other obligations, whether implied or otherwise assumed, are nonexistent. As editor of Boxscore I routinely solicit for members' articles, as it ensures reading material for the future. Writing articles is not a requirement of your membership. If it were, IHSBHS would consist of only about a dozen members. On the previous page, we solicited for members to join the IHSBHS governing board. This is also not an obligation. Being on the board is voluntary...I hope this clears up any misunderstanding with regards to your membership.

### Something New

by Tom White, co-editor

Based on an idea by our president, Roger Robison, it looks as though we will be running a serial for the foreseeable future. We will be covering the 1934 finals (when the finals were 16 teams) and will be publishing short articles about each of the 16 teams that played. The approximate length of each article will be about two columns or 775 words. The third column will be reserved for the roster and team schedule if we can find them. We would also like to include a team picture if possible. This is open for all members to contribute. We are taking a "laissez faire" approach with all of this so just let me know which team you select so I can reserve it for you. Then just start researching and writing. No deadlines. It will be printed when you send it to me. These articles shouldn't be too difficult to write since they will be short and any contribution made by the members will be appreciated. The finals teams in 1934 were North Judson, Princeton, North Vernon, Beaver Dam, Batesville, Greencastle, Brazil, Wabash, Hartford City, Richmond, Hammond, Lebanon, Jasper, Jeffersonville, Indianapolis Tech, and Logansport.

This will probably start in the Summer or Fall 2011 Boxscore. If you would like to participate, please contact me at whitelitning@gmail.com to reserve your team.

### Introduction to the 1941 State Finals

by Cliff Johnson

All scheduled games of the 1940-41 regular season for Indiana high school basketball had been played by Saturday, Feb. 22, 1941. Sectional play was to begin the following Thursday, Feb. 27. Team rankings for Indiana high schools had been temporarily discontinued by the AP during this particular year, so there were no "official" ones that appeared in the news during the season or prior to tournament play. However, sportswriters from several major newspapers decided independently to keep the process alive by collaborating to form their own informal polls.

By Tuesday, Feb. 25, two days before the sectionals, some of the major newspapers were able to provide their readers with the results of a year-end poll. At the top of that list was Anderson, the North Central Conference champion, which won the title running away and had managed to win 19 of its 22 games against exceptional competition. Others looming large on the list of state crown contenders were Hammond Tech, the 1940 state champion, still going strong with two losses prior to the sectional (to highly regarded Muncie Burris and Gary Froebel); South Bend Central, a perennial powerhouse having no home gym but lucky enough to have Johnny Wooden at the helm; Muncie Burris, with a winning streak of 14 straight before losing its final game to Huntington; and the Bulldogs of Columbus, winners of 16 victories in hard-nosed SIAC play.

Other serious contenders for the state crown appeared to be the Washington Hatchets, who had lost a late season game to the giant-killer yet otherwise unranked Greencastle Tiger Cubs 33-32; Evansville Central's Bears; East Chicago Washington's Senators; Martinsville's Artesians; Muncie Central's Bearcats, Jasper's Wildcats, the Fort Wayne North Side Redskins; and the Kokomo Wildkats, who finished third in the NCC. Little Lapel, a 1940 finalist, shared the "people's choice" recognition with Wolf Lake, an even smaller school in the northeast corner of the state. At 21-0 Wolf Lake was the only undefeated team entering this year's state tournament.

Favorites began being "bumped off" as soon as the 777 certified teams opened play in the sectionals. Hammond Tech did not make it through the Gary sectional, bowing to Gary Horace Mann, a fairly strong team in its own right that in turn lost out to Gary Froebel. Evansville Central was removed from further play during its tough sectional, while Avilla, rather than Wolf Lake, was crowned champion at Kendallville. The Lapel Bulldogs were overmatched in the Anderson sectional, and the Indians emerged the victor there as expected. Columbus was yet another sectional casualty, as were East Chicago Washington, Jasper, Muncie Central, and Martinsville.

A few favorites marched on to the regionals, including South Bend Central, Muncie Burris, Washington, F.W. North Side, and Kokomo, but the majority of the top contenders bit the dust early. John Wooden's Central Bears made it all the way to the final eight, where they were rebuffed in a thriller by Gary Froebel, 37-36. The Burris Owls got snared in the daylight hours by F.W. North's Redskins at Muncie. That score was 46-40. Then the Redskins took it on the chin that night from Kokomo, 41-32. Rushville's Lions clawed the mighty Anderson Indians in an afternoon game during the semis, 46-39. That result was a big surprise to nearly everyone. But the Indians had missed 12 of 19 tosses from the foul line, which might well have made a difference in the outcome. The Lions' luck ran out in the nightcap, though, by 39-30 against a Ray Eddy-coached Madison team that had a commendable year, was on a winning tear at season's end, and this year would not be denied a trip to the final four. Only Washington and Kokomo of the sports scribes' original top picks still remained in competition for the state crown. The Hatchets became the odds-on favorite to win the title. They were no strangers to the final four, having arrived three times -- 1925, 1929, and 1930. The year of 1941 would not be their final hurrah.

The stage was set for the final four teams to battle it out at Indianapolis' Butler Fieldhouse on Saturday, March 22. Those teams were the Gary Froebel Blue Devils with a season record of 21-9, the Madison Cubs at 27-2, the Washington Hatchets at 25-5, and the Kokomo Wildkats at 20-6. Not at all a bad foursome.

### 1941 Gary Froebel Blue Devils, "Da Region's" Representative by William Tosheff

First, there has to be some explanation of why it's called "Da Region." My school, Froebel High, started way back in the '20s. In 1928, it became a non-segregated school. Gary, Ind., with its 350,000 population had eight high schools: Froebel, Lew Wallace, Edison, Tolleston, Horace Mann, Emerson, Roosevelt, and Wirt. Roosevelt, Wirt, and Froebel, in particular, had enrollments of 2,400 students. Geographically, Gary is 17 miles from Chicago, on the southern shore of Lake Michigan. The major industry was making STEEL. Steel mills stretched for 26 miles along the shoreline. Steel and the manufacturing thereof was the lifeblood, aside from agriculture, that built America. Steel for car bodies, railroad tracks, girders for buildings and steel brought a mixture of nationalities that arrived from countries worldwide. Froebel had 41, yes 41 different nationalities because of the jobs available. Even I, at age 14, worked in the mills making \$6.48 a day. Since there was the great influx of various ethnic groups, speaking English for most was difficult. "Dem" for "Them," "Does" instead of "Those," and the word "The", became "Da"; thus, "Da Region" was born and still exists today. Ethnic parents had one thing on their minds... the children must have an American education. Then, too, children must be good at something cultural, such as music. The immigrants' competitive nature led to sports, all kinds of sports. Weather was divided into four seasons, summer, fall, winter, and spring. Summer was baseball; fall was football; winter was basketball; spring was take a deep breath and apply for a job at the mills.

1941, was a year to remember. War was declared against Japan, and Froebel High came up with one hell of a basketball team. The Froebel Blue Devils ruled "Da Region." Coach Henry "Hank" Mantz provided a printed sheet diagramming 10 plays...that was it. No one-on-one and no deviating from the plan. The players who composed the team were "Quilp" Martin, a 5-foot-8 guard and quick as a cat (as a member of the 101st Airborne, he received a Silver Star, for action on D-Day); John Damian, guard, at 5-6 (later sheriff of Lake County); Burnest Glenn, forward, at 5-10; Steve Benko, at 6-2, playing the post; Pete Mandich, guard, at 5-

10; Joe Badanish, guard/forward, at 5-11; Eli Malich, guard, at 6-1 (later played for UCLA); "Doc" James, forward, at 6-1; Simmie Isabel, guard, at 5-8, and the one and only star of the team, Davage Minor, guard/forward, at 6-2. Minor was described in John Christgau's book "The Origins of the Jump Shot: Eight Men Who Shook the World of Basketball." Minor was the star, an African American with a great personality that endeared him to everybody.

Of note: I was a freshman at Froebel when this team performed. Later in both Minor's basketball career and mine, we guarded each other when playing in the NBA: Minor with the Milwaukee Hawks and Baltimore Bullets; and me with the Indianapolis Olympians and Milwaukee Hawks. Minor's comment when we opposed each other always was "Don't get Tosheff on the free throw line ... he'll kill us." Perhaps we two were the only high school mates playing in the NBA in the same era.

Gary Civic Memorial Auditorium  
Sectional

Washington (E C) 39, Wirt 19  
Froebel 39, Whiting 22  
Roosevelt (E. C.) 47, Dyer 36  
Tolleston 39, Emerson 26  
Horace Mann 31, Hammond Tech 29  
Edison (Gary) 33, Calumet Twp. 22  
Lew Wallace 57, Hammond Clark 35  
Hammond 42, Griffith 21  
Froebel 36, Washington (E.C.) 26  
Tolleston 40, Roosevelt (E.C.) 39  
Horace Mann 58, Edison (Gary) 14  
Hammond 54, Wallace 29  
Froebel 42, Tolleston 36  
Horace Mann 29, Hammond 22  
Froebel 42, Horace Mann 33

Gary Civic Memorial Regional:

Froebel 32, East Gary 26  
Froebel 36, Rensselaer 32  
Hammond Civic Center Semi-Finals  
Froebel 43, Logansport 32  
Froebel 37, SB Central 36  
Butler Fieldhouse State Finals  
Madison 28, Froebel 27

In the finals Davage Minor hit one out of 20 attempts because of a badly swollen ankle that wouldn't allow him to elevate for his jumper.

Froebel was second in the Northern Indiana High School Conference (NIHSC) to Hammond Tech. The entire team entered military service in one branch or the other.

### 1941 Kokomo Wildkats by Cliff Johnson

Alfred "Pee-dad" Campbell, who was serving his seventh year as coach of the Wildkats, had high expectations for the 1940-41 season, even though he had lost all but one starter to graduation from a fine 1940 squad that made it to the semifinals (then known as the "super-regionals"). After attaining a 20-win season by defeating Marion in its regional final by the close score of 34-32, those 1940 Kats were halted by a highly touted New Castle team in another tight battle, 40-38. Immediately after that, those same Trojans, drained of energy from their previous effort, lost the nightcap against F.W. South Side's Archers 39-27. It's pretty clear that the timing and intensity of tournament games always matters and will always affect subsequent game outcomes. There's not much that can be done about it.

The 1940 and 1941 editions of the Wildkats were special, though. After the war ended, several of those Kats, along with a couple of outstanding former players from Howard County's rural schools, went north to study electronics technology at Lawrence Technical Institute in the small community of Southfield, Michigan, 20 miles west of Detroit. At the same time, they collectively formed what turned out to be a formidable small-school basketball team that managed, under coach Don Ridler, to whip many big-name, highly ranked Division I colleges during regular-season and tournament contests for the next several years. Their record against strong teams all over the nation for the six-year period of 1947 through 1952 was 140-30, a winning percentage of .824. This was phenomenal for a small school and earned Lawrence Tech a national reputation. Its successes in basketball during the late 1940s and early '50s are now legend. The nucleus of the earlier teams was comprised mainly of Howard County high school graduates, most of them from Kokomo. Key squad members were speedy 6-0 Norm Hankins, one of the leading scorers in the nation; Carl "Hump" Campbell, a 6-3 kingpin in the powerful backboard and offensive attacks; Dave Talbert, a fast-moving 5-11 ball handler, effective set-up man, and accurate shooter; Jim Stepler, a smooth 6-5 center from an undefeated 1943 Greentown team, and others including Barney Petty and

"Bones" Wagner from Kokomo. Chet Gabriel, a 6-6 dynamo center on the 1940 Kat team, also enrolled at Lawrence Tech, but did not stay long, returning to Kokomo to set all kinds of local records playing AAU and Industrial League ball. "Oh, what might have been!" goes the old saying, had Chet elected to remain with the Lawrence Tech Blue Devils!

Carl Campbell (no apparent relation to the coach) and Norm Hankins were the stalwarts of the 1941 team, but were by no means the only guns in Kokomo's arsenal. Campbell led the NCC in points scored and per-game average, with Hankins not too far behind. Another major contributor to the Wildkats' success was Jack Turner, older brother of Gene Turner, a component of the famous 1944 Kat L-S-M-F-T team that was runner up to double-year champ Evansville Bosse. Jack was not only a fine ballplayer, but later became a war hero. Sadly, he was also a combat fatality. Dave Talbert and Max Galloway, while just sophomores, were already showing signs of having team leadership qualities. Bill Hale played a strong forward position, while John Hoss and Carl Longshore, both slightly over six feet, alternated well at the center post. Whitney Van Cleve, the only black player on the team, usually filled a starting guard spot and could handle the ball well, but did not score much. Jack Higgins was often one of the first substitutes off the bench to give a rest to one of the starting forwards. Lewis Denny, a junior guard, was named to the team just before the finals to replace Carl Campbell, who had turned 20 right after the semifinals and was thus ineligible to play in the finals under an IHSAA rule.

The case of Campbell, one of two players deemed by the IHSAA that year to be ineligible for play during the tournament (the other being Edward James of Gary Froebel) is interesting. The age rule might not have been thought through all that carefully by those on the IHSAA Rules Committee who proposed it in a very simplistic form, then adopted it. For better or worse, it's been with us ever since. Another view is that to avoid a serious disruption to a team's on-going court harmony and systematic play once it's been honed and fine-tuned by a responsible coach, perhaps it would be more rational or reasonable to allow a player who turns 20 during the season

to at least finish that season before declaring him ineligible. Being fair to the player, the coach, the school, and the fans seems more paramount in importance than abiding by an arbitrarily established rule that seems fair to no one. Besides, how could two or three months in any boy's age justify the drastic action of abruptly forcing him to leave his beloved team and teammates? Regardless, this is what happened to Carl Campbell and to Kokomo's title dreams in 1941. Campbell turned 20 just before the state finals, so the standing rule thrust him onto the sidelines as a spectator. He was not allowed to continue participating with his teammates for a possible state championship. Kokomo, in natural consequence, lost its next and final contest in the Butler Fieldhouse, not having the services of its best player. It might seem pointless to grouse about this incident 70 years after the fact, but I suspect that the IHSAA's moronic age limitation rule, because of its poorly stated and overly simplistic wording, has been instrumental in ruining many other good teams in mid-season over the course of all these intervening years. One such instance that I recall vividly as a youth was the undefeated Glenn team of 1950 that lost the services of high-powered Charlie Sessions just before the tournament began. I know there have been many others.

With that sidebar out of the way, we'll return to the main theme of this article. The Wildkats' 1940-41 regular season began with gusto, reflective of two huge victory margins over perennial mighty mite Rossville, 47-26, and Elwood, 53-39. School and community spirit became loud and upbeat at Kokomo. Frankfort, always a big threat under Everett Case, and especially so at home in the ultra-narrow confines of Howard Hall, thumped the Kats 38-22 to bring the students and fans back down to earth. But the team captured the next three games in succession against Indianapolis Tech, 34-26, Marion, 36-29, and Peru, 41-28. Then the Marion Giants again put a dampener on everything by bucking the Kats off their high horse at home in a close contest, 32-31. With this defeat, coach Campbell began wondering where this season was headed. Lafayette and Muncie played tight against the Kats, but both came up short by 31-28 and 30-28 counts. New

Castle, one of the better teams in the state, pulled off a double overtime 42-40 victory over the Kats and the season record stood at 7-3. A hard-fought but disappointing loss at Berry Bowl in Logansport (39-38) briefly rattled the team, but it came back strong with a decisive 36-17 win over the highly regarded Tipton Blue Devils. At this point, the Kats started looking more like the team Campbell had wanted. They next took revenge against the Frankfort Hot Dogs with a surprising 25-15 win, using Pee-dad's latest ideas of defense. Reverting to their strong offensive weapons in the next game, the Kats doubled the score on NCC title contender Richmond, 44-22. That was a key victory, for at the time the Red Devils were battling the Kats for second place in the NCC. Another win against the Archers of Fort Wayne South Side (37-31) preceded an unsurprising 39-27 loss to Anderson, possibly the strongest team in the state. Another win over Logansport, 35-25, was followed by a 40-31 loss to Hammond Tech, the previous year's state champions, who had lost two games all season and were favored, along with Anderson, as one of the prime candidates for the state title. A 40-26 pasting of the Wabash Apaches allowed the Kats to close the season on a positive note. Their season record stood at 13-6 and they had captured third place in the tough NCC, behind Anderson and Richmond. Most of their six losses had been to stout opponents.

The Howard County sectional was a breeze for the Kats, with decisive victories over small schools Howard Twp. (67-23), Greentown (48-32), and Union Twp. (50-12).

The first game of the regional was much the same, with an easy 44-27 trouncing of Somerset. However, the Marion Giants were in this tournament, too, and as the coach knew from past experience, any victory over that team would come hard. He needn't have worried, though. Tipton had returned to its best form in the afternoon session to knock off the Giants 41-35, despite the heroics of sophomore forward Joe Pfeiffer, who plunked in 23 of Marion's 35 points in defeat. That night, the Blue Devils could not solve the Wildkats' sticky defense and fell 29-20.

The level of competition rose dramatically in the Kats' semifinal. The Huntington Vikings provided a lot of

excitement in an affair that saw them gradually close a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter with four minutes remaining. Kokomo barely escaped the Vikings' fast-moving rally in winning 41-38, with Campbell and Hankins scoring a combined 30 points early on. The final game that night against the F.W. North Side Redskins was a nip-and-tuck battle until the fourth quarter, when the Kats blew it wide open with some fancy shooting by Campbell and Hankins that resulted in a 41-33 victory. Campbell, in his final game as an eligible Wildkat performer, turned on the steam and scored nine field goals and a free throw for 19 points.

With Campbell no longer on the team as the Kats looked toward their next game in the finals at Butler Fieldhouse. The general outlook was anything but optimistic at Kokomo. The next challenge would come from the Washington Hatchets, who had become the tournament favorites even while Campbell was still eligible. Wildkat fans nevertheless cheered their team on constantly with wild enthusiasm just for being in the final four. The Hatchets left no doubt in anyone's mind on Saturday afternoon that they had a high caliber basketball team as they crushed the Kats 48-32. Leroy "Hook" Mangin led the Hatchet onslaught with 11 baskets and a free throw, while Norm Hankins did his best to keep the Kats in the game by contributing half his team's points, mostly one-handers from the corners. Kokomo had great difficulty snatching any rebounds in this game since there was no one around to compete for backboard position with 6-4 center Jim Riffey. An inglorious finish, perhaps, to a season that might have ended much differently for the Kats had "Hump" Campbell only been born in April 1921 rather than in March of that year.

### 1941 Madison Cubs by Harley Sheets

#### Some Facts

The Madison Cubs were the surprise of the state finals in 1941. They had won six previous sectionals and never a regional game. Also, their regular season schedule wasn't up to par with those of the other three participants. The Kokomo Wildkats had never won a championship, but were in the North Central Conference, whose members or former members had furnished 15 champions in the first 30

years (1911-40) of our state tournament. The Wildkats had finished as runners-up in 1925 and had advanced to the semistate, affectionately known by Hoosiers as the "Sweet 16," eleven times. Washington's Hatchets had pocketed 17 sectionals and had latched on to a title in 1930. The Gary Froebel Blue Devils had won three sectionals and advanced to the semistate on two occasions, but were marooned in "The Region" sectionals and regionals, either at the Hammond Civic Center or the Gary Civic Memorial Auditorium. To survive was considered a major undertaking. These tournament rounds have been serialized in the past by different entities of the media as "a bloodbath," "a bloodletting," "a journey through a turbulent storm," "a very arduous affair," and so on. There have been other, more hilarious descriptions than these I have come across over the years, but they have escaped my memory. Another thing to note is that the Blue Devils were only the second team from a large city (100,000 or more) to reach the final round. Fort Wayne South preceded them in 1938.

Madison (population 6,000), fit the profile of many Indiana communities with comparable or smaller populations who in the previous 30 years had ascended to the top of Mt. IHSAA. They were Crawfordsville (1), Franklin (3), Lebanon (3), Martinsville (3), Thorntown (1), Wingate (2) along with Washington, the only previous winner in this 1941 exhibition.

L. Ray Eddy, after playing for "Piggy" Lambert at Purdue, obtained his first coaching job at Tell City in 1935, winning three sectionals in five years before coming to Madison. In his first year, the Cubs won another sectional, but continued their regional futility. But 1941 was to become a preview of things to come. In the following 31 years, the school would total 23 sectionals, nine regionals, another runner-up finish (1949), and a state championship in 1950. The four years of 1959-62 saw the Cubs lose only one regular season game. From 1960-62, Madison became the first of two schools to go undefeated in three consecutive regular seasons. The other was Argos (1979-81).

#### Two Scary Moments

In the fourth game of the 1940-41 season, the Cubs dedicated Brown Memorial Gymnasium with a 47-16

shellacking of Ralph "Whiskey" Feeler's Scottsburg Warriors. Later in the season, the Cubs drubbed the Warriors again at Scottsburg 45-30. In the second game of the Madison sectional, after "Chisel" Stillhammer's Saluda Lions had mutilated the Central Wildcats 40-21, the two teams met again. Naturally, the Cubs were prohibitive favorites. But in this third matchup, neither team led by more than four points. Near the end, Scottsburg led 24-22, but Madison tied the score. Scottsburg then missed from long range and Bill Lodge, Madison's leading scorer, secured the ball and dribbled into the keyhole area, where he was fouled. Lodge made it 25-24, Cubs. Thirty seconds remained, but the Warriors missed another shot and Eddy's boys corralled the rebound as time ran out on a game that had the crowd in a frenzy.

In the regional, the St. Paul Blasters and Shelbyville Golden Bears were subdued to send Madison to the semistate. Here, the Cubs' first adversary was the Crawfordsville Athenians of Charles Cummings, who would eventually coach this year's favorites, the Anderson Indians, to their third state title in 1946. Early in the third quarter, the Athenians led by 11 (30-19), but the Cubs came storming back by outscoring C'ville 13-2 to tie the score at 32. Nonetheless, the Athenians still led at the end of the third, 35-34. The fourth quarter became a caricature of the Scottsburg game. The lead seesawed back and forth, with Crawfordsville leading 43-42 near the end, but Dick Miller, who had entered the game when starter Norman Smith fouled out, scored to put the Cubs ahead 44-43. Madison's speedy guard Don Server then fouled Clements, who missed the free throw. Ross, Crawfordsville's top scorer, then bumped Miller, who made it 45-43 in favor of Madison.

The paper doesn't say how, but the Cubs regained possession and stalled out the last few seconds - shades of the Madison and Scottsburg encounter. At night, the Cubs had little trouble in eliminating the Rushville Lions (a team that entered the tournament with a losing record) after the Lions had probably pulled the biggest of the many upsets in this 1941 tournament by eliminating the No.1-rated Anderson Indians of Archie Chadd. Thus, the Cubs became the surprise entry of this year's final four.



### A Good Effort

At Butler Fieldhouse, Madison faced a daunting task. Hank Mantz's Gary Froebel Blue Devils had been one of the favorites to win the 1940 tournament, but some unforeseen circumstances caused a problem. All-around athlete Davage Minor sprained his ankle in the championship game of the regional early in the second quarter, played sparingly and scored but four points as the Hammond Tech Tigers eliminated them, 25-24. With Minor back for his senior year, the Blue Devils were seeking their pot of gold at the end of the rainbow that had disappeared in 1940. In the process, they had gotten partial revenge, as Gary Mann axed Hammond Tech, and the Blue Devils beat Mann 42-33 in the titular contest at the Gary sectional. The only hair-raiser the rest of the way came in the championship game of the semistate at the Hammond Civic Center, when the Blue Devils eked out a one-point win over John Wooden's No.2-rated South Bend Central Bears.

Ray Eddy's young Cubs, with only one senior, by now had convinced most observers that they could play with anyone. The Froebel-Madison game was back and forth, even though Froebel's two leading scorers, Minor and William Martin, were stone cold (1-for-32 for the game). However, with six minutes remaining, Froebel was in a bind. Madison led, 25-15. The Cubs would go on to eke out the win, but it wasn't easy. Let's let William Fox, writer of the Indianapolis News' "Shootin 'em and Stoppin' 'em" column, describe the conclusion.

*"In the Madison-Froebel game, Davage Minor, the colored boy who took his team through Central of South Bend, couldn't find the basket. A picture of grace and skill most of the season and more so when the ropes were tighter drawn and the muscles likely to cramp, Minor was almost an object of pity as he stood in the center of the floor at the end of the game. He had the ball and shot it, his arms outstretched as if to take off on a flat dive in a swimming race. His vision may have been dimmed by the time the ball reached the backboard, for he knew it didn't matter where the ball went, the game was over. Only a few minutes before this, in the critical moments of a great game, Simmie Isabell a colored teammate of Minor's had returned to the floor to initiate and sustain a tremendous rally. Ten points*

*his team trailed by when he came in. Simmie scored eight and when emotions had reached another crest, when Madison's Cubs had to fight for their lives again, when the game could have gone one way or the other, Simmie committed his fourth personal. He had scored six of the last seven points and when he left the floor Froebel was only three points behind. Then Davage Minor scored his first [and only] field goal to make it 26-25, but Madison's Bill Lodge rebounded a Server miss and made it 28-25. It ended 29-27."*

Thus, the Cubs, led by Bill Lodge, their leading scorer (12 points) and rebounder, had punched their ticket to the championship game. The highlight of the game, though, had to be little Simmie Isabell scoring 16 of Froebel's 27 points. Four years later, Indiana high school players were to be allotted a fifth foul.

For the championship, Washington led at all stops, 9-6, 21-16 and 29-24, but early in the fourth stanza, the Cubs made a furious comeback to take their first lead. The Hatchets tied it. Madison regained the lead on a free throw. Washington went up by three and ultimately claimed its second title, 39-33, but the young Cubs had not been pushovers. Madison would lose only captain Don Server to graduation. Would the Cubs be back in 1942? Stay tuned!

For a more detailed description of this 1941 championship game, see Rocky Kenworthy's coverage of Marion Crawley's Washington Hatchets.

### 1941 Washington Hatchets by Rocky Kenworthy

Washington was eager to atone for what many felt was a season stopped short, when Mitchell's Blue Jackets upset the Hatchets 20-19 in the 1940 Vincennes Semistate. Without graduated leading scorer Rufus Arnold and Notre Dame-bound Leo 'Crystal' Klier, the Hatchets were minus 60 percent of their 1940 scoring. Nonetheless, Washington Herald sports scribe Ronnie Arvin's adopted slogan, "It's Washington in '41," appeared in print well before the season began and countless times thereafter. The quip proved prophetic, but after sizeable early season losses to Vincennes and Jasper, along with being outrun by little Bicknell at home, 34-33, it initially seemed more like an epitaph. The Hatchets began to roll after New Years,

winning 10 of their last 12 and gaining revenge against Jasper (28-26) and Vincennes (31-22).

Marion Crawley, coaching in his third season at Washington, began to utilize brothers Charles and Bill Harmon more to speed up the tempo and complement the team's leading scorer, 5-foot-10 Leroy "Hook" Mangin. 6-4 junior Jim Riffey handled the inside, while junior Art Grove was one of the south's best ballhandlers. Rebounders John DeJernette and Pete Winger provided the Hatchets more depth than the previous year. The Hatchets liked to fast break, but could outmuscle opponents in slower-paced games as well.

The Washington Sectional possessed some good small-school clubs in 16-2 Montgomery's speedy crew, a 15-6 Epsom club with five starters over 6-0, Wabash Valley entrant Plainville, Loogootee, and Shoals. However, only Shoals provided some resistance as the Hatchets won their four sectional contests by a 23-point average. But as Washington took its sectional as expected, other perennial southern powers were dropping like flies. Little Winslow, behind freshman sensation Red Robert Smith's 15 points, nipped Jasper, while Freelandville's Dutch, with 57 boys in school, knocked Vincennes out of a 22<sup>nd</sup> straight sectional title. Those two sectional victors, along with first-timer Shelburn, gave the regional a decidedly small-school lean and made the host Hatchets a prohibitive favorite. On this trip, the apple cart stayed upright as the Hatchets easily defeated Shelburn 52-34 and finally shook off a game Freelandville five 54-43 behind Mangin's 23 points.

In the Vincennes Semistate, Washington made quick work of Evansville Bosse in the afternoon, 44-27, but expected a nighttime tussle with Bedford. The Hatchets had beaten Bedford twice in the regular season, by a total of three points. However, the sting of being stopped a game short of a trip to Butler Fieldhouse a year earlier provided the impetus as Washington poured it on early and coasted to a 44-32 victory.

The Hatchets would now face Kokomo in the second afternoon game at Butler. Most pundits were dead wrong in rating Kokomo no better than the third horse in the Muncie Semistate field. But the consensus prediction of the Kats having little chance against

Washington without star forward Carl Campbell, who turned 20 (and therefore was declared ineligible) three days before the state finals, hit the bull's-eye. The Hatchets ran the Kats ragged, with Mangin knocking down eight of his first 12 attempts and finishing with 23 points in a 48-32 mismatch.

The state championship game between 26-5 Washington and 26-2 Madison marked the first time two schools south of U.S. 40 would meet for the title. The Hatchets' disadvantage of playing the second afternoon game may have been offset by Madison's having to hold on for dear life in defeating Gary Froebel in the lidlifter. Fifteen thousand people watched the battle start slowly, with Washington taking a 9-6 lead at the first stop behind two Charles Harmon buckets. Two Jim Riffey inside hoops, along with a Mangin fielder, staked the Hatchets to a 16-8 second-period lead. The Hatchets had been adept along the tournament trail in not letting their opponents back in the game after establishing separation, but Madison's Cubs were a different animal. Two long-range bombs from star forward Bill Lodge and one from sub Eugene Cheatham brought Madison back to within two before a Hatchet rally brought the halftime count to 21-16.

The back-and-forth continued in the third quarter as two more Lodge buckets drew Madison within one at 21-20. Washington threatened to pull away again, scoring eight straight, to lead 29-20. Andy Taff and Lodge connected to bring Madison within five at 29-24 at the third quarter break. A Norman Smith layup to start the fourth further closed the gap. Madison guard Don Server, who had found the expanse of Butler Fieldhouse a shooter's nightmare in missing his first 27 field-goal attempts on the day, suddenly tossed in two howitzers and the Cubs had their first lead, 30-29. Washington didn't regain the lead until Hook Mangin stole the ball and was fouled on a layup with less than three minutes remaining. His two free throws gave Washington a 33-32 lead, and two ensuing Mangin baskets put the Daviess County crew in the driver's seat as the Hatchets copped their second state championship, 39-33. Mangin's 69 points for the four-game semistate and state finals series set a new state record, breaking the mark held by Martinsville's Bus Brown.

### The Finals Boxscores

Team	FG	FT	PF	TP
Washington (48)				
Mangin, f	11 - 18	1 - 1	0	23
Ramey, f	0 - 0	0 - 0	0	0
C. Harmon, f	3 - 8	2 - 3	0	8
Dejernett, f	0 - 3	2 - 2	0	2
Riffey, c	1 - 12	0 - 0	1	2
Wininger, c	0 - 0	0 - 0	0	0
Grove, g	2 - 6	1 - 3	3	5
Donaldson, g	0 - 2	0 - 0	2	0
W. Harmon, g	4 - 8	0 - 0	0	8
Crane, g	0 - 0	0 - 0	0	0
	21 - 57	6 - 9	6	48
Kokomo (32)				
Hale, f	2 - 5	1 - 1	3	5
Longshore, f	0 - 0	0 - 0	0	0
Hankins, f	6 - 19	4 - 5	1	16
Talbert, f	0 - 0	0 - 0	0	0
Hoss, c	1 - 4	0 - 2	3	2
Galloway, c	0 - 1	0 - 0	0	0
Van Cleve, g	2 - 5	0 - 0	2	4
Higgins, g	0 - 0	0 - 0	0	0
Turner, g	2 - 8	1 - 1	2	5
	13 - 42	6 - 9	11	32
Washington	9 - 14	12 - 13	13 - 48	
Kokomo	9 - 5	7 - 11	11 - 32	
Madison (29)				
Lodge, f	3 - 17	6 - 8	1	12
Montgomery, f	1 - 2	0 - 0	2	2
Miller, c	2 - 8	0 - 2	1	4
Smith, c	2 - 5	1 - 5	4	5
Server, g	0 - 16	2 - 3	2	2
Taff, g	2 - 11	0 - 0	1	4
	10 - 59	9 - 18	11	29
Froebel (27)				
Martin, f	0 - 12	0 - 2	1	0
Isabel, f	7 - 18	2 - 3	4	16
Badanish, f	0 - 0	1 - 1	0	1
Minor, c	1 - 20	2 - 4	3	4
Mandich, g	0 - 2	0 - 0	3	0
Damian, g	1 - 5	2 - 2	1	4
Benko, g	1 - 7	0 - 1	2	2
	10 - 64	7 - 13	14	27
Madison	4 - 2	11 - 12	12 - 29	
Froebel	2 - 7	4 - 14	14 - 27	
Washington (39)				
Mangin, f	8 - 21	2 - 4	1	18
C. Harmon, f	3 - 10	1 - 2	2	7
Riffey, c	4 - 9	1 - 2	0	9
Grove, g	0 - 3	0 - 3	3	0
Donaldson, g	0 - 1	0 - 0	0	0
W. Harmon, g	2 - 3	1 - 2	0	5
	17 - 47	5 - 13	6	39
Madison (32)				
Lodge, f	6 - 16	1 - 1	1	13
Montgomery, f	0 - 1	1 - 1	2	1
Smith, f	1 - 6	1 - 1	3	3
Miller, c	2 - 5	0 - 0	1	4
Server, g	2 - 11	2 - 2	3	6
Taff, g	1 - 5	0 - 0	0	2
Cheatham, g	2 - 3	0 - 0	0	4
	14 - 47	5 - 5	10	33
Washington	9 - 12	8 - 10	10 - 39	
Madison	6 - 10	8 - 9	9 - 33	

### Tidbits From Here and There By Harley Sheets

The Works Progress Administration (WPA) was put in place by President Franklin Roosevelt to provide jobs for the unemployed during the Depression years before World War II. Under this umbrella, many of Indiana's high school gymnasiums came into being. These structures soon became the epicenter of community affairs, specifically on Friday nights. Many of these edifices have given way to the wrecking ball. This was commented on when I wrote about the demolition of the Auburn High School and Gym a couple of newsletters ago. Most of the old gyms that still exist have been usurped by new, more spacious complexes. However, a trend has emerged with some schools returning to the nostalgic days of yesteryear to play a game in their old basketball havens. The Tigers of Peru and Lebanon - there possibly were others - did this in the 2009-10 season. Lebanon will repeat the process this year in a game with Plainfield on December 23, and, although it will be prior to the release of this newsletter, Jasper will open the "Cabby" O'Neil Gymnasium for the first time since 1977 with the Wildcats hosting neighbor Pike Central on November 27. This gym was built for \$100,000 with WPA money in 1939. Looking back at this hard-time era, it would be interesting to know how many of Indiana's gyms were financed with WPA funds. It would be neat to compile a list on this subject for posterity. Why don't all of you members out there do some homework and see what you can come up with on your local gyms and mail the info to Rocky or Tom? Also, if you know of any other games played in old gyms, let us know and we will publish that information.

In my last Tidbits column, I posed this question: What Indiana high school has had the most Hall of Fame coaches coach there? I received no replies, so here's the answer - Lebanon with nine. They were, in chronological order, "Piggy" Lambert (Crawfordsville), Alva River Staggs (Walton), Glenn Curtis (Eminence), Chet Hill (Paoli), Alfred "Alf" Smith (Thorntown), Paul "Butch" Neuman (Lafayette Jeff), Robert Igney (Rossville), Mel Payton (Martinsville), and Jim Rosenstihl (Zionsville).

New Castle comes in a close second with eight.

## Team Rosters &amp; Records

## Gary Froebel Blue Devils

Coach: Henry Mantz

	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.
William Martin	F	5 - 8	Sr.
Davage Minor	F	6 - 2	Sr.
Simmie Isabel	F	5 - 8	Sr.
Steve Benko	C	6 - 2	Sr.
Edward James	G	6 - 1	Sr.
Joseph Badanish	F	5 - 11	Sr.
Pete Mandich	F	5 - 10	Jr.
Ray Kosmos	G	6 - 1	Jr.
Eli Mallich	G	6 - 1	Sr.
John Damian	G	5 - 6	Sr.

## Washington Hatchets

Coach: Marlon Crawley

	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.
Leroy Mangin	F	5 - 9	Sr.
Arthur Grove	G	5 - 10	Jr.
Ivan Wininger	G	6 - 1	Sr.
James Riffey	C	6 - 4	Jr.
Charles Harmon	F	6 - 0	Jr.
John DeJernett	G	5 - 11	Jr.
Forest Crane	G	5 - 10	Jr.
Robert Donaldson	F	5 - 11	Jr.
Garland Raney	F	5 - 9	Jr.
William Harmon	G	6 - 0	Sr.

## Kokomo Wildkats

Coach: Alfred Campbell

	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.
John Hoss	F-C	6 - 0	Jr.
Norman Hankins	G	5 - 9	Sr.
Jack Turner	G	5 - 10	Jr.
Whitney Van Cleve	G	5 - 10	Sr.
John Hggins	F	6 - 0	Jr.
Max Galloway	F	5 - 10	So.
Carl Longshore	C	6 - 3	Jr.
Bill Hale	C	6 - 0	Sr.
Dave Talbert	G	5 - 9	So.
Lewis Denny	F	5 - 10	Jr.

## Madison Cubs

Coach: Ray Eddy

	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.
Bill Lodge	F	6 - 2	Jr.
Wayne Montgomery	F	6 - 0	Jr.
Dick Miller	C	6 - 1	So.
Don Server	G	5 - 8	Sr.
Andy Taff	G	6 - 0	So.
Norman Smith	F	5 - 10	Jr.
Calvin Hassfuder	F	5 - 11	Jr.
Irvin Stoner	C	5 - 10	Jr.
Gene Cheatham	G	5 - 9	Jr.
Graham Bock	G	5 - 9	Jr.

Tolleston	23 - 40
Washington (EC)	41 - 35
Valparaiso	33 - 32
Crown Point	44 - 28
Roosevelt (EC)	52 - 19
Emerson	31 - 29 ot
Hammond	36 - 45

## \* Holiday Tournament

* Horace Mann	30 - 23
* Emerson	28 - 35
Whiting	42 - 28
Rensselaer	48 - 33
Lew Wallace	29 - 30
Hammond Tech	24 - 33
Horace Mann	21 - 26
Emerson	33 - 24
Lew Wallace	49 - 38
Washington (EC)	28 - 37
Hammond Tech	39 - 31
Mishawaka	24 - 39
Horace Mann	19 - 23
FW South	32 - 27
Valparaiso	43 - 26

## Gary Sectional

Whiting	33 - 22
Washington (EC)	36 - 26
Tolleston	43 - 36
Horace Mann	42 - 33

## Gary Regional

East Gary	32 - 26
Rensselaer	36 - 32

## Hammond Semi-Final

Logansport	43 - 32
SB Central	37 - 36

## State Finals (Indianapolis)

Madison	27 - 28
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Petersburg	37 - 19
Bedford	15 - 14
Bloomfield	32 - 24
Vincennes	15 - 24
Bicknell	33 - 34
Jeffersonville	21 - 16
Jasper	41 - 32
LaPorte	45 - 27
Huntingburg	33 - 32
Jasper	34 - 45
Delphi	46 - 21
Bedford	24 - 22
Mitchell	31 - 22
Jasper	28 - 26
Evansville Reitz	38 - 32
Evansville Central	24 - 26
New Albany	49 - 33
Vincennes	31 - 22
Fort Wayne Central	59 - 42
Martinsville	42 - 26
Greencastle	33 - 34
Bloomington	38 - 27

## Washington Sectional

Odon	60 - 14
Plainville	52 - 35
Shoals	36 - 28
Loogootee	48 - 26

## Washington Regional

Shelburn	52 - 34
Freelandville	54 - 43

## Vincennes Semi-Final

Evansville Bosse	44 - 27
Bedford	44 - 32

## State Finals (Indianapolis)

Kokomo	48 - 32
Madison	39 - 33

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Rossville	47 - 26
Elwood	53 - 39
Frankfort	38 - 22
Indianapolis Tech	34 - 26
Marion	36 - 29 ot
Peru	41 - 28
Lafayette Jeff	31 - 38
Marion	31 - 32
Muncie Central	30 - 28
New Castle	30 - 42 2ot
Logansport	38 - 39
Tipton	36 - 17
Frankfort	25 - 15
Richmond	44 - 22
FW South Side	37 - 31
Anderson	27 - 39
Logansport	35 - 25
Hammond Tech	31 - 40
Wabash	40 - 26

## Kokomo Sectional

West Middleton	37 - 23
Jackson Twp. (Howard)	52 - 32
Union Twp. (Howard)	42 - 22

## Marion Regional

Somerset	44 - 27
Tipton	29 - 20

## Muncie Semi-Final

Huntington	41 - 38
FW North Side	41 - 32

## State Finals (Indianapolis)

Washington	32 - 48
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Corydon	36 - 20
Vevay	25 - 13
Columbus	34 - 37
Scottsburg	47 - 16
North Vernon	19 - 17
Greenwood	32 - 18
Lawrenceburg	33 - 28
Salem	24 - 20
Scottsburg	45 - 30

## \* Lawrenceburg Tournament

* Lawrenceburg	38 - 29
* Aurora	38 - 28
North Vernon	39 - 26
Aurora	42 - 28
Princeton	29 - 31
Salem	31 - 29
Batesville	24 - 23
Vevay	34 - 17
Paoli	48 - 27
Greensburg	35 - 16
Brownstown	45 - 36
Lawrenceburg	33 - 30

## Madison Sectional

Scottsburg	25 - 24
North Madison	40 - 14
Austin	40 - 14
Lexington	35 - 18

## Greensburg Regional

St. Paul	30 - 21
Shelbyville	30 - 24

## Indianapolis Semi-Final

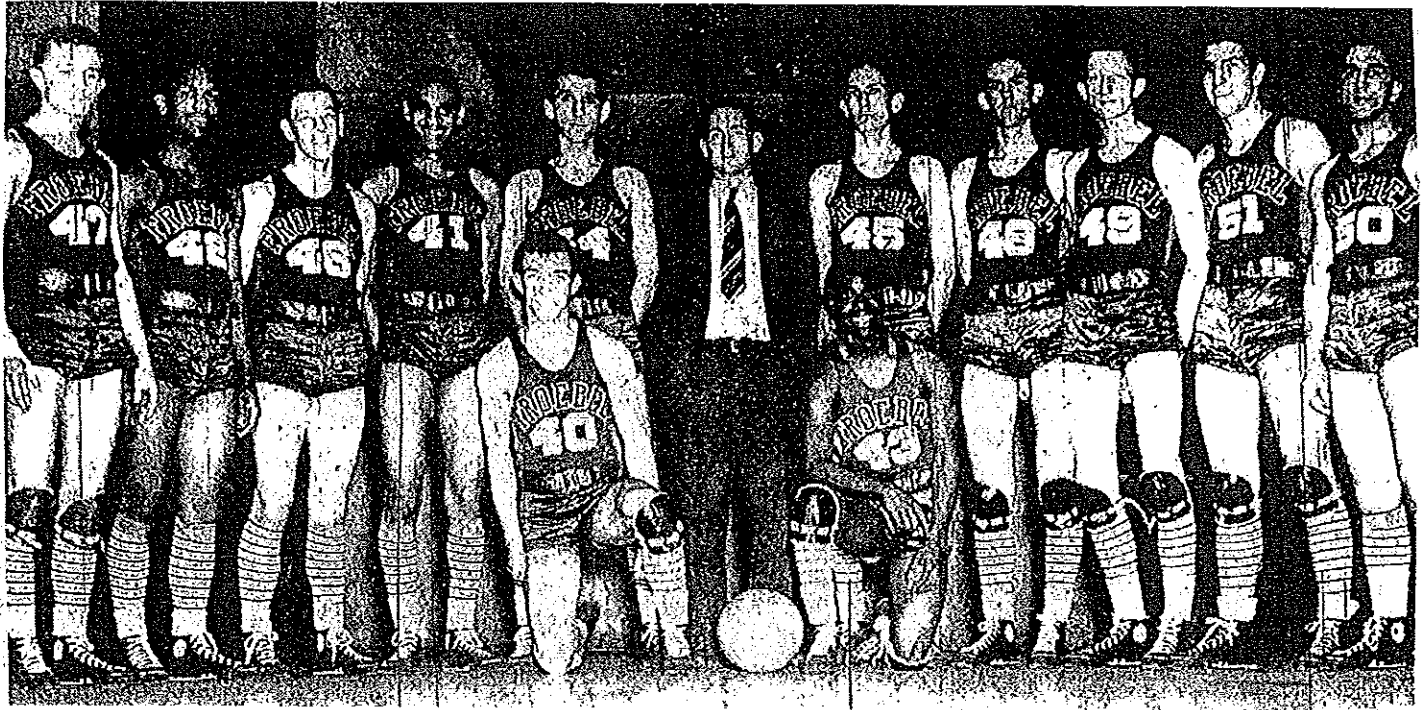
Crawfordsville	45 - 43
Rushville	39 - 30

## State Finals (Indianapolis)

Gary Froebel	29 - 27
Washington	33 - 39

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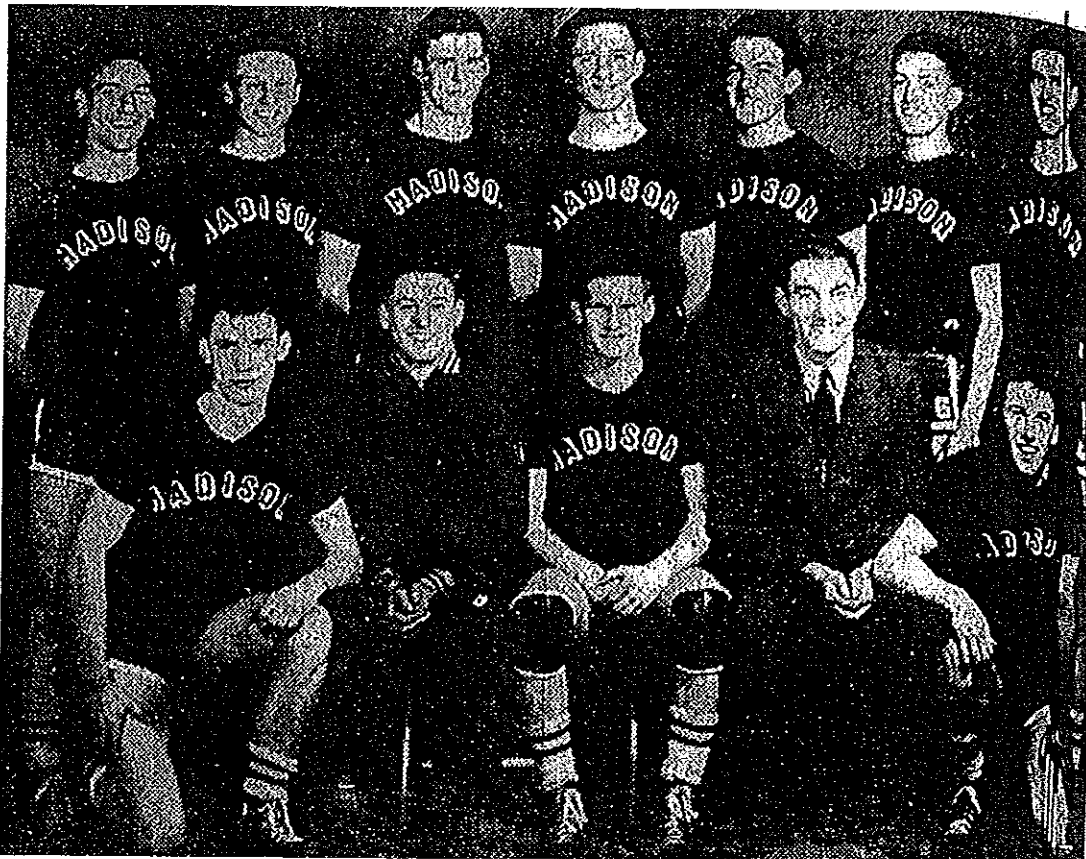
Gary Froebel Blue Devils – Standing left to right, Pete Mandich, Simmie Isabel, Joseph Badanish, Davage Minor, Steve Benko, Coach Henry Mantz, Albert Chellich, Ray Kosmos, Eli Malich, Ray Henderson and John Damian. Kneeling in front, left to right, Willie Martin and Burnest Glenn.



Washington Hatchets – Front row, left to right, Ivan Winger, Calvin Thomas, James Riffey, Arthur Grove, Bob Donaldson, and Charles Harmon; second row, Coach Marion Crawley, Capt. Leroy Mangin, Forest Crane, John Dejernett, William Harmon, Garland Raney and Student Manager Carl Poger.



Kokomo Wildkats – Front row, left to right; Norman Hankins, Jack Turner, Lewis Denny, Dave Talbert and Whitney Van Cleave; Rear row, left to right; John Higgins, C. D. Longshore, Carl Campbell (ineligible due to over age), Bill Hale and John Hoss.



Madison Cubs -  
Front row, left to right;  
Graham Bock, Student Manager  
Tommy McKay, Don Server,  
Coach Ray Eddy, and Gene  
Cheatham;

Rear row, left to right;  
Norman Smith, Andy Taff, Dick  
Miller, Bill Lodge, Wayne  
Montgomery, Irvin Stoner and  
Fuzzy Hassfurder.

### 1941 Hammond Tech Tigers, The Wheel of Good Fortune Had Turned

by Thomas White

(Although Hammond Tech did not make it past their first sectional game in 1941, I thought I would reprise my last years Boxscore article and explain how fortune was not on their side this time around.)

The 1940 state champion Tigers of Hammond Tech had a better team in 1941. Gone due to graduation were starters 5-foot-11 John Thompson, guard, 6-2 Mike Bicanic, forward, and reserve center Robert Haack. Coming back for their senior year was the frontline of 6-3 Richard Haack, brother to Robert, and their two leading scorers from last year, 6-3 forward, Robert Kramer, and 6-4 center, Stanley Shimala.

Through the first 13 games, playing almost the identical schedule, in 1940 Tech was 9-4 with a 32 point scoring average and a winning margin of about three points per game. At the same point in 1941 they were 13-0, scoring at 40 points per game with an 11 point margin. The size of the scoring margin was fairly substantial for this time period.

About five games into the season, the Tigers lost their "quick" starting guard, John Gaul, because of a knee injury. He attempted to come back late in the season but was never able to fully recover. Atco Masimovich and Joe Abatie picked up the scoring slack on occasion, but neither was quite as quick as Gaul.

In the sixth game at home just before Christmas, Tech defeated highly regarded Fort Wayne North, 35-31, and thus started the talk about repeating as state champions.

In the 11<sup>th</sup> game of the season, the Tigers won handily, 33-24, over their NIHSC (Northern Indiana High School Conference) rival Gary Froebel with their star player Davage Minor. Tech also maintained a 21-game streak over the last two seasons.

On February 1, Tech played Muncie Burris under the tutelage of Scott Fisher, who was in the middle of a six-year streak of winning Muncie Sectionals (1939-44 with appearances in the final four in 1939 and 1942). The game was played at Muncie Fieldhouse, home of the Muncie Central Bearcats. At the time Tech was 13-0 while Burris was 11-3 and on a seven-game win streak of its own.

Tech led 26-23 entering the fourth quarter, but Burris used a stalling offense with occasional lightning dashes for the hoop, beat Tech 9-2 in that quarter, and won the game 32-28. Burris scoring was led by Grimes, Brown and Murray with nine, seven, and seven points respectively. Tech was led by Kramer and Shimala who had 12 points apiece. Attendance for the game was 6,500.

Tech followed up that loss by losing at Gary Froebel 39-31, with the Blue Devils outscoring Tech 25-12 in the second half. The Tigers ended their season with five consecutive victories. One was against a very good Kokomo team that made it to the final four.

In the last game of the season, a 31-13 trouncing of Hammond Clark, Tech's leading scorers, Kramer and Shimala, each sprained their right ankle within two minutes of one another at virtually the same place on the floor. Kramer's injury was considered to be more serious, but both required a short stint in the hospital. Both played the following week in the tournament.

The Gary Sectional featured 19-1 Gary Tolleston, 18-2 Hammond Tech, and 13-9 Gary Froebel with Davage Minor. Tech drew Horace Mann in its initial game, a team it had beaten twice during the season. Mann built up a lead going into the fourth quarter, 27-20, and held on to win 31-29. Tech shot 12 of 61 (20%) while Mann shot 11 of 38 (29%). Shimala was 3 for 22 (14%) and Kramer was 3 for 11 (27%).

As with most team sports, every year is different. There are occasionally personnel changes and sometimes chemistry changes within a team. Intermittently, serious injuries occur and sometimes just the timing of the injury was unfortunate. There are injuries to opponents. And on rare occasions, a team just gets an easier tournament schedule. Hammond Tech got all the breaks in 1940 and ended up as the state champions. In 1941, with a better and more experienced team, they got none of the breaks and lost their first game of the sectional. I guess you could say, "What goes around really does come around."

### Hammond Tech Tigers

Coach: Lew Birkett

	Pos.	Ht.	Cl
Robert Thellmont	G	5 - 11	Jr.
Jerry Lannin	G	6 - 0	Jr.
Joe Abatie	G	5 - 10	Sr
Estell Harper	F	6 - 0	Jr.
George Kundrat	C	6 - 1	Sr
Atco Maksimovich	G	5 - 11	Jr.
Richard Haack	F	6 - 3	Sr
Stanley Shimala	C	6 - 4	Sr
Robert Kramer	F	6 - 3	Sr
John Gaul	G	5 - 9	Jr.

Roosevelt (EC)	37	-	14
Hammond	33	-	32
Whiting	45	-	42
Washington (EC)	61	-	41
Lew Wallace	43	-	27
FW North	35	-	31
Emerson	41	-	24
Valparaiso	49	-	35
Roosevelt (EC)	43	-	30
Horace Mann	29	-	24
Froebel	33	-	24
Washington (EC)	25	-	23
Valparaiso	46	-	29
Muncie Burris	28	-	32
Froebel	31	-	39
SB Washington	38	-	29
Hammond	40	-	37
Kokomo	40	-	31
Horace Mann	27	-	20
Hammond Clark	31	-	13
<b>Gary Sectional</b>			
Horace Mann	29	-	31
	18	-	3

### Notes and Quotes

#### When the Truth Is More Important than the Lies

Howard Sharpe couldn't tell the truth. He'd won 722 games, but Marion Crawley said he'd won 734. Crawley couldn't tell the truth. He'd won 644 games, but Everett Case said he'd won 666. Case couldn't tell the truth because that's not how it's done in Anderson -- do you think the Wigwam really seats 8,996? -- and because I wouldn't have anything to gripe about.

Doug Bradley

I was just thinking I may have to live forever. God knows, I don't want to. But I may have to. And if I do, so will Harley Sheets.

Doug Bradley

### Mystery School Photo

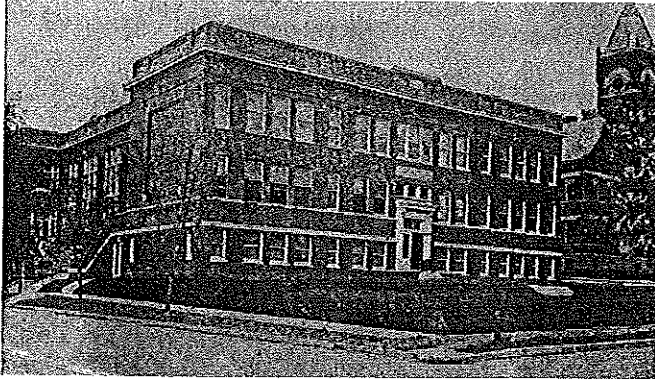
From the Fall 2010 issue Mystery School Photo Contest, we have no winner. The school shown was Linton.

Because of the theme of this issue we have changed the Mystery School Photo Contest. All the Final Four schools are shown on this page. To win, match each school with their designations (TL means Top Left, TR ... Top Right, BL ... Bottom Left and BR ... Bottom Right). Enter the designation

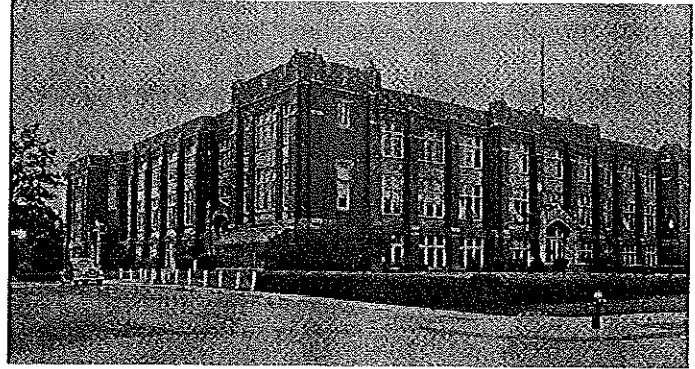
and the school and send it or e-mail it to the addresses shown at the right.

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 that correctly matches the schools will win a copy of Harley's *Where in the World*, which lists interesting tidbits and all consolidations as of 1983.

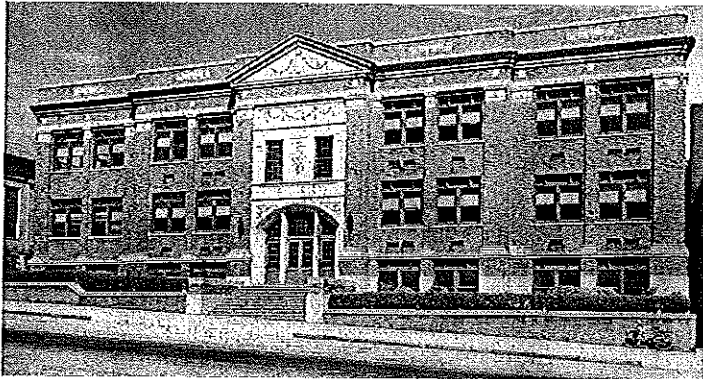
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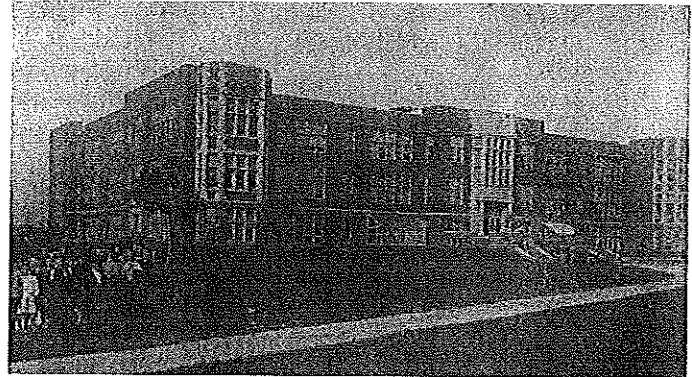
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