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MONROE COUNTY BASKETBALL CELEBRATION

Mark Friday, March 22, 2019 on your calendar! Try to attend this local Hoosier Basketball event at the Monroe County History Center at 202 East 6th St., in Bloomington. It is being sponsored by the Monroe County Sports History Committee and is open to the public. It primarily commemorates the centennial of the 1919 basketball

season in which Naismith HOF coach Cliff Wells led Bloomington H.S. Indiana the state championship at Purdue. Bob will Hammel be the host. Additionally, it is anticipated that there will be an announcement of the all-time winningest H.S. basketball coach in Indiana: J.R. Holmes of Bloomington South H.S. We encourage IHSBHS attendance in support of our major collaborative role with the HOF during 1998-2000 accurately documenting historical W-L records of Indiana H.S. coaches.

The activities begin at 5:30 p.m., and nearby parking is free after 5 o'clock for all those who attend, latecomers included. This is a rare opportunity for IHSBHS members to come and get personally acquainted with each other. Afterwards, IHSBHS President Roger Robison has invited all IHSBHS attendees to his Bloomington residence for refreshments and further discussions. Please RSVP in advance at 812-331-8018.

1918 State Tournament Lebanon Gets No. 3 in O.T. Yanks Arrive "Over There" A. USA in WW I; Apr. '17-Nov. '18

The 1917-18 school year was overshadowed by the entry of the United States into Europe's World War. The United States was operating supposedly under neutrality act since the War began in 1914. However, the Act was being violated by Atlantic coast shippers that were transporting trading goods munitions to the United and Kingdom (U.K.) while the British Navy was blockading Germany. In May 1915, the British passenger liner Lusitania was also carrying several tons of munitions when sunk by German submarines. By Feb. 1, 1917. Germany proclaimed unrestricted submarine warfare to the blockade counteract and President Wilson severed diplomatic relations. On March 1, 1917, in the Zimmerman telegram," Germany offered Arizona, Texas and New Mexico to Mexico if it would join the coming war. The Russian monarchy was overthrown on March 16, leading to a series of revolutions and withdrawal from the war.

Lebanon won the 1917 Tourney on March 16-17 of 1917. On March 19, Germany sank three US Merchant Marine ships that were hauling contraband cargo to the U.K. That did it. Wilson declared war on April 6. Conscription started in May to draft men ages 21 to 31, later expanded to ages 18 to 45. When Terre Haute labor union leader and socialist Eugene V. Debs lectured against the war and conscription, he was arrested and sentenced to ten years in jail.

In June, a rag-tag collection of 14,000 U.S. infantry troops was sent to France as a token force. However, the Americans were determined to fight primarily as an American Expeditionary Force (AEF) and not as replacements for the horrific losses sustained by French and U.K. soldiers.

By the beginning of the 1917-18 school year, 50,000 U.S. troops per month were arriving in France. After Russia signed an armistice with Germany in December. Germany sent 43 Divisions from its eastern front to the West during January through March of 1918. Now, with 203 Divisions of 3.6 million men, Germany started their "big push" to win the war before the green, untested USA troops could mobilize the AEF. Meanwhile, in Indiana they were playing basketball. **B.** 1917/18 SEASON

Coach Ward Lambert, (Wabash '11) was in the Army during 1917/18. Filling in for him at Purdue Lafayette attorney Justin Maloney (Crawfordsville H.S. '08, Notre Dame '12). Chet Hill from Thorntown moved over Martinsville to fill in for a year before returning to Thorntown. Many high schools were affected, as was Frankfort, which lost alums and three returning players to the Army in the Fall of 1917 and others after graduation in '18. Two died in France: Walter Cohee on March 22 and Roy Stunkard on July 25.

During 1916-18, Lebanon had a different coach each year and all three were selected for the Indiana

Basketball Hall of Fame: Ward Lambert, Alva Staggs, and Glenn Curtis (see Fig 1). Curtis had graduated from Indiana State Teachers College (now ISU) in Terre Haute in 1916. He was an assistant coach at Advance (Boone Co.) for one year before being hired to replace Staggs who had advanced to the larger city of Anderson.

LEBANON STARTERS 1916-18

	1916	191/#	1918#
F	Adam	Adam	Smith-Sr.
F	G Gardner	G Gardner	G Gardner-Sr
F	Devol	Devol	J.M. Gardner-Jr
C	McCormick	Ball*	Adam-Jr.*
G	White	White*	White-Sr.*
G	Little*	Little	Grater-Jr.*
Rec	ord: 19:5	26:2	28:2
Coa	ch: Lambert	Stagg	Curtis
* A1	Il State # State C	hamp:	

Curtis inherited **three** 3-year starters: Fred Adam (born 1899), Gerald Gardner (1899) and Don White (1898) as well as a terrific season schedule. Clyde Grater (1900) now started at defensive back guard. Grater had started much of the 1917 season, while All State Frank Little was dealing with rheumatic heart disease. In 1916-17, Gerald Gardner had missed the first semester because of academic ineligibility. It was "déjà vu all over again" this season as his younger brother James Merrill Gardner (1901) missed the first semester. In Clinton County they were known as the "Mensa twins". See Fig. 2.

Richmond, and Martinsville and took both games from all, except for a split with Lafayette. They lost only twice; at Lafayette (15-4) and at home to Rochester (15-3) which was led by the indomitable Ray (Candy) Miller. Eleven opponents were held to 13 points or fewer.

Lebanon Schedule (20-2)	
Fr. N9@Anderson	35-26
Fr. N16Rockville	25-13
Fr. N23@Muncie	17-08
W. N27@Richmond	30-11
Fr. N29Martinsville	23-18
Fr. D7@Thorntown	39-32
Fr. D14Lafayette	17-11
Fr. D21Richmond	38-05
Sa.D22 @Advance	35-25
Mo.D31_Lizton	40-07
Fr. J4Thorntown	30-21
Fr. J11Frankfort	38-10
Sa.J12Advance	45-16
Fr. J18Crawfordsville	54-07
Fr. J25@Lafayette	15-22
Fr. F1Anderson	35-21
Sa.F2Zionsville	39-10
Fr. F8Rochester	22-26
Fr. F15_@Crawfordsville	37-25
Fr. F22@Frankfort	35-11
Sa.F23_Muncie	34-18
Fr. M1_@Martinsville	14- 13

At Bloomington (BHS), coach Cliff Wells (BHS '16) was in his second year, just two years out of high school. He had become the interim BHS coach in January 1917, when the existing coach abruptly left for Purdue. Wells had been the team captain in '16 and helped coach the freshmen, who included his brother. After a successful 1917 season, Wells dropped out of I.U. He took over full-time coaching in '18 and

LEBANON ROSTER 1917/18	Class	# points	# games	avg. ppg.
F-Gerald Gardner (1898)	Sr.	149	27	5.52
F-Frank Martin	Sr.	40	26	1.54
F-Basil Smith (1901)	Sr.	18	22	0.82
F-J. Merrill Gardner (1901)	Jr.	106	16	6.63
C-Fred Adam (1899)	Jr.	203	24	8.46
C-Harry Stevens	Jr.	32	19	1.68
G-Don White (1898)	Sr.	362	30	12.07
G-Clyde Grater (1900)	Jr.	22	30	0.73
Sub-Noble Beck	Jr.	28	18	1.56
Sub-Roy Fields	Sr.	02	5	

Lebanon played home and away against Crawfordsville, Anderson, Muncie, Lafayette, Thorntown,

ended up in the final three. He would have three juniors returning for '19.

<u> 1917 (11-4)</u>	1918 (25-4)
F Rogers-So	Rogers Jr
F Marxson-So	Marxson Jr
C Esarey-Jr	Esarey Sr
G Sullivan-Jr	Sullivan Sr
G Robinson-So	Robinson Jr

His 1918 squad finished its schedule at 18-3, with two losses to Martinsville. BHS held six opponents to 10 or fewer points and held seven others to fewer than 20. See Fig. 3 BHS Team.

Bloomington Schedule (18-3)

Dioomingion Schedule (10-3)
Sa.O27_Brownstown	53-05
Fr. N9Greencastle	67-06
Fr. N16Vincennes	33-17
Sa.N24Richmond	38-09
W.N27_Indy Manual	30-17
Fr.D7Bedford	24-19
Fr.D14Connersville	56-12
Sa.D15Rushville	35-23
W.D26Martinsville	29-35
Th.D27_Pendleton	37-09
Fr.J4Connersville	61-04
Fr.J11Richmond	37-21
Fr.J18Martinsville	
Fr.J25_Pendleton	27-19
Sa.J26Greencastle Fr.F1Bedford	37-22
Fr.F1Bedford	29-14
Fr.F8LaFayette	35-17
Fr.F15Smithville	32-22
Th.F21_Spencer	38-10
Fr.F22Vincennes	17-21
Sa.M2_Spencer	64-22
SECTIONAL (4-0)	
STATE (3-1)	

C. 1918 DISTRICT **ELIMINATION TOURNEYS:** SECTIONALS.

Anderson finished its schedule at 16-4, with two of its losses to Lebanon. Coach Alva Staggs started (F) Harry Cannon (born 1902); (F) Ralph Woods (1897); (C) Miller (1900); (G) Robert Rowley (1900); and (G) Jasper Trueblood (1899). They eliminated Fortville 39-21, Arcadia 60-12, New Palestine 74-7, and Pendleton 37-15.

At the Bedford district tourney, Bloomington won by 51, 5, 19, and 10 points. It was the fourth straight sectional title for Bloomington: The game scores were Needmore (55-04), Smithville (30-25), Scottsburg (36-17), and Bedford (28-18). Brazil

(in Clay County) got all the Terre Haute (Vigo Co.) teams, Rockville prevailed over T.H. Wiley, Glenn, T.H. State Normal, and T.H. Garfield. Montgomery County had the Crawfordsville sectional. It was called the cradle of Indiana high school basketball with three state champions in the first four years of the Tourney. It was nearly always a two-team affair. Crawfordsville won in '15 and '16, followed by Wingate in '17 and '18. Wingate was now led by sophomore star Alonzo The most lopsided Goldsberry. sectional was at Hartford City where Huntington (18-3) demolished four opponents by an average of 50 points. Its game scores were Tocsin (83-19), Markle (65-33), Geneva (72-30), and Bluffton 82-17.

SECTIONAL WINNERS, 1918

Winner @ Site

Anderson @ home Bloomington @ Bedford Rockville @ Brazil Columbus @ home Wingate @ Crawfordsville Franklin @ home Plainfield @ Greencastle G. Emerson @ Hammond Huntington @ Hartford City Kendallville @ home Kokomo @ home Montmorenci @ LaFayette Martinsville @ home Muncie @ Newcastle Richmond @ home Rochester @ home South Bend @ Plymouth Lebanon @ Thorntown Vincennes @ home Washington @ home

Kokomo's season record was 10-10 before winning its sectional. The narrowest win margin in the state was at Lafayette (15-4) where the fell to the hamlet Montmorenci (13-3) in the final by 17-16. It was sweet revenge for the winners, who allegedly had been 24-0 when they had lost to Lafayette in 1917. Martinsville (14-5), won its third straight sectional at home. As

there was no acceptable tournament Marion County, in gym **Indianapolis** schools played Martinsville. This year, Martinsville Manual, Southport, beat Augusta, and Castleton for the title. Star players Dewey South, Hugh Gibbs, and Claude Curtis had returned from '17. Curtis was now in his third year as a starter. At New Castle, the host team was 13-6 before winning three of four games played at its sectional. But Muncie, just 6-6 before entering the New Castle sectional, edged the host team 26-24 in the final. The Boone-Clinton County sectional was also a two-team affair between Lebanon and Thorntown. In '15 state champ Thorntown had prevailed. Then in '16 and '17 it was Lebanon over Thorntown by 15-12 and 23-19, respectively. In 1918, Lebanon blew by four hapless victims by an average margin of 32 points. game scores were 56-01 over Kirklin, 32-18 over Advance, 40-10 over Colfax, and finally a 43-14 thrashing of Thorntown in the final. Vincennes was 6-4 before taking four games at its sectional. Washington was 12-5 before taking three at its sectional.

Tournament Growth, 1911-18 **Teams**

IHSAA

	Members	<u>Enter</u>	<u>ed</u>	<u>Format</u>
1911	223	12		Invit.
1912	244	13		Invit.
1913	258	38		Open
1914	314	77		Open
	IHSAA	Teams	District	Avg. teams
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I	Members			s per District.
1915				0
	Members	Entered	Tourney	s per District.
1915	Members 387	Entered 155	Tourney 14	s per District.

Tourney

D. 1918 FINALS @ BLOOMINGTON (20 teams)

Anderson and Lebanon got the short draw and only had to play four games each to get to the final. The first four teams to play would have needed to play five to get to the final.

Eventually, it would become obvious that 16 was the optimal number for team finalists.

1918 TOURNEY RESULTS

Round one with 20 teams:

Thursday, 14 March

7:30p Martinsville 33, Rockville 20 8:30p Bloomington 39, Richmond 12

Friday, 15 March

8am Montmorenci 24, Muncie 16 Columbus 2, Franklin 0 (forf.) 9am Rochester 18, Plainfield 15 10am Anderson 30, Gary Emerson 9 11am Vincennes 30, Kokomo 15 1pm 2pm Huntington 32, Washington 21 3pm Lebanon 15, Wingate 6 So. Bend 15, Kendallville 13 4pm Round Two with 10 teams:

7:30pm Bloomington 24, Martinsville 22 8:30pm Montmorenci 16, Columbus 13

Saturday, 16 March

8am Anderson 23, Rochester 12 9am Huntington 24, Vincennes 12 10am Lebanon 39, So. Bend 3

Round Three with 5 teams:

11am Bloomington 23, M'morenci 11 2pm Anderson 29, Huntington 24

3pm Lebanon bye

Final Three:

3pm Lebanon 17, Bloomington 4

4pm Anderson bye

8pm Lebanon 24, Anderson 20 (OT)

Martinsville had eliminated Bloomington in the 1917 finals in overtime after Ralph Esarey missed a free throw. BHS Coach Wells had scheduled them twice during the 1917-18 season and lost both games. On Friday evening Bloomington played Martinsville with its star players Claude Curtis (born 1900), Dewey South (01), and Hugh Gibbs ('01) for the third time that season. Curtis got every tipoff but BHS somehow raced to an 8-1 lead. The BHS lead was shortened to 13-9 at halftime but stretched to 22-14 with ten minutes to go. Gibbs hit three FGs in a row and BHS sub Larry Short scored to make it 24-20. With a minute to go, Curtis scored underneath, cutting the margin to 24-22. Gibbs missed from long range then to end it. Robert Marxson (born '01), Don Rogers ('01), and Esarey

('01) each scored 3 FGs and Esarey added four FTs in the BHS winning effort.

The Lebanon-Wingate defensive struggle in round one drew the largest crowd on Friday at 3 pm. The first three minutes were scoreless. Then White missed two FTs, but sank one at the five-minute mark, making the score 1-0. Crane scored a FG and White another FT, tying the score at 2-2. But Goldsberry got a FT and Bell a FG, giving Wingate a 5-2 lead. White hit his third and last FT, leaving Wingate with the lead 5-3, at the Then began a halfway mark. remarkable offensive surge but an even more remarkable defensive During the streak for Lebanon. second half they scored 12 points while holding Wingate to a single FT. The final score was 15-3. Then in their second game, on Saturday at 10a.m., they held South Bend to just three FTs, with no FGs. In their third game they held Bloomington to four FTs alone (all by Esarey). That was 100 minutes without giving up a single FG.

The Crane brothers and Goldsberry of Wingate were all sophomores. In 1920 they would lead the team to the national interscholastic title in Chicago.

Box Score

<u>Lebanon=15</u>		Wingate=6	
I	Fg+Ft		Fg+Ft
Smith	0+0	H. Crane	1+0
G. Gardner	1+0	Carney	0+0
Adam	2+0	Goldsberr	y0+1
White	1+3	Bell	1+1
Grater	1+0	Irvin	0 = 0
JM Gardner	1+0	C. Crane	0+0

In the final game, Anderson had less trouble with the Lebanon defense. Miller got the tip and Cannon scored twice while White hit from underneath. Anderson took a time out at the four-minute mark. A foul on Woods was called, but White missed the FT. Adam evened the score at 4-4. A foul on Wolski resulted in a White FT conversion,

making it 5-4 Lebanon. Rowley sank one from center court, followed by a Woods FT, to make it 7-5 Anderson. A foul on Rawley put White at the line but he missed the FT again. Gardner connected from long range to tie the game at 7-7. White then sank one from outside, and it was 9-7, Lebanon. A foul on Smith was converted by Woods at the line. The half ended with Lebanon narrowly in front 9-8.

Anderson's Miller got the tipoff when play resumed, but Lebanon got the ball and Adam scored for an 11-8 Cannon hit from long, but White countered with another twopointer. White and Cannon exchanged goals again to make the score 15-12, Lebanon. Cannon closed the score to 15-14 with another fielder. Adam and White both scored in tight to widen Lebanon's lead to 19-14. Woods hit a FT while White missed two at the foul line. It was now 19-15 with ten minutes left to play. Woods tossed in a FG, shortening the Lebanon lead to two points, 19-17. On a double foul, White missed but Woods connected at the line, 19-18 still Lebanon. White missed another FT and Rowley connected from long range again, putting Anderson in the lead 20-19 at the three-minute mark--its first lead since the first quarter. Coach Curtis substituted Gardner for the scoreless Smith with time running out. A clutch free throw by White then saved the game. It was only his second success in eight FT attempts, but it came at a key time, taking the 20-20 tie into OVERTIME. In the OT White scored to give Lebanon a two-point advantage, 22-20. An injury to Cannon in the OT might have hurt Anderson's chances. Anyway, Adam connected from the center circle to ice the win for Lebanon, 24-20. Lebanon received its third state championship shield in eight years:

See Fig. 4, a,b,c.

Box Score Result

Lebanon=24	4	Anderson	=20
	Fg+Ft	F	g+Ft
G Gardner	1	Cannon	5
Smith	0	Woods	1+4/4
Adam	4	Miller	0
White	6+2/8	Rawley	2
Grater	0	Trueblood	0
JM Gardner	0	Wolski	0

E. ALLSTATE SELECTIONS

Indy News	Indy Star	I.U. Daily Student
F-Cannon, Anderson	Cannon	White
F-White, Lebanon	Esarey, BHS	S Esarey
C-Adam, Lebanon	Adam	Cannon
G-Grater, Lebanon	White	Gibbs, Martinsville
G-Miller, Anderson	Miller, And	. R.Miller, Rochester

Cannon, Miller, and White were unanimous selections. Don White and Candy Miller ended up as teammates at Purdue during 1920-In '21 and '22 Purdue was 22. Western Conference champion. Ralph Esarey (1901-75)led Bloomington High to the state basketball finals in 1917 and '18 (See Fig. 3). He was the second winner of the tournament's mental attitude award, the Gimbel Prize. His father was on the faculty of the I.U. History Department, and Ralph went on to graduate from I.U. as a Phi Beta Kappa. After graduation, Ralph taught and coached basketball at BHS. In 1923 high school football was restarted there and he was the first BHS coach. He became a geology distinguished professor, teaching 42 years at I.U. and was a pioneer in petroleum exploration. Esarey also coached I.U. tennis in the 1930s and represented the faculty on the I.U. Athletics Committee.

F. POST SCRIPTS

Just after the 1918 tourney, a desperate German big push began, with advances made on March 21, April 9, May 27, June 9, and July 15. By June there were 29 US Army divisions of one million men total, and three U.S. Marine divisions of 85,000 men total. The American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) now joined the Brits and French to blunt

the German advances--specifically in June at Belleau Wood (U.S. Marines) and in July at Chateau-Thierry (U.S. Army). After the Germans were halted, the AEF and Allies began the Hundred Days Offensive--8 August to 11 November 1918--which ultimately ended the war.

During the war, soldiers were living in trenches, which made cigar and pipe smoking inconvenient. These tobacco products relied on the less hazardous oral absorption of tobacco. Soldiers switched to the more convenient cigarettes which required lung inhalation of the tobacco (see Figs. 5, 6). The Red Cross had become famous passing out doughnuts the doughboys, while the YMCA gave out cigarettes and sent small dogs through the trenches with cigarettes strapped around them (see Fig. 7--a dog with a YMCA logo collar).

Twenty years later, the first reports, issued by German scientists linking cigarettes to cancer and cardio-pulmonary disease, were greeted with skepticism by consumers and with vehement denial by the vendors. Thirty years later, in 1965, the U.S. Surgeon General verified the hazards.

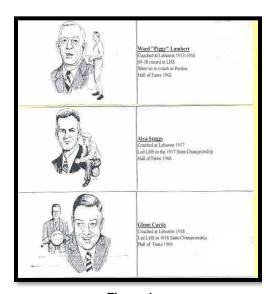


Figure 1



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Figure 3



Figure 4a



Figure 4b



Figure 4c



Figure 5

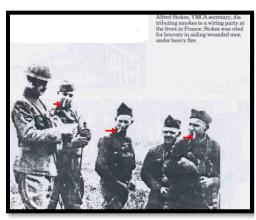


Figure 6



Figure 7

Lakeland High Lakers, 1967-68 by Ken Fillmore, LaGrange Herald Republican

This article was recently submitted to IHSBHS by Brian Miller, an IHSBHS member who received permission from Ken Fillmore, the writer, for us to re-print it in Boxscore.

Lagrange County, Indiana. The 1967-68 season was supposed to be one of rebuilding for the Lakeland High School boys basketball team after graduating nine seniors from a squad that went 17-5 the season before. Instead, the Lakers set a new standard that decades of future players have since tried to reach or surpass. And those were the days of single-class basketball in Indiana.

In the fourth season after LaGrange. Lima, Brighton, and Wolcottville high schools consolidated to become Lakeland High, coach Richard Butt's Lakers reached the regional final for the first time in program history after a 61-53 afternoon win over DeKalb at Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. Lakeland did not have enough left over in the regional final during that late winter day in losing 72-50 to a strong, physical Fort Wayne Central Catholic squad. It finished its season at 18-7. But not many Laker teams have reached that point since. The 1976-77 and 77-78 teams, which featured sharpshooting guard Jeff King and center Bill Bender, are the only other Lakeland boys cage squads to have played in a regional final.

That team recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of its memorable 1967-68 season at the school. Its members were honored in a ceremony taking place last spring between the junior varsity and varsity games against rival school Central Noble. "It was one of the more intelligent teams I've ever

coached," said Butt, whose head coaching career spanned 32 seasons, including nine Lakeland. at "Athletically, we were so-so. 'But they knew what to do and played 'I'm very proud of well together. them." Paul Lauver was a senior and the Lakers' second leading scorer. He went on to be the class valedictorian that year. Classmate Jerald Miller said teammates Pat Malone, Bob Speicher, Phil Schlemmer, and Dennis Kretschman were also all high honor roll guys.

"Coach Butt was good at changing defenses. 'We played several types of zones," Lauver remarked. were smart enough to handle that and think ahead with our positioning." Lauver and Miller were the only returning starters from the 1966-67 team. The rest of the 67-68 core of the team came from the junior varsity. It started to come together in the summer of 1967 when the boys played on the outdoor courts at Parkside Elementary in scrimmages against former Laker players who were home from college. Because of IHSAA rules, Butt and his coaching staff could not talk to players during the summer. But Lauver admitted that Butt watched the scrimmages from a distance while sitting in his "That's where we jelled," car. Lauver said. "That was very positive for us. 'Everybody believed in working hard and maximizing their opportunities."

Pat Malone went from being a J.V. player who scored 14 varsity points in 1966-67 to leading the varsity in scoring with 413 points in his senior season. He went on to play ball at Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne. "Pat was a pleasant surprise," Jerald Miller said. 'I thought we'd get five or six points a game from him.' Lauver was next on the team in scoring with 363 points, followed by junior Dennis Schlemmer with 319. Those two shared the team honors in

free-throw percentage at 81 percent each. Miller ran the point while scoring 224 points, and 6 foot 2 Dennis Kretschman scored 182 points. Those two were generally considered to be the Lakers' best athletes.

"Jerald Miller made us go," Lauver said, 'while Kretschman was our unsung hero. 'He'd go up against 6-6 and 6-7 opponents, and he had tremendous timing in his jumping 'He had the most "plus" ability. points on our team, with assists, recoveries, and stolen balls." 'Denny could jump like a deer and stabilize the (opposing) center," added Miller. "It didn't bother us to distribute the ball. 'We had to distribute the ball to be successful." Left-handed Bob Speicher was the sixth man of that team during his senior season, scoring 80 points off the bench.

The Lakers avenged a couple of regular season losses in postseason games while winning the East Noble Sectional and reaching the regional final in Fort Wayne. In round one of the sectional, Lakeland defeated Middlebury 65-52 after losing to that team 72-70 earlier on the road. The regional semifinal win over the DeKalb Barons also avenged a 54-52 double-overtime loss at DeKalb in the finale of Lakeland's regular season. "We wanted to win (those games)," tournament exclaimed Miller. 'To play in the Coliseum in front of 8,000 people was a big deal." Lauver chimed in by remarking "There were four or five thousand (fans) at the sectional in the "Big Blue Pit," so the East Noble sectional was good preparation for going on to the Coliseum."

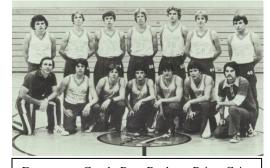
Butt, now age 81, says he often gets calls from his players about the 1967-68 team. He is appreciative of them and the Lakeland community. "It's a close-knit group I've been lucky to be included in," he says. "I've always had good kids and I

enjoyed being there." Butt became Lakeland High's first boys basketball coach in the fall of 1964, after leading Wells County school Liberty Center to a sectional title earlier that year. Incidentally, Liberty Center was the smallest school in the state at the time (by enrollment count).

Other members of the 1967-68 Lakers basketball team included juniors Jim Hooley, Gary Peisert, and Richard Sherman, along with sophomore Richard Smith. Speicher and Kretschman were honored posthumously at the team's 50th anniversary celebration ceremonies. Kretschman, who shared his love of the outdoors and place-based education with sixth graders in spending all his 44-year teaching career at John Ball Zoo School in Grand Rapids, Michigan, died January 8, 2018 at age 66.

Editor's note: As an added comment, Brian Miller mentions that Liberty Center, where Richard Butt coached before coming to Lakeland, was the team that played in the legendary nine-overtime loss against Swayzee in the 1964 Marion regional.

Mississinewa vs. IHSAA, 1978-79 by Leigh Evans, IHSBHS Board Member



Front row: Coach Ron Bocken, Brian Cain, Ray Barker, Kip Flynn, Brad Fortney, Jon Cassady, Assistant John Daniels. Back row: Rob Oyler, Monte Burdette, Pat McClure, Duane Jackson, Joe Fort, Mike Dawson, Gary Barnett

What do an over-zealous coach, a Moose Lodge, and an act of nature

have to do with jeopardizing, and then ultimately saving, an Indiana high school's basketball season??

At Gas City's Mississinewa High School ("Ole Miss") during the 1978-79 season, an extra game played between the varsity and the local Moose Lodge basketball team almost did in the Indians' season. It took a rolling fog bank to save it. When coach Ron Bocken scheduled a scrimmage game against an independent team from the Gas City Moose Lodge, he hadn't realized that the contest would count toward the IHSAA's rule on a season's total game limit.

At that time, an IHSAA rule allowed for a total of 18 regularseason games plus a tournament. An early spring investigation determined that 'Ole Miss' controlled scrimmage against the Moose during the holiday break must count toward the 18game limitation. For the record, 'Ole Miss' had a scrappy team that year, but one that probably was not capable of a deep state tournament run. The Indians had managed eight wins heading into the Marion sectional but did take possession of the prized Grant County Tournament Keg that season, to their credit.

However, as the **Indians** approached what would have been their last game of the season against Wabash. school administrators realized that this would constitute game 19 of the regular season. An IHSAA-issued letter notified 'Ole Miss' that the school would face both a fine and probation if it played more than the allotted number of games. Willful violation could even mean exclusion from the state tournament. Wabash, for its part, had done nothing wrong and expected its contracted game to go on as planned.

Enter Mother Nature, stage right. Calling the fog bank that rolled into the Gas City area on the evening of the Wabash game a freak storm may be going too far, but news accounts at the time referred to it as incredibly dense as well as out of season. It was freaky enough and dense enough to cancel the contest...and this was in an era when games would be played even when schools were closed on account of snow. Since this was the last scheduled game of the season and the sectionals loomed the following week, there was no chance for a makeup game and 'Ole Miss' was off the hook.

Epilogue: Unfortunately, confirmation can be found regarding how the team fared against the Moose (as if it mattered), and Mississinewa would not make it out of a strong Marion sectional field that year. However, the team did avoid probation and the school escaped being fined by the IHSAA, all because of an unseasonal fog bank. Coach Bocken resigned after the 1978-79 season concluded and took over the reins at Concord High in Elkhart County the following school year.

Wingate High School Basketball History by

Bill Boone, IHSBHS member

Wingate's Editor's *Note:* first recorded basketball games were played in 1907, four years before the state's first championship tournament. Its basketball teams had to hold practice sessions out of doors until 1917, when a livery stable was partially modified to create a cramped court. All the Wingate games had to be played on the road until 1925, when the livery stable was fully converted into a small gym, thereupon becoming an adjunct to the high school.

Much has been written about the great Wingate teams that won back-to-back Indiana Basketball championships in 1913 & 1914, and rightly so. However, not enough has

been written about the 1920 "outlaw" that won the **National** Interscholastic Championship. After the powerful 1920 Crawfordsville and Wingate teams had been suspended from IHSAA competition for recruiting violations, both teams embarked independent upon schedules that pitted them against not only each other, but also some of the best high school, independent, and semi-professional competition in the nation. Both teams entered the Tri-State Tourney (KY, IN, and OH) Cincinnati. won by Crawfordsville, and both teams played in the Midwest Tournament in Chicago to determine the National Interscholastic Championship, won Wingate. The following paragraphs attempt to pull together the 1913 and 1914 Wingate state championships and its 1920 National Interscholastic Championship.

Wingate High School watched Crawfordsville win Indiana's first State Tournament in 1911, followed by Lebanon in 1912, then dominated the basketball world in the state of Indiana for the next two years. Wingate was led by 6-4 Homer Stonebraker who took his snow shovel and cleared the path to New Richmond, six miles away, so that he and his teammates could practice in a real gymnasium one day per week. The boys traveled by horse and buggy, in Model Ts, or simply by foot during those eventful two seasons.

"Tuck" According to A.H. Williams, writing in his book The Big Bang of Basketball,"... there was a grade school farm boy who put up a small ring on his woodshed in his barn near Wingate. Homer Stonebraker's hoop was about half the size of a regulation goal. 'He used a rubber ball about the size of a tennis ball to practice shooting. 'His relentless practice prepared him for a high school, college, and

professional career that put him in the same class as other all-time greats from Indiana. 'During his junior year at Wingate, 1913, Stonebraker led Wingate to a 22-3 record with a single game in which he scored 80 points. 'Wingate had an enrollment of about 60 pupils and its Indiana State Championship run against much larger city schools tremendous created interest, enthusiasm, and participation in the sport throughout the Hoosier state." The state finals that year were played at Indiana University in the old Assembly Hall. Wingate's team members were Leland Olin, Forest Crane, Stonebraker, Jesse Graves, John Blacker, McKinley Murdock, and Lee Sinclair. Wingate defeated South Bend in a five-overtime game 15-14 as Forest Crane hit the winning field goal before a packed house of 2500 fans. Jesse Wood was the coach. The team had to play five games in one day to win the championship.

Wingate followed up its initial championship season with the first repeat championship in the now basketball-crazy state of Indiana. Wingate's enrollment had dropped to 48, but it still had Stonebraker and four other returning players in Leland Olin, Lee Sinclair, Jesse Graves, and John Blacker. In order to win the tournament, Wingate had to play two games on Friday and a grueling four games on Saturday. Stonebraker scored the first 20 points for his team in the championship game as they defeated Anderson 36-8.

Stonebaker had not played varsity basketball his freshman year, but during the next three years Wingate compiled a record of 50-10 with Stonebraker on the team. Homer moved south to Wabash College after graduating from Wingate and was named three times an All-American, leading Wabash to a 51-

15 record during his stay there. He was a star in his junior year on the Wabash "Wonder Five" which had a record of 19-2. During that amazing year, the team defeated Purdue, Illinois, Indiana, Notre Dame, and the famous semi-pro team, the Indianapolis Em-Roes.

In his book Indiana Basketball's 20 Most Dominant Players, Dave observed Krider that "Homer Stonebraker was Indiana's first basketball superstar." authentic After brilliant high school and college careers, he played professional basketball for 10 years in the first professional basketball league, the American Basketball League. He played for the Fort Wayne Hoosiers, (a team he helped found) and the Chicago Bruins. The Fort Wayne team was later referred to as the Caseys. In a book entitled "Pioneers of the Hardwood, Indiana and the Birth of Professional Basketball" by Todd Gould, the author quotes Hilliard Gates, a Fort Wayne sports broadcaster who recalled one of Stonebraker's legendary performances during a game in the annual series with the Huntington Athletic Club. wrote, "They were down by a point and the opposition took a shot and missed. 'Homer realized that time was running out, and he didn't have time to dribble much. 'He just had to let it go at the opposite basket. 'The ball went over two beams near the top of the roof of the gym and went through the basket perfectly, and they won." No wonder fans and sportswriters alike called "Stoney" the Paul Bunyan of basketball. During and after his professional career. Stonebraker coached basketball at Hartford City and Logansport and served two terms as Sheriff of Cass County. He was named to the All-Century Team in 2010 and is honored in Conseco Fieldhouse as one of the 50 greatest

players ever to play in Indiana. He was a charter member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in New Castle and has been enshrined in both the Wabash College Athletic Hall of Fame and the Montgomery County Basketball Hall of Fame.

Wingate remained a powerhouse even after Stoney departed for Wabash College. The IHSAA went to a sectional format for the 1915 season and, for the next 12 years, the Crawfordsville sectional was won either by Crawfordsville or Wingate. In 1927, Bowers finally sneaked in and broke the dominance of the Wingate/C'ville powerhouses.

Before consolidation in 1953, when the Wingate and New Richmond teams became the Coal Creek Central Bearcats, Wingate won five more sectional championships, claiming the crown in 1917, 1918, 1922, 1925, and 1931. The Wingate five was even acclaimed as National High School Champions in 1920 while being suspended from IHSAA competition along with Crawfordsville.

During the 1919-20 **IHSAA** suspension, Wingate and Crawfordsville played an ambitious independent schedule against the best competition they could find. Crawfordsville, coached by Jack Blacker, a member of the 1913 and 1914 Wingate state champions, ended that season with a 29-2 record, its only losses coming at the hands of the always tough Em-Roes team, the Indianapolis independent city champ, along with its county neighbor the Wingate Spartans, coached Merrill Eaton. The Spartans finished their "outlaw season" at 22-3, losing to the nearby Darlington Bearcats twice and to fellow "outlaw" Crawfordsville once in their two meetings. The two suspended county rivals met in the finals of two separate "national" tournaments. Crawfordsville defeated Wingate in

the Tri-State tournament at Cincinnati, while Wingate won in the Midwest Tournament at Chicago. After the Midwest Tourney, the Spartans were proclaimed the National Interscholastic Champions of 1920.

The Midwest Tournament was held in the Bartlett Gym on the University of Chicago campus from 1917 to 1930. An interesting note about that 1920 tourney was reported by some Fountain County neighbors of Fletcher Kerr, who later coached at Covington High. Kerr had told his neighbors that a young man who was coaching at the University of Chicago took a liking to the Wingate team and decided to scout for them in preparation for the final game against the hated Crawfordsville Athenians. Wingate then defeated Crawfordsville for the title 22-16, gaining the designation as National Champs. That young coach was Paul D. "Tony" Hinkle, later the legendary coach of the Butler University Bulldogs. I wonder if he ever thought about that afterwards when he coached against the Wabash College Little Giants.

Lon Goldsberry was another in the Wingate's outstanding line of student-athletes from the early days of basketball. After barely avoiding being caught up in the 1920 IHSAA suspension, he graduated from Wingate H.S. as a four-year letterman in basketball and baseball. He was named a high school All-American and also was captain of the 1920 independent team that was declared the national champions. After graduating from Wingate, he went on to Wabash College, where he quarterbacked the football team for four years, even though he did not have the opportunity to play football in high school (no team). He was a member of the third and fourth Wabash "Wonder Fives" of the early 1920s and was designated

captain of the Wabash College basketball national champions of 1924. He played baseball at Wabash too, and helped that team win the Midwest League championship in After graduating from 1922. Wabash, he coached at Indianapolis Shortridge for a while before returning to his alma mater as an assistant football coach and head baseball coach. Goldsberry was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1972. His name also appears as a member of the Wabash College Athletic Hall of Fame and the Montgomery County Basketball Hall of Fame.

Wingate suffered from a numbers problem from the very beginning in 1907 and always had the word "tiny" added to the front of its name whenever the basketball team achieved anything significant. Wingate and New Richmond consolidated after the 1952-53 school year to become Coal Creek Central. CCC won its only sectional in 1966 and captured two county championships in 1965 and 1967. Wingate High School, in its later years, struggled to compete because small of enrollments. nevertheless had some outstanding athletes. Probably the most outstanding was Gary Smith. Smith played three years for the Spartans in the early 1950s and in 40 games racked up 651 points for an average of 16.3 points per game. He scored 451 points in 21 games for the 1952-53 Spartans for a sparkling 21.3 ppg average. He had a career high of 46 points that season against New Ross and was in the 30s four other times, scoring 35 against Wallace and Pittsboro and 33 against Wallace (once again) and Oxford. Smith ranks 14th on the all-time scoring list for Montgomery County, having accumulated 1,047 points during his three seasons at Wingate and his final season at Coal Creek Central.

The legend of the early Wingate teams lives on. It was the first to win two consecutive IHSAA state crowns and has several star athletes' names on its roll of honor, five of whom are enshrined in the Indiana High School Basketball Hall of Fame. The names Homer Stonebraker, Lon Goldsberry, Lee "Pete" Thorn, Forest Crane, and Jesse Wood all adorn that roll. Wingate's Thorn and Raymond "Gaumey" Neal are names that also appear in the Indiana Football Hall of Fame.

BASKETBALL RECORDS: THE ROLE OF IHSBHS by

Roger Robison, IHSBHS President

VERIFYING INDIANA

IHSBHS was founded in 1994, as denoted on our Boxscore masthead. Our primary mission as an organization consists of independent and scholarly research routinely conducted by its members to correct or verify claims publicly stated regarding Indiana high school basketball records. Such research is accomplished largely by its members making actual counts, conducting personal interviews, and examining old newspaper microfilms in public libraries (including the Indiana State Library) or other reliable sources. Findings must be corroborated by at two volunteers working independently before being reviewed by a committee consisting of IHSBHS board members. Only then are the findings presented to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame for validation or for corrective action.

To date, our easiest record to correct has been that of legendary basketball coach Chet Hill who also won seven state track meets at Kokomo. It had been alleged that he won those seven at Lebanon, which at that time had no track program--as noted by IHSBHS cofounder and former Lebanon letterman Harley Sheets.

A 1996 souvenir program from the Indiana BB Hall of Fame listed the winningest basketball coach as Howard Sharpe at 741 wins in 47 years of

coaching. The program also showed Marion Crawley with a record of 734-231 in 35 years, and Everett Case at 726-75 in 22.5 years of coaching Indiana high school ball. These numbers translated into an average of 16 wins a year for Sharpe; 21 for Crawley and 32 per year for Case. The first two seemed plausible but not the Case record. I decided to collaborate with H. Sheets to ascertain that the Case high school record from 1920 thru 1942 was really 465-144 plus one tie game. Coincidentally, those totals came out identical to those listed at the Naismith Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA. A charitable explanation for the Indiana HOF numbers was that someone had mistakenly added in all of Case's wins at North Carolina State (1947-64) but none of his losses there. His true record at North Carolina State was 379-134.

Coach Crawley might have been chasing the 726 false Case record when he credited himself with 734 wins. H. Sheets and I, however, found the Crawley record to be only 644-224 during his coaching years of 1935-67. Crawley was credited with seven years at his alma mater of Greencastle whereas he really was head coach there for only four years, 1935-38. He also missed one year at Lafayette in 1964-65. Likewise, Coach Sharpe was probably chasing the erroneous Crawley record when he came up with 741. Doug Bradley, then H. Sheets and Bill Erwin (plus others) in IHSBHS verified Sharpe at 722-371 during his coaching career 1941-87. Doug, in 1997, then verified Jack Butcher at 721-217. On December 19, 1999 Butcher hit 759 wins. retired in 2002 with 806; the winningest coach in Indiana's history.

John Adams, from 1916-39, was probably the first to win 500 games in Indiana. Then Cliff Wells, from 1917-45, became tops with 582, after which he left for Tulane. Crawley was the first to win 600 and Sharpe the first to win 700. Then Butcher, in 2002, became the first to win 800. This year, it appears that Butcher's record of 806 wins will be broken by Bloomington South's coach, J.R. Holmes.

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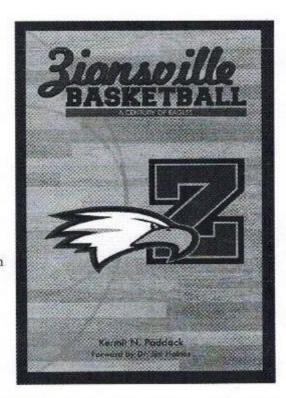
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