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THE EVOLUTION OF IHSBHS AND BOXSCORE

by

Harley Sheets, Co-Founder

Back in 1995 the IHSBHS was founded primarily to bring together individuals who were interested in doing research on Indiana high school basketball, as well as to

correct some errors that were prevalent in various venues that were addressing this topic. Soon thereafter it became evident to us that a newsletter was needed. Why? While members of our group were conducting research work (myself included), it was discovered that we were coming across interesting basketball lore that had unfortunately been lost to antiquity. We realized that IHSBHS should be sharing these interesting discoveries with our basketball-crazy state. Thus, our newsletter evolved into "Boxscore," the quarterly publication you now enjoy reading. *Boxscore* had become our outreach to the Hoosier state.

In the beginning, *Boxscore* wasn't as polished as it currently is. That was due to our inexperience and lack of computer expertise. The result, early on, were typos and miscues. It was perplexing because, ironically, IHSBHS was all about correcting errors rather than making them. As a co-founder, I became embarrassed about errors that the editor at that time was making on some of my articles that appeared in early issues of *Boxscore*. As examples, I can cite some of the content that was printed

in the summer and fall issues of 1999: Bruceville, Indiana, became Brockville, Arthur Trester became Arthur Treasure, and Chicago DuSable became Chicago Durable. In another issue, I described a well-known Hoosier personality but left out his name so that the readers might guess whom it was before it was revealed on a later page. But a mental lapse resulted in the name not appearing at all in that issue. There also were a few times in those early days when our newsletter (aka *Boxscore*) didn't get printed at all. Eventually, I assumed the role of *Boxscore* Editor and the errors were reduced but not altogether eliminated. We also missed the release of a few more issues before finally getting things on track.

Offering up these excuses in the form of a disclaimer, I hope the early IHSBHS management team can now be forgiven. And with that in mind, perhaps those error-laden earlier editions of *Boxscore* that have now been added to the array already posted on our website (Indianabasketballhistory.com) can still be enjoyed. We are indebted to Kermit Paddack, our current Webmaster, for his diligence in

keeping our website up-to-date, and I'd also like to thank the series of Boxscore Editors who have succeeded me over the years and who with hard work and no pay have made the publication what it is today. Chronologically, they have been Gary McGrady, Rocky Kenworthy, Thomas White, and since 2012 Hoosier-bred Cliff Johnson and his wife Juanita Martinez-Johnson, who now reside in California.

WINNINGEST ACTIVE H.S. BB COACHES

Here is a list of Indiana's active

high school BB coaches who have won 300 games or more during their careers, as of February 14, 2020. It is derived from John Harrell's All-Time Indiana Coaching Leaders website on the internet. The list was submitted to Boxscore by IHSBHS President Roger Robison. Note that the two coaches at the head of the list had teams that were ranked #1 and #2 in Class 4A (Bloomington South and Lawrence North) just before the State Tournaments began. By the time you receive this issue of Boxscore the tournament results may be known. John Harrell's list is updated weekly, by the way, so you

can view his post-tournament counts by the end of March.

THE VAN ARSDALE TWINS: AN ODYSSEY

by

Gregg Doyle, *IndyStar* columnist

The following article by columnist Gregg Doyle appeared in the Indianapolis Star on March 7, 2019. Its original title "Van Arsdale Twins of IU Basketball have brotherhood that remains a work of art" has been modified here for purposes of Boxscore formatting.

Dick Van Arsdale is standing next to his framed jersey, that No. 30 he wore at IU, the only way Hoosiers coach Branch McCracken could tell the difference between Dick and his identical twin. Dick is standing about 10 feet from the midcourt stripe at Assembly Hall, and his brother is here too. They're being honored at halftime of the Purdue game, and there's Tom on the other side of midcourt, next to his framed jersey, No. 25.

The crowd is standing and applauding. Dick is smiling, waving. Tom is watching his brother. It's what he does, what he's done since that day in 2005 when they were living in Scottsdale, Ariz., and Dick's wife called Tom early in the morning, couldn't have been later than 6 a.m., and said he needed to get over here. Tom lived less than a mile away. He was there in minutes and found Dick sitting on the edge of his bed, talking up a streak, making no sense. "He was talking gibberish," Tom Van Arsdale says. "I knew what had happened." A stroke. Almost killed him. Doctors took a scan of Dick's brain and determined...well, let's have Tom tell you about it. We're sitting inside the Spirit of '76 Club overlooking the court at Assembly

ALL-TIME COACHING LEADERS					
WINNINGEST CURRENT COACHES					
THROUGH FEB. 14					
COACH	CURRENT SCHOOL	YR	WON	LOST	PCT.
J.R. Holmes	Bigtn. South	49	830	339	.710
Jack Keefer	Lawr. North	47	814	327	.713
Gene Miller	Washington	44	712	337	.679
Al Rhodes	Penn	38	627	299	.677
Jimmie Howell	Lapel	38	622	294	.679
Jim Shannon	New Albany	35	576	257	.691
Mark James	Perry Meridian	37	574	309	.650
Dave McCollough	Shenandoah	35	569	250	.695
Jerry Bomholt	So'western (Han.)	38	548	344	.614
Cliff Hawkins	Tipton	38	511	363	.585
Mike Brown	Salem	32	496	280	.639
Al Gooden	Lawr. Central	31	488	272	.642
Gordon Mosson	Argos	30	449	252	.641
Mark Johnson	SB St. Joseph's	34	445	337	.569
Jeff Moore	Sullivan	29	442	263	.627
Michael Adams	Ev. Reitz	29	425	263	.618
Mark Barnhizer	Lafayette Jeff	32	425	309	.579
Chris Johnson	Homestead	25	424	183	.699
Bill Zych	Pike	32	424	330	.562
Rick Wilgus	Ev. Memorial	37	422	415	.504
Chris Benedict	Bluffton	27	410	236	.635
Brian Barber	Danville	23	408	155	.725
Craig Teagle	Huntington North	27	406	231	.637
Ron Hecklinski	Mishawaka	27	402	232	.634
Kent Adams	Twin Lakes	31	396	334	.542
Shaun Busick	Zionsville	26	393	220	.641
Dave Benter	Brownstown	21	384	144	.727
Roger Fleetwood	Owen Valley	32	378	317	.544
Kevin Roth	Columbus Chr.	17	373	216	.633
Rick Snodgrass	Portage	35	371	433	.461
Mike Hackett	Munster	19	370	111	.769
Bobby Brown	Central Christian	21	369	189	.661
David Wood	W. Lafayette	25	354	243	.593
Joey Hart	Linton	21	344	189	.645
Tom Wells	Michigan City	30	339	335	.503
Kevin Oxley	Tecumseh	27	335	321	.511
Chris Brown	Rock Creek Academy	23	334	268	.555
Matt McKay	Boone Grove	26	333	267	.555
Clint Swan	Crown Point	22	331	200	.623
Tom Bradley	Orleans	20	323	181	.641
Stacy Meyer	Greensburg	18	320	133	.706
Robb Berger	Mish. Marian	21	314	179	.637
Jeff Hein	Bedford NL	22	309	214	.591
Andy Weaver	Plainfield	25	309	272	.532
Brian Satterfield	Hamilton SE	18	308	139	.689
Brent Chitty	Columbus East	25	304	267	.532

Hall, maybe an hour before tipoff of the Purdue game on Feb. 19 (2019), and 76-year-old Tom and Dick Van Arsdale are taking me down the colorful hallways of their past, remembering, reminiscing, and laughing. So much laughing. Tom's doing most of their talking, as he has since that morning in 2005 when Dick suffered a stroke and doctors took a brain scan and..."It showed that half his brain was dead," Tom says.

Dick is sitting in a chair next to his brother, so close their knees are almost touching. Half his brain was *dead*? Dick does what he does, delivering an earnest line that has everyone laughing so hard, we're almost in tears. "I don't know about that," Dick says. "Don't tell me that." A few hours later it's halftime and the Van Arsdale twins are on the court. The crowd is cheering and Dick is smiling, and Tom is watching his brother. This is what he sees: The collar on Dick's plaid shirt flapping open. Tom catches his brother's eye and pretends to tighten the collar of his own blood-red shirt, which needs no adjustment. His twin understands. Dick reaches for his own collar and makes the adjustment. Tom Smiles. Dick smiles. The crowd is still applauding, and now Tom is walking toward his twin, crossing the only thing separating them. Tom steps over the midcourt line and wraps his arms around his brother's shoulder. There. Better.

When the Van Arsdale twins came into this world, they arrived so early (seven weeks premature) and so tiny (barely four pounds each) that they spent their first month in a hospital incubator. After six weeks they went home with their parents, Raymond and Hilda, where their dad carved a half-court into their backyard where the Greenwood Mall now stands.

The boys fell in love with IU

during the Hoosiers' 1953 NCAA championship run, watching on television as IU beat Kansas. They kept stats of that game in identical notebooks and 66 years later they can recite the 1953 Hoosiers' starting lineup. Tom starts, but after four names he pauses: Schlundt, Farley, Kraak, Scott..."and Bobby Leonard," Dick says with a triumphant smile. "That's right," Tom says. "Slick Leonard." Adolph Rupp sat in their living room in 1960, but the legendary Kentucky coach never had a chance. No, the Van Arsdale twins had a plan, and Kentucky wasn't in it. Getting good enough to attract the attention of a school like Kentucky? Well, sure. To get better in the offseason, they left their southside suburbs and headed for the inner city, for the courts that produced NBA Hall of Famer Oscar Robertson and his fellow Crispus Attucks alum Willie Gardner. They headed to the Dust Bowl, the famed court of the Lockefield Gardens housing unit. The Van Arsdale brothers stood out, and not because they were identical 6-5 bruisers with thick swatches of blond hair. Well, maybe the blond hair. "In those days," says another former Crispus Attucks standout, Cleveland Harp, who went on to play for the Harlem Globetrotters, "they were the only white players who went to Lockefield to play with the black players. 'It was unheard of, but they did it. 'And let me tell you something: 'They could take a lick. 'And they could give one.'"

After playing together at Manual (High School), where Raymond taught math and coached track while Hilda handled the switchboard, the Twins played together at IU. They finally split up in the NBA--Dick was drafted 10th overall by the Knicks, Tom 11th by the Pistons--where they played on separate teams for 11 years, though they were

reunited for their 12th and final year in Phoenix. Together. Better. They retired in Scottsdale. Ran a real estate company. Now they share an art studio.

For days after they first came home from the hospital, Hilda Van Arsdale kept the hospital bracelet on each boy's wrist so she could tell them apart. At IU, McCracken made them wear different-colored socks at practice for the same reason. Games were easier. They had those numbers on their jerseys. The Van Arsdale brothers have always had that twin thing, sharing the IndyStar Mr. Basketball award as seniors at Manual High in 1961, then sharing the Trester Award for Mental Attitude after the state title loss to Kokomo. But that twin thing...

At IU, Tom scored 1,252 career points and grabbed 723 rebounds. Dick's numbers were almost identical: 1,240 points and 719 rebounds. In 12 seasons in the NBA, Dick had 15,079 points and 3,807 rebounds; Tom had 14,232 and 3,942. They were both All-Big Ten. Academic All-American. All-Rookie. Same number of All-Star games: three. In those games, Dick totaled 16 points, Tom 13. Each took 16 shots in their three games. Dick made eight, two more than his brother.

And here comes Dick, sitting in the Spirit of '76 Club before the Purdue game, with another of his earnest lines. "I could always shoot it better," he says, and we're laughing. I'm with the brothers six more minutes before I bring it up: You must get asked about being twins a lot, I tell Dick and Tom Van Arsdale, but holy cow do you have a weird twin thing going. "Yes, we do," Tom says. Even with the weird twin things, I keep going, you guys are really weird. "Well," Tom says, "it's eerie." They swear they did the "twin swap" just once, and not on the

basketball court. It was baseball and they were age 11. In those days, teams had to register a pitcher for the full season and Tom was their team's pitcher. One day his arm is sore, so he and Dick swap hats--the team didn't wear numbers; Tom wore a green hat and Dick a red one so that teammates could tell them apart--and Dick does the pitching instead. "Our parents didn't even know," Tom says.

Now, truth be told, Dick did want to swap jerseys in the NBA. Twice. "Dick and I played in a few All-Star games against each other, and there was one time he wants to switch, and I said I won't do it," Tom is telling me. And now he's looking at his brother, sitting so close their knees are almost touching. "You wanted to switch," Tom tells Dick. "And our last game of..." Dick says, trailing off. He's not finding the word. Tom helps out: "In Phoenix?" Dick nods. "That's right," Tom says of the final game of their careers, in 1977. "You wanted to switch in Phoenix. 'And I wouldn't do it.' All of which has me wondering: So of the two of you, is Dick the naughty one?" "Maybe," Dick says, earnestly.

On their feet here in the Spirit of '76 Club, they're wearing the same shoes: Hubbard size 14s. Brown leather. White soles. On the lapels of their blazers are the same pins: A miniature artist's tray, dotted by tiny colors. "We found these today," Tom says. "The Antique Barn downtown. 'They're earrings. 'So, I bought them."

They were always more than basketball players, more than jocks, going with their mom to the Greenwood Public Library for a reading club as children and starting a habit that carried into the NBA. When teammates were playing cards on the team plane, the Van Arsdale brothers were reading. They were Econ majors at IU, and when they

worked in the offseason to supplement what were once modest NBA salaries, they were stockbrokers. After the NBA they went their separate ways professionally, somewhat, with Tom running the brothers' real estate company while Dick--called the "original Sun" as a member of Phoenix's NBA expansion team in 1968, when he scored the first basket in franchise history--held various roles with the Suns. But that morning in 2005, the stroke, changed the trajectory of two lives.

Dick's rehabilitation was long and tedious. He was learning to speak, but he could use his hands just fine and hadn't he always liked to draw? Sure he had, even in the NBA, when he'd use some of that down time to grab a pencil and start doodling. Dick decided to get back into art. And Tom, well, he decided: That's a good idea. They converted their real estate office into an art studio, split it in half, and got to work. They show up most mornings, Tom on one side of the room, Dick on the other. They sell the occasional item, but their art isn't about commerce. It's the twins' connection beyond family and time, something they share, like basketball, yet do individually. Dick has his pencils, and he draws in realism. Tom has his oils, and his paintings have a decidedly impressionistic feel.

They have shared so much over the course of 76 years, and the reminders are coming fast in the Spirit of '76 Club at Assembly Hall. A former IU team manager approaches for a hug. A brightly dressed woman walks past, offering a hello. "Glad you made it," Tom shouts, then leans over and whispers: "Dick dated her in high school. 'She was a Manual cheerleader for the state finals.'" Dick is smiling and nodding, mostly silent, letting Tom handle the talking. In all ways, he is

safe with his brother, sitting so close that their knees are almost touching. Known for their on-court ferocity, even when directed at each other, their relationship today is marked by tenderness. Soon they will be on the Assembly Hall court, perhaps for the final time, where Tom will wordlessly tell Dick to fix his collar. Dick will do it. And then they will walk off the court, arm in arm, the inseparable twins of IU basketball. Together. Always.

ACTUAL INDIANA BB ARENA SEATING CAPACITIES

by
Doug Bradley

It couldn't be simpler:

8240 Anderson
8228 Seymour
8054 East Chicago Central
7886 Richmond
7829 New Castle
7345 Elkhart North Side
7304 Michigan City
6974 Marion
6907 Washington
6744 Southport
6690 Lafayette
6578 Muncie
6402 Gary West Side
6066 Columbus North
5203 Kokomo

If not for Michigan City, the following list couldn't be more wrong:

9325 New Castle
8996 Anderson
8700 Elkhart North Side
8296 East Chicago Central
8110 Seymour
8100 Richmond
7560 Marion
7304 Michigan City
7217 Gary West Side
7200 Lafayette
7124 Southport

7090 Washington
7071 Columbus North
6576 Muncie
5193 Kokomo

The 15 numbers on the first list were exact present seat counts for the 15 largest high school gymnasiums in world history as of Oct. 1, 2019. The second list has numbers for those same gyms that have been printed many times over the years. Numbers for all but Michigan City on the second list were never correct. That should be enough--

- 1) for The Indianapolis Star to realize that never in history have the correct numbers been listed, so this was the time;
- 2) for basketball fans to feel utterly betrayed by generations of lies they have been told about capacities;
- 3) for New Castle to stop lying that 9249 was actually 9325;
- 4) for someone in Anderson to explain why 126 seats were set aside for team benches;
- 5) for Elkhart to stop lying that it has 7373 seats instead of 7345;
- 6) for Lafayette to stop lying that 7154 seats exist where there are clearly only 6690;
- 7) for Richmond to stop lying that it opened with 8087 seats instead of 7886;
- 8) for Washington to straighten up its original arithmetic that had two wrong numbers for the three levels of seats;
- 9) for Kokomo to stop lying that it was "the world's largest high school gym" when it was built;
- 10) for the IHSAA to stop lying that a white boy was responsible for the last state final sellout when it was actually two black boys a year later.

RICHMOND'S TIERNAN CENTER UPGRADING

by

**Scott Proctor, Sports & Education
Reporter
Richmond Palladium-Item**

The first major update to

Richmond High School's Tiernan Center since 1984 was given the green light in January 2020 but the makeover comes with a hefty price tag and a significant reduction of seats. The Richmond Community School's Board of Trustees approved the purchase and installation of new bleachers for the storied gymnasium. Total cost of the project is \$1,294,061.23.

It's well-known that the Tiernan Center's seating capacity of 7,786 is the fourth-largest high school gym in the state, something that has become a token of pride for the Richmond residents. Because of capacity restrictions in regard to fire codes, the Tiernan Center's elite ranking as one of the largest in the state (or in the world) will soon be a memory. The new design will result in a reduction of approximately 2,000 seats, which will bring the Tiernan Center's maximum number of seats to 5,700. The school will keep intact about 600 current, temporary seats, and 5,100 brand new seats will be placed in the gym at the conclusion of graduation ceremonies on May 31.

Superintendent Todd Terrill said options for repair have been discussed ever since the Tiernan Center bleachers began malfunctioning prior to a boys' basketball game last winter. The school board mulled over cheaper possibilities that included refurbishing the faulty electric motors for the movable bleachers, but it ultimately opted for a complete overhaul. "We really feel that it will be adequate seating for the needs that we currently have," Terrill said. "So that's really what brought us to point where we were tonight. 'We felt like fiscally it was responsible, yet it met the needs of our athletic department and school system.'"

Lee Company, Inc., based out of Terre Haute, will begin the demolition process scheduled for

June 1. The summer months will be focused on the Tiernan Center's lower deck in anticipation of an August completion date before the start of the volleyball season. The upper deck and its 3,100 seats will be worked on into the winter months and should be completed prior to the Bob Wettig Memorial Tournament in December.

The new bleachers will be red, a sharp change from the current brown bleachers, and the aisles and hand-rails will be black. When the bleachers are folded up, different "RHS" or "Red Devils" will likely be visible, but those design specifics have not yet been determined. RHS Athletic Director Warren Cook said he is encouraged by the school board's willingness to invest in the athletic department. Cook said he is also especially excited for what the Tiernan Center's new look will do for fans. "People don't think bleachers mean that much, but all of a sudden you can do all kinds of things with them with color and really adding to the look of the gym," Cook said. "I'm always about the experience. I want fans to come in and enjoy the experience of a game, and part of that experience is the atmosphere. The bleachers will really help enhance that."

The reduction of seating and dropping out of a short list of the nation's largest gyms might be a hard pill to swallow for long-time Richmond residents, but the Tiernan Center--along with most other large gyms, hasn't reached its maximum capacity in years. Nevertheless, the impending changes will still allow RHS to host the tournaments it normally does, such as the girls' basketball sectional, the boys' wrestling regional, and even the boys' basketball semi-state, like it did in 2017. Cook said he expressed to the IHSAA the school's willingness to host any event.

As a former basketball coach at RHS, Terrill said he understands that some may not like the idea of fewer seats, but he and the board's duty to think and act responsibly trumps everything else. "I get the whole idea of us having the fourth-largest gym in the world, and that's something that's hard to give up," Terrill said. "But at the same time, we really have to look at our resources and what we can do with those to meet the needs of our kids. 'While I understand that, I have to live in this world of being responsible with our resources and making sure we're doing what we need to. 'Ultimately, that's where the board came in as well."

SNOWBALLS IN INDIANA

by
Doug Bradley

A snowball may not have a chance in Hell, but it does have a great chance in Indiana. Twenty-five years ago, we had no nickname for Trinity Springs. Then someone (I think it was Harley Sheets) found Little Sulphurs. The "Little" seemed strange to me. Sure enough, in the Shoals library, I found the original reference. It referred to the B-team. The varsity was the Big Sulphurs. Today, Muskegon (MI) HS is the Big Reds. Its JV is the Little Reds. References citing the wrong nickname for teams like Trinity Springs have snowballed to the point they outnumber references citing the actual nickname, maybe as much as a-thousand-to-one. At least it seems that way.

I just came across the Shelby Shake-St. John Wooden story from Jan. 29, 1937. The story was very clear in both the South Bend Tribune and the IHSAA yearbook. Both high school principals agreed Shake was to blame. Arthur Trester suggested that Shake be relieved of his coaching duties. Shake asked the

IHSAA to clarify its position. Trester told the Board of Control that Shake's resignation as coach was a suggestion, not an order. Furthermore, Trester was not interested at all in whether Shake remained a teacher at Mishawaka. Shake was free to coach at any other Indiana school, even at a school that might schedule South Bend Central. Shake resigned as coach and teacher at Mishawaka with the understanding he would face no sanctions whatsoever so long as he wasn't coaching at Mishawaka.

Now comes Nov. 20, 2005's South Bend Tribune article, p. B7. Scott Shuler reports that Shake was banned from ever coaching in Indiana again. Then in mid-February 2015, Mark Bennett of the Terre Haute Tribune-Star has a story go out over the Indiana wire that examines a book by Barb Morrow that looks at the lessons learned by St. John. She suggests that the IHSAA could easily have banned St. John for life as well. Bullshit, bullshit, bullshit, bullshit!

We are getting further and further away from the truth, as the years go by. The snowball grows and grows. I guess that means Indiana isn't Hell. Maybe it's worse.

Looking back at the career of Muncie basketball legend

John Dampier

Written by Ben Breiner, Jun. 27,
2014, thestarpress.com (Muncie)

Editor's note: This article was submitted by Jim Brandyberry who now resides in Indianapolis..

Rick Jones remembered sitting in the stands at the Hurricane Classic Holiday Basketball Tournament in 1963. The former Muncie Central Mr. Basketball was ineligible to play as a college freshman at Miami (Fla.), so he was watching his

teammates work amidst a crowded field. The teams in the building that day included his own Hurricanes, led by future hall of famer Rick Barry. There was Syracuse, led by future hall of famer Dave Bing, and Princeton, which featured eventual U.S. Senator Bill Bradley who also has his name enshrined in Springfield, Massachusetts. And lastly came Army, anchored by future Olympian Mike Silliman and assisted by a young coach named Bobby Knight.

And yet, with all that talent in the building, John Dampier stood above them all. The former Bearcat, who was three years ahead of Jones at Central, dumped in 76 points in two games, prompting Sports Illustrated's John Underwood to write, "When he is right, there is nothing safe within 40 feet of the basket." And it left a mark on Jones, who got to know Dampier when their paths crossed briefly in Coral Gables, Florida. "John outscored and outplayed all those All-Americans," Jones said. "He was a nice guy, you can take my word for that. 'Wasn't a bad bone in his body.'" Dampier died this week (June 24, 2014) after an illness that presented itself in early spring. At each step of his career, he seemed to brush against greatness, playing for strong teams and alongside all-time legends.

Ex-teammates such as Jones and Gerald Lanich recalled a quiet personality, someone who wasn't very outgoing or talkative, unless he was around friends he knew well. But on the basketball court he was a force. In an era when few players shot from beyond 15 feet, the slender 6-foot-3 forward pulled up at any range. Jones, who was no slouch on the court, marveled at Dampier's strength to even propel the ball that far through the hoop. He was a wizard with the ball in his hands as

well. Lanich remembered a semistate matchup against Indianapolis Arsenal Tech and its dynamic press when Dampier eschewed the usual tactic of moving the ball back and forth to get upcourt. Instead, he simply dribbled through, coaches declaring "that's not the way it's done" as he cut past.

Dampier was the No. 2 option on the 1960 Bearcats, arguably the greatest team in state history to not claim a state title. Alongside Indiana Hall of Famer and future Boston Celtic Ron Bonham, Dampier helped lead his team to a 28-0 record heading into the state title game, fresh off a 36-point win against Bloomington. But East Chicago Washington pulled off the 75-59 upset. Dampier scored 11, second on the team behind Bonham's 29, and Jones said the loss always stuck with him. But that team was also heavily built on longtime camaraderie. Lanich, Dampier, and Bonham had grown up near each other and frequently met up for basketball or anything else. Lanich recalled one night after practice when Bonham and Dampier got into a free-throw shooting contest. Bonham was a legendary shooter, but Lanich said Dampier hit 250 free throws in a row, a figure that all but muddles reality with myth. Lanich saw Bonham at Dampier's calling this week and they got to reminiscing about the group that ran together in those days. "We were up talking and Lanich said, 'Nobody really knows how close we all were, all the time we spent together, playing ball and in class. 'It was really neat.'"

But Dampier's next step took him away from Muncie. In a move that seemed out of his quiet character, two years after leaving Central, he went west to play for Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, California, felling his share of records in his time there. From there he moved on

to Miami, and after being the second option behind Bonham, he reprised that role with a future NBA scoring champion in Barry. That first season, he delivered 19.3 points and 4.5 rebounds per game, ranking second on the team in field goal attempts, makes, and free throws. The Hurricanes went 20-7 with a berth in the NIT. The next year, Dampier tore up his knee six games into the season. The player to ascend to his starting spot: Rick Jones.

Dampier caught on in 1965 with the Washington Generals, the team that faces the Harlem Globetrotters, but then returned to Muncie after that. He worked for Indiana Steel and Wire for 22 years, and was also a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam. And though he accomplished a great deal on the court both in Muncie and on the college level, those who knew him saw him as something well beyond that. "When you've known somebody all of your life like that, they become more than an athlete," Lanich said. "He was a great person."

SPECIAL IHSBHS MEETING SCHEDULED SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020

A late announcement from President Roger Robison arrived just before Boxscore went to press. A special IHSBHS open meeting has been arranged for Saturday, April 11 in Bloomington between 2 and 4 p.m., for all those interested in attending. It will be held in the Monroe County History Center located at 202 East 6th St., (corner of 6th and Washington Streets) in downtown Bloomington. Be advised that Washington Street is one-way south. There should be ample parking available in the area for everyone.

This meeting will be held in

conjunction with an outstanding basketball history exhibition at the Center, conducted by its own staff of professionals and visiting talent from Indiana University. Beer, wine, and popcorn shall be provided for all guests. The highlight of the exhibition will be the Origin of the Boys' State Tournament that was hosted by Indiana University during the early years, 1911 through 1920. Subsequent Monroe County basketball highlights will also be presented, to augment the principal theme.

A preliminary schedule of activity is as follows:

2:00 P.M.: Brief IHSBHS meeting, followed by a tour of the History Center exhibits and Bookstore bargains.

2:30 P.M.: Basketball memorabilia exhibition on the 2nd floor, and introduction of local basketball celebrities; host--Bob Hammel.

3:00 P.M.: Power Point display on the History of the Indiana State Tourney; host Roger Robison.

4:00 P.M.: Adjournment, and home before dark.

Please try to attend to "show the flag" for IHSBHS.

Three Basketball Publications

1. *Zionsville Basketball: A Century of Eagles.* Order from booksbykermit.com on the internet.
2. *Tiger Basketball: A Lebanon Passion.* Order from booksbykermit.com on the internet.
3. *Indiana H.S. Basketball History, WW II Era.* Order from Indiana Basketball HOF, phone (765) 529-1891; or Rowland Press in Noblesville, phone (317) 773-1829.

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(Indiana High School Basketball Historical Society)

Join a statewide group of sports-minded individuals who have a common interest in the history of high school basketball, Indiana's favorite sport. Membership dues are currently just \$10 per year. Established in 1994, and loosely associated with the Hall of Fame in New Castle, IHSBHS (pronounced "ish-bish") publishes four seasonal newsletters for its members, each issue usually 12 to 16 pages in content, known as Boxscore. This newsletter contains diverse items, including short stories that recount tales of former Hoosier ballplayers and their schools' teams. Members are invited, but not required, to submit their own personal stories for inclusion in Boxscore.

Membership Application

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail (optional for receiving Boxscore) _____

Telephone No. (optional) _____

High School and graduation year _____

Check or money order to IHSBHS for \$10 enclosed? _____

Mail to: IHSBHS Treasurer Rocky Kenworthy, 710 E. 800 S., Clayton, IN 46118

Board of Directors: Roger Robison (Frankfort '54), Harley Sheets (Lebanon '54), Cliff Johnson (Western '54), Rocky Kenworthy (Cascade '74), Tim Puet (Valley, PA '69), Leigh Evans (Castle '86), John Ockomon (Pendleton '60), Jeff Luzadder (Dunkirk '74), Curtis Tomak (Linton '59), Kermit Paddack (Sheridan '02), Hugh Schaefer (Freelandville '61).

IHSBHS MEMBER PROFILE FORM

(Tell us about yourself)

Complete this form and mail to: Rocky Kenworthy, IHSBHS, 710 E, 800 S, Clayton, IN 46118. Profiles may appear in Boxscore from time to time.

Today's Date _____

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Where Born? _____ Year Born _____

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Area of Study _____ Degree(s)/Year _____

Additional Comments You'd Like To Share: _____



Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame Annual Membership Program

The Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame is committed to recognizing Indiana's Basketball Legends and inspiring Indiana's basketball future.

The Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. The operation of the Hall of Fame is dependent upon attendance, gift shop sales, funds generated through activities and events, gifts and donations. The Annual Membership Program was established to allow all basketball enthusiasts to participate in the support of preserving and sharing Indiana's basketball history.

As an Annual Member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame you will receive the following recognition and benefits during the next year.

- name recognition on the Annual Membership display in the lobby of the museum
- name recognition in the Indiana Basketball History Magazine, & Induction Banquet Programs
- free museum admission for the member and 3 guests, 20% discount in the gift shop
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- subscription to Indiana Basketball History Magazine
- invitations to annual receptions for inductees and honorees along with other special events

Please complete the membership form and keep the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in the GAME!

2020 Membership Form

Membership Categories

<input type="checkbox"/> Active Coach	\$25
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