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**Garrett, Shelbyville Great,  
Deserves More Acclaim  
by**

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The Jackie Robinson of college basketball fought back against the racial slurs lobbed at him on the court by spectators and opponents, in

the best way he knew how. "He'd just smile, turn around, and score a couple more points," said Don Chambers of William "Bill" Garrett, as he reflected on the career of his friend and teammate from Shelbyville when he played at Indiana University in the 40s. And score he did. The 6-foot-2-inch center graduated in 1951 as Indiana University's all-time leading scorer. As Robinson was breaking down racial barriers in Major League Baseball, Garrett was doing the same thing in big-time college basketball. Yet today, the man who had such a large impact on basketball never got the accolades that other athletes of his caliber attained, nor did he get the kind of recognition that others who broke the barriers in sports received. "He was the right guy to integrate college basketball," Chambers said.

Garrett was born in Shelbyville in 1929, learning the game on an elementary school court and at a local gym before becoming a star player on his high school team. He led Shelbyville's team, the Golden Bears, to a state championship in 1947 and his performance won him the title of Indiana Mr. Basketball.

For most outstanding basketball players, Indiana University would have been an obvious next step. But this was segregated Indiana in the 1940s and the schools in the Big Ten Conference at the time did not recruit African American players. Some African American leaders in the community urged IU to recruit Garrett and, after meetings with then-President Herman B. Wells, the young man from Shelbyville became the first African American to regularly play for a Big Ten school.



**The Great Bill Garrett**

Today, Garrett's story is not well known, but James Madison, emeritus professor of history at IU, says it should be. "We are woefully ignorant of our past," Madison says. "And we are particularly ignorant of our past that centers on stories that make us uncomfortable and no

stories (none at all) make us less comfortable than stories of race." Bob Hammel, retired sports editor of the *Bloomington Herald-Times*, says that acknowledging that segregation was an issue is part of the reason why Garrett's story is not well known. "By talking about breaking a barrier, they also confess to having a barrier and (of supporting) it, Hammel says. "Garrett's story should be celebrated," Madison says. "There's good reason to congratulate ourselves that IU had Bill Garrett before most teams even thought about (integration)," he added. "That IU pioneered here in the Big Ten, in college basketball, and yet behind that celebration there are all kinds of very, very, sad stories (seems ironic).

"During the 1940s," Madison says, "Indiana was neither a southern state nor quite a northern one on segregation." "Indiana was a little bit more on the unhappy end, on the unfortunate end, of liberty, justice, and equality for all," he adds. Madison describes Indiana University in one word during Garrett's time on campus--segregated. "Into the 1940s, it was difficult for the African American student to buy food in the Union Building, swim in the IU swimming pool, or to join a fraternity or sorority," he says. "They lived off-campus in boarding houses or private homes, and struggled to find any barber in Bloomington who would cut their hair. 'It was really, really tough to be a black student at IU in the late 1940s.'"

During Garrett's time at IU he never played with or against another African American in the Big Ten, but a year after he graduated there were six African Americans playing basketball in the Big Ten. "Can you imagine how lonely, for example, it was for four years (to have) no other black teammates, and to be under the microscope the way he was?"

ponders Hammel. "Garrett did everything right during his time at Indiana and mentioned that if he had not graduated or if he got into trouble for something, it would not have been good." Madison, as well, points out that it was the only way for Garrett to handle it. "(It) was really the only safe and practical way to confront the depths of discrimination at that time," he adds. "Challenging it head-on was suicide, practically speaking at least, and you'd get nowhere because of (its widespread extent). 'The way he stood up to the discrimination speaks to his character,' Madison adds. "That he could play so well, be such a role model, and hold his temper as he had to do every game and every day he was on campus, to me makes him a great American, declares Madison.



**Garrett, I.U. junior year**

Garrett played three years of varsity basketball at IU, and at the time graduated as the program's all-time leading scorer and rebounder. Following his career at IU, Garrett was selected by the Boston Celtics in the second round of the 1951 NBA player draft, becoming the third ever

African American to be drafted into the league. But a career in pro basketball wasn't to be. A few months after being drafted by the Celtics Garrett was drafted again, this time by the U.S. Army. After two years of military service and being honorably discharged, he returned to the states with the expectation of picking up his life where he had left off. But he discovered that the Celtics had released him. The Celtics (front office staff) was concerned that his height, 6-2, was insufficient to play center in the NBA. They were also uncertain about his ability to switch to either a guard or forward position.

Another obstacle at the time were the quotas that the NBA had imposed on its teams, regarding African American players. The Celtics already had two on their roster, according to an article written about Garrett entitled "Everybody's All-American." The author is Rachel Graham Cody, a free-lance writer and the daughter of Thomas Graham who wrote an entire book about Garrett and his ordeal with integration. It was entitled "Getting Open." As a consequence of the integration policies of the NBA and the Celtics, Garrett accepted an offer from the Harlem Globetrotters and played for two more years before taking a job in Toledo, Ohio, as a factory worker.

But this is not the end of Garrett's story. The Shelbyville native returned to Indiana as the head basketball coach at Crispus Attucks High School, in Indianapolis. He shined in that role, leading the team to the 1959 state championship and thereby becoming the first Indiana Mr. Basketball to win a state crown as both a player and a coach. Garrett served as the Attucks coach for ten years before being appointed as the school's athletic director. After that, he moved to Ivy Tech Community

College to become the director of continuing education. He was in that position for two years before being appointed assistant dean for student services at IU-Purdue University of Indianapolis in 1973. He wasn't in the new job very long when on August 7, 1974, he suffered a sudden heart attack and died. He was 45. Later that year he was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, and Shelbyville High School's gymnasium was re-named the William L. Garrett Memorial Gymnasium.



**Garrett, I.U. senior year**

In April 2017, the Indiana Historical Bureau dedicated a state historical marker on the IU campus to commemorate Garrett and the integration of Big Ten basketball. The marker is installed outside the intramural center which is the fieldhouse in which Garrett played. In November 2017, during the basketball season's opening ceremonies at Shelbyville High, the district retired Garrett's number nine jersey. "But that's still not enough credit for all Garrett accomplished," according to author Rachel Graham Cody. "He's not in the National (Naismith Memorial) Basketball Hall of Fame (in Springfield, MA) and

he's not broadly known." Others, like the 1966 Texas Western basketball team, are lauded for breaking down racial barriers in college basketball. That team, which started five African Americans, and its coach Don Haskins, are in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. But Garrett was first and should (be enshrined) there, claim the voices of Cody, Madison, and Hammel. "The primary goal of telling (Garrett's) story and of spreading the information is to make it known to all Hoosiers certainly, but (even) to all Americans," says Madison. "It's a great American story."

**IHSAA Boys Membership  
Changes Since 1984  
(in alphabetical order)  
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2011	Anderson Highland	Closes	2005	Elkhart Christian	Member
2016	Anderson Prep	Member	2020	Elkhart Memorial	Merger
2006	Bethesda Christian	Member	2009	Faith Christian	Member
2009	Bowman Academy	Member	2009	Fall Creek Academy	Member
1984	Brazil	Merger	1966	Fishers	Closes
2018	Broad Ripple	Closes	2007	Fishers	Reopens
1989	Brookville	Merger	1985	Fort Wayne Blackhawk	Member
2011	Central Christian	Member	1994	Fort Wayne Canterbury	Member
2018	Christel House	Member	2010	Fort Wayne Elmhurst	Closes
2004	Christian Academy	Member	1994	Fort Wayne Keystone	Member
2002	Covenant Christian	Member	2010	Fort Wayne Keystone	Closes
2010	" " (Demotte)	Member	1989	Franklin County	Consol'n
1986	Crispus Attucks	Closes	2012	Gary 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	Member
2009	Crispus Attucks	Reopens	2004	Gary Mann	Closes
1987	East Chicago Central	Consol'n	2014	Gary Wallace	Closes
1987	EC Roosevelt	Merger	2009	Gary Wirt	Closes
1987	EC Washington	Merger	2007	Greenwood Christian	Member
2020	Elkhart	Consol'n	2007	Guerin Catholic	Member
2020	Elkhart Central	Merger	2017	Hammond Math & Science	Member
			2011	Harding	Closes
			1999	Heritage Christian	Member
			2010	Herron	Member
			2005	Holy Cross	Member
			2009	Holy Cross	Closes
			2014	Howe Military	Nonmemb
			1985	Huntington Catholic	Closes
			2018	Ind Northwest	Closes
			2018	Indpls Arlington	Closes
			1995	Indpls Howe	Closes
			2005	Indpls Howe	Reopens
			2005	Indpls International	Member
			1986	Indpls Marshall	Closes
			2011	Indpls Marshall	Reopens
			2017	Indpls Marshall	Closes
			2012	Indpls Math & Science	Member
			2009	Indpls Metropolitan	Member
			1995	Indpls Washington	Closes

2005	Indpls Washington	Reopens
2010	Irvington Prep	Member
1984	Kokomo Haworth	Closes
1990	L & M	Merger
2013	Lakeland Christian	Member
2002	Lakewood Park Christian	Member
1989	Laurel	Merger
2006	Liberty Christian	Member
2013	Lighthouse CPA	Member
1997	Madison Heights	Closes
1993	Marion Bennett	Closes
1995	Mich City Elston	Merger
1995	Mich City Rogers	Merger
1995	Michigan City	Consol'n
1986	Montezuma	Merger
2009	Morton Memorial	Closes
1988	Muncie North	Closes
2014	Muncie South	Closes
2012	New Harmony	Closes
1984	Northview	Consol'n
2002	Oldenburg Academy	Member
2019	Parke Heritage	Consol'n
1984	Plainfield Charlton	Nonmemb
2018	Providence Christo Rey	Member
2020	Riverside	Member
1986	Riverton Parke	Consol'n
2003	Rock Creek Academy	Member
2019	Rockville	Merger
1986	Rosedale	Merger
2007	Seton Catholic	Member
1981	Shortridge	Closes
2011	Shortridge	Reopens
2018	Smith Academy	Member
2017	South Bend Career Acad.	Member
2002	South Bend Lasalle	Closes
1984	Staunton	Merger
1990	Switz City Central	Merger

2008	Tindley	Member
2019	Traders Point Christian	Member
2006	Trinity Lutheran	Member
2019	Turkey Run	Merger
2014	Union Dugger	Nonmemb
2005	University	Member
1984	Van Buren	Merger
2018	Victory College Prep	Member
1990	White River Valley	Consol'n
2011	White's School	Nonmemb
1990	Worthington	Merger

*Note: For all school changes prior to 1984, IHSBHS invites the reader to explore the pages of Ward Brown's fine 1984 reference work entitled "IHSAA Membership History 1903-1983," available at many Indiana public libraries.*

## COULD COOL HAND LUKE BE INDIANA'S BEST SHOOTER EVER?

by  
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Blackford's Luke Brown is getting comparison to Rick Mount--and he has a year to go. I've yet to have an opportunity to see Blackford High School junior Luke Brown do what he does best on a basketball court. I've heard many good things about him. Basically, he's a human scoring machine. Hopefully I can work in a trip to see him play in 2020, probably at The Indiana Basketball Hall of Classic at the New Castle Fieldhouse.

I remember when someone on social media said that Lapel's Mark Barnhizer was the best shooter not named (Rick) Mount. I recently saw a quote on social media when

someone said that Luke Brown might be the best shooter ever. Wow! But you know, could it be that he might be? He's what you call a gunslinger, quick draw, and obviously quite a deadly shooter from what I hear. I've seen a few players who've fit that image down through the years. I'll start with Kokomo's Jimmy Rayl and Lebanon's Rick Mount; New Castle's Ray Pavy and Steve Alford; Carmel's Billy and David Shepherd; Bedford North Lawrence's Damon Bailey, Muncie Central's Ron Bonham; Plymouth's Scott Skiles; Marion's Jay Edwards and David Colescott; North Central's Eric Gordon; Peru's Kyle Macy; and South Bend Adams' Jimmy Webb to name a few. All were excellent shooters and prolific scorers. All I know about Class 2A Luke Brown is that he can shoot, and he can score, a really big-time scorer.



**Blackford's Luke Brown is getting comparison to Rick Mount – and he has a year to go.**

Should he be mentioned in the same breath with some of our other great shooters and scorers? Sure sounds like it. He's led the state in scoring the past two seasons at 35.0 and 32.3, points, respectively. He averaged 27.8 points as a freshman. He also was selected first-team all-state on this year's IBCA Underclassman Team and was named to the Indiana Junior All-Stars squad. So just how good is he? Well, this past season he ranked No. 19 nationally in scoring and led the

state in assists with 199, with a game-high 14 assists. He averaged 8 assists per game, and 6.8 per game over three seasons. Last season he led the state in free-throw percentage (94.0) and shot 90-plus percent this season.

"Luke is just a good, really a good player," said his coach and 2019 Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame inductee Jerry Hoover. "He wouldn't be out of place even if playing in Class 3A or Class 4A. "His greatest attribute is that he's an unusual shooter; he's extremely accurate," said Hoover, who worked with Rick Mount at Mount's shooting camp for 22 years. Mount can look at a kid and see what kind of shooter he is, according to Hoover. Hoover also said that Mount told him that he didn't want to fool with Luke's shot, "that he was pretty close to where he should be." And who Luke Brown reminds Hoover of is--you guessed it, Rick Mount. "Yes, the closest player he reminds me of that I can think of is Rick Mount," said Hoover, 85, who has obviously seen a lot of great shooters. "Luke has a little lower trajectory on his shot than Mount (Luke is 6-2 and Mount 6-4 1/2), but Luke can flat-out shoot the basketball, much like Mount." Luke shot 68 percent this season on 2s (291 made) and 40 percent on 3s. He tied for the state's-best in 3-point goals made with 101. Hoover said that Nancy Rayl, wife of the late Jimmy Rayl, saw Luke Brown play against Northwestern and told the old coach "he's another Jimmy Rayl." Wow, that's quite a tribute!

Hoover, who's 52-20 in his fourth year coaching the Bruins, said that his Bruins likely would have won the regional this past season had it been played and the state tournament not been cancelled, so that would have given him at least three more games to play. So, yeah, he likely would

have had a better chance of possibly passing Damon Bailey's Indiana high school career scoring record (3,134 points). "But," added Hoover, "had he been able to play three more games and get his average, well add that to his 839 points he scored this season and he might have had a real good shot at Damon's record." "Of course, had Luke not missed nine games as a freshman (Osgood-Schlatter, and then a broken bone in his foot), no doubt in my mind he'd break the record."

Brown will head into his 2020-21 senior season needing 1,073 points to tie the Bedford North Lawrence great, and 1,074 to break the all-time record. Impossible? Probably a long shot at best. Only Carmel's David Shepherd (1,079 points) and New Castle's Steve Alford (1,078) have scored more than 1,073 points in a season. Those feats came in the 1969-70 and 1982-83 seasons, respectively. Regardless what transpires next season, Luke Brown should find himself standing tall among some outstanding players, regardless of his class status in Indiana high school basketball.

### **FROM WARD LEWIS "PIGGY" LAMBERT TO RICHARD CARL "RICK" MOUNT**

**by**

**Harley Sheets, IHSBHS  
Co-Founder**

The first thing most readers are going to ask about this story's title is "what's the connection?". The answer spans the years from 1913 to 1970, a little more than a half century. It also has to do with the high school from which I graduated in 1954. It's a school with an outstanding basketball history and tradition but which has also been on the decline since the early 1990s, when the administration fired a coach who had won four sectionals

and a regional in five years.

### **The First Basketball Powerhouse**

Most everywhere in Indiana high school basketball folklore it is claimed that Wingate, Crawfordsville, or Franklin was the first basketball powerhouse. I absolutely disagree. This former basketball powerhouse that I'm about to feature can make these claims: (1) It's one of only two schools that have participated in every state tournament; (2) It's one of only eleven schools that have won 50 or more sectionals; (3) It's the only school with nine of its coaches in the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame; (4) It's one of only eleven schools that have won three or more state championships in single class basketball; (5) It's one of only five schools that have produced two 2,000-point career scorers; and (6) To add a little class, the school in 1898 graduated the eventual inventor of the gas mask--a gentleman named James B. Garner (not the movie/TV star).

In the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century (1907-10), Lebanon High School (LHS, the school I've described above) was trying to overcome the basketball dominance of its neighbor to the west, Crawfordsville (CHS). Therefore, LHS principal E. G. Walker hired Walter G. Gipe who had been one of the best players on Wabash College's 1906 and 1907 teams (17-1 and 17-2) to coach his school's team. The job entailed two sessions per week. But, lo and behold, CHS apparently got worried and lodged a complaint with the IHSAA. For some mysterious reason, the complaint ended Gipe's coaching job at Lebanon. He later coached briefly at Butler University.

The basketball program at LHS nevertheless continued to improve. That was evidenced by its runner-up finish to CHS at the first state



tournament in 1911. The championship got away from LHS possibly because a former LHS star player named Orville "Chine" Taylor, had transferred to CHS the previous fall for an undesignated reason. Taylor had been a tall, well-built junior forward at LHS in 1910 and was on its starting five. Although LHS had defeated CHS 20-16 toward the end of the 1910-11 regular season, Taylor and his newfound CHS team dispatched his former teammates by seven points (24-17) in the 1911 championship game.

Not to be discouraged, LHS then claimed the 1912 title by beating Franklin 51-11. LHS was under the guidance of Claude B. Whitney, whose life ended much too early during World War I. The 1923 Indiana University yearbook, the *Arbutus*, listed fifty-two I.U. students who were killed during the war. Here's how the Indiana University school paper portrayed him: *"Claude Whitney came from Muncie to play on the 1909-10 and 1910-11 Hoosier basketball teams. Whitney went on to earn two IU degrees before war time came. An outstanding student, Whitney was a member of I.U.'s charter class of inductees into the national arts and sciences honorary Phi Beta Kappa in 1911."*

Although sad, distressed, and disappointed at this unfortunate turn of events, Lebanon's school administration remained undeterred. In late 1912, it again went the Crawfordsville route and hired Ward "Piggy" Lambert to be the school's chemistry teacher, inquiring whether he would do some coaching on the side. He agreed. Lambert, subsequently one of the first inductees into the Naismith Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts, had a successful, yet somewhat ironic, tenure at LHS. Here's why(!)

In Lambert's four years at the LHS helm, he was unable to claim a state championship but did come very close in 1914, losing in the final round of four to state champ Wingate. He also amassed 69 wins against only 18 losses during that period. But here's the irony: As previously mentioned, the year before "Piggy" came to Lebanon the school under Whitney had claimed its first of three state championships and shortly after his 1916 departure, it claimed two more (1917 and 1918). The state crown had somehow eluded him, despite those four highly successful seasons. At the end of "Piggy's" fourth year at Lebanon, Purdue came calling. He coached the Boilers for a year, departed for military service the next year, and afterward returned to the Purdue helm to serve a lengthy and fabulous HOF tenure.

#### **Later Occurrences**

When I started my research into Lebanon's basketball history and became aware of Lambert's peculiar decision to leave LHS, I had a hard time wondering why he would depart when he surely knew what he was leaving behind. Eventually it dawned on me. Any of the boys he wanted would, more than likely, follow him to the Purdue campus. One of the several who eventually did was Don White – star of Lebanon's back-to-back titles in '17 and '18. As a college junior in 1921, White captained Purdue's Big Ten co-champions, led the conference in scoring, and was selected to the Helms All-American first team. Another consideration had to be the increase in pay. In this particular era, money was tight for almost everyone except "robber barons" like Carnegie, Rockefeller, and Vanderbilt.

Since Lambert's exceptional career at Purdue can be found on numerous websites, I'll not delve

into it except to say that he mentored many high-profile names such as Don White and John Wooden. However, some of his talented proteges don't have the same name recognition as does the iconic UCLA coach. One to whom I would like to call to your attention was my principal while I was a student at Lebanon High School. He is in the Indiana High School Basketball Hall of Fame. In high school, he played on some excellent Lafayette Jefferson teams. While a sophomore, his team was runner-up to Bloomington's state champs. As a junior, he and his Jeff teammates were runners-up to Franklin's "Wonder Five." And as a senior, his team was eliminated once again, in the final four, by Franklin. After Paul "Butch" Neuman's playing days at Purdue, "Piggy" recommended that he take the coaching job available at his coach's old stomping ground—Lebanon High School. LHS in the 20s was competitive but no longer the powerhouse it was during the previous decade. Franklin's "Wonder Fives," along with Frankfort's Fighting Five (later renamed Hot Dogs), had emerged as schools to be reckoned with. The Frankfort High administration had smarted over some of the horrific beatings administered to the school by Lebanon. Two examples in 1912 were by scores of 47-18 and 101-14. Frankfort therefore decided not to play Lebanon in 1913, 1914 and 1915. Regaining its courage, it re-scheduled Lebanon again in 1916 but wound up with 31-2 and 21-11 losses. In 1917, it was 45-15 and 64-9. Finally, in 1920, Frankfort broke the spell with three close wins.

#### **The Prevalence of "Butch"**

The LHS team had adopted the nickname "Tigers" as Piggy Lambert's protégé, "Butch" Neuman, stepped into his first coaching assignment in 1931. The

name Tigers didn't seem apropos for a team that had won only one sectional in the previous six years and had seen its arch-rival, the Frankfort Hot Dogs, annex two state championships. Let's see if Butch had learned anything from Piggy. All he did was win 13 sectionals in 13 years, taking his last team in 1943 to the title game before losing to another bunch of Tigers from Fort Wayne Central. The star of this Tiger quintet was another Paul--Paul "Pete" Mount, who finished his playing career at Lebanon with 1,133 points, second for the school at the time only to Benny Devol's 1,165 in 1923.

After a few successful years of coaching at a school, a coach usually moves on to the next level, but not Butch. He had married a Lebanon girl and for the next 21 years stayed on as LHS's principal until finally poor health forced his retirement. I must add a personal note here. As a student I wasn't a big fan of Butch, nor was he, at times, too pleased with me. I skimmed by on my studies just so I could play sports. Twice he kicked me out of school, and rightly so! I knew very little of his character at that juncture, but in mature reflection today I realize that all he really wanted was for his students, including myself, to become upstanding citizens and good representatives of the Lebanon community.

So far, I've described Lebanon's basketball dominance in the initial years of the tournament, and then its tailing off until Butch appeared on the scene. What follows next has a lot of Butch Neuman's footprints embedded in it: In 1961, the Tigers advanced beyond the regional for first time since 1943. Nevertheless, Butch still sensed a need to improve the coaching situation because it was being speculated that a young man with exceptional basketball talent

was on the horizon in Tigerland! Through the years and across the nation, exceptional basketball talents have brought excitement and glory to their high schools. Some go on to college; some even make it to the professional level. However, many do not live up to expectations.

Having just returned to Lebanon, after my tour of duty with the Marine Corps, I was hearing comments about the possibility of this exceptional basketball talent soon to wear a varsity Tiger uniform. I had, some years prior, worn the uniform as a two-year starter but was not yet absorbed into my main interests of basketball research and publishing. I was also surmising that this roundball prospect might just be a flash-in-the-pan. Actually, I was more concerned about my own interests and pleasures. However, soon thereafter, my interest in this young man was piqued. He was living up to his earlier perceived stature, as a freshman varsity starter. Of course, as most of you have guessed, it was none other than Richard Carl "Rick" Mount. Rick, of course, was a protégé of his father "Pete," "Pete" was a protégé of "Butch," and "Butch" was a protégé of "Piggy." Thus, you have the answer to the question posed in the first line of this story.

### **"Butch" Acquires "Rosy"**

It's well known that Jim Rosenstihl became the Lebanon basketball coach as Rick Mount was starting his freshman year (1962-63). I had never known the circumstances about Rosenstihl's hiring until he told me in person while I was getting information from him for the Tiger book I wrote and published in 1991. Prior to his arrival, the school had been on a six-year sectional drought, then the longest in its history. But, as previously mentioned, in 1961 the Tigers started growling again and advanced to the semi-state for the

first time since Neuman's 1943 state runners-up. Lebanon's coach at the time was mainly a football enthusiast, so "Butch" felt the need to make a possible coaching change to enhance the basketball program. Here's how Rosenstihl related his move from Bluffton to Lebanon: One day "Butch" called him and asked if he would be interested in coaching at Lebanon. Jim told his wife that it would never hurt to listen, but he definitely wouldn't accept since he was satisfied with his Bluffton coaching job. He'd won two consecutive sectionals with Purdue's recent recruit Bob Purkhiser on hand, and he had Brad Bounds, Bluffton's future all-time scoring leader, coming back for another year. However, after some scheming, conniving, and coercing, Butch was able to persuade Rosenstihl to make the smartest move of his coaching career.

### **A Comparison and a Grievance**

Rosenstihl coached the Tigers for 24 years, won 15 sectionals and got to the Final Four once, but contributed nothing else I know of that's of any consequence. In comparison, Neuman coached 13 years, won 13 sectionals, and got the Tigers to the championship game in 1943. He then became the Lebanon principal for 21 years. My question (and objection) is: why is the name "Rosenstihl" emblazoned on the basketball facility instead of "Neuman?"

### **My Reflections Today**

As a teenager wondering the halls of L.H.S., I often passed a small nondescript glass case with some basketball mementos enclosed, but I paid very little attention. Although history was my favorite subject, I hadn't as yet become engrossed in the local (Lebanon area) aspect of it. I had heard that my principal (Neuman) had played high school basketball in Lafayette, and in my

senior year I learned that the school had hired a new coach (Bob Igney) who had played at Purdue. As far as I can recall, neither man ever talked to us about their playing careers. Both seemed mostly concerned with doing their designated jobs. Years later, as a basketball researcher and author, I discovered some details that weren't apparent to me earlier. Both my coach and principal are Hall of Fame inductees and both played at Purdue for Piggy Lambert. Both were pretty darn good players as well as being highly respected individuals. At the time of my association with them, I didn't realize how fortunate I was to be around them and to have learned from them. I also didn't realize how intertwined and athletically connected my high school and Purdue were. I sure wish I could go back and be aware of those things and try harder to be a better student and athlete than I was.

### Epilogue

My final game as a Tiger resulted in a three-point loss to Lafayette Jeff in the 1954 regional at Purdue. It was played in Lambert Fieldhouse, named in honor of Piggy Lambert, who began his coaching career at my high school. My coach that day, Bob Igney, was a Lambert protégé. My principal, Mr. Neuman, who was also a Lambert protégé, had to watch his high school alma mater defeat the school where he was principal. That was a long time ago and although both of these fine men are no longer with us, I would like to posthumously thank them for being a part of my life at LHS.

### IHSBHS "Lockdown" Book Sale by Roger F. Robison, IHSBHS President

Stuck at home? Sick of TV reruns of 20<sup>th</sup> century Super Bowls and Final Fours? Now is the time to read some classic Indiana basketball

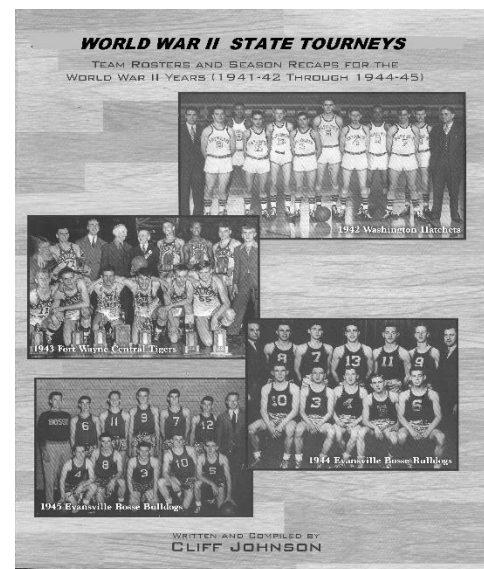
history while providing support for our non-profit organization. All book sale net proceeds are being donated to IHSBHS to help keep its treasury healthy.

Just printed this August is the picture book "Origins of Hoosier Hysteria. The I.U. – Bloomington State Tourneys of 1911-20." Among the 144 pages are 20 in full color; including all ten state championship trophies. For the first time are seen the long lost Wingate and Thorntown awards and the beautiful gold 1920 Stagg Inter-Scholastic trophy. The state champions appear in full page photos, many of which have never been published before. Numerous runners-up are featured. Multiple scenes of the old I.U. gyms and campus as well as the two train routes into Bloomington are pictured. This beautifully illustrated book is being sold at cost plus shipping for \$13.00.

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Cliff Johnson's monumental work on the World War II state tournaments, with the complete rosters and season records for all the 769-776 teams playing annually 1942 thru 1945, is now available for only \$10.00. Accurate state tourney results are included, along with the



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### THE ORIGIN OF HOOSIER HYSTERIA The I.U.—Bloomington State Tourney 1911-1920

By Roger Robison & the Indiana High School Basketball Historical Society



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### 1911-1920

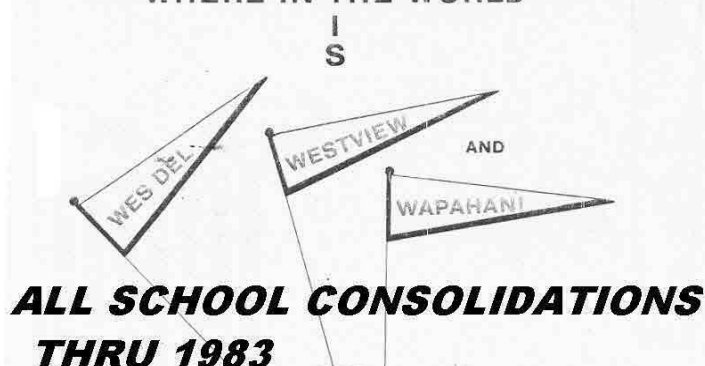
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Dedicated To:

- (1) The Indiana University Boosters Clubs of 1910-1920. **THE ORIGINATORS.**
- (2) The fraternities, social clubs, and professional-academic societies that provided free room and board for the visiting teams for nine years. **THE ENABLERS.**
- (3) William Lowe Bryan, President of Indiana University 1902-37. **THE AVID SUPPORTER.**
- (4) The obliging citizens of Bloomington and their meager restaurant and hotel entrepreneurs in the sleepy southern Indiana college town with a population of 8,800-11,600 and readily accessible only by railroads. The University was the smallest, poorest and most southern in the Big Ten Conference; 100 miles from the Mason-Dixon line and 200 miles from Appalachia. **THE HOST.**
- (5) The reluctant but eventually supportive IHSAA Board of Control who stated on 26 November of 1910 that the Tourney "plan, as proposed, was not a workable one". **THE CONTROLLERS.**

### WHERE IN THE WORLD



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**ALL CHAMPION COACHES**

**SINGLE CLASS; 1911-1997.**

In this section every school - former and current- that has ever won a sectional is listed in alphabetical order. Under each school will be listed every sectional won, the coach and how far the team advanced into the tournament after winning the sectional

F-32 won first game of regional  
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F-8 won first game of semi-state  
F-4 won semi-state  
R.U. runners-up  
S.C. state champion

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Email \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Major Interests/Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

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Past Sports Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Where Born? \_\_\_\_\_ Year Born \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ H.S. graduation year \_\_\_\_\_

College or Univ. \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Study \_\_\_\_\_ Degree(s)/Year \_\_\_\_\_

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