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1976-1977 Carmel Greyhounds: “The Unlikely State Champions” by Scott Spires, IHSBHS Member and Sports Journalist

The time was 1976-77 and the scene was the Indiana high school basketball season. A blizzard in early 1977 slowed down practices

and postponed games although, notably, the blizzard of ’77 was only a harbinger for what was to follow in 1978 that became the worst Indiana blizzard on record. It was definitely a different time in America; Jimmy Carter was President, Otis “Doc” Bowen was Indiana Governor, gasoline was 62 cents a gallon, and a first-class stamp cost 13 cents. Many Hoosiers mourned the deaths of Lynyrd Skynyrd and five of his rock band members, including singer & lyricist Ronnie Van Zant, when their plane went down in a Mississippi countryside on October 20, 1977, ending their young lives.

Back then, if one needed to use a phone while traveling, it was accomplished by using one of the many pay phones that dotted the Indiana landscape. Cell phones and the internet were still things of the future. The proud city of Carmel boasted of a population around 18,000. By 2021, that number had ballooned to 100,777.

During several school years prior to 1976-77, the Carmel Greyhounds had established a reputation for producing some high-caliber athletes and this season seemed to those in and around Hamilton County to hold

the best basketball talent ever. But for fans outside of the county, the term “overestimated” might be applied to that talent. This edition of the Greyhounds was coached by Eric Clark, and its starters were guards Bart Burrell (6-foot-2), Tim Wiley (5-foot-8); forwards Mark Hermann (6-foot-5), Jon Ogle (6-foot-4); At center was Paul Hensel (6-foot-7). The sixth man was Brian Greene.

The Greyhounds started the season ranked as high as seventh in the state polls but quickly fell out of the rankings by losing two of their first three games. Their regular-season schedule consisted of mid to upper tier opponents. Although the team struggled with inconsistency during the regular season, closing at 13-7, it was beginning to click at just the right time. And that time was the IHSAA state tournament.

Immediately, Carmel ran past Westfield, Hamilton Heights, and Noblesville to win the Hamilton County sectional. Now 16-7, the team traveled to the dreaded Anderson Wigwam for the regional. In the afternoon, Carmel made quick work of Wes-Del, 75-51. At night, Carmel faced the Kokomo Wildkats in the regional championship game.

In the second quarter, Carmel took charge and never trailed, but could not shake the Wildkats away from striking distance most of the game. Carmel prevailed though by winning 57-50. After this game, some sportswriters called the Wildkats the best 10-15 team in the state. But the Greyhounds were now booked into the northeast semistate tournament to be played at Fort Wayne.

At Fort Wayne, Carmel faced Plymouth early, winning a thriller, 58-54. In the championship game, the Greyhounds upended 20th ranked Fort Wayne Southside in another down to the wire effort, 47-43. The semifinals games were exhausting, but the Greyhounds had truly earned their way to the state championship finals at Indianapolis Market Square Arena.

The media became abuzz about these Carmel Greyhounds. They had not been picked to be in the finals by anyone except the most diehard Carmel supporters. In its opening game, Carmel (now 20-7) would play highly regarded Columbus East (23-4). From the opening tipoff Carmel was in control, scoring first and never trailing. Carmel used the same attributes that had been so effective for them throughout the tourney: physical strength, height, and outright aggressive play. The talented Columbus East club just could not match up against the much stronger and taller Greyhounds. Carmel's Mark Herrmann poured in 32 points in the team's 71-60 victory over Columbus East.

On the evening of March 26, 1977, the state championship game was to be played in front of another sold-out crowd at Market Square Arena. Carmel, now 21-7, would face East Chicago Washington (24-3), a team coached by the legendary John Molodet. ECW's Senators had hammered Terre Haute South in its afternoon contest 66-45, to reach the

final game. Coming into this final, ECW was heavily favored. However, as mentioned earlier, most of those outside of the Hamilton County area simply did not realize the Greyhounds' talent.

At the first quarter mark ECW led 15-14, then went into the halftime breather leading 28-27. It seemed like anyone's game. However, in the third quarter the Greyhounds began to light up the nets from both the field and the free throw line. Suddenly the heavily favored, yet now rattled, Senators were looking at

was called. ECW got the tip, but the ball went to the wrong player. Bart Burrell, a Carmel boy! At six seconds remaining, Burrell slipped a no-time-to-think pass to Jon Ogle who was under the Carmel basket, and in the most off-balance shot this writer had ever seen in a championship game, Ogle connected. Carmel led ECW 53-52 with only four seconds left and ECW with a time out.

During the time out, it became obvious that ECW planned on getting the ball to its standout



CARMEL, 1977 CHAMPION

Front Row - Manager Scott Reynolds, Rick Cox, Tim Wiley, Bart Burrell, John Salz, Dave Bauer, Steve Shepherd, Manager Jim Kline. Back Row - Athletic Director Bill Shepherd, Trainer Greg Gossard, Assistant Coach Gregg Ferrin, Jon Ogle, Rick Sharp, Paul Hensel, John Lake, Mark Herrmann, Brian Greene, Coach Eric Clark, Assistant Coach Tom Wiley, Principal Dale Graham.

a 10-point deficit, reduced to only 8 just before the horn sounded. The third quarter closed with a stunning Carmel lead of 46-38.

The fourth quarter of this game is part of Indiana high school basketball lore. Carmel rebuilt a 10-point lead, but slowly ECW began chipping away at it. Finally, with just 11 seconds remaining the Senators hit two free throws for a lead over Carmel of 52-51. But the Greyhounds had possession, and with nine seconds left a jump ball

shooter, Drake Morris, which is exactly what ECW did. Morris took an unchallenged but extremely distant shot just slightly past the center baseline. It bounced off the top of the backboard, as time expired. The Carmel Greyhounds had won the 1977 state basketball championship, stunning the ECW Senators 53-52, in what has to be described as one of the most thrilling state championship games in Indiana high school basketball history. The 1976-77 Carmel Greyhounds became

"The Unlikely State Champions."

Where Have All the Great Outside Shooters Gone?

by David Nielsen

The Bloomington Herald Times,
Nov. 4, 2004

Editor's Note: This now dated article was submitted to IHSBHS by contributing member Jim Brandyberry. Jim graduated from Muncie Central in 1970 after being born in New Castle--a strong combination of NCC hometown backgrounds, it should be fair to say. Now in semi-retirement, Jim is currently a board member of the Indiana Track and Field Hall of Fame Museum, located in Terre Haute. The narration below is mostly an account of Rick Mount's opinions 18 years ago regarding the decline of long-range shooting talent (like his).

Scripps Howard (News Service) polled 30 current college basketball coaches and 10 former coaches, asking them to pick the best outside shooter in basketball history. The leading vote-getter was Rick Mount, a 6-foot-3, 175-pound guard who averaged 32.3 points a game in three seasons for Purdue from 1968 to '70. "That makes me feel real good," said Mount, who as a little boy learned to shoot by throwing a tennis ball into a peanut can. "Knowing that the older coaches and even some younger coaches have respect for you, that's good." Mount played five seasons in the old American Basketball Association, averaging 11.8. Now 57 (in 2004), he lives in his hometown of Lebanon, where he sells basketball equipment. During the summer he conducts shooting clinics for kids. Like many fans, he's observed the decline in shooting skills with dismay.

He blames the decay on players being mesmerized by the slam-dunk. "What really hurt shooting is when

the ABA first had the slam-dunk contest," said Mount, who remembers shooting 500 jumpers a day during the summers. "At that point they would get in the gym, wanting to slam it and run (up and down the court), and forgot about working on their shots. 'They'd have great physical talent, they were quick, and they could jump. 'They could play above the rim, but they forgot about what it really takes. 'You've got to be able to shoot the basketball. 'Kids (today) don't do that. 'They just don't take the time to get in that gym during the summertime and go in there, really get focused, and do it. 'I don't know if it's laziness or that they just don't want to do it. 'Look at the Olympics, look at those foreign teams. 'They're not in the gym having a dunk contest or whatever. 'They're getting up a couple hundred 3-pointers and working on their form. 'That's why they're better shooters than (U.S.) players are right now."



**Rick Mount, 3-time All American,
1969**

When asked which shooters he admires now (2004), Mount mentioned Richard Hamilton of the

NBA-champion Pistons. And who does he think is the best shooter of all-time? "You mean besides me?" he joked. "There were a lot of them. 'Jerry West, I always idolized him. "Oscar (Robertson), when he was in high school he was a great shooter from the outside. 'He kind of changed his game when he got to the pros. 'He backed himself down in the paint and tried to shoot. 'A big man comes to mind. 'Dan Issel, he was a great big-man shooter. 'Great form. 'In my era there were a lot of great jump-shooters out there. 'Calvin Murphy and a number of (other) guys come to mind. Chris Mullin, a 6-6 forward who shot 55.0 percent in four years at St. John's (1981-85), finished second in the voting. Others receiving multiple votes included Larry Bird, Shawn Respert, Del Curry, Reggie Miller, Jerry West, and Steve Kerr.

Origin/Failure of The State Semifinals

by Doug Bradley

Remember Andy Rooney? He once said: "Why is it that when someone says 'inarguably,' what they really mean is 'I dare you to argue with me?'" I can't answer that question. "Inarguably" has too many syllables. Five syllables is more than twice what I normally can handle.

However, the concept of "inarguable" was taught to me by reading about high school coaches Case, Wells, Adams, and assorted other perennial state finals coaches. In 1935, those guys hated the idea of a semi-final round. It would add a week onto the basketball season without any consideration of raising pay. Consequently, the semi-finals round seemed a bad idea. It would ruin Indiana's traditional high school tournament.

If I have learned nothing else since the IHSAA yearbooks/handbooks were digitized five years ago, I know

that the addition of the semi-finals in 1936 is INARGUABLY the single most important move that put the Indiana high school basketball tournament truly in a class by itself. It did take the IHSAA nine more years to shift into high gear on the concept. The 15th sectional at Indianapolis Tech in 1944 was the first to be sold out with season tickets. That was the earthquake that shook Circle Tower to life. In 1945, the Indianapolis sectional was moved to Butler Fieldhouse. The semi-finals were moved from various high school gyms to Butler, Purdue, and IU. All were sold out in 1945. Inexplicably, the Anderson and Indianapolis regionals didn't move to Butler until 1947.

PROPOSE EXTRA PLAYOFF BEFORE STATE FINALS

District Tournaments for Regional Winners.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 28. — (UP) — The Indiana High School Athletic Association today considered one of the most important problems of its 25-year history, following an attack against the present playing schedule of state tournament finals.

Opponents of the present system have taken as their point of attack the fact that the two finalists are required to play three games on the last day of the event.

The board of control of the association has three new plans under consideration. They are:

1. Start the state finals Thursday morning, playing one round Thursday, another Friday, and the semi-finals and finals Saturday afternoon and evening.

Consider Extra Tourney.

2. Set up four district tournaments in the state in which the 16 regional winners will compete for two days. The four winners then would come to Indianapolis for the semi-finals and finals on the following Saturday.

3. Eliminate down to eight teams the field that would compete here in the two-day finals.

Serious consideration of the proposed changes was promised by George Russell, Gary, board member, who said that drastic legislation would force the issue if the association failed to act.

Commissioner Arthur L. Trestler, whose administration has been attacked as the fight against the tournament system progressed, has said:

"It is up to the board of control and the principals of the schools which are members of the association. I only carry out the wishes of the board. If the school principals believe too many games are played in the finals, under the present two-day system they can change it."

The battle for a tournament change was enlivened by the threat of North Central Conference coaches to withdraw from the annual event. The conference has furnished six of the last eight state champions, including Anderson, 1935 winner.

Southerners In Revolt.

School principals are recognized as the official representatives of the members of the Association, however, and withdrawal from the association would have to be carried out through them.

Six Southern Indiana teams also were reported as considering withdrawal from the association to engage in a 16-team tournament with the 10 members of the North Central Conference.

Outstanding college and university coaches in the state have entered into the discussion and expressed divergent views.

George Keogan, Notre Dame, said: "The present tournament is a great spectacle. But if the health of one boy who competes in that tournament is injured, the whole affair should be abolished."

"I think the tournament exerts too much pressure, both mentally and physically, on the boys and entirely too much pressure on the coaches themselves," Ward Lambert, of Purdue, said.

"Indiana has been building up this tournament for 25 years," said Tony Hinkle, of Butler. "Why tear it down until there is something better to offer?"

Rep. Carl E. M. Woodward, Democrat, Michigan City, offered a bill during the recent session of the General Assembly which would have limited the playing schedule of the tournament to two games a day.

The measure passed the House, but died in Senate committee. Woodward said he would revive the measure at the special session of the legislature.

The news story shown here from the "Muncie Evening Press" is one of the first state-wide notices that a major change in format was being

considered for the tournament. "Failure" in the title of this article comes from the fact that I'm sure I won't be able to find a person or a small group of people responsible for creating the semi-finals. The news story shows that several bad ideas were being considered. I was hoping to determine whether the IHSAA fell ass-backwards into the best format ever, or if someone had led the Board to the right decision.

I didn't appreciate the need for two-site and two-bracket tournaments before the yearbooks were digitized. Knowing that the Indiana tournament was patterned after the Wisconsin tournament, I was a little perturbed to find that a Wisconsin native was responsible for the two-site idea. I do have his name: R.B. Miller, principal at the time at Hammond Clark. The two-site tournaments lasted only five years (except for the one that lingered for another 10 years at Angola/Auburn/Garrett/Hamilton/Churubusco), but the two-bracket tournaments dragged on until 1983. With Roland Bleeker Miller's name on that, I was hoping to find a name responsible for the semi-final (semistate) rounds too. But no such luck. Even if the IHSAA could fall ass-backward into something, I couldn't. I did find that Miller worked a couple of summers in the Whiting oil refineries during his college years spent at Warrenton MO. He died in Rochester MN, living with a son who was a doctor there at the Mayo Clinic. The idea of state semi-finals did not die with him.

INDIANA'S "SWEET 15 GYMS"

Supplemental Data

by Doug Bradley

In the Winter 2022 issue of Boxscore, the article on Indiana's "Sweet 15" Gyms did not show the most recent seating capacity counts

for the arenas at Michigan City and Lafayette. The Wolves' Den at Michigan City showed a count of 7,304 seats, but after reconstruction work the count has been reduced to 5,878 seats. Likewise, at Lafayette's Crawley Center many fixed seats were removed and re-situated which brought the overall total down from 6,690 to 4,944. However, further modifications planned at Crawley may ultimately bring the total back up to between 5,200 and 5,400. Temporary seats can also be installed for overflow ticket sales at some games or tournaments. Reductions in gym fixed seating capacities are becoming more common these days due to diminishing ticket sales.

HOWIE WILLIAMS' FAMOUS SIT-DOWN SHOT

(A reprint from a 1948 article in the Lafayette Journal and Courier newspaper, possibly transcribed from the I.U. school newspaper. Submitted to Boxscore by Bill Boone, Montgomery Co. Historian and IHSBHS Board Member)

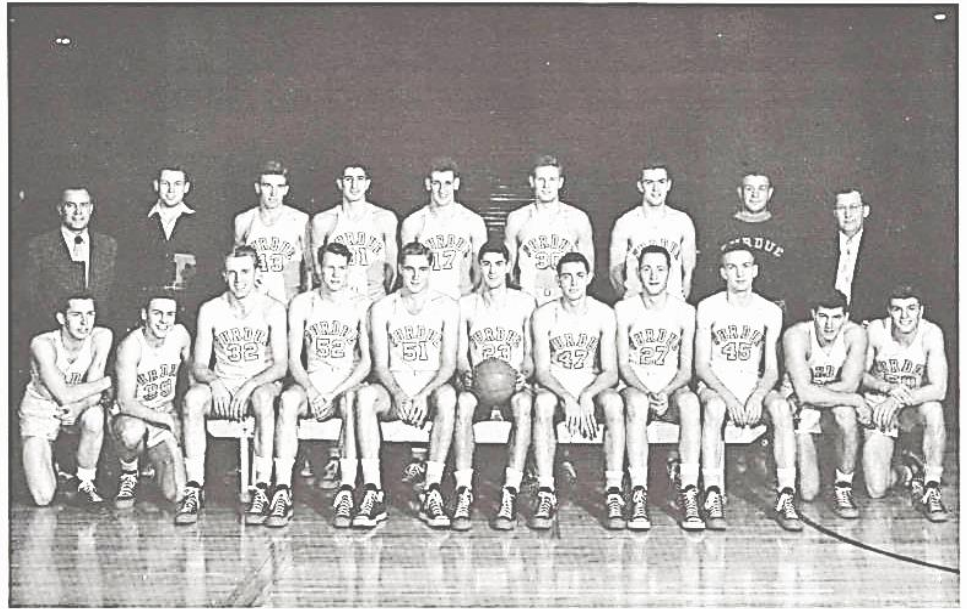
Bloomington, March 1, 1948: Purdue's Boilermakers today (Feb. 29) owed possession of the old fire bell trophy, a 6-6 record in Big Nine (later Big Ten) play, and its first double victory over Indiana in 10 years, to forward Howard Williams' ability to shoot from the seat of his pants.

With the Hoosiers leading 49-47, with 56 seconds of play left, Williams, whose 18 points led both teams in scoring, drove under the basket to knot the score. Purdue battled back to its basket with time running out. Williams, knocked to the floor in a wild melee under the hoop, stretched out his hands to gather in his own rebound. Sitting squarely on the floor and surrounded by Hoosier players, he whisked the ball through the net with five seconds to go for a 51-49 Purdue

victory, shattering the hopes of a frenzied record Indiana crowd of 11,000.

to capture Crimson scoring honors with 14 points.

Despite a prominent inability of



Top Row: Taube Harmon Williams Berberian Sebastian Greiner Bausman Cripe
Front Row: Banks Rasmussen Theissen Axness Butterfield Caudell Butchko Ritter Bahler Long Horton

Purdue Boilermakers, 1948-49, Howie Williams' Junior Year

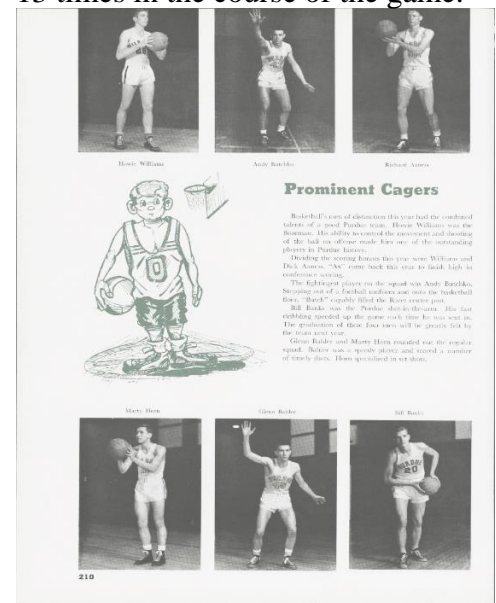
Indiana's Ward Williams smashed under to give the Crimson its last lead of the evening, a minute and 20 seconds left in the game, to set the stage for (Howie) Williams' last pair of fantastic field goals.

The victory gave Purdue possession of the fire bell trophy. It also marked the first time a Purdue basketball team has beaten an Indiana team twice in one season since the 1937-38 team turned the trick. In over-all standings between the two schools, in set up Purdue's 58th victory in 79 battles.

More notable yet in Purdue's startling triumph was that ace guard Bill Berberian, still suffering from a pulled muscle, saw no action. Bill Banks fell back from forward to come through with a more than adequate defensive game, meanwhile contributing four valuable points.

Little Don Ritter, Indiana's top scorer, was held in check for five points in the first half and collected only nine points in the second period

both teams to hit with any consistency--Indiana shot 18 in 91 attempts for a .197 average and Purdue collected on 12 of 90 for a .222 mark--the lead changed hands faster than a short-fused bomb in a game of catch. The score was tied 13 times in the course of the game.



Purdue, 1949-50, Howie Williams' Senior Year (Williams in upper left corner of page)

CAMPUS LIFE FOR AN ATHLETE

by

Cliff Johnson, Boxscore Editor

Proposition: “Sixty years ago, university campus life for an athlete was different from that of today.” Well, maybe so, but then again when I reminisce a little I still see a lot of yesteryear similarities. The ever-present strange and silly policies & practices that favor the recruited athlete over the common student enrollee is the similarity that first comes to mind. Furthermore, as we all know, questionable behavior is often tolerated on a grand scale for super athletes. But let’s not get too serious about all that. The amusing side of the story is usually more rewarding to read about.

An inducement for a high school sports star to enroll at a particular institution, as opposed to all others, is paramount. How is this normally accomplished? Well, first off, the sport’s coach must be identified as the potential scapegoat in the event NCAA or conference officials begin sniffing around for that unmistakable “rotten in Denmark” odor. After all, if this coach’s name is prominent enough within the media and among nationwide peers, he’ll have little trouble finding another job in a year or two anyway. But assuming all goes well, the next step is to contact the Alumni Boosters’ Club. There is no excuse for having good green cash turn moldy in an off-the-books safety deposit box when it might be used to assist a needy athlete.

Alongside that, scholarship funds constitute a reliable source of financial assistance for a star athlete, notwithstanding any detectable academic promise. The availability of such funds must be based upon a minimum SAT in the range of 400, as well as maintaining a university GPA of 1.5 (D+) or better. Understandably, sometimes the

accuracy or validity of such records requires a private session between athletic department officials and the campus registrar. Any media reporters or outside observers, by policy, are ushered out of the room first.

After enrollment, paid jobs for athletes are usually plentiful. Some athletic departments compensate their recruited athletes for providing “get-acquainted” tours to escort prospective university co-eds & town girls around campus. Department vehicles may even be used to assist in such endeavors. The wages for a job like that might vary, but many seem willing to take on those chores for nominal pay. I seem to also recall that some universities provide a few athletes with a monthly honorarium to help shoo pigeons away from the interiors of gyms, fieldhouses, and arenas. That appears to be an effective practice too, since it’s a rare occasion these days when a pigeon nuisance is reported to campus officials.

Academic courses designed for school athletes, especially those matriculating in physical education, can often seem peculiar to the casual accreditation evaluator. However, later in life, wagers made on golf courses, for example, can represent significant financial decisions for some graduates who have turned pro, so golfing classes normally pass the smell test by being classified as business-related. Badminton is another game taught as a course in some phys ed curricula and we should recognize that this particular course offering is really the degree planners giving outside curricula evaluators the bird. Then there was backyard croquet as I recall, a class taught by a teacher at my school whose last name was Mallet.

There are, of course, make-believe classes that also find their way into the campus’s course-listing index.

The proverbial “Underwater basket-weaving” has been the source of a few jokes and many grades of “A” for athletes, over the years. And one can’t forget about some individualized courses offered, with names like “Uphill Skateboarding Made Easy,” Water Polo as a Career Choice,” Advanced Shuffleboard Strategy,” or “Indoor Archery for Rainy Days.”

There is often an assistant coach or other phys ed administrator (sometimes with an ordinary name like Jerry, or a nickname like Pinky or Sparky) who is hired for special duties around the athletic facilities. Those duties might include private lessons for prospective enrollees on sound bathing techniques in the shower rooms. Those lessons are routinely provided in the late evening hours so as not to interfere with regular daytime showering by the school’s athletes. The duties also include making sure that plenty of soap is available and that shower head controls dispense adequate and soothing warm water. Occasionally a varsity coach is not apprised of these ongoing cleansing lessons but will still bear the consequences if the techniques do not meet standards set by the athletic department. Violations have sometimes led to a dismissal or even to the “State Pen.”

On Saturday mornings in the physical therapy athletic rooms one can usually observe plenty of bandages having been laid out, open boxes of medical swabs, iodine & balm bottles sitting on many shelves, heating pads plugged into electrical outlets, therapeutic spas running at full power, and rolls of medical stitching scattered around to sew up wounds. These are all necessary for the treatment of scrapes, bruises, lumps, and lacerations suffered the night before at a local pub or bar where differences of opinion routinely arise between the football

players and local patrons.

These are some of the typical things a college athlete might encounter from day to day. Now, you might naturally suspect that much of this commentary has been exaggerated and is possibly untrue. But then you might also realize that you are reading it right around April 1, a day when we can tell lies or stretch the truth with some abandon.

VINTAGE PHOTOS

The Editor has often come across old basketball photos that are unrelated or unsuited to any specific story in Boxscore. However, a few could hold passing interest to some readers. Here are several examples that seem to fit that category.



Monroe High School. Pre-World War II. Year Unknown. Season record 17-3.

The first offering, above, is a mystery photo. It was submitted by IHSBHS member Jim Brandyberry. It may have a flawed caption since Monroe's only two similar regular season h.s. records before WW II were 1921 & 1922, under coach Clyde Hendricks. We suspect that the pictured coach might be Jim's father, Howard Brandyberry. The players look a bit too young for high school. Any informative suggestions from IHSBHS readers are welcomed.

The next photo is less mysterious. It is one of Wingate's most famous athletes, Lon Goldsberry, circa 1919.

Lon was a member of Wingate's 1920 National High School champions. The photo was forwarded to us by IHSBHS member Bill Boone.



Alonzo Goldsberry, circa 1919



An exterior look at the Paris Crossing High School gym.



Paris Crossing gym interior.

The preceding two photos were taken from Sportswriter Kyle Neddenriep's book *Historic Hoosier Gyms*, pub. 2010. The original Paris Crossing gym dates back to at least the 1920s but was burned down by an arsonist in 1949. It was replaced in 1953 by the pictured facility which served the school's basketball teams until 1961.

Ward Lewis ("Piggy") Lambert was a Naismith Basketball HOF coach, one of the greatest to ever coach both high school and college ball. He played BB and graduated from Crawfordsville H.S in 1907 when the town and its surroundings were considered to be the "cradle of high school basketball." He made record marks as a coach at Lebanon H.S., Wabash College, and Purdue. The rare photo at the bottom was taken in 1955 when at age 65 he remained active as Purdue's freshmen mentor. I appear here with my right hand on the ball. Piggy expired the next year.



Ward L. Lambert, circa 1911



Purdue Freshmen Team, 1954-55

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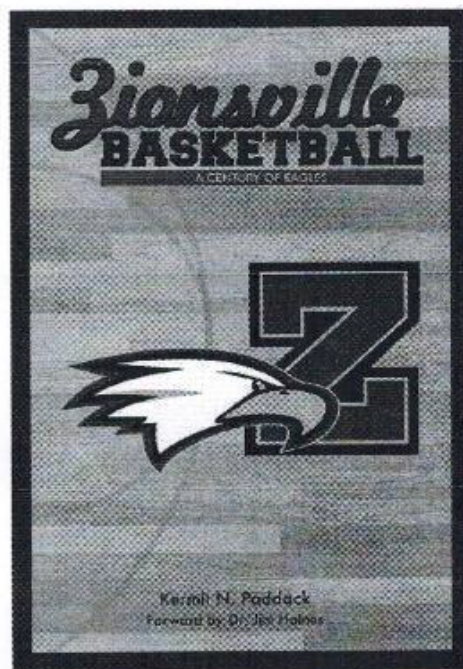
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