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### Indiana Basketball Lives On, Part 1

A Deep Dive into the History,  
Facts & Fiction of Class Basketball  
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It's been 25 years since single-class Indiana high school basketball was last played (1997), yet some Hoosiers still pine for its return. Curmudgeons claim that multi-class

sports ruined Indiana high school basketball and they cite falling tournament attendance as evidence. Nobody has dug deep into the history and the data of class basketball. Until now. It turns out, multi-class basketball may have saved Indiana basketball.

### Background

In 1996, 100 Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) member schools submitted a petition to start multi-class athletic tournaments for most sports, including basketball. The board of directors voted 12–5 to implement this suggestion, and a referendum vote of all member schools followed. Members voted 220–157 in favor of a multi-class tournament to begin in the 1997-98 school year. So, multi-class basketball began and so did the voices clamoring to return it to the way it was. The clamorers' pitch peaked in 2012. That year, a state legislator, Mike Delph, added language to a bill that would make it illegal for any Indiana high school to participate in a multi-class basketball tournament. The IHSAA agreed to participate in 11 town halls around Indiana to hear Hoosiers' opinions of multi-class basketball. A straw poll

was taken at each stop. Most Hoosiers ignored the spectacle. Only 514 people cast ballots at these events; of these, 350 voted for a return to a single-class tournament.

Then the IHSAA polled member schools. Every group—principals, athletic directors, basketball coaches, and student-athletes—voted overwhelmingly to stick with multi-class basketball. The votes tallied 5,181 (71.6%) in favor of multi-class sports and 2,055 (28.4%) against. Multi-class sports remained. Nevertheless, week by week, month by month, year by year, lamenters lamented multi-class basketball. They wrote newspaper editorials, called into local sports radio, and complained every time they had a captive audience. Social media posts filled with their grievances. Some sportswriters have joined in to elevate these voices. Most complaints contain a fatal flaw—they do not reflect any further back than 1990. We will not make that mistake here.

### Some History

Basketball has been a popular activity in Indiana since its arrival to the state in the 1890s. Shortridge High School girls assembled a team

in 1898 and a statewide high school tournament for boys started in 1911. The boys tournament grew from 12 teams in 1911 to a peak of 787 teams in 1938. In the early years of the state tournament, small schools occasionally appeared in the state championship game (Montmorenci, 1915; Winamac, 1932; Mitchell, 1940; Madison, 1949) and even won it all (Wingate, 1913 and 1914; Thorntown, 1915; Madison, 1950; Milan, 1954).

Over time, the game progressed. Two significant changes to the game were the elimination of a center jump after each made basket (1937) and adoption of the jump shot (see footnote 1). Basketball got faster and athleticism gave players and teams a greater advantage than before. When Bob Plump of Milan High School made his famous jump shot to win state in 1954, most Hoosier high schoolers had never taken a jump shot—set shots, hook shots, and push shots were the norm. Unbeknownst to most people, Hoosiers called for a multiple class state basketball tournament in the 1940s and 50s. For instance, in 1950, Tippecanoe High School Coach Ray Bevington proposed the winner of four classes, based on enrollment, advance to the state championship to give small schools a better chance of winning (see footnote 2).

When Milan High School (164 enrolled students) went to the final four in 1953 and then won state in 1954, it was a made-for-media love affair and Hoosiers fawned over their feat. The Milan Miracle silenced voices calling for a multi-class tournament. However, the miracle marked the end of an era. While the first 43 years of the Indiana high school basketball tournament witnessed the occasional small school in the championship game, the next 44 years saw no school with

fewer than 894 students (see footnote 3) win State (Plymouth, 1982) and only one high school ranked in the bottom half by enrollment (Loogootee, 1975) reached the championship game, and lost.

### Numbers Tell A Story

In the years following World War II, the number of tickets sold to the statewide basketball tournament rose from 1,157,451 in 1946 to 1,554,454 in 1962. It seemed you couldn't build a gymnasium big enough to seat all of the people who wanted to attend, so schools built larger and larger gyms. Elkhart built a 7,300 seat gym in 1954, Southport built a 7,100 seater in 1958, the largest high school gym in the country was built in New Castle in 1959, and the Anderson Wigwam, which sat 9,000 fans, opened in 1961.

However, tournament attendance peaked in 1962. After that, fewer and fewer people attended the four rounds of the boys state basketball tournament: sectional, regional, semi-state, and state. A scapegoat for this downward trend could be the School Consolidation Act of 1959. It reduced the number of school districts from 966 to 402 (see footnote 4). It also reduced the number of high schools participating in the state basketball tournament from 710 teams in 1959 to 660 in 1962, 427 in 1972, 395 in 1982, 383 in 1992, and 382 in 1997.

While the bulk of high school consolidation (84%) had occurred by 1972, basketball tournament attendance continued to fall:

1962: 1,554,454  
1972: 1,332,675  
1982: 1,076,886  
1992: 861,124  
1997: 786,024

As attendance declined, giant gymnasiums continued to be built:

1966: Washington, 7,000 seats  
1969: Lafayette, 7,200; Gary West Side, 7,200  
1970: Marion, 7,600; Seymour, 8,200  
1971: Michigan City, 7,300  
1984: Richmond, 7,800  
1988: East Chicago, 7,800

But tumbling attendance in growing gymnasiums is not how people remember it. On a Facebook group dedicated to Indiana high school basketball fans, a man wrote that the New Castle gym was full every sectional up until the switch to multi-class basketball—then and only then did attendance collapse. He knew, he assured everyone, because he was there!

That is a common refrain, but nostalgia has a way of rosyng the lens through which we see the past. In 1997—the last year of single-class basketball—10,475 people attended the three sessions of the New Castle sectional. That means attendance was 38% of total seating capacity. When confronted with the facts, the man doubled down, insisting that the IHSAA official figures were wrong and he was right.

Official sectional ticket sales and the percent of seating capacity filled in the 1997 boys basketball tournament at the other largest Indiana gyms were as follows (See footnote 5):

<u>Gym</u>	<u>'97 Total Attendance</u>	<u>Percent of Capacity</u>
Anderson	17,214	64%
Marion	13,238	58%
Elkhart	13,239	51%
Seymour	10,923	45%
Lafayette Jeff	9,362	43%
Richmond	7,665	32%
Michigan City	6,516	30%
Gary West Side	4,566	21%
East Chicago	4,828	19%
Southport	1,831	13%

Hoosiers did turn out in large numbers to see top players and top teams. In 1988, superstars Shawn Kemp (Concord H.S.) and Damon Bailey (Bedford North Lawrence) led their teams to the state tournament final four. Two years later, the Elkhart and Seymour Sectionals were at 96% capacity as fans watched the two teams return to the state finals. That year, the final four was moved from Market Square Arena (which had sold out 17,000 seats from 1975 to 1989) to the Hoosier Dome, home of the Indianapolis Colts professional football team. Everyone remembered that 41,046 fans Concord H.S. and Bedford North Lawrence play head-to-head in the state championship game in 1990. Nobody remembered that nearly half as many people attended the Ben Davis vs. New Albany championship game in 1996 (see Figure 1).

full and forget the times when it was half-empty. Another explanation is rosy retrospection, whereby we judge the past more positively than we do the present. Or it could be simple nostalgia. Regardless the reason, we tend to remember things as better than they were. Rather than rely on imperfect recollections, we collected data to study relationships between tournament attendance and tournament class format.

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### **The 1957 Noblesville Millers: “That Championship Season”**

**by Scott Spires, *Guest Columnist***

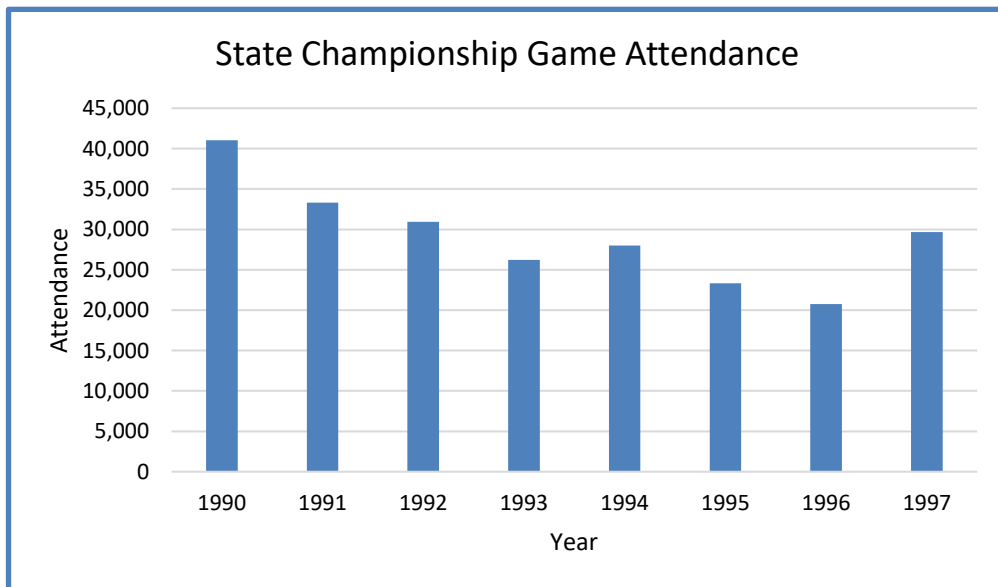
The ‘57 Noblesville Millers had a season for the ages, with a talented team which saw all the starters going on to play college basketball. They had a new coach and a new high school and gymnasium (both two years old). Fans were expecting a lot from these Millers, and by state

was coached by Tony Hinkle, which helped solidify his own career as a basketball coach. The legendary Paul D. “Tony” Hinkle would be the driving force behind the athletic programs for more than half a century at Butler. For his dedicated accomplishments, Butler Fieldhouse was renamed Hinkle Fieldhouse in 1966.

Young coach Harper arrived at Noblesville with four years’ coaching experience already under his belt. He had coached previously at Princeton and New Ross high schools. During that time, he brought in two sectional championships and also a regional championship which earned New Ross an appearance in the Lafayette semi-state. Harper’s assistant coach for 1956-57 was Bill Nevitt. His starters were Jan Robinson, Jack Clark, Arb Campbell, Dave Porter, and John Tener. The rest of the supporting cast was Tom Abel, Bob Anderson, Bert Butler, Jim Camp, Jim Dillion, Mickey Gunn, and Don Meredith. The team managers were Jim Burrell, Jim Burr, Larry Neal, and Dave Wachtstetter.

During the regular season, Noblesville played mainly mid-tier opponents and finished the season’s halfway point with eight wins and two losses. In the second half of the season the Millers hit a slump, losing five of their last six games and closing the regular season at a lackluster 12-8. It was now tournament time and Noblesville was hosting the sectional for a second year. Previously, the sectional was held at Sheridan, which had a 2,200-seat gymnasium (one seat for every Sheridan resident). Sheridan had won its own sectional from 1949 to 1955.

Noblesville opened the tourney with wins over Jefferson Township 59-34, then Jackson Central 67-55, and faced the undefeated (23-0)



**Figure 1. Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) data.**

How could our memories deceive us? Experts have known for years that our memories are not accurate. One explanation is peak-end theory, whereby people tend to remember the most intense moments and the last moment of an event. Therefore, we recall the moments the gym was

tournament time, they would not be disappointed!

Noblesville hired Glen “Harpy” Harper as its new head coach in the 1956-57 season. Harper was a 1947 graduate of Darlington High School. He also played basketball at Butler University, graduating in 1951, and

Windfall Dragons for the sectional championship. Windfall was mentored by veteran coach Wilford Drake and led by standout player Toby Burkhardt. During this matchup, Windfall seemed in control and, after closing out the third quarter with a commanding 45-29 lead, a Windfall trip to the Kokomo regional appeared all but assured. Then, in the fourth quarter, Noblesville mounted one of the greatest comebacks in Indiana high school basketball tournament history, outscoring Windfall 29-9 in the fourth quarter, and pulling off the victory in the closing seconds by a score of 58-54. The Millers had won their first sectional since 1929. Later that spring, the Noblesville High School yearbook would celebrate the Millers' remarkable tournament run in 1957 with the commentary and photos shown in this article.

In the Kokomo regional, Noblesville (now 15-8) faced the previous season's regional champion, heavily favored Wabash (18-6), in the afternoon round's second game. A caravan of 1,500 Noblesville fans followed the team on U.S. 31 to the Kokomo Memorial Gym. Noblesville trailed the Apaches 37-30 at halftime, but then Jan Robinson, who finished with 29 points, took over the third quarter. That quarter ended with the Millers ahead 51-43 over the fading Apaches. The fourth quarter saw the Millers slow down, taking only patient and selected shots. It paid off, as Wabash was stopped by the score of 69-59. This advanced Noblesville to the night championship game against Delphi (12-12) which had advanced by cruising past Peru 72-52 in the first afternoon game.

During the championship contest, Noblesville played like the state contender it was. With Robinson and Clark taking charge, the Millers

captured a convincing 59-47 victory over Delphi. For the first time ever, Noblesville had won a regional championship.

The Fort Wayne semi-state was played at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, with more than 10,000 hysterical fans in attendance. In the semi-state, the level of competition significantly increased for the dark horse Millers. Most sportswriters didn't even consider the Noblesville a threat to win its own sectional, but the naysayers were silenced, and Noblesville was now in the sweet sixteen!

In the opening game, the undefeated (26-0) South Bend Central Bears, led by brothers John Coalmon (6-foot-4), Indiana's 1957 Mr. Basketball and sibling Sylvester Coalmon (6-foot-5), would face the Fort Wayne South Side Archers (22-4). From the tipoff, Fort Wayne South was in over its head. If this basketball game would have been a boxing match, it would have been stopped in the second quarter. South Bend Central was in control from start to finish, leading 20-11 at the first stop and 43-29 at halftime. The Bears increased the lead to 58-42 in the third and closed out this walk-through game by a final score of 74-50, with the Coalmon brothers pouring in 39 points and 26 rebounds.

In game two, the Millers (now 17-8) would face the Marion Giants (21-5) of the much-vaunted North Central Conference. The first quarter saw both teams trading buckets and Marion with a 15-14 lead at the end of the first stanza. In the second quarter, Marion put up 19 attempts, and with Noblesville struggling, the half ended with the Giants leading 35-28. The third quarter saw the Millers go on a 10-0 run for a 38-35 lead. That quarter ended with the score tied at 46-46. The final quarter saw the score going back and forth.

With 1:30 left on the clock, Robinson put up a jumper that missed, but he drew a foul from Marion. He hit both free throws for a Noblesville lead of 57-55 with 1:10 left. Marion then got off a shot that was around the rim and Noblesville grabbed the rebound and began to stall. With 8 seconds left, Noblesville's Campbell was fouled but missed the front end of a one and one. Marion rebounded, raced down the court, and got off a long jump shot that whirled around the rim and out, as time expired. The scoreboard read Noblesville 57, Marion 55.

Against all odds, Noblesville was in the elite eight. The Millers, now 18-8, would play No. 1 ranked (27-0) South Bend Central for the semi-state championship. The first quarter saw Noblesville hampered by turnovers and terrible shooting--just 2-of-16 from the field. The first quarter went to the Bears 12-6. Noblesville woke up in the second stanza and outscored the Bears, 22-17. At halftime, Noblesville trailed by only one 29-28. The third quarter was a repeat of the first quarter, but worse: The Millers shot just 4-of-18 from the field while John Coalmon poured in 14 points. Noblesville trailed again at the end of three, 53-43. Both teams played even in the final quarter; however, brothers John and Sylvester Coalmon had caused the Millers to struggle throughout the entire game. At the end, the scoreboard read South Bend Central 75, Noblesville 62. The Coalmon brothers scored a combined 55 points and grabbed 34 rebounds. Robinson led the Millers in scoring with 17 points and Porter had 19 rebounds. South Bend Central went on to win the 1957 state championship, stopping Indianapolis Crispus Attucks in the final, 67-55.

After the game's end, the Noblesville basketball team, along with its accompanying convoy,




received a police escort back to Noblesville. By the time the bus arrived in home territory, the size of

Writers Association. Harper won seven out of eight sectionals at Noblesville from 1957 through 1964,

these small-town virtues and memories alive, including the 1957 Noblesville Millers, "That Championship Season."

**NHS Wins First Regional Crown**



**Millers Win 1st Regional**


AT KOKOMO  
Noblesville 55, Kokomo 40  
Noblesville 55, Kokomo 40  
Noblesville 55, Kokomo 40

**Entire City Celebrates As Team Returns Home**

Methodical Millers in Control at Kokomo

Robinson Sets Record

**Millers Have Winning Season**



OPPONENTS	WE	THEY
Shelbyville	54	51
Fairfield	73	58
Lafayette	62	56
Lafayette	62	56
Northwestern	64	47
Alamogordo	67	56
Westfield	60	44
Cornell	56	51
Crawfordsville	52	56
Ellettsville	59	51
Zionsville	64	42
North Central	63	38
Pendleton	25	26
Lawrenceburg	65	40
Crawfordsville	69	74
Tipton	48	39
Grand Rapids	51	39
Crawfordsville	52	40

STAFFORDS: Managers L. Hays, Jr., Workman, J. Hays, KIDLAND: J. Smith.


Coach Harper jokes with Jim Burrell

N.H.S. is proud of the new gym, finished in January of last year.



Noblesville coach Glen Harper won the 1957 Coach of the Year Award from the Indiana Sportscasters and News Writers Association.

**Play-by-Play Tells Full Story Of Final Quarter**



John Campbell, Tom Abel, Jim Dillen

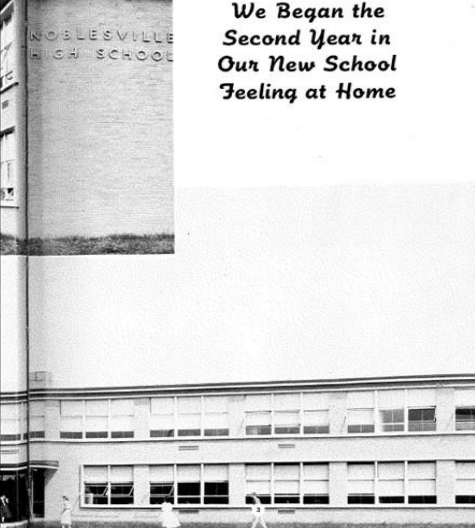
Dave Porter

Jim Camp

John Clark

John Turner, Jan Robinson

**We Began the Second Year in Our New School Feeling at Home**



## Noblesville 1957

the convoy had doubled, as blaring horns, sirens, and thousands of fans, greeted the Millers. At Memorial Field, a bonfire was blazing and floodlights illuminated the field, as the fans chanted "We want the team" and "We want Harper." Coach Harper and the Millers walked onto the field and gave brief, heartfelt speeches, thanking the community for its unwavering support. The kind gestures were returned to the team from school and city officials.

Coach Harper received the 1957 Coach of the Year award from the Indiana Sportscasters and News

won the regional twice, and had one semi-state finalist there during his tenure. In 2013 he was honored by being inducted into the Indiana High School Basketball Hall of Fame.

Back in 1957, Noblesville was a relatively small community, which has since developed into part of a thriving metropolitan area. Fortunately, it has retained its small-town values and the memories of a young Coach Harper, whose success helped lay the foundation for the generational excellence of the Noblesville high school athletic programs. We should always keep

## Anecdotes on Pat Malaska by Bill Boone, IHSBHS Board member



## HOF Coach Paul "Pat" Malaska

Pat Malaska was one of the truly legendary figures in Crawfordsville Athenians basketball history. After starring in baseball, basketball, track, and football at CHS, Malaska took his skills north to Purdue University to play basketball for the equally legendary Crawfordsville graduate, Ward "Piggy" Lambert. Malaska's experiences at Purdue are still talked about by the old-timers and visitors to the Purdue archives. He was an immediate star for the fast-breaking Boilermakers of Lambert. Called

“Poosh 'Em Up Pat,” because of his ability to get the ball up the court so fast, Malaska made All-Conference as a sophomore in 1936 and again as a senior in 1938. In between, he almost died because of football and is still remembered for eating an Eskimo Pie during a basketball game. He pestered Lambert to let him play football until Lambert said, “Go ahead and kill yourself.”



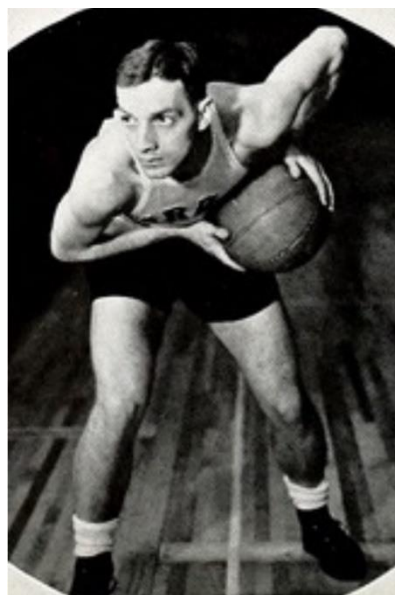
**Malaska as an Athenian, 1933**

Malaska almost killed himself for sure because of football and two of his teammates were killed in a freak accident. A pot-bellied stove heated water for the showers and the locker room of the Purdue football team and players removed the tape used to tape their ankles with gasoline. It was a recipe for disaster, and it finally happened. On a fateful fall day, the room filled with gasoline fumes which were ignited when someone opened the pot-bellied stove. Two Boilermakers were killed in the explosion and Malaska had to be dragged to safety by a teammate, Lowell Decker. Wearing only his jockstrap, Malaska watched the blackened bottoms of his feet fall off. He carried the imprint of the jockstrap around his waist for ten years. Malaska recalled for an article in Sports Illustrated in 1988, “I tried to run, but fell and couldn't

get up.” I remember thinking, “What a horrible way to die.”

Malaska spent two months in the hospital but returned to the hardwood in time to start the first game of the 1936-37 season, wearing support socks to protect the tender skin on his lower legs and wringing blood from the socks during timeouts. He still scored 11 points.

What about the Eskimo Pie? That happened on February 6, 1938. You can look it up. Purdue was locked in a struggle for supremacy in Big Ten with Illinois and Northwestern. Purdue had lost only one game and stood at 4-1. The only loss was to an Illinois team that was led by its captain and All-American, Lou Boudreau, who later became the player-manager of the Cleveland Indians. Boudreau had just been declared ineligible by the Big Ten for making a verbal commitment to the Indians. Without the speedy Boudreau, the Illini were no match for the Boilermakers, so they stalled. Illinois coach Doug Mills told his team to plug the lane and dared Malaska and Purdue All-American Jewell Young to shoot from outside. Purdue held a 20-11 lead so Piggy Lambert told his team to hold the ball.



**Pat Malaska, Boilermaker star**

The Boilermakers held the ball for about five minutes until Malaska got bored and decided to sit on the ball at mid-court. The fans in the stands got restless and started throwing coins, but the stall continued. I neglected to mention that Pat Malaska, as a student, ran the ice-cream concession on the sidelines at Purdue basketball games. Spotting one of his young employees, Pat told the lad to go get him an Eskimo Pie. You can guess the rest. Malaska sat on the ball eating his ice cream and Illinois stayed away willing to lose the game. Malaska held the ball for twelve minutes while he finished his pie. Purdue eventually won the game 23-13 and ultimately won the Big Ten title. He was named to the Converse All-American team in 1938.

Malaska went on to play professional basketball in the old National Basketball League for 4 ½ years. After his stint in pro ball, he coached at various high schools for 12 years, leaving an indelible mark on Peru basketball as he guided the Tigers to the final game of the Semi-state in 1948. Malaska ended his career after winning sectionals at Bicknell in 1942, Martinsville in 1943 where he also won the Regional, Peru in 1947, 1948, and 1949, and Richmond in 1950.



**Malaska after retirement**



Paul "Pat" Malaska was named to the Indiana High School Basketball Hall of Fame in 1988. He is also a member of the Purdue Athletic Hall of Fame, the Montgomery County Basketball Hall of Fame and the Crawfordsville Athletic Hall of Fame. He died in 1992.

### **The 2006-07 Muncie Central Bearcats by Michael Wohlford**

In 2007, I again found myself in a difficult situation, similar to the one I experienced as a player four years earlier. This time, my predicament came as an assistant coach for the Muncie Central Bearcats during the 4A regional championship at Marion. Down by eleven points, our prospects looked pretty bleak heading into the second half. Everything seemed stacked against us. We were playing on the road and weren't able to stop them defensively. We couldn't hit shots, and we simply didn't seem to have the bullets necessary to win on this night. Unfortunately, for us, this was the regional championship game, the worst possible time to be drawing a blank. Undeterred by the seemingly insurmountable odds, eventual Indiana All-Star Ben Botts went on a scoring frenzy, erupting for twenty-six second half points, the last of which drew us within two with less than a minute to play. Applying full court pressure, we forced a turnover and finished the play with a lay-up. A tie was achieved! Bearcat nation was on its collective feet, for the # 1 Muncie Central Bearcats had just clawed their way back to a stand-still with their hated rival, the Marion Giants. It was a new game, and all the momentum seemed to be on our side. That is the good part of the story. The rest, well, isn't so good. Holding the ball for what would amount to be the last good shot of the game, junior Giant standout

Julius Mays drove the lane and hit a tough fade away with three seconds remaining. Calling a timeout, we drew up a play to get Botts open on a streak, but Marion covered it up and Bearcat senior Tom Freeman's half-court prayer clanked off the iron to end the game short by two points, 64-62. Bearcats lose. Dream season over. The number one ranked team defeated.

The locker room scene following the loss was undeniably the saddest I have ever experienced. As an assistant coach for the Bearcats during the '07 season, I tried to console the players. It was next to impossible, as dreams of a state championship had just been dashed. As I leaned against the wall, fighting back tears of my own, I couldn't help but smile inside. Demented, I know, but I couldn't help but think about a few characteristics I had seemingly linked with high school basketball and how in that instant they were dashed as well. This was Indiana, where I had basically written off high school basketball. Outside factors had killed the game. Class basketball had killed the game. People simply didn't care anymore, right? Wrong, I thought on that cool March night. I had just witnessed one of the best games in the history of the state tournament, class basketball or not. In front of a standing-room-only crowd of 7,000, Ben Botts had just led the Bearcats all the way back from defeat, only to lose it in the final seconds. The crowd was on its feet for most of the game, as its make-up was nearly half Giant fans and half Bearcat fans. The crowd noise was deafening with every basket made. And as we made our final run late in the game (down eight with two minutes remaining!), the entirety of Bill Green Arena was in complete pandemonium. The game was simply something special. The experience of coaching the 2007

Bearcats left a lasting mark on me. Sure, I have written this paper discussing how and why Indiana high school basketball has been in steady decline over the past thirty to forty years, but what I witnessed in that locker room, on that night, is something that will stick with me forever. Coaches were crying, players were crying, and it was all over a game? I couldn't help myself but cry as well, for what I was involved in was Hoosier Hysteria at its best. It was coaches and players alike, striving for the ultimate prize, putting it all on the line just to hoist that championship trophy in the air and say, "We are the State Champions!"

It was not to be for the Bearcats in 2007. It wasn't for a lack of effort or time invested, though. Hours upon hours of sweat had been poured for that one chance. In my eyes, Botts and his fellow 'cats were no less "Hoosier" than the "Wonder Five," Wooden, Plump, or Robertson. This is a different era, of course, but I learned on that night that high school basketball is alive and well in the state of Indiana. Although the masses aren't consumed by the game anymore, there are glimpses of the past. If only we just stop and observe for a moment we can see these treasures of times gone by. What the Bearcats did for me in '07 was restore hope. A hope that for decades to come Indiana high school basketball produces athletes who care about the game as much as the Bearcats of '07. Author William Gildea best forecasts the 21st century for Indiana high school basketball when he writes, "[h]igh school administrators may divide basketball and their tournament into classes, but in Indiana there's still no keeping a boy from playing the game that matters most, and no denying their elders the memories of hallowed tournament times past."

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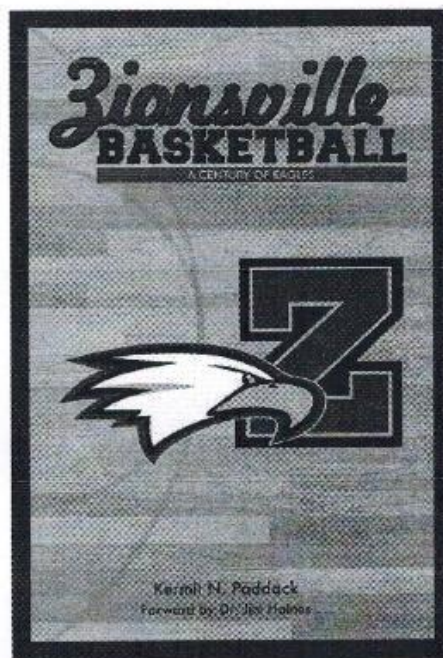
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