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2025 Dues Notice!!

You veteran members might take this opportunity to send your 2025 dues to Roger right away. You'll notice on the last page that dues are now \$12 per year, or \$20 for two years. So grab your checkbook and keep The Pres off your back!

Opening Thoughts

Submitted by Jim Brandyberry

Several years ago then-Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher brought his daughters to one of Rick Mount's shooting camps. Mount remembers their conversation this way:

Cowher: “Growing up, I idolized two people: You and Pete Maravich. I used to go in the driveway and go into a corner and shoot that fadeaway jumper of yours. I was Rick Mount.”

Mount: “Did you make them?”

Cowher: “Once in a while.”

Mount: “Then you weren’t Rick Mount.”

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Indiana's first seven-foot high schooler Mike McCoy of Fort Wayne once said in an interview in *Sport Magazine*:

“You hear these stories of Indiana kids who shovel snow off the court and play when it's so cold you can't feel the ball in your hands. Well, we did that. We actually did that.”

New Information on Fieldhouse Size Submitted by Jim Brandyberry

Born in New Castle, I am all for the New Castle fieldhouse being the largest anywhere. However, I have long wanted New Castle to come by that distinction honestly. For quite some time, that was not the case.

Figures provided to me in 2020 by New Castle Principal Kirk Amman indicated that the 8,457 figure presented as the fieldhouse seating size was reached by counting 260 bleacher seats that were actually located in what was then the wrestling room! In reality, those phantom seats couldn't forthrightly be included in a

fieldhouse capacity count. Most concerned observers will not abide by this stealth seating approach.

The accepted size of the Seymour High School fieldhouse is 8,228. Therefore, New Castle had to come up with over 31 more seats to legitimately claim the title of having the world's largest high school fieldhouse.

There was plenty of embarrassment when *Indianapolis Star* reporter Dana Benbow did her story in 2019 exposing the truth of the continued exaggerated claim coming from New Castle. Unfortunately, the story that *The Star's* venerable Kyle Neddenriep did in March of 2021 that proclaimed New Castle to be number #1 again was based on false information given to him about those new temporary bleachers that at that time had never been erected. Wish that Kyle would have come and taken a first-hand look!

Things have changed, however. Principal Amman has informed me by way of a trusted school board member that those 260 bleacher seats in question were in full use for the 2024 regional. This restores legitimacy to New Castle's long-standing assertion found on their gym's banner declaring it to be "The world's largest and finest high school fieldhouse."

Editor's Note: We received the following in October, in response to an article in the Fall 2024 issue of BOXSCORE.

Greetings Dr. Robison; As a Lifetime subscriber of Boxscore, I received my copy of the recent addition. I was intrigued with Bill Boone's article regarding Sectional Coaches from Montgomery County. Upon completion of the article, I realized my Dad, Howard "Tuck" Williams was not mentioned. If you go to www.bigbangofbasketball.com, and use IHSBHS code for free ebook, pages 125-129 details his career, including Wingate HS, Wabash College, and illustrious career as AD at Ben Davis HS. He also coached HOF Harold Sweet's HS Regional Championship team at Covington. Did I misunderstand the requirements of the listings?

BTW, feel free to share the code for free ebook to those you feel would appreciate. The Collectors Edition is now sold at the New Castle HOF to benefit their new addition under construction.

Best Regards,

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Daryl Warren and the Linden Bulldogs – The 40th and Final Montgomery Co. Basketball Tourney written by DL White

Introduction:

In June of 1968 I signed my first teaching contract with North Montgomery School Corporation, as a 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teacher at Linden. I taught school for North Montgomery for 35 years, worked in the athletic office at the middle school for a few years, and retired from North in 2009 after 40 years and having coached about 1200 grade and middle school basketball games. The first three years at Linden were also the last three years of Linden High School before consolidation. I had the privilege to help Coach Tom Speaker with the JV and Varsity basketball team, as I was the assistant coach. It was a great learning experience, and I got to see the very talented Daryl Warren play basketball for three years.

Perhaps the best weekend of basketball I was ever associated with were these county tourney games in Crawfordsville in January of 1971.

While Montgomery County and Boone County schools have been known as the "Cradle of Indiana Basketball" for winning seven of the first eight state basketball titles, along with several other counties around the state, they helped promote

the “County Tournaments” that became very popular.

Boone County started their tourney during the 1919-1920 school year, discontinued it a few years later, then re-started it again in the 1936-1937 school year, and continued through the 1963-1964 school year, when it was discontinued permanently because of consolidations. Montgomery County started their tourney during the 1931-1932 school year, and continued it for 40 years, as the 1970-1971 tourney would be the last one because of consolidations.

Tourney Information:

By the 1970-1971 school year there were eight “county” schools vying for the final title. The county seat, Crawfordsville, was not part of the tourney, but in the 1930’s they did send their JV team to the tourney for a few years. They never won it.

The North Montgomery School Corporation had four schools in the tourney who would become North Montgomery High School for the 1971-1972 school year. Those teams were the Darlington Indians, Waynetown Gladiators, Linden Bulldogs, and the Coal Creek Bearcats. Coal Creek was a consolidation of the first team to win two straight state titles, Wingate, and New Richmond, where some of the movie “Hoosiers” was filmed.

The four schools in the South Montgomery School district, who would form Southmont High School starting the 1971-1972 school year, were the New Market Purple Flyers, the Ladoga Cannons, the Waveland Hornets, and the New Ross Blue Jays.

After the final county tourney, New Market had the most championships with 7, and Linden finished with 6. The other six schools all won at least two during the 40 -year run.

The “Pre-Game”:

In the late 1960’s Darlington ruled the county tourney. In 1967 the Indians lost the semi-final tourney game to Ladoga, then never lost another county tourney game until the subject of this writing, the semi-final game in 1971. As a senior in 1971 Daryl Warren had not seen Linden High School beat Darlington in varsity basketball since he was in the sixth grade.

From 1968 through 1971 Darlington had one of the best “small school” teams in the state. Under the direction of future Hall of Fame coach Dave Nicholson the Indians finished the 68-69 regular season undefeated, and did the same thing in 69-70. Dave left after the 1970 season, with Gene Morrison taking over for the final year before consolidation. Darlington won the County Tourney in 1968, 1969, and 1970. They wanted to make it

four in a row. Darlington’s regular season record plus the county tourney from 1968-1971 was 76-7. They also won the tough Lebanon sectional in 1969.

The school officials in the North Montgomery district had decided before the 1970-71 season started to stage a weekend 4-way tourney with the four North schools playing each other. The tourney would be held Friday, December 18th and Saturday, December 19th at Waynetown School which had the largest gym of the four schools in the North district, seating about 1500 fans.

Waynetown, coached by Fred Johnson, had beaten favored Crawfordsville the previous year to win the sectional. The Gladiators had graduated most of the players who helped win that sectional, but still had a lot of firepower and could easily score in the 70s. Coal Creek, coached by Ron Denhart, had strong teams in the mid 60s and were a little “down” this year, but still had the county’s third leading scorer at 22 points per game, Tim Slauter. Darlington, with Gene Morrison at the helm, were still mowing teams down, led by Terry “Chopper” Cain, who averaged 26 points per game that year, only three behind Daryl Warren’s 29 per game. With Tom Speaker coaching the Bulldogs, the team felt that while Darlington was still a very tough team, the Bulldogs had a better chance to

beat them now than in the two previous years.

With all the good players in Montgomery County that year, the best by far was Daryl Warren. At 6'2" and around 185 pounds he was extremely strong. Coach Speaker usually had Daryl bring the ball down the floor, pass and post up. If he did not get the ball while posting he could go off a screen to the outside or the baseline, and get the pass back for a long shot. He always led the team in points, rebounds, and most of the time assists. He was a great teammate and very humble. After his senior season his 2,083 career points ranked 12th in the state of Indiana. Had there been a three point line in those days his career point total would have been close to 3,000.

Fifty two years after he graduated from Linden his 2,083 points are still the most in Montgomery County history.

For the Four Way Tourney the first game would be on Friday, December 18, 1970. The "draw" had Darlington playing Coal Creek at 7:00, followed by Linden vs. Waynetown. Economics were very important to small school sports in those days, so school officials were happy the "draw" had put Darlington and Linden in opposite brackets.

Darlington had no trouble with Coal Creek, winning 84-61. The Linden-Waynetown game was close the first half, with Linden

only holding a four point lead 27-23 at halftime. But the Bulldogs caught fire the second half, scoring 45 while holding the Gladiators to 26, winning 72-49. Daryl threw in 16 field goals and three free throws for 35 points. For Waynetown, Don Pittman and Mike Strickler scored 14 and 11 points respectively.

On Saturday night Waynetown sneaked by Coal Creek 62-61 in the consolation game, which was the curtain raiser for the Championship game between the Bulldogs and Indians.

Both Linden and Darlington came out firing in that championship game. Darlington held a 21-14 advantage at the end of the first quarter, but the Indians went a little cold the second quarter, only scoring 15 while Daryl and the Bulldogs pumped in 27 to take a 41-36 lead at the half. Darlington was called for more fouls than the Bulldogs as good free throw shooting by Linden helped get the lead.

The third and fourth quarters were nip and tuck all the way with Darlington pouring in a total of 33 points in the second half, while Linden lit the scoreboard for 32. Final: Linden 73, Darlington 69. It was a very exciting game with the score tied 13 times, and 11 lead changes. For Darlington "Chopper" Cain had 32, with Jim Tribbett contributing 20. The Bulldog leader, Daryl Warren, canned 11 field goals

and 14 free throws for 36 points. Clay Cunningham had 12 and Keith Airey 11.

Daryl and the other Linden players were very happy to finally beat Darlington, but everyone knew winning the County Tourney would be a much more important goal, with added pressure and a lot more fans.

"The Game"

After Christmas and before the County Tourney the Bulldogs only had two scheduled games. On January 9th Daryl and company played a very good Williamsport team, squeaking out a 62-61 win. Six days later the Bulldogs drove to county rival Waveland and stung the Hornets 81-62. Daryl scored 24 against Williamsport and dropped in 31 against the Hornets.

The 40th and Final County Tourney was scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, Thursday, January 21, and Saturday, January 23, with all the games at the Crawfordsville High School Gymnasium which had a capacity of about 2,300. This was the old Crawfordsville High School, near the downtown area. The new school at the south end of town opened in the early 1990's.

The Bulldogs opened the tourney Wednesday night against a very good New Ross team. By the second quarter the Bulldogs had a 10 point lead, and kept a 10-15 point

lead most of the game. Final: Linden 80; New Ross 71. Daryl Warren scored 38.

Darlington had no problems with Coal Creek in the second game 87-54.

On Thursday night New Market and Waynetown opened the action with the Purple Flyers prevailing 84-76. Ladoga and Waveland finished the preliminary rounds in a close contest 75-71, as Waveland earned the right to go to Saturday's semi-finals.

On Saturday morning, January 23rd, 1971 we had a walk through and some time to shoot free throws at our little gym at Linden School. I was the grade school and junior high basketball coach and we played our home games in our gym but the high school had not played any home games there since about 1964. We had a few rows of bleachers on one side only, and the floor was short so we had to have the double center line. Both ends of the gym had no out of bounds lines—The walls were out of bounds. Daryl and the team never played a "home" game at Linden. All our home games were away.

We boarded the bus and headed for Crawfordsville for the first afternoon game, which was set for tip off at 12:30.

For the last several years all kinds of excellent video equipment, including personal "phones", have been used to

record every second of a basketball game, as well as all other sporting events. But in 1971 that was not the case. As far as I know there is not video of any of our county tourney games. But the local radio station did broadcast all the games and I have a cassette copy of all the games we played. When using direct quotes from the radio announcers I will use quotation marks around those paragraphs.

"Welcome Montgomery County basketball fans to the game of the decade, the Darlington Indians vs the Linden Bulldogs, the game we have all been waiting for. The Championship game will be tonight, but most think this is the Championship game. The winner will take on the winner of the Waveland and New Market game later this afternoon. Tonight at 8:00 will be the final game, but this is the game most think this will decide the champion of the last Montgomery County Championship....."

"If you're listening we're happy to have you, but you probably wish you were here. However, you might not find a seat as this is a packed house in the Crawfordsville Basketball Arena. The arena seats 2,300 plus people, and we see people standing everyplace without a seat. It does not get any better than this."

Darlington was big, fast, and had good shooters. The two

forwards were Terry Cain and Garry Hole, both at 6'3". Charley Warren, Daryl's cousin, was 6'2" and the center. The two guards were 5'11" Steve Apple and 6'0" Jim Tribbett. As the radio announcers said prior to tip off, both Cain and Hole could start for the Chicago Bears at defensive end.

Linden started 6'2" Daryl Warren and 6'0" Carl Binford at the forward position, 6'2" Clay Cunningham at center, and 5'9" Keith Airey and 5'11" Mike Klinker as the two guards.

Warren and Warren jumped for the opening tip. The tip told the story of Linden's first quarter of play as Daryl tipped the ball to Keith Airey but it slipped through his hands so Darlington got the ball out of bounds. After a couple of missed shots by the Indians a foul was called on Daryl during the fight for a rebound. It was always a fear of Coach Speaker, that Daryl might get in foul trouble, especially early in the game. While Daryl did get a couple more fouls, he stayed in the entire game. The only time he sat on the bench was during time outs.

Halfway through the first quarter Darlington led 8-1 and nothing was going right for the Bulldogs. Coach Speaker then called a timeout.

"We would like to be in the Linden huddle to see how they are going to change the momentum. The players are

sitting down with a kneeling Coach Speaker in front of them. There is no ranting and raving (at the players) and very seldom is with Coach Speaker. He saves his rantings for the officials. He's calm and the team seems calm."

Darlington continued to build the lead, and when it was 18-6 Clay Cunningham picked up his third foul so Jeff Oswalt reported in for the Bulldogs. Linden got a couple of steals and cut the lead to 18-11.

"Darlington brings the ball up the floor with Klinker guarding Steve Apple very closely. Here's a clean steal by Klinker who has been doing this all season. Apple thinks he was fouled but we see no blood and you know what they say, no blood no foul. Klinker gets the ball to Airey, and back to Klinker. Klinker passes the ball to Warren and he goes up with about an 18 foot shot. It's blocked by cousin Charley, but he is so excited that he travels as he goes down the floor. There's an interesting exchange between Daryl Warren and Charlie Warren and they're both smiling as Daryl says something to Charlie, as he shakes his head as if to say "Nice block but it won't happen again." This is what is so great about this game, cousin against cousin, and although they are intense right now, this will probably be a play they laugh about for years."

The Bulldogs slowly crept closer to Darlington and the first quarter ended with Darlington leading 20-15.

The second stanza was more of the same as Linden kept the game close, but the Indians went on a 5-0 run late in the quarter and led 43-34 at the half. Both teams had the same number of field goals, but Darlington had hit 15-19 free throws, while Linden had nailed only 6-13.

What did go on in the Linden locker room at halftime? It sounds like it could have been Gene Hackman talking to his players in the movie "Hoosiers". But this game was played at least a dozen years before the movie was filmed. It has been over 50 years but Coach Tom Speaker remembers it was his seniors that gave the motivational speeches to each other. Daryl Warren, who was a great leader but was quiet on most occasions, was particularly angry at himself (for missing several good shots) and told everyone, "We will not lose".

I remember Coach Speaker emphasized "You are not going to catch up in a minute; we must go back to our patient offense. We saw the last time we played Darlington they don't like to be patient. I don't care if it takes ten passes to get a good shot. Do not hurry your offense or try to steal the ball. Play solid defense both on the

full and half court and let Darlington make the mistakes."

"We are back with you and ready for the second half."

"Here's the tip and it is controlled by Darlington. The ball is tipped to Cain, who goes to Gordon Wright, who is still in for Garry Hole. He shoots and misses and Daryl gets the rebound. Daryl passes the ball up the floor to Klinker, who passes to Airey and inside to Warren and up he scores. You can tell two things in a hurry; one, Warren has a fierce look of determination on his face and the Bulldogs are concentrating (on) getting the ball into Warren in scoring territory. 43 to 36."

"...Daryl Warren with a power shot, up and good. We've seen Darlington in the last two series pass once and shoot and Linden seems to be in no hurry but content to wait until someone is open and it is usually a very determined Daryl Warren. 43-38."

"Linden's Warren takes the ball out and goes to Airey into Binford. He misses, gets his own rebound and misses again---Daryl Warren gets the ball off the miss and powers it up and it's good. There seems to be no stopping Daryl Warren and we have a score of 45-40."

"Clay (Cunningham) fakes to the basket and returns the ball to Airey, who goes to Oswalt. Jeff Oswalt spots a wide open Binford, and he's up with a ten footer, good. The score is now

as close as it has been since the first minute of play, 45-44..."

"Talk about patience, that time the Bulldogs had 11 passes before Oswalt found a wide open Binford. It is a loud full house at [the] Crawfordsville gym, and most of the noise now is from the Linden side."

For the third quarter both teams trade baskets, with Darlington getting a six or seven point lead, then Linden would cut it to three or four before Darlington would score again. With Darlington up 56-52 and under a minute to play in the third quarter, Darlington makes a shot and "Daryl Warren gets the long rebound and he is streaking down the floor as Darlington is slow to get back on defense. He may go coast to coast as no one tries to stop Warren's dribble. Warren sees the right side is open and goes in strong to score the basket with little pressure on him. I think Darlington was confused about who should take Warren which is unusual because there are usually two men who will take Daryl Warren."

After Linden's Keith Airey makes a free throw, Darlington's lead is only 56-55. After another missed shot by the Indians, Keith Airey finally shoots after a few passes. His missed shot is rebounded by Daryl who passes right back to Keith, who sinks the 18 footer, giving the Bulldogs their first lead of the day, 57-56. Adding

a Daryl Warren free throw with two seconds left in the quarter, Linden heads into the fourth quarter leading 58-56.

In the fourth quarter Linden continues to hit their field goals, while Darlington wins the free throw battle. Daryl Warren continues to do the things he did in the third quarter, dominating the scoring and rebounding, proving once again he is the best player in the county, and obviously one of the best to ever play basketball in the long history of Montgomery County basketball.

Linden leads 67-66 with three minutes and twelve seconds to go in the fourth quarter when we pick up the live broadcast:

"This is a real barnburner of a game. Darlington wants to gain revenge for their defeat by Linden in the Holiday Tourney and Linden wants to prove that was no fluke.-----Darlington comes down the floor after the rebound by Charlie Warren. He gives the ball to Tribbett who drives and shoots but it is no good. Darlington is shooting with only one pass, and are not trying to get the ball inside to the big men Hole and Cain."

"The rebound by Clay Cunningham and he brings it up and passes to a wide open Carl Binford on the baseline. He shoots his soft high shot and it is good. Linden 69, Darlington 66."

"---Apple brings the ball up and dribbles to the front court where he passes to Charlie Warren. Charlie goes inside to Foxworthy but Daryl Warren strips him and brings the ball in the other direction. Warren is all over the court with defense, rebounding, and scoring. It is like he is going to put the Bulldogs on his back and carry them to victory. ----Warren gives the ball to Airey. Airey dribbles up the floor and Linden is spreading out its offense. Coach Speaker calls this his Big X offense which spreads the floor and when given the opportunity they take it to the basket. No long shots, just take it to the basket."

After several passes "Daryl drives to the basket, fakes the shot, and passes to Cunningham for the layup. It's no good, and that might have been the clincher. Big Terry Cain gets the rebound. Cain brings the ball up himself. He gives the ball to Jim Tribbett, who drives the right side and scores. (It is) a one point Linden lead, 69-68. It's still anyone's game and don't be surprised if it goes to overtime. How in the world is either one of these teams going to be able to play tonight in the Championship game? They are spending every bit of energy they have in this civil war."

"Linden once again spreads the court out. It's Airey to Binford to Cunningham, back to Airey and inside to Oswalt, who has a

layup and it is good. There is a foul on Darlington on the play.--
 --The free throw is no good. (Linden 71. Darlington 68. Cain again gets the rebound, who passes to Apple, who goes inside to Cain who is fouled. The first shot is good and Darlington wants another timeout. ----I suspect if Cain hits the second free throw they will go to a full court press. The shot is good and here is the press. (Linden 71, Darlington 70). Linden handles it beautifully. They are a great ball handling team.”

“Warren goes to Klinker to Airey to Cunningham and back to Airey. Tribbett has lost his patience and he grabs Airey for what should be an intentional foul. The referee does not call it intentional but almost everyone in the gym would disagree with him. ---Keith Airey will have two shots. The first shot is good. We always hesitate when Airey shoots a free throw because we have to wait until it comes down from its high arch. Here is the all-important second shot to try to give Linden a three point lead. It’s no good and it is just two points, 72-70 with Darlington having a chance to tie the game. -----Apple puts his head down and drives the baseline towards the basket, but there is Keith Airey in perfect position and stationary. It’s got to be a charge and it is. A charging foul on Steve Apple.---It is Linden’s ball and Steve Apple does not like the call and he is letting the referee know his disagreement.

There is a technical on Apple.”-
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Linden misses the free throw but it is Linden’s ball out of bounds at mid court because of the technical foul: “Warren takes the ball out to Cunningham, who quickly gets it back to Warren. Daryl is dribbling all over the floor hoping to get fouled.---Warren gives the ball up to Airey who passes it like a hot potato back to Warren and he is fouled by Jim Tribbett. There’s seven seconds left and a made free throw here should give Linden the victory. Here’s Daryl’s first of a one and one, and it is good and that gives Linden a three point lead with just seven seconds to go. Warren misses the second. A rebound by Emmert and a desperation shot by Emmert fall far short of the bankboard.----There is joy in Linden and as the famous poem “Casey at the Bat” relates, there is no joy in Darlington”

EPILOGUE:

And so ended what many local basketball “experts” called the greatest Montgomery County Tourney game ever in the 40 year history of the tourney. I only saw the last four years of the tourney and during that time it was the best game, with all the talent that both teams had, and especially the effort put forth by Daryl Warren.

In the championship game we got a big lead on Waveland the first half, but they cut the lead to

four by the end of the third quarter. But our Linden players worked hard the last quarter, got the lead back up to double digits, and won the championship 67-59. Daryl pumped in 33 points and collected 16 rebounds.

After cutting down the nets and celebrating on the floor, we returned to the locker room to change , get on the bus and head back to school for more celebrations. Daryl was sitting on the bench with his head down. I walked up to him and said something like “Are you ready to celebrate back in Linden?” And he said “I don’t know. I am really tired.”

Well, Big Guy, if I had scored 61 points and hauled down 37 rebounds playing two games in one day, I would be tired too.

Linden Bulldogs Tourney Scores:

Wednesday, January 20
 Linden 80 New Ross 71

Saturday, January 23
 Linden 73 Darlington 70

Saturday, January 23
 Linden 67 Waveland 59

Daryl Warren’s Tourney Scoring

Vs. New Ross, 15 FG, 8 FT, 19 Reb, 38 Pts.

Vs. Darlington, 11 FG, 6 FT, 21 Reb, 28 Pts.

Vs. Waveland, 11 FG, 11 FT, 16 Reb, 33 Pts.

How did the Linden Bulldogs win the 40th and Final Montgomery County Tourney? First it was great preparation from Coach Tom Speaker, season-long hard work on basketball fundamentals by the players, great support from the parents and fans, and, most importantly, the Bulldogs had Daryl Warren and the other teams did not.

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"The Golden Era of Montgomery County Basketball 1947-1971" By John Dale

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Book Review – Their Times in Indiana, by Ed Snyder

Ed was able to interview well over a hundred athletes, and selected 44 of the best, who tell their stories of growing up in Indiana and falling in love with the game. In Ed's words, "Basketball in Indiana has a heritage and history unlike anywhere else. The game was a part of the fabric of the state far before it became a national and international phenomenon. This book celebrates stories that make that history come back to life. The players, coaches, schools and towns of Indiana grew the game of basketball in its state's communities from the ground up. With that in mind, "Their Times In Indiana" and the players featured in it embarked on this project with the goal of giving back the proceeds generated by the book to programs that support today's Indiana youth." All proceeds from this book are donated to YMCA's across Indiana.

The book is only available through www.authorhouse.com. If you'll go there and search for Ed Snyder, you'll find the book. In 654 pages, "Their Times In Indiana" allows the reader to once again feel the passion that gripped the state every winter as thousands of Hoosiers packed high school gymnasiums to watch the games that made Indiana the place where basketball became great.

*An excerpt regarding **Ulysses "Junior" Bridgeman** follows:*

The 1970-71 East Chicago Washington Senators, a team that I have called a "once-in-a-generation" team, featured eight seniors, seven of whom earned Division I scholarships: Pete Trgovich (UCLA), Tim Stoddard (NC State), Darnell Adell (Murray St/NC State), Ruben Bailey (Montana), Howard Williams (Ok.State), Albert Pollard (Hawaii). And I went to Louisville.

Our head coach, John Molodet, was in his third year, having taken over for John Barrato.

Even though we were senior dominated, every member of the team played throughout the year because our average margin of victory exceeded 30 points a game during the regular season. We averaged over 95 points a game and scored over 100 points seven times.

The best player I played against in high school had to be James Bradley, the star player of our rival East Chicago Roosevelt's state championship team of 1970. He was 6'9", could put the ball on the floor, and could score and rebound at will. Jim went on to play college basketball at Northern Illinois and then played for the Kentucky Colonels and Denver Nuggets in the pros. He should have been one of the best players to ever have come out of the east Chicago region, but his life ended prematurely and in a very sad way.

Because I didn't play on the varsity team until I was a junior, I didn't get much interest from colleges until late in my senior year. My first letter came early that year from Franklin College, and I'll never forget the feeling I had when I found out that someone wanted me to play for their college. I didn't even care that the Franklin people told me they couldn't offer me a full scholarship. I was just thrilled that they would be willing to help me at all.

Our 29-0 state championship team has been compared with the greatest team ever to play in the state. It's an incredible honor. Were we the best? That's difficult to say, but the one thing I will say is that the older you get, the better you were.

I think Pete had the best answer I've heard when he was asked about it. "I don't know, but the honor is just being in the conversation."

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9-CASS 17:3	Mascots	page 5	Consolidations (*Logansport)	IHSAA in (out)	extant = 3
Deacon	Demons	Red/Black	Young American-34	1924 --(34)	
Galveston	Cardinals	Red/Blue	Lewis Cass-63	1906 --(63)	
Lewis Cass	Kings	Red/White/Navy	Galveston, Lincoln, Y. America, Wash. & Tipton Twp		1963
Lincoln	Rail-splitters	Black/Gold	Galveston-33	1923--- (33)	
Logansport	Berries	Red/Black			1908
Lucerne	Lions	Black/Gold	Pioneer	1916---(63)	
Metea	Hornets	Black/Red	(Caston in Fulton County-1961)	1915---(61)	
New Waverly (Miami Twp)	Scarlets (Wildcats)	Scarlets/Black	Tipton Twp. - 59	1917--- (59)	
Noble Twp.	Knights	Blue/White	Pioneer-39	1930--- (39)	
Onward	Red Coats	Red/Blue	Tipton Twp. -50	1914---(50)	
Pioneer	Panthers	Black/Gold			1963
Royal Center	Bulldogs	Black/Orange	Pioneer	1910---(63)	
Tipton Twp.	Tigers	Green/White	Lewis Cass	1953-- (63)	
Twelve Mile (South+A198 Caston)	Milers	Blue/White	(Caston in Fulton Co. 1961)	1915---(61)	
Walton	Warriors	Green/White	Tipton Twp.	1908---(53)	
Washington Twp.	Hatchets	Royal Blue/Gold	Lewis Cass	1922--- (63)	
Young America	Yanks (Yankees)	Red/White/Blue	Lewis Cass	1915--- (63)	
11-CLAY 9:2	Mascots	Colors	Consolidations (*Brazil = county seat)		extant =2
Ashboro (Sugar Ridge)	Shamrocks	Green/White	Brazil & Clay City	1920 ---(59)	
Bowling Green	Pioneers	Purple/White	Clay City	1923--- (65)	
Brazil	Red Devils	Red/White	Northview-84	1904---(84)	
Clay City (Harrison Twp)	Eels	Purple/White	(Ashboro, Cory, Bowling Green)		1909
Coalmont (Lewis Twp.)	Cardinal	Red/White	Shakamak in Greene Co.	1914---(63)	
Cory	Apple Boys	Black/Gold	Clay City	1911---(67)	
Northview	Knights	Silver/Maroon/Black	(Brazil, Stauton, Van Buren)		1984
Staunton (Posey Twp)	Commandos	Blue/Gold	Northview-84	1914 --(84)	
Van Buren Twp.	Blue Devils	Blue/White	Northview-84	1922 --- (84)	
13-CRAWFORD 5:1	Mascots	Colors	Consolidations (*English=county seat)		extant =1
Crawford County	Wolfpack	Burnt Orange/Brown	#4		1976
English	Red Raiders	Black/Red	Crawford County	1916 -- (76)	
Leavenworth	Wyandottes	Black/Gold	Crawford County	1916 --(78)	
Marengo	Cavemen	Black/Gold	Crawford County	1916 --(76)	
Milltown	Millers	Blue/White	Crawford County	1916--(76)	

12-CLINTON 14:4	Nicknames	Colors	page 6	Consolidations (*Frankfort)	IHSAA enter (exit) e+E17xtant:
Clinton Central	Bulldogs	Kelly Green/White	#5		1959
Clinton Prairie	Gophers	Red/Black	#4		1961
Colfax	Hickories	Blue/White	Clinton Prairie	1904---(61)	
Forest	Bobcats	Black/Gold	Clinton Central	1913--(59)	
Frankfort	Hot Dogs	Blue/White			1904
Jackson Twp.	Cardinals	Cardinal/Tan	Clinton Prairie	1925--(61)	
Kirklin	Travelers	Black/Gold	Clinton Central	1905 --(59)	
Michigantown	Ganders	Red/White	Clinton Central	1913 --(59)	
Moran			Rossville	1916--(18)	
Mulberry	Berries	Black/Gold	Clinton Prairie	1910 --(61)	
Rossville	Hornets	Red/White			1912
Scircleville	Ringers	Red/White	Clinton Central	1916-- (59)	
Sugar Creek Twp.	Crickets	Blue/Gold	Clinton Central	1925 --(59)	
Washington Twp.	Warriors	Purple/White	Clinton Prairie	1917--(61)	

14-DAVIESS 12:4	Nicknames	Colors	Consolidations (*Washington)	IHSAA (exit)	Extant=4
Alfordsville	Yellow Jackets	Yellow/White	Barr-Reeve--65	1924 (65)	
Barr-Reeve	Vikings		(Alfordsville, Montgomery)		1965
Elnora	Owls	Red/White	North Daviess in 1968	1910 --(68)	
Epsom	Salts	Blue White	Montgomery & Plainville in 1963	1917 --(63)	
Glendale	Golden Bears	Gold/White	Epsom in 1948	1925-- (48)	
Montgomery (Barr Twp.)	Vikings	Black/White	Barr-Reeve in 1965	1915--(65)	
North Daviess	Cougars	Orange/Black	(Elnora, Epsom, Odon, Plainville, Raglesville)		1968
Odon	Bulldogs	Royal Blue/White	North Daviess--68	1906--(68)	
Plainville	Midgets	Purple/Gold	North Daviess-68	1917--(68)	
Raglesville	Rockets	Blue/Gold	Odon-1939---- (North Daviess-68)	1923-- (39)	
Washington	Hatches	Black/Old Gold			1904
Washington Catholic	Cardinals	Red/Black/White			1942

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