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IHSBHS MEETING, Oct 4, '25

Attending: Roger Robison M.D., Harley Sheets, Don Stuckey, Marshall Goss, Tom Curry, Jim Brandyberry, Richard Tekulve, Rocky Kenworthy, Larry Randell, Dan McNally, Mike Caldwell.

MINUTES: The October 4, 2025, meeting of the Indiana High

School Basketball Historical Society was called to order by Roger Robison at 2:05 P.M. at the Thorntown Historical Museum, Thorntown, Indiana. Each attendee introduced himself to the other attendees.

The president had books by former member Cliff Johnson. It is a reference book of Indiana High School Basketball during the WWII Years. Those attending were asked to take at least one and try to get it into their individual local library. There are plenty available to those that have good use for them.

Roger then discussed potential mailing issues. They have used a new printer in Terre Haute that will print 120 copies of **BOXSCORE** for \$190.00. He mentioned that occasionally the printer in Terre Haute is difficult to deal with. (The president's graphic description of the contact person at the printer is intentionally excluded.) Roger has looked at other alternatives for printing but they were more expensive and it was decided to

remain with the Terre Haute printer for the time being.

The president introduced our new Treasurer, Mike Caldwell. He stated that he and the new treasurer met in August and the account was moved to Home National Bank in Lebanon. At that time, the account held \$2,127.45. After expenses for the most recent **BOXSCORE** and the addition of dues, the current balance is \$2,107.63 (11/30/25).

The president provided materials free to the attendees with some of his research for past projects.

Roger advised us that the board and membership were aging and we need to get younger people interested. Though we paid for 120 copies of **BOXSCORE**, there were additional copies that were made available to the attendees. These could be sent out to prospective members. There was a discussion about when we cut people out who have not paid. There was no consensus on the issue. Presumably it is left to the president to decide.

A presentation was made by Marshall Goss, director of the Indiana Track, Field, and Cross Country Hall of Fame Museum. Marshall demonstrated copies of two books of interest to IHSBHS that are available at the Museum in Terre Haute. The first is a compilation of all the school consolidations for the 92 counties in Indiana that have resulted in the reduction of approximately 800 schools in 1938 to about 400 - which sells for \$10.00. The second book pictures all 1400 Indiana high schools that currently or once existed in the state. Harley's post cards furnished about half the pictures. It sells for \$40.00. Courtesy copies have been given to Harley and Roger for their help on the book. These are available for members to browse through at the museum.

Harley still has a few copies left of his amazing synopsis of the single class era which lists all the sectional winners, their coaches, and their tourney fate during the 1911-1997 era. Cost is only \$5.00 if you pick it up at Harley's, or add another \$5.00 for postage. Would be a great Christmas gift!

There was a general invitation to the Boone County Basketball Hall Of Fame Induction Ceremony on October 11, 2025, at the Zionsville Lions Club at 1:00 P.M. Kyle Neddenriep, high school sports reporter at the Indianapolis Star, is guest speaker.

There was a discussion of the past presidents, and of including all past presidents on the BOXSCORE masthead. Harley and Roger are to put that information together. There was

discussion about updating the web site to include some more recent BOXSCORES. Webmaster Kermit Paddock is very busy and has had limited time to attend to the site.

The officers would like to have another meeting in 6 months and hopefully get more board members on board. This will be Sat. May 9, at the Frankfort Library. Look for more information in the spring.

The meeting came to a conclusion and was adjourned. All were invited to Stookey's for a complimentary late lunch.

A Blurb From 50 Years Ago....

From April 30, 1975 IHSAA Board of Control Meeting Minutes:

"INDIANA BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

The Board approved a donation to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame amounting to 30% of the IHSAA receipts from sectional basketball tournaments. (\$5,758.17).

The Board of Control adjourned to meet again in the IHSAA office, May 16, at 9:30 a.m."

THE TRESTER AWARD

Submitted by Doug Bradley

This all started when I couldn't remember whether Trester's name had been taken off the mental attitude award. It made no difference to me until I saw the BS given for reasons to remove it.

Paul Neidig said the only thing that really mattered: there is no

evidence that Trester himself had any personal opinions on the subject of segregated school membership at all.

Everything I read from 2020 was hearsay, no more useful or reliable than a polygraph test.

The Indpls. Star (I single out that paper because Gregg Doyel and Kyle Neddenriep seemed to be leading the Trester removal efforts on behalf of Attucks alumni) did us no favor over the years by calling Trester the Czar of Mt. IHSAA. He was, in fact, the Permanent Secretary when Attucks opened. He had no power to keep parochial or segregated schools from being IHSAA members. Only the legislative body had the power to make membership rules and decisions. The legislative body was renamed the Athletic Council when Trester was renamed Commissioner, and it was that group that voted Dec. 20, 1941, to allow institutional, parochial, and segregated schools to become members.

The Board of Control could have replaced Trester if they had found the Permanent Secretary's reporting of their actions and opinions to be out of line. In fact, this is the first reference to Attucks in an IHSAA Handbook (from the minutes of a Board of Control meeting March 23, 1929):

"The Permanent Secretary was given authority to negotiate an understanding with Principal M. Nolcox in case he should request membership in the I.H.S.A.A. for his high school for colored students."

As Permanent Secretary, Trester reported the business of the Board of Control and the legislative body to media and other interested parties. He made no rules! Saying Trester kept segregated schools out of the IHSAA is a lie, no matter whether it's done intentionally or due to ignorance of how the IHSAA operates. As Indiana is a Trump facilitator state, I suspect lying and ignorance are both at play.

Those who say black State Senator Robert Brokenburr's proposal to replace the IHSAA's administration of high school athletics in Senate Bill 181 of Feb. 5, 1941, scared the IHSAA into allowing broader membership always fail to report that Brokenburr amended the proposed bill a few days later, removing the provision replacing the entire IHSAA. While the amended bill passed 36-3 in the Senate, It evidently never made it to the House. It didn't need to. Enough of the athletic council agreed that "the time has come" to broaden the membership, so the Dec. 20 vote passed.

IHSAA SCORING LEADERS

From Leigh Evans, Hickory Husker

A couple things – First, I am listed as an honorary member. Since there is nothing honorable about me, I figure I should be paying dues. So count me as a paying member with the rest of the unwashed masses 😊 .

Second, and much more important at least to me, I have been completely immersed in a project to list every state scoring leader by year. Below is what I have

including a handful of recent breakthroughs.

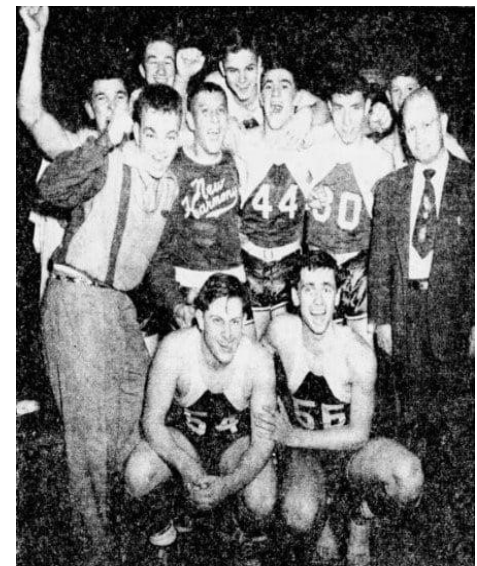
Just posted this on my site. I've been busy tracking down a few more of the unknowns on this list and wanted to share. I've been able to confirm 1952, 1951, 1950, and 1948 as additions to the list.

I just confirmed the state leader for 1952! Was able to add New Harmony Rappite, Richie Moore, as reported on March 1, 1952 in the Muncie Star. The list as it now stands follows:

2025	Brayton Mullins – Greenfield-Central Cougar	33.0
2024	Josiah Ball - Maconaquah Brave	30.3
2023	Markus Burton - Penn Kingsman	30.2
2022	Hunter Johnsons - S Decatur Cougar	31.9
2021	Jalen Blackmon - Marion Giant	33.5
2020	Luke Brown - Blackford Bruin	32.3
2019	Luke Brown - Blackford Bruin	35.0
2018	Jalen Moore - Cloverdale Clover	36.8
2017	Romeo Langford - N Albany Bulldog	28.7
2016	Eugene German - 21st Cent. Cougar	33.5
2015	Eugene German - 21st Cent. Cougar	32.0
2014	Trevon Bluiett - Park Tudor Panther	35.6
2013	James Blackmon Jr. - Luers Knight	33.3
2012	Kellen Dunham - Pendleton Heights Arabian	29.5
2011	Zach Richie - Oregon-Davis Bobcat	36.6
2010	Deshawn Thomas - Luers Knight	31.8
2009	Deshawn Thomas - Luers Knight	31.7
2008	Tyler Zeller - Washington Hatchet	33.2
2007	Eric Gordon - North Central Panther	29.1
2006	Grayson Flittner - Tri-Central Trojan	29.1
2005	Dominic James - Richmnd Red Devil	31.1
2004	George Hill - Broad Ripple Rocket	36.2
2003	Todd Schafer- Wheeler Bearcat	30.3
2002	Kevin Jones- Morton Memorial Tiger	37.0
2001	Seth Colclasure- Belmont Brave	29.4
2000	Brody Boyd- Union Dugger Bulldog	32.3
1999	Brody Boyd- Union Dugger Bulldog	31.4
1998	Brian Wray- Plymouth Pilgrim	27.1
1997	Jared Odle- Oak Hill Golden Eagle	29.4
1996	Michael Lewis - Jasper Wildcat	31.6
1995	Justin Farley - Brebeuf Brave	28.6
1994	Michael Smith- Indiana Deaf Hoosier	37.6
1993	Toby Madison- Wash Cath Cardinal	29.9
1992	Brady Adkins- Morristown Yellow Jacket	33.5
1991	Brady Adkins- Morris. Yellow Jacket	36.6
1990	Noah Haynes- Frontier Falcon	33.8
1989	Pat Graham- Floyd Cent Highlander	32.0
1988	Woody Austin- Richmond Red Devil	33.3
1987	Kory Fernung- Tri-Central Trojan	31.9
1986	Kirk Manns- North Judson Blue Jay	34.2
1985	Kirk Manns- North Judson Blue Jay	33.0
1984	Troy Lewis - Anderson Indian	35.3

1983	Steve Alford- New Castle Trojan	37.1
1982	Steve Hendershot -Morgan Twp. Cherokee	29.9
1981	Dan Palombizio- Michigan City Rogers Raider	31.8
1980	Troy Neely - Jimtown Jimmie	28.1
1979	Chuck Franz- Clarksville General	32.8
1978	Steve Reish- Union City Indian	27.3
1977	Dan Roberts- Brown County Eagle	33.1
1976	Paul Nicley- Western Boone Star	27.9
1975	Rusty Miller - Switz City Tiger	38.9
1974	Kyle Macy - Peru Tiger	35.8
1973	Pat Manahan - Delphi Oracle	34.9
1972	Ray Bulatovich - Merrillville Pirate	36.2
1971	Rick McCoskey -Hamilton Hts. Husky	34.6
1970	Dave Shepherd- Carmel Greyhound	37.2
1969	Mike Edwards- Greenfield Tiger	36.4
1968	Greg Link -Jackson Twp. Panther	28.3
1967	Billy Shepherd -Carmel Greyhound	31.9
1966	Charlie McKenzie- Claypool Knight	33.7
1965	Rick Mount - Lebanon Tiger	33.1
1964	Terry Smith -Richland Twp. Red Devil	31.5
1963	Gene Milner - Rossville Hornet	31.0
1962	Dave Schellhase- E'ville No Huskie	30.5
1961	Marion Pierce - Lewisville Bear	36.0
1960	Marion Pierce - Lewisville Bear	36.4
1959	Marion Pierce - Lewisville Bear	34.6
1958	Jerry Bass - Morristown Yellow Jacket	30.7
1957	Phil Wills- Grass Creek Panther	42.4
1956	Lloyd Bateman - Plainville Midget	25.0
1955	Bill Greve - Waveland Hornet	30.4
1954	Jerry Schofield -Clifford Panthers	30.1
1953	Dick Neal - Reelsville Indian	29.5
1952	Richie Moore - New Harmony Rappite	26.2

This glorious photo is from the Evansville Courier that same month. Our hero, Richie Moore, is #44. New Harmony is celebrating their sectional win over Evansville Reitz!

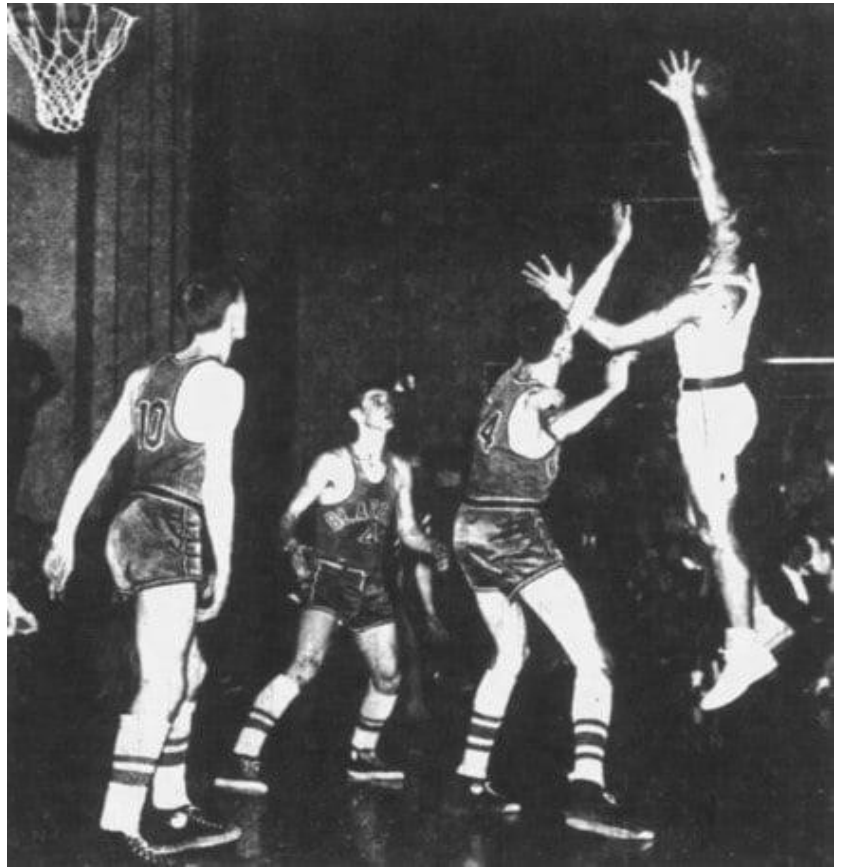


Evansville Central would finally end their historic run with a one point defeat. I'm on a roll! Now can confirm 1951's state leading scorer! Don Schlundt - Washington-Clay, seen blocking a shot as shown in the Porter Co. Vidette-Messenger, 3/21/1951.



Tall Don Schlundt, No. 25, who finished a brilliant basketball career for Washington-Clay in the regional tournament Saturday, blocks a shot by Bill Boyer, of LAPAZ, in the tournament's opening game which Clay won 16-17. Schlundt scored 36 points in the first game and 26 in the Colonial's losing effort against Elkhart. Photo by Tribune Staff Photographer

- 1951 Don Schlundt - Wash.-Clay Colonial 28.5
- 1950 Keith (Bud) Stackhouse - Bourbon Comet 25.0
- 1949 Dee Monroe - Madison Cub 20.7
- 1948 Clyde Lovellette - TH Garfield Purple Eagle 21.2
- 1947 Bill Garrett - Shelbyville Golden Bear ??
- 1946 'Jumpin' Johnny Wilson - Anderson Indian??
- 1945 Keith Monk - Henryville Hornet 20.0
- 1944 Charles McMillan - New Castle Trojan ??
- 1943
- 1942
- 1941 Carl (Hump) Campbell - Kokomo Wildkat 13.7
- 1940
- 1939
- 1938
- 1937
- 1936
- 1935
- 1934
- 1933



High flying Bourbon Comet, Keith Stackhouse, on right vs. Elkhart in Regional

- 1932
- 1931
- 1930
- 1929 Lloyd 'Bunk' Williams - Goshen Redskin 13.6
- 1928 Lloyd 'Bunk' Williams - Goshen 15.0
- 1927
- 1926
- 1925 Wilbur Cummins - Frankfort Hotdog 14.2
- 1924
- 1923
- 1922 Robert "Fuzzy" Vandiver - Franklin Grizzly Cub ??
- 1921 Robert "Fuzzy" Vandiver - Franklin Grizzly Cub ??
- 1920
- 1919
- 1918
- 1917
- 1916 Don Tillson - Lafayette Broncho 13.5
- 1915 Alfred Smith - Thorntown Kewasakee 24.2
- 1914 Herman "Suz" Sayger - Culver Indian 40.1
- 1913
- 1912
- 1911
- 1910

Several of these years have been listed as empty forever, but I think I finally have my searches dialed in now on Newspapers.com. It's a lot more fun when I can actually find something I'm looking for!

In 1950 Keith Stackhouse of Bourbon averaged 25.0 PPG. (South Bend Tribune, 3/5/50)

Stackhouse and the Bourbon Comets under Coach Warren Seaborg advanced all the way to the regional final before losing to South Bend Central.

Reports were that the Bears triple teamed Stackhouse - who ended with a season-low 17. The tiny Comets had beaten Elkhart in the morning session, 56-50, before running out of gas vs. South Bend.

SAVE THIS DATE!!

The spring meeting of IHSBHS will be Saturday May 9, at the Frankfort Library. More information to come!

NOTES AND QUOTES....

feedback from our readers

As a new member I was made aware of the IHSBHS website and came across the section containing past newsletters, and enjoyed the fascinating and informative stories therein. The facts and events in those newsletters were quite enlightening. Keep up the good work!

Kevin Van Horn

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THE IDEA EXCHANGE!!

We are always looking for articles from our membership. These might be topics you have always been interested in but have never read anything about. They can be about a particular team or person or year or aspect of Indiana high school basketball. Generally, the hardest part is coming up with an initial idea. So, as a result, we are starting a new column called the Idea Exchange where we will be listing ideas suggested by members for future articles. If you see an idea that interests you and you would like to write about it, let me (Dan McNally) know. If you have an idea but cannot write about it yourself, send that, too. Maybe someone else will decide to write about it. I have seeded the column with a couple of ideas of my own. BOXSCORE exists because members submit articles and volunteer. Please consider contributing as suggested.

IDEA: Interview Oscar Robertson regarding the development of his one-handed jump shot

IDEA: Interview one or two veteran high school basketball officials

IDEA: You, the reader, reply right now with ideas of your own. Or write a story based on your personal experiences.

TIDBITS by Harley Sheets

(Originally in the Spring 2005 edition of BOXSCORE)

Have you ever been regretful about having participated in an activity that once was a thrill, but later became something less than enjoyable? Sometimes I feel that way about having played basketball in Indiana's so-called "golden age". Why, you may ask? Back then one was taught the fundamentals of the game, along with teamwork. It was the only game in town and the gyms were, in the majority of cases, packed. There was no class basketball. The sectionals were localized, with all the small county schools rooting together against the bigger county seat host. And in those days only tennis & basketball players wore tennis shoes. Today the players are swayed by what they see on TV, with the professional format which includes dunks galore, one-on-ones, and three-point shooting. Along with this farce, we have AAU ball to accompany it. Even Kobe Bryant isn't a fan of AAU for the purpose of learning the game. Here's his recent quote that appeared in USA Today: "AAU basketball is horrible, terrible, stupid. It doesn't teach our kids how to play the game. They do all this fancy crap, but do not know the fundamentals of the game." On top of that, I heard Damon Bailey on

the Dan Dakich program mention that he had helped coach the boys sixth grade team one year at Bedford North Lawrence and that was enough for him to realize that it wasn't a very pleasant experience. So, with those questionable habits routinely being absorbed by today's youth, the game has gradually deteriorated. Most kids want to shoot the three, e.g., and neglect free throw shooting. Although I haven't embraced the girls game as maybe I should have, I observe it mostly being played the "golden age" way. And if some diligent research were to take place, I believe, it would show that the girls are better at free throws than their male counterparts. Another negative element is often the attitude of today's parents. Many think their kid should be getting the majority of playing time. If not, then it's off to the school authorities to whine about it. Don't they realize that coaches today are under tremendous pressure to win or else lose their jobs, and that they are going to use the players who work the hardest in practice and who give them the best chance of winning? One problem with kids today is that most parents spoil them and try to make things as easy as possible. It carries over onto the basketball courts, and thus the dedication isn't always there as it was when I played in the mid 50s.

In concluding this tirade, I must say that when I played and heard a referee blow his whistle, the ball was immediately handed over without complaint, even when the call was a somewhat dubious one. Today, there always seems to be

an objection. Also, there was no rap music played in gyms, nor lining up to shake hands at game's end. If my team was beaten, the mood was not there for any pretentious comradery. Times have sure changed.

LEBANON-FRANKFORT BASKETBALL FIASCO

submitted by Harley Sheets

Several times previously I have mentioned the following scenario. In the initial year of the founding of IHSBHS, and soon thereafter, it was determined that a newsletter was essential. First, to communicate to members, both in and out of state, when meetings were scheduled along with places and times. Secondly, to publish basketball stories that were of interest, unusual and antiquated narratives lost in time. Never having been an outstanding scholar in school, especially in literature and English - I despised diagraming sentences - I stated that I had 7 or 8 articles and that would be the extent of my newsletter commitment.

However, having had the privilege of attending Lebanon High School, an early basketball powerhouse located in the area - The Cradle - of the first state champions, and a school that always had to be reckoned with until the mid-90s when the school administration fired a coach who had won four sectionals and a regional in five years. The Tiger basketball program has since been on a downhill

Tigers, back in the 50s, these schools were considered inferior competition - not anymore!!

Now back to my contributing scenario. Due to my extensive Lebanon Tiger research I have not only come up with some great Tiger tales but other tantalizing and unusual happenings at other Indiana high schools. The reason for the previous commentary is to encourage you other members to take time to research your school(s). You never know what one might come up with. Yes, in past newsletters I have contributed many more articles than my original estimate. Many were not about Lebanon. What happens, as some may know, while browsing for a certain item a person will come across other things that can catch one's eye. I can still write more about Lebanon which I believe is presently appropriate, as you will soon see. But most readers do not want to continually read about the same subject or school. So hopefully these written words will encourage others to write about their school(s). Remember my confession of not being a great scholar. Therefore, if members feel somewhat inadequate about composing, don't worry. We have some pretty good proof-readers and syntax guys for your benefit.

Now for a crazy and farcical situation that has recently happened concerning my high school. First some background history. As most of you know Franklin and Frankfort were the first outside of "The Cradle" to make a

big-time basketball impression in Hoosier Hysteria's early years! Prior to and during the Grizzly Cubs' and Hot Dogs' break through, Lebanon defeated the Cubs by the horrendous score of 51-11 in the 1912 state title game and Tigers brutalized the Hot Dogs with

outrageous scores at the same time. The Tigers also won a regular season encounter in 1921 versus the Grizzly Cubs, this during their 3-year championship reign.

Following are the scores registered by LHS verses the Hot Dogs prior to their rise to power in the 20s and 30s.

1912 (47-18 & 101-14), 1913-15 (did not play), 1916 (25-2 & 33-17), 1917 (45-15 & 64-9), 1918 (38-10 & 35-11), 1919 (42-21 & 36-10), 1920 (18-13, 27-22 & 22-19).

The Tigers won all 13 games.

We have now covered the teens and some of the early 20s. In the span of years from 1921 to 1942 those Dirty Dogs from the Gem City got revenge on my Tigers racking up a humiliating tabulation of 42 wins with only 11 losses. However, things improved in Tigerland as the team journeyed all the way to the state title game losing to Ft. Wayne Central 40-45 in 1943. The ledger currently reads Frankfort 90 wins, Lebanon 86.

All this history has been put forth for a reason. Franklin has had some fantastic accomplishments, but Frankfort and Lebanon have been devout arch-rivals for over 100 years!! And in this length of time crazy, unusual or unbelievable things, can more than likely, occur. Therefore, I now come to the unbelievable two-fold occurrences that have taken place between these two antagonists - one in the 70s and the other recently which, more than likely, has never happened anywhere else in the annals of Hoosier Hysteria! And probably has never occurred among any other two high schools in the world! This all centers around an individual that is a friend of mine - Albert Hendrix.

I went to school with Albert's father in the 1950s. Some years later while raising my family in Michigan I heard

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS RUNNERS UP

Frankfort	4 (1925, 29, 36 & 39)	1 (1924)
Franklin	3 (1920, 21 & 22)	2 (1912 & 39)
Lebanon	3 (1912, 17 & 18)	2 (1911 & 43)

slide. A contributing factor is this. Schools like Avon, Pike, Carmel, Brownsburg, Plainfield, Fishers and Noblesville have outgrown Lebanon. In my playing days for the

LEBANON'S CURRENT TOP THREE COACHING RESUMES

YEARS	COACH	SEC.	REG.	SEMI.	STATE
24 (1963-86)	Jim Rosenstihl	15	7	1	1975*
15 (2011-25)	Albert Hendrix	2	0		
13 (1931-43)	"Butch" Neuman	13	2	1	1943**

*lost first game **runners up

that Mr. Hendrix had moved to Frankfort so his son could play for the Dogs! During Albert's initial year as Frankfort's point guard, the Lebanon Tigers bested the Frankfort Hot Dogs by a point during the regular season. When the schools later met in the regional the Dogs got even as Albert scored 18 points in a 65-58 victory while the young man who had been recruited to play for the Tigers (which caused Albert's dad to move to Frankfort) went scoreless. Frankfort went on to the final eight in single-class and not one Hot Dog team has ventured that far since. The program has been in misery for the last few years, winning only two games in 2025. If these past occurrences are surprising, how 'bout THIS! Albert Hendrix has been the Tiger mentor for the past 15 years, becoming the second longest tenured basketball coach in LHS history. His resume – 9 winning and 6 losing seasons with 2 sectional titles. (See chart above). Frankfort in the same 15 years shows 3 winning campaigns and 12 losing with 2 sectionals. In these years Albert's Tiger ledger against his former team stands at 14-5 including the tournament and regular season. So what, you might say? What I do say is this. Albert Hendrix exited the Tiger Den and journeyed once again to Frankfort, this time, to take over their sorry basketball program! Side note – I've recently received a free pass to all Frankfort home games. Am I ever in a bind!! HELP!!!!

Next issue I'll get back to trivia and humor, but this info absolutely had to be put forth now so basketball fanatics can follow this intriguing occurrence as it progresses this season. My predictions. Frankfort (3A) with a new

coach and a weaker schedule than Lebanon (doesn't include Delphi tourney) will go 8-12. Lebanon (3A) with 6 (4A) schools attached to its itinerary will go 8-14. Any possible changes or additions are not included.



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SOME NOTES ABOUT TWO ROSSVILLE ICONS

by Harley Sheets

Not too long ago it caught my attention that Hall of Famer, IHSBHS member and long-time publisher of the Indiana High School Basketball Record Book, Gene Milner, had retired. This brought back memories of my many journeys to Greencastle and some very enlightening conversations that had been shared. When we first met, I was made aware that Gene was from Rossville and that he had played for the Hornets in the early 60s. I already knew some Hornet basketball history due to the fact that Rossville and Lebanon were adversaries in my playing days for the Tigers. Back then Rossville, Sheridan, and Lapel were considered the weaker engagements on our schedule. But by no stretch of

imagination was that the case! During my junior year the Hornets achieved two wins and Sheridan one. We did beat Lapel. My senior year in 1954 the Tigers got a new coach (a 1937 Rossville graduate and Hall of Famer Bob Igney). Our tabulation was 2 wins versus Coach Igney's alma mater, another loss by one point to Sheridan and a win by two points over Lapel.

Concerning this history, I commented to Gene how some Hornet quintets had taken down some excellent Tiger teams. In 1970, at the Greencastle regional, Rossville upset an exceptional Tiger aggregation (22-3) which broke the school record for most points scored in a season, held by Harley and his teammates in 1954. The Hornets did the same thing to Lebanon the next year in the Frankfort regional. Adding to these negatives, Gene tells me that previously, as a senior in 1963, his Hornets came over to the Tiger Den and defeated Rick Mount and the Bengals in overtime 81-79! However, over the many, many years, the Tigers have accumulated a superior record over these three familiar rivals – Sheridan 45-12, Rossville 41-19, and Lapel 21-10.

Enough history. I just want Gene to know how much I've enjoyed our friendship and commend him for all the time and energy he's put forth in publishing the record book for so many years and wish him the very best in the future.

In closing I'm sure it has been noticed that two Rossville Hall of Fame Hornets have been referred to and only one Hall of Fame Tiger!