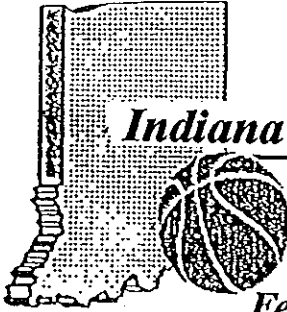


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Feature Article: N.D.'s B-Ball HX. A Storied One

We American sports fans are hopeless categorizers. How many times have you heard - "Kentucky? Oh, that's a basketball school; or Penn State? that's a football school."

Only a hand full of colleges have won mythical National football championships and an NCAA Basketball Title- among them Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State and UCLA - but we still tend to categorize them as one or the other. Such is the case with Notre

Dame, who's international football reputation has long overshadowed an excellent basketball history (the last few seasons notwithstanding).

Like many Hoosier Colleges and Universities, N.D. "fielded" a basket ball team in the late '90's, 1896-97 to be exact, but did not participate in the sport in '00, '01, nor '03 thru '07.

The student body in those days were primarily Indiana and Illinois boys where the game had already taken hold at the high school level. So a schedule of 16 games was played in 1907 - 08 under new coach, Bert Maris. The "Ramblers", as N.D. nick named themselves, won 33 of 40 games in 1908 - 09 with at least two Crawfordsville lads on the team; R.E. "Pete" Vaughan (H/Fog, '66), and Justin Maloney.

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Quarterley Report

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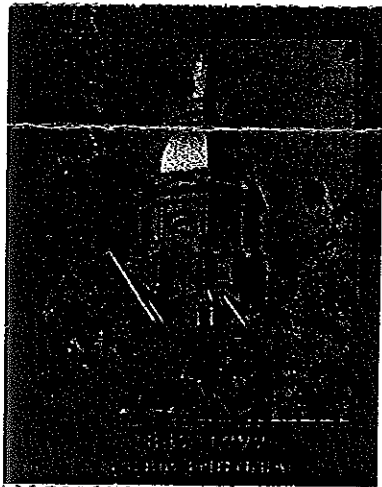
Harley Sheets, President

Many thanks to members, Bob Pearson and Chuck Wohlford, for the great job they did of hosting our fall meeting at Huntington No. 6's great sports facility. They provided refreshments and gifts for all 21 attendees, plus floral gifts of Milan's and Muncie's State finalists in 1954 to Ruth White and Margaret Whalen for their work and dedication.

Additional thanks goes out to A.D., Santa and other Huntington school officials for allowing IHSBSH to meet there. In addition, a special thank you is conveyed to Paul Siegfried, Sports Editor of the Huntington newspaper, for the excellent article he wrote about ISHBHS.

After the meeting, the Rogges took us first to see a portion of the old Erie Canal in Lagro at the request of Dr. Roger Robison, who is a canal addict; then a tour of the Honeywell Community Center in Wabash. What a neat place for a town the size of Wabash.

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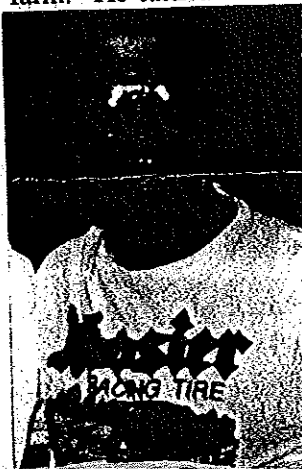
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By the fall of '13, Jesse Harper arrived from Wabash College where he'd been football and basketball coach since his graduation from the Univ. of Chgo. in 1909. He assumed both jobs in So. Bend and immediately shocked the East Coast sports community with a stunning upset of mighty Army (the forward pass had not been seen in the East at that time: Harper had learned it from his College Coach, Amos Alonzo Stagg). He was 44-20 on the hardwood in five years, resigning in '18 to go back to Kansas and run the family farm. He turned the football

reigns over to his assistant, Knute Rockne\*, and the basketball over to Charles Dorais, brother of N.D.'s first Consensus All - American football QB, Gus Dorais.

The Ramblers struggled thru 5 losing seasons under both Dorais ('19 & '20) and Walter Hulas ('21 - '23).

Enter George Koegan, who never had a losing season from '24 to his death 2/17/43! He was inducted into the Naismith H/F in '61. A list of his protégés is indeed impressive: Clem Crowe (L. Jeff, '22, and IN H/Fer, '66); John Jordan, '35 (and later head coach, '52 - '64); George Ireland, '36 (NCAA Title @ Loyola of Chgo., '63); John Levicki, '37 (with two IN Catholic Tourney Champs @ Ft.W. Central Catholic, '39 and '40); Joe Dienhart, '25 (L. Jeff, '21 and IN H/Fer, '71 - 4 time IN. Catholic Tourney Champ @ I. Cathedral and Nat'l Catholic Tourney Champ at Loyola/Chicago, '33, then Head Coach @ St. Joe College and lastly, Ass't @ Purdue); Ray Meyer, '38 (long-time coach @ DePaul - twice to NCAA's (CONT. PG 3. COL 1)



### MEMBERSHIP ROLE

Since our last Issue, eight new members have joined us - swelling our total membership to 60!

Patrick Bishop, Manchester, '76  
Olin Edgell, Pleasant Mills, '52  
James Griffin, Mt. Vernon (Posey), '81  
Roger Lee Griffin, E. Bosse, '63  
Paul H. Griffin, E. Central, '39  
Bill Schroer, Rochester, '45  
Bob King, I. Shortridge, '37  
Larry Jordan, Carthage, '64

NOTE: Amend Roster in last Issue to add J. Timothy Puet's alma mater; Valley H.S. (Pa.), '69.

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We could tell that Bill was in the know at Honeywell, because everyone was at his beckon and call. Of course it helps when your brother-in-law works there.

At the meeting, new members in attendance were Patrick Bishop (Manchester, '76), Olin Edgell (Pleasant Mills, '52), Bill Schroer (Rochester, '45), James Griffin (Mt. Vernon - Posey, '81). Other new members include Bob King, (I. Shortridge, '37), Larry Jordan, (Carthage, '64), Paul Griffin, (E. Central, '39), and Roger Lee Griffin, (E. Bosse, '63).

It was suggested by "Doc" Robison that members should write in to Editor Quigley, their suggestions on a new name for the IHSBHS Quarterly, since he felt it was somewhat bland. So anyone with a possible new title please send it in.

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Final Four, 36 years apart!); Earl Brown '39 (NCAA R/U @ Dartmouth in '42 to native-son Everett Dean's Stanford Indians); Frank Conrad, '39 (Vincennes Lincoln, '34 although he'd attended V. Gibault three years - later coached @ Petersburg where he had a big, raw kid named Gil Hodges, and then @ V. Lincoln, mid-'42 thru '46); and last, but not least, Ed "Moose" Krause, '34 (destined to succeed Koegan upon latter's death, and subsequently A.D., '49-'81: in fact "fired himself" as B-ball coach in '51, hiring John Jordan).

Koegan's list of All-Americans is equally impressive (see Box below). The Annual NCAA Guide publishes a list of consensus All-Americans from 1929 to present. In Koegan's tenure, N.D. had 4 (Purdue, 5; Indiana, 4; and Evansville 1 in same time span).

### CONCENSUS ALL-AMERICANS

- '29 - (Only first team listed, '29-'38)  
Charles "Stretch" Murphy, PU  
'30 - Charles "Stretch" Murphy, PU  
John Wooden, PU  
Branch McCracken, IU  
'31 - John Wooden, PU  
'32 - Ed Krause, ND  
John Wooden, PU  
'33 - Ed Krause, ND  
'34 - Ed Krause, ND  
Norm Cotton, PU  
'36 - Bob Kessler, PU  
Paul Nowak, ND  
Vern Huffman, IU  
John Moir, ND  
'37 - Paul Nowak, ND  
John Moir, ND  
Jewell Young, PU  
'38 - John Moir, ND  
Jewell Young, PU  
Paul Nowak, ND

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### Future Schedule of Events

The Winter Meeting is scheduled at the Hall of Fame in New Castle, Sat. Dec.28, 1996 @ 1:00 PM. It is designed to be in conjunction with the Boys H/F Classic that same day.

The Spring Meeting will be TWO weeks after the State Tournament Finals (Tourney has been moved up a week to accommodate the NCAA Finals @ the Dome the last weekend in March, '97.)

### Quarterly Report (CONT'D)

In upcoming issues I plan to write some human interest stories that have occurred in Indiana basketball and feature some Hoosiers who helped pioneer basketball in Illinois. Following is a sample:

In the 1929 New Castle sectional, the Trojans coached by H/Fer, Orville Hooker, lost to Middletown. On more than one occasion the host school has been vanquished by a small county school, so normally this would come as no big surprise. However, shortly before the sectional, the New Castle junior varsity team had beaten this same Middletown team. Verification of this incident may be read in the New Castle Courier-Times, Mar. 4, 1929, pg. 8, Col.1), and the Vincennes Sun-Commercial, Mar.5, 1929, pg.6, Col.5.

The next meeting of IHSBHS will be Dec. 28 in conjunction with the Boys H/F Classic. The Hall of Fame is graciously providing a place for the meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

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'39 - (Two teams listed hereafter)

Ernie Andres, IU (1st Team)

'40 - Marvin Huffman, IU (2nd Team)

'42 - Wilfred "GUS" Doerner, EC (2nd Team)

'43 - Bob Rensberger, ND (2nd Team)

(Underlined names are enshrined @ New Castle)

Keogan finished @ 333 - 98 - 1

\* "ROCK" actually coached 6 B-Ball games in the '17-18 season. History does not record if he had ever dribbled a ball. His "career" was 1-5, including an "L" to So. Bend YMCA!

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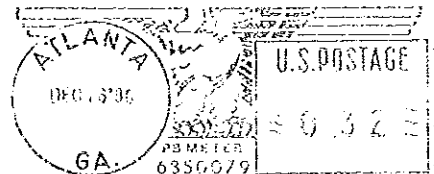
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