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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ELMER THE GREAT (1892-1975), THE GREATEST HOOSIER ATHLETE OF THE 20th CENTURY.

After graduating from Linton (Greene Co.) High as a schoolboy legend in 1910, Elmer Quillen Oliphant spent 4 years at Purdue (all Big 10 x 3) and then 4 years at Army. He was All American in football twice and AA in BASKETBALL x 3. At both schools he lettered in the 4 major sports but at Army he added letters in boxing, hockey, and swimming for a total of at least 21 monograms, a record. In 6 or 7 seasons of football he scored 435 points, a record. He was considered the Eastern equivalent of Jim Thorpe by his contemporaries. Not bad for a 5'7" or 8" 175-178 lb. blonde coal miner.

Elmer was born in Bloomfield (Greene Co.) 7-9-92 to Ellsworth and Alice Quillen Oliphant. They moved to Washington D.C. (Daviess Co.) in 1900. From age 14 Ollie spent every summer working the coal mines of southern IN. His first 2 years of high school (1906/7, 1907/8) were in Washington where he competed in the 4 major sports, including a 3 game basketball schedule. The family moved to Linton (Greene Co.) during his jr. and sr. prep years; 1908/9 and 1909/10 which were extraordinary. The Linton basketball record is unknown at this time. At the 1909 State Track Meet, Ollie finished 3rd in the MILE. In football Linton claimed the State Title in 1909. Ollie scored 60 points in one game alone, 128-0 over Sullivan. On 20 Nov. 1909 Brazil High School upset Linton 15-0 in a special game played prior to the I.U-P.U. game in Bloomington. In the Spring, Ollie played baseball and ran track concurrently. Linton won the 1910 State Track Meet held at Crawfordsville that year. Ollie won the MILE (5 points) and placed 3rd in the 220 HURDLES (1 pt.). Linton team-mates Huntley won the shot put (5), Brantley tied for 1st in the pole vault (3) and Haseman took 3rd in the high jump (1 pt.). Linton edged perennial track power Kokomo 15-14.

The legendary Ralph Jones was coaching basketball and track at Purdue from 1909/10 thru 1911/12. He brought the Boilers their first Big Ten titles (basketball in 1911 & '12) and then left for IL. Ralph saw Elmer at Crawfordsville in 1910 and recruited him for the TRACK team. Once on campus for 1910/11, Ollie was being sought for all 4 major sports. Ollie was the starting halfback for the 1911-12-13 Boilers and scored 135 career points. In November 1912 he scored 43 (5 TDs and 13/13 PATs) against hapless Rose Poly, a record that stood until 1990. He was First Team All BIG TEN in both '12 & '13, the first Boiler to be so honored. During his senior season of 1913, Ollie kicked the winning FG against IL with a broken ankle. He beat WI 7-0 with a 92 yard TD and the PAT in the 4th quarter. That Boiler squad had 9 first stringers from Linton.

In basketball Elmer, a forward, did not start until 1913 and '14. He was the fifth leading scorer in the Big 10 both years, averaging 7.9 and 7.2 ppg. He allegedly hit about 80% of his free throws, exceptional for that era. He was second team all Big 10 in 1913 on a 7W-5L team. In 1914 he was on the Conference First Team, in spite of a losing season of 5W-9L. He made the Helms (retrospective) All American team for 1914.

In baseball he excelled as a catcher, outfielder, and prodigious hitter. In track he ran the sprints and set records in the low-hurdles on a turf surface! By graduation in 1914 it is estimated he won between 7 and 16 monograms at Purdue. No 2 historians agree.

In this era it was common for college athletes to have 6 years of eligibility. The Big 10 was trying to reform these eligibility rules when Michigan dropped out of the Conference from 1908 to 1918 in protest. When Army offered the coal miner an appointment for 4 more years at West Point, Ollie went for it. Of course Army is a football school not a basketball haven. However, Elmer evidently did not immediately play football his plebe year in 1914. But when the second semester rolled around and West Point was 0-2 in basketball they called up the 1914 AA from Purdue. Army then went 11-2 for the year and Elmer repeated as a Helms First Team AA in 1915. In 1916 he was relegated to the Helms Second Team AA and failed to make the lists thereafter? He did win 4 letters in baseball, and three letters each in football and basketball and at least one in Track where he set a world low-hurdle record. He also lettered in hockey, swimming, and boxing when he became West Points heavyweight champion. Thus he won 14 at Army to go with those from Purdue to set a record of between 21 and 30, no one agrees how many.

It was in football that he achieved his greatest fame. Army was 24-4-1 during his 3 years as starting half. In 1915 they were 5-3-1; in 1916=9-0; and in 1917=7-1. Ollie scored 300 points during the 1915-16-17 seasons. In 1916 Ollie scored 45 against just Villanova. In 1917 he had 125 points for the season. Elmer was All American in both 1916 and '17. Notre Dame accounted for 2 of the 4 losses during Oliphant's tenure at Army. Jess Harper, fresh from Wabash College, was the Notre Dame coach and Knute Rockne his assistant (who took over in 1918). In 1915 ND (7-1) beat Army 7-0 in the initial game of this storied rivalry. In 1916 Army (9-0) won 30-10 as Ollie ran wild and ND finished at 8W-1L. In 1917 Army (7-1) lost their only game to ND, 7-2. CONTINUED bottom page 7.

CHASING A MYTH

The National Federation of State High School Associations, now in Indy, tries to make sense of the mythical claims of high school coaches. This issue of the BOXSCORE acknowledges their efforts while calling attention to the problems encountered. In November 2002 high school coach Morgan Wootten retired claiming a record of 1274-192 from 1956/57 thru 2001/02. There are 5 guys right behind him with over a 1000 wins. There was a time, 50 years ago, when 1000 wins would put you at the top. In this issue you will read about the first basketball coach to claim over a 1000 wins; Professor Blood. The number is dubious but sports writers ate it up and touted it as the record. Hoosier legend Everett Case (1900-1966) was probably chasing that myth when his own record got so horribly inflated. The Naismith Hall of Fame inducted Case in 1981 and always has had his record correct, especially with Cliff Wells as their Executive. But here in Indiana, Case was credited with 726 wins in only 21.5 years of coaching (=34 wins a yr.!). Case then added in his Navy record and his N.C. State record to get 1129 and challenge the Blood legend. Marion Crawley was probably chasing the Case myth when he was reported as winning 734. Then, Howard Sharp was chasing the Crawley myth when he came up with 750. (The first liar does not have a chance.) The seeds were sown for this hyperbole in 1982 when writer Bob Williams published his well intentioned "Hoosier Hysteria". It only took 20 years to get at some semblance of the truth in IN. Now about those National Records?

	MYTH-PREP-REAL		COLLEGE	YMCA	SERVICE	MYTH	CORRECT TOTAL
BLOOD	524?	200?	112	?310/524?	Army=11	1268/1421?	?
CASE	726	465	352	0	Navy=51	1129	868
CRAWLEY	734	644	0	0	0	734	644
SHARP	750	724	0	0	0	750	724

THE NATIONAL RECORD BOOK.

When the N.C.A.A. moved from Kansas City to Indianapolis, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFSH) moved to Indy also. Each March they publish a "National High School Sports Record Book". The research and validation of these records

is left to the individual state athletic association. For an Indiana event the record application is sent first to the I.H.S.A.A. for validation. The NFSH requires "newspaper accounts of the performance and any other materials (i.e. scorebooks, etc.)". Sixteen sports for boys and 11 for girls are covered. If you wish to order a book, \$13.00 +/-, you may call 1-800-776-3462 (occasionally someone answers). Boys football takes up the most pages followed by boys basketball and girls basketball. There were 44 new records set in 2000/2001. In boys basketball there are six categories that are of special interest to the I.H.S.B.H.S.

NATIONAL RECORDS (*=still active)

INDIANA RECORDS.

I MOST STATE TITLES.

#24	WY-Cheyenne Central	1926-1998
#23*	NJ-Jersey City St. Anthony	1968-2002*

#8	MUNCIE CT.1928-88
#6	MARION 1926-87
#4	FRANKFORT 1925-39

II CONSECUTIVE STATE TITLES.

#9	NJ-Jersey City St. Anthony	1983-1991
#8	WV-Northfork	1974-1981

#3	FRANKLIN 1920/21/22.
#3	MARION 1985/86/87.

III CONSECUTIVE GAMES WON (the 100 club).

#159	NJ-Passaic	1919-1925
#129	GA-Valdosta Christian	1979-1984
#114	NE-Wahoo	1988-1992
#104	NY-Belleville Cent.Union Acad.	1966-1971
#103	IA-Palmer	1986-1989

Crispus Attucks=45
Vincennes=38 (1921/2)
Frankfort=37-0-1 (1936)

IV CONSECUTIVE UNBEATEN SEASONS.

#5 ?	NJ-Passaic	1920-1924
#4	NY-Belleville Cent.Union Acad.	1968-1971
#3	CA-Oakland McClymonds	1958-1960

None: Attucks lost one game during title years of 1954/5 and 1955/6.

V. TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL WINS

#1919	IL-Centralia	1906-2002*
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? Muncie Central=1542

VI COACHING VICTORIES (the 1000 club).

#1274	MD-MORGAN WOOTEN-Hyattsville DeMatha:	1957-2002
#1244	TX-*ROBERT HUGHES*-Ft. Worth-2 H.S.:	1958-2002*
#1122	OH/NM-RALPH HASKER-2 H.S.+ Hobbs NM:	1941-1998
#1096	TX-BILL KRUGGER-4 TX High Schools:	1958-1996
#1026	LA-LESLIE GAUDET-Pine Prairie:	1947-1970
#1021	TN-WALTER VANHUSS-Hampton & Kingsport:	1953-1989

INDIANA (inactive=@)
@Jack Butcher=806
@Howard Sharp=724
@Wm. Stearman=714
@Marion Crawley=644
@Jim Miller =607
*Pat Rady/*Jim Jones=600+

In INDIANA Crispus Attucks won 45 in a row from February 1955-November 1956. They lost at Connersville 57-58 in the famous "open door" game 5 Febr. '55 or it would have been 17 more and 2 consecutive unbeaten seasons. Attucks was trailing at the 1/2 at Connersville in a hot gym. Someone decided to open the doors to cool off the gym. This caused condensation on the floor. A brilliant comeback by Oscar et al fell 1 pt. short on the slippery floor. After winning #45 in March the Tigers opened the next season on Sat. 24 Nov. 1956 at T. H. Gerstmeier (victim #44). Coach Howard Sharpe had been to the Final 4 in 1953 (second), 1954, & 1956 and had 5 of 6 starters back. Sharpie won 63-57 but Attucks finished the year second to champion S.B. Central (30-0). The Attucks streak eclipsed the prior record of 38 wins &/or 38 undefeated games. In 1921/2 Vincennes was 38-0 during ONE SEASON when they lost in the final 8. Coach John Adams then won the title at Vincennes in 1922/3 at 34-1. During calender year 1936 Frankfort went 37-0-1 and then lost a disputed game at LaFayette 1-8-37 and then won 10 more.

On 7 Oct. 2002, USA TODAY carried a story on Jersey City-St. Anthony's, the leading contender for the most State Titles. They are currently #2 with 23 but closing the gap. Unfortunately they may first close their doors. They hold the "modern" NJ high school record for consecutive victories=66. Bob Hurlery is the coach and has a 755-86 record. As you might suspect this is a "magnet" school not a typical high school; no gym, cafeteria, or library. They take only 225 students who pay \$3250 tuition toward the \$5600 cost to educate each, and 45 play basketball. They average 600 fans. Only one player did not attend college after graduation. The coach gets (allegedly) only \$6500 while the teachers get \$22-30,000. Check out the story at your local library and see the future.

THE OLDEST NATIONAL RECORDS IN BOYS BASKETBALL (NFSH).

- A. Consecutive games won =159 (1919-1924), Passaic NJ.
- B. Consecutive unbeaten seasons=5 (1920-1924), Passaic NJ.

The problem with this record is that Passaic is listed as unbeaten in 1924 and yet they did not win the 1924 State Title. How is that possible?

COACH ERNEST A. BLOOD; born Manchester NH 4 October 1872, died FLA 5 Feb. 1955. Coach Blood was inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame in 1960, their second class, along with Piggy Lambert, Branch McCracken, and John Wooden. Without this recognition he would probably be forgotten entirely. As it is, his biography is sketchy. Most claim he was born in NH but MA is possible. His education, if any, is a mystery. He became affiliated with YMCAs in Boston, at Brooklyn Central-1896/7, and at Nashua NH-1895/6 it is believed. Did he know Naismith? Did he study at Springfield MA? Did he start coaching in 1892 (age 20) or in 1896 at Nashua? At present there is no known published record of his coaching career at these places other than the Naismith H/F record of 524-23 and the records of sports historian W.G. Mokray who thinks he was 310-24. He appears in several record books as a coach in Potsdam NY at both Potsdam Normal and Clarkson from 1907 to 1915 (age 42) and at Army in 1926.

YEARS	WON--LOST	YEARS:	AT Y.M.C.A.s= RECORDS VARY
1896-1906	310-24 or	11 yrs.	310 recorded by W.G. Mokray = 30 games/yr.
1897-1906	524-23 ?	?	524 recorded by NAISMITH = 50 games/yr.

YEARS	WON--LOST	YEARS:	AT COLLEGE= RECORDS AGREE
1907-15:	112--7	9 yrs.	at Potsdam Normal (72-2) & Clarkson/Potsdam NY (40-5).
1926:	11--6	1 yr.	at Army-1926 only
	128-12	10 yrs.	College Record-W.G.Mokray, NAISMITH, & Army agree.

YEARS	WON--LOST		AT HIGH SCHOOLS= RECORDS VARY
?	562-61	18 yrs.	526 recorded by W.G.Mokray = 35 games/yr.
1916-24:	200--1	9 yrs.	200 at Passaic, NAISMITH = 22 games/yr.

YEARS	WON--LOST		AT PREP SCHOOL RECORDS AGREE
1925-49:	421--128	24 yrs.	at St. Benedicts = 22.9 games/yr. (NAISMITH & MOKRAY)

TOTALS:

1893-1949	?1268--165	58 yrs.?	=? 26.5 games coached per yr., <u>NAISMITH</u> record.
1896-1949	?1421--225	54 yrs.?	=? 30.5 games per yr., record by <u>W.G. Mokray</u> .

The Naismith biography credits him with 1268 wins and only 165 loses and with a 200-1 record at Passaic. (I get 1273-164 from their numbers). W.G. Mokray, who was from Passaic credits him as 1421-225. What does seem certain is that Blood won at least 143 consecutive high school games and had at least four consecutive unbeaten seasons. Both streaks are still national records (2002). The official national records are 159 consecutive wins and five consecutive unbeaten seasons for Passaic. There is some question about these records and the doubt is related to the FORFEIT that eventually cost Blood his job at Passaic in 1924.

<u>PASSAIC</u>	<u>SEASON</u>	<u>STREAK</u>	<u>STATE TITLE</u>	<u>COACH</u>	<u>PASSAIC NJ HIGH SCHOOL</u>
1916-19	?		n.a.	Blood	
1919:	?		Union Hill	Blood	Passaic second in 1st NJ tourney.
1920:	26-0	# 26	Passaic #1.	Blood	
1921:	31-0	# 57	Passaic #2.	Blood	
1922:	33-0	# 90	Passaic #3.	Blood	
1923:	28-0	#118	Passaic #4.	Blood	
1924	29-0	#147	Hoboken	Blood	?FORFEIT BETWEEN 143/144?
1925	27-2	#159	Passaic #5.	Marks	Won 12, lost 1, won 15, lost 1
1926	?		Canceled	Marks	Tourney canceled-Passaic in final 4.
1929	?		Passaic #6.		

PROFESSOR BLOOD AT PASSAIC HIGH SCHOOL AND ST. BENEDICTS

From the 1915/16 school year until 1925 (age 52), Blood was affiliated with Passaic NJ High School. The population of this early industrial city of immigrants was once 70,000 with 12 grade schools feeding into the single high school. By 1919 Blood had a long winning streak of 40 or 50 games which only ended in the title game loss to Union Hill during the first NJ State Tournament (alleged). The Naismith Hall of Fame credits him with a 200-1 record at Passaic. Since Blood won 147 games after this loss, he would have had to have won 53 straight before this. The defeat on 15 March 1919 was the last for Blood as Passaic's head coach since he remained undefeated for the next 147 games, through 28 March 1924 (5 seasons).

In March of 1923 coach Blood was censured by the Passaic Board of Education. The Board complained that the players were over-extended and playing too many games. Specifically they wished to outlaw any games scheduled after the NJ State Tournament was over. The Board stated that they were against "commercial" and or "benefit" games implying that the team was playing for the financial benefit of the coach at the end of the season. Passaic had been playing 26-33 games a year and in 1922 had played about 3 more games after winning the State Title. Of course this did not seem unusual in contiguous major metropolitan area like NY, RI, CT, NJ, PA, DE and MD. Many of these states also sent teams to the University of Chicago for the National Interscholastic Tournament of State Champions every April from 1920 to 1930. (IN schools had never been allowed to participate in these post season games.) Blood countered with the argument that his teams usually won games by 30-40 points and that he used his entire bench frequently using the third string players.

As Passaic won its way into the final four of the NJ state finals on 10 March 1923, Blood was indeed negotiating a game in Madison Square Garden for 28 March matching Passaic and the New York City champion. The Board outlawed this game on 12 March. On 13 March the Passaic City Commissioners backed Blood and over-ruled the Board. Coach Blood was allegedly carried out of the later meeting "on the shoulders" of his many supporters. Nevertheless there were no post-season games after Passaic won their fourth consecutive state title on 18 March 1923. The high school team went 28-0 for the season and the consecutive winning streak was intact at 118 over four years, an average of 30 games/yr. The Passaic fans made their sentiments known on 31 March 1923 when they paid for a vacation to Bermuda for Mr. and Mrs. Blood and the starting five.

One year later on 17 March 1924, Passaic beat Paterson in the NJ State Tourney to advance to the Final 4. It was consecutive win #143. Coach Blood then announced that Passaic was withdrawing from the Tourney and he refused to play Hoboken in their Hudson County gym in Jersey City. "Past experience has proved to me that Hudson County teams should play on neutral courts. For the championship games there are several armories open outside of Hudson County, one of which is Elizabeth. As far as I am concerned my boys have put their suits away for the season". Morristown was substituted for Passaic in the final 4. Additionally, Blood now refused to play a "benefit" game for the 1924 Olympic fund that had been scheduled for New York City on 28 March. Blood cited the Board's ruling in March 1923 forbidding such exhibitions. This rule had allegedly been rescinded but Blood stated that he had not received written notice of it and that he must abide by the rules. Blood might have gotten away with it all but he then played 4 more post-season games.

In April of 1924 the NJSIAA ruled that Passaic must take action against Blood for his various indiscretions and Blood stepped down as head coach. His long time assistants, Marks and Arnold, took over for 1924/25 while Blood was made Athletic Director of the Passaic schools. In January of 1925 he left Passaic to coach a private school in Newark, St. Benedicts. Blood evidently returned in February as an assistant to help Marks and Arnold take State Championship # five for Passaic. For 1925/26 he coached at West Point where his greatest player, John Roosma, was a sixth year senior. He returned to St. Benedicts in March 1926 to coach them to an upset win for the Prep School State Championship. He would remain at the private school for another 23 seasons and capture another four State Prep School Titles. He quit coaching at age 76, in 1949, and moved to Florida where he died six years later.

PROFESSOR BLOOD AT PASSAIC HIGH SCHOOL AND ST. BENEDICTS

	<u>STREAK</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
1910/11		15-30	Passaic beaten by Orange for NNJIL TITLE.
1915/16			Blood starts coaching at Passaic High.
3-15-1919	0	22-30	Union Hill won State Title over Passaic. AT NEW BRUNSWICK.
1919/20			COACHES: BLOOD, MARKS, ARNOLD. TEAM: Kerr, Rumsey, %Roosma, Lent, Schneider, Kealser, Smith, Blood, Knothe, Gale, Swenson.
12-13-19	#1	44-11	>Newark jr. college
3-5-20@	#18	61-11	>Nutley
3-7-20@	#19	54-14	>Englewood for NNJIL title.
3-?-20	26-0		STATE TITLE #1. AT ?.
1920/21			COACHES: BLOOD, ARNOLD. TEAM: Keasler, Rosman, Grabies, Swenson, Saxer, Thompson, Vonk, %Roosma, Knothe, Blood.
3-19-21@	57-0		>Trenton for STATE TITLE #2. AT ?
1921/22			COACHES: BLOOD, ARNOLD. TEAM: Rosman, Thompson%, Blood%, Keasler Knothe%, Saxer, Hamas, Janowski, Jermalowitz, Blitzer, Humphrey, Vonk, Taylor, Troast, Margetts, Zilenski, Lucasko, Soule, Smith, Freewwick.
3-17-22*	#86	41-24	>Trenton at PRINCETON, final 4.
3-18-22*	#87	46-31	>Asbury Park for STATE TITLE #3, 3000 fans. AT PRINCETON.
3-18-22*			(Pddie over St.Benedicts for NJ STATE PREP crown.)
3-22-22*	#88	55-34	>Binghamton NY at Paterson-h, 7000 fans.
3-31-22*	#89	46-18	>Reading PA at Paterson-h, 33-0, Thompson scores 1000.
4-8-22*			(Holyoke MA wins NY-NEW ENGLAND TITLE at Glens Falls NY.) (Syracuse Central win NY State Title over Rochester AT SYRACUSE.)
1922/23			COACHES: BLOOD, MARKS, DREW. TEAM: Krakovitch, Hamas, Mersalis, Keasler%, Knothe%, Pashman, Pomorski, Vanderheide, Herman, Blitzer.
1-27-23@	#100	59-38	>St.Mary's Acad.
2-16-23*	#107	61-17	>Platsburg
2-24@*Sat	#111	46-28	>Paterson-h Tied record of Buffalo Germans at 111.
2-28-23@*	#113	37-34	>Clifton-h Two starters out, Knothe & Keasler.
3-1-23*	#114	31-20	>Montclair-a At Newark, North NJ State Tourney, 25-0.
3-10-23*	#116	63-44	>Orange-a At Jersey City, NNU St.Tour., 26-0, 7000 fans.
3-12-23*			Commercial or Benefit games are forbidden by Board of Education.
3-13-23@			Passaic Board/Education nixes game in M.S.G. with N.Y.C. champ.
3-14-23*			Passaic City Commissioners overrule Board/Education.
3-16-23*	#117	40-21	>Camden Final 4 at Princeton.
3-18-23@	#118	54-29	>Asbury Park for STATE TITLE #4. AT PRINCETON. (Pddie edges St.Benedicts for State Prep Title.)
3-31-23*@			Passaic fans send Mr./Mrs. Blood & team to Bermuda for vacation.
1923/24			COACHES: BLOOD, ARNOLD, MARKS, WACZKO, GARDNER. TEAM: Berg, Krakovitch, Russell, Blitzer, Pashman, Hanson, Gee, Riskin, Adams, Rohrback, Freeswick, Cantor.
2-6-24@			Blood threatens to quit if not paid at least \$300/yr.
2-27-24@	#136	34-24	>Union Hill
3-17-24*	#143	33-14	>Paterson-h
3-17-24@	#144-forfeit?		Blood pulls team from State Final 4, refusing to play Hoboken in their Jersey City Armory in their Hudson County.
3-20-24			Blood offers to meet NJ champ in N.Y.C. Olympic Benefit on 3/28.
3-21-Fri*			FINAL 4: Trenton > Asbury Park 40-22, Hoboken > Morristown 26-20.
3-22-Sat*			Hoboken > Trenton 29-14 for CLASS A TITLE. AT JERSEY CITY. Ridgefield Park > Glen Ridge for CLASS B TITLE.
3-22-Sat*	#144	25-13	>New Britain CT-h
3-25-24*	#145	40-10	>East Rutherford-h..double-header as prep for Syracuse CBA in NYC.
3-25-24*	#146	50-13	>Don Bosco Inst./Ramsey-h. Passaic has played 77 at home & 69 away
3-27-24@			Passaic suspended by NJSIAA & other states follow suit:NY, MD, IN.
3-28-Fri*	#147	29-17	>CBA of Syracuse (18-1) in Olympic fund raiser. AT NEW YORK CITY.
4-25-1924@			NJSIAA rules Blood must be replaced.
5-10-1924@			NJSIAA re-instates Passaic.

1924/25..... COACHES: MARKS, ARNOLD. TEAM: Riskin, Russell, Harwood, Pomorski, Rebele, Krakovitch, Rohrback, Pashman, Adams, Goldstein, Wall, Sattan.

	STREAK	SCORE	OPPONENT
1-2-25@	#150	73-33	>Arlington MA
1-10-25*	#152	48-30	>Englewood-a
1-14-25*	#153	68-21	>Cliffside-h
1-17-25@			Blood take over at St.Benedicts, Newark NJ.
1-17-25*	#154	44-28	>Holyoke MA
2-4-W*	#159		>Lawrence Long Island
2-6-Fri@*	0-1	35-39	Hackensack NJ-a
2-14-25*		98-25	>Englewood
2-15-25@		42-27	>St.Benedicts
2-23-25@			Blood returns to help coach Passaic
3-3-25@			Morristown (23-0) forfeits to Passaic, 1st round State Tourney.
3-12-Thu*	22-1	45-11	>Rutherford: Sectional Semi-Final at Hoboken, Class A-North NJ.
3-14-Sat*	23-1	40-29	>Montclair: Sectional Final at Hoboken.
3-14-25*			(Pddie beats St.Benedicts for 6th straight Prep crown.)
3-21-Sat@	24-1	33-26	>Union Hill; Sth STATE TITLE AT NEWARK. North NJ Class A.
3-21-25*			Trenton won South NJ Class A at Trenton.
3-27-Fri@	24-2	26-37	Hackensack (20-4) gives Passaic loss #2.
4-2-25	25-2		NY-NEW ENGLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC TOURNEY 6TH ANNUAL.
4-3-25*	26-2	44-24	>St. Mary's Glens Falls NY & Syracuse over St.Johns of Manilius.
4-4-25@	27-2	32-26	>CBA of Syracuse at Glens Falls NY for Title & St.Marya/St.Johns.
7-30-25@			Blood resigns again, returns to St. Benedicts Prep School.

1925/26

9-17-25@			Moyor Krakovitch transfers from Passaic to Union Hill.
12-1-25@			Blood to coach Army 1925/26=11-6
3-9-26@			Blood leaves Army & returns to St. Benedicts
3-18-26*			St.Benedicts (coach Blood) 41-24 over Pddie for State Prep School Title.
3-18-26@			Class A tourney called off at final 4: Undue influence in Krakovitch transfer.
			Passaic vs Union Hill & Trenton vs New Brunswick AT NEWARK = canceled.
3-22-26			Ridgefield Park > Princeton for Class B Title.
1929@			Passaic wins Class A state title #6, over Atlantic City 34-25.
1930			Passaic boys unbeaten on home court (Paterson Armory) for 12th straight year.
	3/21		Passaic 32 game win streak ends at State final 4 in Elizabeth.
1933	3/17		Blood wins another State Prep Title: St. Benedicts over Hun School.
1949	Sept.		Blood retires; 421-128 at St. Benedicts with five Prep Titles.

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ABBREVIATIONS:

‡=All State.
 NJSIAA=NJ State Interscholastic Athletic Assoc.
 NNJIL=North NJ Interscholastic League.
 NYC=New York City; CBA=Christian Brothers Academy.

EDITORS NOTE: And now sports fans, the official NJ explanation of the "forfeit" from the 1924 NJSIAA Executive Committee meeting minutes. In 1924 the NJSIAA "selected" the top 4 teams in each enrollment class (A and B) that were to participate in the 4 team state final. When Passaic "withdrew" the NJSIAA replaced them with Morristown. As the "withdrawal" occurred before the tournament started the NJSIAA did not consider that a "forfeit". This data has been obtained for us by John Gillis, the Asst. Director at the NESHSA in Indy. Now Hoosiers what do you think of this ruling? What would Trester do?

ELMER THE GREAT-continued from page 2. What Ollie did in the War we know not. He was around West Point from 1918-1920 when he is credited with developing innovative college intramural programs. After leaving the Army in 1920 Elmer tried pro football in Rochester and Buffalo before becoming A.D. at tiny Union College in Schenectady for two years. Then he began a life long career with Metropolitan Life Insurance in CT. He was inducted into the National Football Hall of Fame in 1955 and died 20 years later at age 82. He is buried in Ridgefield CT.

PRO BASKETBALL IN INDIANA AND THE CREATION OF THE N.B.A.

Between 1898 and 1988 there have been 47 men's professional basketball leagues recognized by historians. The N.B.A. was # 42. There have been five National Basketball Leagues (NBL) and five American Basketball Leagues (ABL). There have been three Eastern Leagues (EL) and three Western PA Leagues. Until 1925 the teams were all from the states of PA, NJ, NY, CT, MA, NH, and DE. However the true epicenter of the game was Philadelphia and adjacent NJ. The first pro league was the NBL#1 (1898-1903). Most leagues were viable for only a year or two until the Philadelphia League of 1902-1909. The later was resurrected as the EL#1, #2, and #3 between 1909 and 1933. The ABL#1 and #2 were short lived Philadelphia leagues. These were all Philadelphia based leagues. The only other significant league was the Metro (New York City) of 1921-1928 which featured the "cage" game and double dribbling.

THE FT. WAYNE HOOSIERS OF 1926-1931.

The first league to involve teams west of PA was the ABL#3, 1926-1931. Many historians consider this to be the first truly "major" league for various reasons. The ABL#3 was in business for six seasons; starting with nine teams and finishing with seven. Only the Hoosiers, Rosenblums, and Bruins stayed the six seasons. Nineteen other teams filled in the competition during 1926-31. The New York Central Railroad was essential in controlling travel expenses and determining member cities on the same RR line. The Hoosiers won division titles in 1928 (West), 1929 (#2 Half) and 1931 (#2H). The Ft. Wayne team was originally sponsored by the Knights/Columbus and known as the Caseys (K.C.s).

AMERICAN BASKETBALL LEAGUE #3: 1926-1931.

	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>GYM</u>
1.	Whirlwinds	Boston	Boston Arena
2.	Arcadians	Brooklyn	Arcadia Hall, (later replaced by Brooklyn Celtics).
3.	Germans	Buffalo	Elmwood Music Hall, Buffalo
4.	Bruins	Chicago	Armories & Chicago Stadium.
5.	Rosenblums	Cleveland	Public Hall, Cleveland.
6.	Pulaski Post	Detroit	Light Guard Armory, Detroit.
7.	Hoosiers	Ft.Wayne	South Side High School & Concordia College.
8.	Centrals	Rochester NY	State Armory, Rochester.
9.	Laundrymen	Washington DC	Arcadia, Washington DC. (later sold to HBL#1).

NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE #4: 1933.

The Great Depression put most Leagues out of business in 1931. However, "barnstorming" tours by pro teams like the New York Rens (since 1925/26) and the Chicago Harlem Globetrotters (since 1926/27) still drew fans. In 1931/32, Indianapolis grocer Frank Kautsky sponsored a semi-pro team which won local city and state tourneys. In 1932/33, Kautsky and Paul Sheeks, from Akron, started a professional National Basketball League. It lasted only one year. The nine member League featured five teams from IN.

THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE #4 OF 1932/33 WITH 8 TEAMS.

	<u>SPONSORS</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>GYM</u>
1.	Firestones (10-1)	Akron OH	Firestone Tire/Rubber Co. Gym in Akron.
2.	Goodyears (1-4)	Akron OH	Goodyear Hall in Akron.
3.	Chiefs or Firemen	Ft.Wayne	Concordia College Gym, Ft.Wayne
4.	Kautskys	Indianapolis	Indpls. Armory.
5.	Kelts (2-3)	Kokomo	Haworth Gym, Kokomo (quit after 5 games).
6.	Fisher Foods (0-1)	Lorrain OH	Antlers Auditorium, Lorrain. (quit after 1 game).
7.	Guardsmen	South Bend	National Guard Armory, South Bend.
8.	Crimson Coach	Toledo OH	Coliseum, Toledo. (Crimson Coach Tobacco).
9.	WHYS	Muncie	Walnut St. Armory/YMCA (replaced Lorrain).

THE MIDWEST BASKETBALL CONFERENCE: 1936 & 1937. In 1935/36, with the elimination of the center jump after the successful free throw (but not the FG), they tried again with a new League: the Midwest Basketball Conference. The Kautskys and the Indianapolis Tires shared the National Guard Armory on N. Pennsylvania by using it on alternate Sundays. Kautsky hired John Wooden (Purdue-'32), Frank Baird (Tech & Butler), Bill Perigo (Delphi & Western Michigan), Marshall Tackett (Martinsville-'27 & Butler), George Chestnut-I.S.U., and 6'7" Clarence Christopher-Butler. The Tires had LeRoy Edwards (Tech-'33 and Kentucky-'35), Evans from Logansport, and Charlie Shipp from Indianapolis Cathedral, the Catholic State Champs in '32 and '33 (& National Champ-'33). During the season, John Wooden made 134 free throws in a row for the Kautskys. For the play-offs, Kautsky obtained Bob Kessler (Anderson-'32 & Purdue-'36), the MVP of the Big 10. Continued next issue.