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NEW CONTRIBUTOR

During Roger Robison's quest of compiling and validating facts about Ralph Jones at Lake Forest, the A.D. there advised Roger to contact Dick Triptow. Thus we have a new contributor. Following is a profile of Richard "Dick" Triptow.

Triptow is a former All-American from DePaul University. In his senior year (1943-44) he and George Mikán co-captained the 22-4 Blue Demons to the title game of the NIT, losing to St. John's University. At this point, the National Invitation Tournament was considered superior to the NCAA.

Triptow's honors include being named to the All-Madison Square Garden team, Pic Magazine's All-American team, the DePaul Hall of Fame and the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Dick played six years of pro basketball (1944-45 to 1949-50), starting with the Chicago Gears in the National Basketball League. He averaged 10 ppg as a rookie and would spend three years with the club before being claimed by Ft. Wayne Zollner Pistons after the Gears folded. In 1948-49, Ft. Wayne entered the Basketball Association of America, which one year later became the NBA. That year, he averaged 6.1 ppg. He then closed his career with the Bullets in Baltimore.

Following his basketball playing career, Triptow coached at Chicago St. Patrick's High School until 1959. Next, he accepted a coaching position at Ralph Jones' old school, Lake Forest College, where he remained until 1973. He next took a job as counselor/coordinator at Lake Forest High School and retired from there in 1988.

Dick and wife Helen live in Lake Bluff, Illinois. They have two daughters, who are both attorneys.

NEXT MEETING

President Bill Ervin with help from Mike McCormick, has scheduled a meeting for May 8, (1 to 4 PM) in Terre Haute at the Vigo County Library (S. Seventh and Walnut Streets), one block south of Wabash Avenue (Hwy. 40).

The program will feature former and current sports writers, editors, announcers and authors who have frequented the high school basketball scene for the last 50 years or so. Some of those who have indicated they will attend include Darl Wible (Terre Haute radio), Jim Dressler (currently writing for the Brazil newspaper), Scott Williams, Charles Williams, Mark Bennett, Tom Reck and Johnny Palmer (all Terre Haute columnists), and our own Dean Kendall, aficionado supreme of the Wabash Valley Tournament. Others are invited and the turnout is expected to be substantial.

Mike McCormick has agreed to emcee the program. The initial segment will give each participant an opportunity to tell his favorite sports story.

AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE DIES

Lanny Sigo called a while back informing me of the passing of a friendly adversary. I never read the obituary, but I remember "Sammy" Lyboubt, Marion Crawley's long time assistance at Lafayette Jefferson. When the Lebanon Tigers encountered the Jeff Bronchos, "Sammy" always did his thing, but in a gentlemanly way. I played my last high school basketball game against the Jeff Bronchos in Lambert Fieldhouse on the Purdue campus. I'll miss "Sammy". I know many, many others will too.

EARLY BLACKPLAYER UPDATE

- Anderson - Remove Fred Simpson (1931-32). Insert Marion George (1926-27).
- Culver - Palmer Whitted & Wesley Wade (1923-24)
- Vincennes - Remove Ken Brandon (1967-68), insert Norman Starks (1959-60)
- Wheatfield - _____ Granger (early 50s)

The Father Of Indiana Basketball

By Dick Triptow

Accolades To A Great One

Few diehard football fans, or sportswriters, for that matter, know who RALPH R. JONES was, or are in a position to inform you concerning the contribution he made to professional football. Yet here is a man who coached for 50 years (1900-1949) in most of the major sports. He started at Shortridge High School in Indianapolis, at the turn of the century and finished at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill.

Ralph Jones' greatest recognition comes as a result of his coaching tenure with the Chicago Bears from 1930-32 where he led the Bears to a National Football League championship in his third and last year. His innovative use of the T-formation and man-in-motion has been documented by such sports experts, coaches and football authorities as Curly Lambeau, George Halas, Elmer Layden, Kenneth "Tug" Wilson and Henry McLemore.

Curly Lambeau, great former Green Bay Packer coach, said "There is nothing I can say about Ralph's contribution to football which will speak half so eloquently as the modern T-formation which he gave the game."

George Halas was coached by Jones at Illinois, and he in turn hired Jones to coach the Bears. He cited Jones' "tremendous energy and courage in developing the young men who were

the beneficiaries of his guidance."

Elmer Layden, a Notre Dame great and one of the original Four Horsemen, echoed the same sentiments in praising this man and his ability to handle young men.

"Tug" Wilson, former Big Ten commissioner, stated, "...his greatest contribution has been to the building of strength and character in boys who are fortunate enough to be on his team."

Henry McLemore, famous United Press correspondent, described his man-in-motion thusly: "From his flanker post [Red] Grange would either take a lateral and run or take a lateral and pass. When he did neither of these, and limited himself to faking the opposing line into spreading, a guy named Bronko Nagurski would take the ball and hit inside or out of the tackles." "Ralph Jones was rightly inducted into the NAIA Football Hall of Fame in 1958, not only for his skill as a coach, but equally so for the qualities of sportsmanship and integrity he brought to the game."

The Basketball Angle

Enough of football. This article is being written to support Ralph Jones' nomination for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. and is about Jones' career as a basketball coach. In 1901, Jones was 18 years old when he graduated from Shortridge High School. While there he lettered in football,

basketball, track and baseball. As a junior he organized and played on the high school team and is credited with initiating basketball at Shortridge in 1900.

After seeing a game, he decided to buy a rule book and began coaching the basketball team. He continued coaching after graduation and on through 1904, compiling a record of 12-19.

He was hired by Wabash College in 1905 and coached there for five years with a record of 75-6, including two undefeated seasons, 1905 (8-0) and 1908 (24-0).

One of his proteges, Ward "Piggy" Lambert, was a leading scorer and starting guard on his 1909 team. This is the same "Piggy" Lambert who started his coaching career at Lebanon High School prior to going to Purdue for many successful years and who coached the quintessential college coach, John Wooden. Lambert later became the commissioner of the fledgling National Basketball League. During the same period (1905-09), Jones coached Crawfordsville High School to a 35-13 record with an undefeated season in 1907, and was coach of the Crawfordsville YMCA, frequently pitting these three teams (Wabash College-CHS-YMCA) against each other.

When Jones moved to Purdue in 1910, he was able to compile a 32-9 record, including an unblemished 12-0 in 1912. He was also assistant football coach.

From Indiana To Illinois

He left Purdue in 1913 to go to the University of Illinois

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and coach basketball, freshman football and help in baseball. He remained there until 1920. While at Illinois, Jones tutored Halas on the frosh football team and recruited him for basketball. Jones' record in roundball with the Illini was 83-35, with an unbeaten season (16-0) in 1915.

At this point Jones had coached four teams with perfect records in college basketball. The only other coach that can make this claim is John Wooden. What's more, Jones tutored unbeaten teams at three different schools: Wabash (8-0) in 1904-05, Purdue (23-0 & 12-0) in 1907-08 and 1911-12, respectively and Illinois (16-0) in 1915. No other college coach has ever had an undefeated team at more than one of today's Division I schools, a maxim that has held for over a century! **RALPH JONES IS THAT RULES ONE EXCEPTION!**

A Sports Aficionado

In 1921 Jones relocated to the Chicago area at Lake Forest Academy where he coached football, basketball and baseball. He stayed until 1930. His football teams were credited with five undefeated seasons and lost only six games in ten years. His basketball teams won the National Academic Tournament in 1928 in Madison, Wis. sponsored by the University of Wisconsin. They defeated St. John's Manlius of New York for the championship. He had five undefeated seasons and

registered 94 wins and only nine losses during his tenure at the academy.

Halas hired Ralph Jones to coach the Bears in 1930. In his first two years, the Bears placed third in the league, and in his last season, 1932, they won the NFL title.

His final tour of duty began at Lake Forest College* the following year. There he was hired as athletic director, football, baseball and basketball coach. Jones continued to have great success in football, but his basketball teams did not fare as well. He coached basketball for six years (1933-39), and returned for one year in 1945-46, with a seven-year overall record of 42-56. He retired in 1949.

When asked in one of his infrequent interviews, which sport he liked best, his response was, "I like all sports in their season from a spectator's viewpoint, but would rather coach football." Of his basketball coaching career, he said, "Basketball coaching is a nerve-racking ordeal. There is a change in offense and defense and vice versa, so quickly, that your formations must function perfectly. Offense has less than a 50 percent chance to recover the rebound because the defense out numbers the offense

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* Jones' return to Lake Forest was most likely prompted by the bottom line of the Bears, who were enduring the Great Depression, as was the rest of the country. Lake Forest at this time was one of the more financially stable areas around Chicago and probably still is.

under the basket."

And so we have the tale of RALPH R. JONES, rightfully called the "Father of Indiana Basketball", who deservedly should take his place in the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame.

-----The End-----

Editor's note: For parallel information on Ralph Jones in previous Boxscores see articles entitled, *Ralph Jones - Is He the Father of Indiana Basketball?* (Page 2 of Fall-1999 issue) and *Ralph and Papa Bear* (Page 5 of Winter-2001 issue).

2004 Tournament Notes

Comebacks

During the regular season host Heritage Hills (rated #1 in 3A for part of the season) led Forest Park (rated #2 in 2A) by 31 points early in the third quarter and lost (77-81) in OT. However, the best comeback in the state tournament that I know of happened at Lebanon. The sectional hosts (rated most of the year in 3A) lead Brebeuf Jesuit (unranked) 38-30 with just under three minutes remaining and lost, 38-40.

Droughts Broken

Westville's 11-10 regular season slate is its first winning record in 18 years. However the Blackhawks lost their first sectional game, giving them an 11-11 overall tabulation.

Westville has yet to win a sectional in school history, dating back to 1920, but Henryville that first participated in the state tournament in 1917, finally won its first sectional.

Centerville won its second sectional. Its first came in 1944.

THANKS TIM

Many thanks and much appreciation goes to Tim Puet who has been proofing reading the Boxscore for some time. Without his diligent efforts many grammatical and punctuation errors would abound.

Notes and Quotes

From Bill Bueter:

I was 81 this month and am beginning to feel it.

Hope to work my 67th year in high school basketball. Silver Creek should have a good season and the girls are a year away, with only one senior.

I will enjoy another college slate with Indiana, Louisville and Kentucky.

From Tim Puet:

Am no longer with the Associated Press, but am back working at a job that I enjoy very much.

Since the middle of February, I've been a front desk clerk at an airport hotel literally around the corner from my house. It's a job I thought about, but figured you had to have a degree in hospitality management to get that kind of post.

At the interview the manager hired me on the spot as he was

impressed by my loyalty to one company (AP).

The new job allows me to come in contact with a lot of people as I did in my time as a reporter, just in a different way. I don't spend all of my time standing behind a desk. In fact I do several airport runs a day, a trip of about 15 miles, which is giving me time to learn a little about a lot of different things, depending on the passengers.

I'm also gaining a lot of knowledge of the aviation industry in particular, since we serve a lot of pilots. Maybe this will in some way become useful to me in another journalism job. Who knows?

However, I won't be able to make it to the boys finals this year and I would appreciate it if you would send me basketball stories from the [Indianapolis] Star or anything else that you find interesting or think I might enjoy. If you have any high school basketball programs for me, send them too, and pick me up a program at the state finals if you go.

Your Lebanon Tigers were starting to look good to this outsider, toward the end of the season, but I see they have recently dropped a couple of games. You could be right in your earlier assessment of them being overrated. I'll be thinking of this month and wishing I was there.

If you and your wife travel anywhere that has a Country Inn and Suites (my new employer), please give them your patronage. They've got some pretty good deals on Expedia,

Priceline and Travelocity.

God Bless You

Postscript From Tim:

I corrected the spelling on Darl Wible's first name because this is how it's spelled on a CD of his broadcast highlights that I have - a wonderful piece of history for anyone interested in Hoosier hoops.

Also, the correct name for the NIT is the National Invitation Tournament, not Invitational.

From Leigh Evans:

I really enjoyed the last newsletter. Thanks for your work on it. I've had this [parody poem on James Whitcomb Riley's "When The Frost Is On The Pumpkin"] sitting here for some time and now it's really to late to run. Maybe you can publish it next fall if the editorial board has mercy on my humble scribblings.

I'm a horrible hack as a poet, but find it an enjoyable past time nonetheless. It is difficult to attempt to make Riley much more Indiana, but I've tried to take his general message and enthusiasm for the Hoosier fall season and apply it to the beginning of our basketball season.

My best to you, Friend

COMING UP

Leigh Evans' down poem.

The year of the Hazleton Lions -1933.

More school colors.

Editor's Note: The additional Wabash Valley Tournament material that was promise in the last issue did not appear, because Dean Kendall will be at the upcoming meeting to a tell you more about it.

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SCHOOL COLORS

In the last Boxscore it was requested that members send in team colors that they might have. The editor had misplaced his book that had quite a start on this subject.

Three members (Hugh Schaefer, Ralph Pedersen, John Ockomon) responded with about 50 of the schools. Then Doug Bradley (the very best Indiana high school basketball researcher in the world as far as I'm concerned) really came through.

With these responses an excellent start was made. However, another member who shall remain anonymous, called me when he read that I had misplaced my material on school colors. He sheepishly admitted that he had borrowed that material over a year ago and promptly returned it.

Now we have an outstanding start for this project.

All schools from A to L follows with M to Z in the next Boxscore.

You will see that some schools have no colors as of yet while others have two or three sets. The reason for the multiple combinations could be that some schools changed their nicknames and could have changed colors at that time.

Examples: Shelbyville was formerly Camels before changing to Golden Bears. Brownsburg was Irish and Cowboys before changing to Bulldogs.

When necessary, schools that can not be easily found on a map because they do not carry a town name will be followed in parenthesis by their county. This is especially needed with the numerous Jackson and Jefferson Townships, and others such as Lancaster Center and Lancaster Central.

Please notify the editor (see publishing box on page 4) of any corrections; additions or omissions.

Acton	blue-red	Boswell	black-gold
Adams Twp. (Carroll Co.)	blue-gold	Bourbon	blue-white
Advance	purple-gold	Bowers	black-gold
Akron	black-gold	Bowling Green	
Alamo	red-white	Boxley	black-orange
Albany	red-white	Brazil	red-white
Albion	blue-	Bridgeton	
Alfordsville		Bright	
Alquina	blue-white	Brighton	black-gold
Ambia	blue-gold	Bringham	
Amboy		Bristol	black-orange
Amo	blue-white	Bristow	purple-gold
And. St. Mary's	blue-gold	Brook	purple-gold
Andrews	red-white	Brookston	
Arcadia	black-old	Brookville	kelly gr.-white
Arcola	green-white	Brownstown	black-gold
Arlington	purple-white	Brownsville	black-red
Ashboro	green-white	Bruceville	blue-red
	green-gold	Bryant	blue-white
Ashley	blue-red	Buck Creek	
Atlanta	red-white	Buffalo	black-old gold
Atwood		Bunker Hill	green-white
Aubeenaubee Twp. (see Leiters Ford)		Burket	
Auburn	black-crimson	Burlington	purple-white
Aurora	red-white	Burnettsville	
Avilla		Burney	purple-white
Bainbridge	purple-gold	Burns City	
Banquo	red-white	Butler	green-gold
Battle Ground	black-gold	Butler Twp. (Miami Co.)	blue-white
Baugo Twp. (Elkhart Co.)	maroon-white	Butlerville	red-white
Beaver Dam	blue-gold	Cadiz	purple-white
Bedford	red-white	Camden	red-white
Belle Union		Campbellsburg	black-gold
Bellmore	black-gold		red-gray
	blue-gold	Carlisle	red-white
Bentonville	red-white	Carrollton	black-red
Berne	royal blue-wh.	Carthage	blue-white
Bicknell	black-old gold	Castleton	blue-gray
Bippus	blue-gold	Cayuga	purple-white
Birdseye	green-gold		purple-old gld.
	red-white	Center	purple-white
	blue-gold	Center Twp. (Starke Co.)	blue-gold
	black-gold	Central	
	black-red	(Jefferson Co.)	green-white
	purple-gold	Chalmers	
Blackhawk		Chandler	blue-white
Bloomington	purple-white		purple-white
B'dale Academy	red-whlite	Charlottesville	blue-white
Bloomington U.	blue-old gold	Chester Center (Wells Co.)	purple-gold
Boggstown	blue-white		
Boston	blue-gold		

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Chester Twp. (Wabash Co.)	blue-white	Deer Creek	red-white maroon-white	Ferdinand	blue-gold
Chili		Demotte	blue-gold red-white	Fillmore	black-red
Chippewa	red-white	Depauw	purple-gold blue-gold	Fishers	red-white
Chrisney	black-orange	Deputy	red-white	Flat Rock	red-white cardinal-white
Cicero	scarlet-old gld red-old gold black-red	Derby		Flint	
Clarksburg		Desoto	purple-gold	Flora	blue-gold
Clarks Hill		Dillsboro	royal bl.-gold	Folsomville	blue-red
Clark Twp. (Johnson Co.)	blue-white	Dover	blue-gold	Fontanet	red-white
Claypool	black-orange	Dubois	royal bl.-gray blue-silver	Forest	black-gold
Clayton	black-red	Dugger	black-old gold	Ft. Branch	blk.-red-white black-gold
Clay Twp. (Howard Co.)	red-gray	Dunkirk	green-white	Fortville	purple-gold
Clay Twp. (Miami Co.)	black-red	Dupont	black-gold black-red	Ft. Wayne Central	blue-white
Clear Creek	red-white	Dyer	blue-gold	Ft. Wayne C. C.	purple-gold green-white
Clear Spring	purple-white purple-gold	Earl Park	cardinal-white	Fountain City	black-old gold
Clifford	purple-white	E. Chi. Roosevelt	purple-white	Fowler red-white	black-gold
Clinton	black-old gold	E. Chi. Washington	maroon-white	Francesville	black-orange
Clinton Center (Putnam Co.)		Eaton	purple-white	Francisco	blue-white
Clinton Twp. (LaPorte Co.)	blue-gold	Economy	red-white	Freedom	red-white
Coal Creek Central	black-red	Eden	black-gold	Freeland Park	black-red
Coalmont	red-white	Edwardsport	green-white	Freelandville	blue-white
Coal City	blue-white	Elberfeld	black-red	Freetown	blue-white
Coesse	black-red	Elizabeth	purple-old gold	French Lick	red-white
Colfax	blue-white	Elkhart	blue-white	Fritchton	purple-white
College Cnr (OH/IN)	red-gold red-gray	Ellettsville	black-gold	Fulton	black-red
Columbus	royal bl.-white	Elnora	red-white	Galveston	red-blue
Concannon	blue-white	Emison	red-white	Gary Edison	green-white
Converse	red-white	English	black-red	Gary Emerson	gold-gray
Cortland	black-gold	Epsom		Gary Froebel	royal bl.-flame
Cory	black-gold	Ervin Twp. (Howard Co.)	blue-gold	Gary Tolleston	royal bl.-white
Corydon	black-ols gold	Etna Green		Gas City	maroon-white
Cromwell		Etna Twp. (Whitley Co.)	black-gold purple-gold	Gaston	blue-white
Cross Plains	blue-white	Evan. Lincoln	blue-gold	Geneva	
Cutler	black-gold	Evan. Rex Mundi	blue-white	Gentryville	
Cuzco	black-white	Everton	purple-old gld	Georgetown	green-white
Cynthianna		Fairbanks	blue-gold	Gilboa Twp. (Benton Co.)	
Dale	black-gold	Fairland	red-white	Gilead	purple-gold
Dana	purple-white	Fairmount	black-gold	Gill Twp. (Sullivan Co.)	maroon-white red-white
Darlington	red-white	Fairmount Acad.		Gings	red-white
Dayton	black-gold	Fair Oaks	royal bl.-white	Glendale	
Decatur		Fairview	blue-gold black-white	Glenn (Vigo Co.)	black-white
Decatur Catholic	green-gold	Farmersburg	purple-gold	Glenwood	black-old gold
Decker	navy bl-old gld	Farmland	blue-white	Goldsmith	black-gold
Decker Chapel	red-white scarlet-white	Fayette Central (Fayette Co.)		Goodland	blue-gold
Deedsville	green-white	Fayetteville	green-gold blue-gold	Gosport	purple-gold
				Grandview	

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Granville-Wells	black-white	Huntington Twp.		Kennard	green-white
Grass Creek	black-gold	(Huntington Co.)	purple-gold	Kentland	navy bl.-white
Gray (Jay Co.)	red-white	Huntsville			navy bl.-gray
Graysville	red-white	Huron	black-gold	Kewanna	blue-white
Greene Twp.		Hymera	black-old gld.	Kingman	
(Park Co.)		Idaville	green-white	Kingsbury	black-gold
Greene Twp.		Indpls. Attucks	green-gold	Kirkland	
(St. Joseph Co.)		Indpls. Chatard	green-gold	Kirklin	black-gold
Greenfield	black-gold	Indpls. Marshall	red-wht.-blue	Kitchel	blue-gold
Greensfork	black-gold	Ind. Sacred Heart		Klondike	red-white
Greentown	green-white	(later-Kennedy)	red-gray		bl.-gold-white
Green Twp.		Indpls. Shortridge	blue-white	Kniman	
(Randolph Co.)	green-white	Indpls. Wood	purple-gold	Kokomo Haworth	
Griffin	red - ?	Ireland	green-white		
Grovertown	green-gold	Jackson Center		L & M	black-white
Guilford	orange-black	(Wells Co.)	black-gold	Laconia	columbia blue-white
Hamlet	black-gold	Jackson Central		Ladoga	green-gold
Hammond Tech	brn.-old gold	(Hamilton Co.)	red-wht.-blue	Lafayette Central	
Hancock Central		Jackson Twp.		(Allen Co.)	black-red
(Hancock Co.)	black-red	(Clinton Co.)	cardinal-tan	Lafontaine	blue-white
Hanging Grove		Jackson Twp.		Lagrange	
Hanna	black-white	(Decatur Co.)	black-gold	Lagro	black-red
Hanover	navy bl.-white	Jackson Twp.		Laketon	black-gold
Hardinsburg	grn.-old gold	(Howard Co.)	blue-white	Lakeville	blue-old gold
Harlan	blue-gold	Jackson Twp.		Lancaster Center	
Harrisburg	green-white	(Porter Co.)	maroon-white	(Huntington Co.)	red-white
Harrison Twp.		Jackson Twp.		Lacaster Central	
(Delaware Co.)	red-white	(Randolph Co.)	black-orange	(Wells Co.)	green-white
Harrison Twp.		Jackson Twp.		LaOtto	
(Union Co.)	(see Kitchel)	(Tippecanoe Co.)	red-white	Lapaz	blue-yellow
Hartford City	black-gold	Jamestown	blue-white	Larwill	purple-gold
Hartford Twp.		Jasonville		Laurel	red-white
(Adams Co.)	red-white	Jefferson		Lawrence	
Haubstadt	blue-white	(Randolph Co.)	scrlt.-old gld.	(Marion Co.)	red-white
Hayden	blue-white	Jefferson Center		Leavenworth	black-gold
Hazleton	black-gold	(Whitley Co.)	blue-red	Leesburg	
Helmsburg	blue-white	Jefferson Twp.		Leiters Ford	blue-gold
Heltonville	royal bl-wht.	(Adams Co.)		Leopold	
Hillsboro	black-gold	Jefferson Twp.		Letts	
	scarlet-blue	(Elkhart Co.)	blue-orange	Lewisville	purple-white
Hillsdale		Jefferson Twp.		Lexington	red-white
Hoagland	blue-white	(Grant Co.)	green-?	Liberty	scarlet-white
Holland	red-white	Jefferson Twp.		Liberty Center	
Holton	red-white	(Huntington Co.)	green-white	(Porter Co.)	blue-gold
Honey Creek	blue-white		red-white	Liberty Center	
Hope	blue-red	Jefferson Twp.		(Wells Co.)	red-white
Hopewell	blue-gold	(Miami Co.)	black-gold	Ligonier	green-scarlet
Houston			black-white	Lima Twp.	black-orange
Howard Twp.		Jefferson Twp.		Lincoln	
(Howard Co.)	black-gold	(Tipton Co.)	red-wht.-blue	(Cass Co.)	
Huntertown	black-gold	Jonesboro	black-red	Lincoln	
Huntingburg	black-red	Kempton	purple-white	(Randolph Co.)	
Huntington	black-red		purple-gold		
Huntington Cath.	black-gold	Kendallville	crimson-gold		

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Lincolntown	purple-gold
Linden	black-gold
Linlawn	blue-gold
Little York	red-gray
Lizton	blue-white
Loog'tee St. John's	green-white
Losantville	red-white
Lovett	black-orange
	black-gold
Lucerne	black-gold
Luce Twp. (Spencer Co.)	
Lynn	red-white
Lynnville	black-gold
Lyons	black-white
	black-gold

NEXT ISSUE: SCHOOLS M to Z

—————The End—————

A TRIBUTE TO RAY MEYER

By Dick Triptow

As a player from the old guard on Ray Meyer's first team (1942-43) at DePaul University, I was privileged to attend the ceremony on Dec. 16, 2003, when they the basketball court at Allstate Arena was dedicated to Ray and his wife, Marge. Ray's head basketball tenure at DePaul spanned 42 years.

Roger Robison in his writings on Indiana basketball calls Ralph Jones, who simultaneously coached Wabash College, Crawfordsville High School and the Crawfordsville YMCA, the "Father of Indiana Basketball." Few people know that Ray Meyer coached two teams at the same time - DePaul and the Chicago Gears professional basketball team in the National Basketball League.

I played on that 1946 Gear team and harken back to the days when he coached me at

DePaul. He was still the same old Ray, easygoing but stern and a strict disciplinarian - a true student of the game. He believed in hard work and spent a lot of time teaching fundamentals.

Ray signed on at DePaul in 1942, taking over for Willie Wendt, a former DePaul great, who coached for two mediocre years. Ray spent his first year diligently working on installing his offense and his patented switching man-to-man defense. His motto was "Defense wins ball games." That year DePaul went 19-5, beating Dartmouth and losing to Georgetown at Madison Square Garden in the NCAA.

Ray's second year (1943-44) was monumental, if for no other reason than it brought George Mikan to DePaul, heralding the start of his fabulous career, and ending with his being named the greatest player in the first 50 years of basketball. Ray's work with George is legendary. The combination of Ray's diligence and George's desire made it possible for Mikan to cope with any opposing center in the country. [Remember, George never played high school basketball.]

DePaul finished 20-3 in its first year with Mikan. In the NIT, we beat Muhlenberg and Oklahoma A&M (later Oklahoma State) and its towering seven-foot center, Bob Kurland. An interesting sidelight to that game developed as a result of Kurland's ability to goaltend (it was legal at this time) and knock out any

prospective basket attempts.

On the day of the game during the shoot around, we practiced banking the ball off the backboard to prevent Bob's goaltending efforts. This maneuver proved successful and we were able to get a lead on A&M and hold the ball for a win. Sorry to say we weren't able to do the same with St. John's, whom we played for the NIT championship, losing 47-39.

Ray Meyer, in winning 724 games in his 42 years at DePaul, accomplished what few college coaches can hope to achieve. To be inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 1979, along with his other honors, is a true indication of his lifelong contribution to the game of basketball.

In closing, mention should be made of the "Father of Indiana Basketball," Ralph Jones, who in my estimation deserves to be nominated for the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts and take his place alongside the likes of Ray Meyer, "Piggy" Lambert and John Wooden].

With the help of Roger Robison, we can get the wheels rolling. Ralph Jones should have been one of the first ever inducted. That is the measure of this true basketball pioneer, RALPH R. JONES!

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