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THE 1958 INDIANA ALL-STARS

by

Cliff Johnson, Editor

The selection of the 1958 Indiana All-Star squad resulted in an average height for the players that exceeded all former squads since the selection practice began in 1939. Moreover, several members of this 1958 team were good enough to become

outstanding players in NCAA competition.

Mike McCoy, the tallest member, stood an even 7-0, and was named Mr. Basketball for 1958. His team, F.W. South Side, had just won the state championship. Later, at the University of Miami, Mike topped the team in both scoring and rebounding his final two years there,

while leading the Hurricanes to a notable 23-5 year before graduating.

Mike was joined on the All-Star team by another South Sider, 6-0 sharpshooter Carl Stavreti. Stavreti was also recruited by coach Bruce Hale to play at Miami. He starred on the same team with McCoy and an up-and-coming All-American, Rick Barry.



BIGGEST IN HISTORY—The 1958 Indiana All-Stars, biggest in the history of the classic, will try to prove they are as good as they are big in two games against the Kentucky All-Stars, June 21 at Butler and June 28 at Louisville. Seated, left to right: Mike McCoy, Fort Wayne South; Charlie Hall, Terre Haute Gerstmeyer; Ed Searcy, Indianapolis Attucks; Carl Stavreti, Fort Wayne South; Terry Dischinger, Terre Haute Garfield,

and Darrell McQuitty, Elwood. Standing, left to right: Coach Angus Nicason, Bob McCracken, Springs Valley; Tim McGinley, Indianapolis Scecina; Bill Johnson, Jeffersonville; Norm Delph, Anderson; Dick Haslam, Crawfordsville; Jerry Bass, Morristown; Jim Morris, trainer, and Iran Floyd, West Lafayette, manager. (Star Photo)

Six-seven Terry Dischinger had graduated from Terre Haute Garfield, and as most of us know, went on to have a terrific career at Purdue, winning All-America honors three straight years. As a sophomore, he participated in the 1960 Olympics, and after earning a degree in chemical engineering embarked on a short but successful career in both amateur and pro ball.

At another Terre Haute school, 6-6 high-scoring and rebounding ace Charlie Hall led Gerstmeyer to two final four appearances in three years. Charlie went on to become a 3-year starter at Indiana University, leading the Hurryin' Hoosiers in rebounds his senior year (10.3) from a forward position. He also averaged a palatable 7.7 points per contest for those three years.

Indianapolis Crispus Attucks was represented by 6-5 Edgar Searcy, the eighth player on various Attucks' squads since 1939 to be so selected. Although showing great promise as a sophomore player at the University of Illinois, Edgar left school for a few years, then re-enrolled at Southern Illinois University in 1965 for a brief stint with the Saluki team while pursuing a degree in accounting. After graduating, Edgar joined Eli Lilly Co. as an auditor and CPA. Later he passed the bar exam and served as a licensed attorney in Indiana.

Tim McGinley, at 6-1, set a city scoring record in Indianapolis while attending Scecina High School. He joined Dischinger as a fellow freshman at Purdue in 1959. Tim became a mainstay on the Boilermaker team, concluding a 3-year varsity stint and scoring 615 points in 67 games played. McGinley enjoyed an illustrious career as an investment company founder and principal, while serving on the Purdue board of trustees for

twenty years, sixteen of them as Chairman.

From the Anderson Indians came 6-1 super shooter Norm Delph, who wound up with the Green Wave at Tulane University for a couple of years, under coach Cliff Wells.

Darrell McQuitty, from Elwood, at 6-5, played varsity ball three years for Purdue, like Dischinger and McGinley. He scored 293 points in total for the Boilermakers.

Slender Bill Johnson, a scrappy 6-1 red-haired forward and high-scoring floor general from the Jeffersonville Red Devils, enrolled at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee in the Fall. Bill became the leading scorer for the Commodores during his sophomore and junior seasons, but then succumbed to a debilitating illness that shortened his basketball playing effectiveness.

The Crawfordsville Athenians, runners-up to F.W. South Side in the state tournament, contributed 5-9 Dick Haslam to the team. Dick was the only Indiana All-Star in 1958 under six feet tall. At Butler, he was a 3-year starting guard, leading the Bulldogs to a 22-6 overall mark his senior year (1962) as team captain. A trip to the NCAA tournament was thus earned, and his team made it to the third round before bowing out to the University of Kentucky Wildcats.

The Indiana All-Stars' coach once again was to be Angus Nicoson, serving his seventh straight year as the team's mentor.

The 1958 high school All-Stars of Kentucky were certainly going to be nobody's patsies during the upcoming two-game duel in June. They had some height and muscle too, led by 6-4 scoring and rebounding ace Bobby Rascoe, from Daviess County High in Owensboro (KY). Rascoe's three college seasons of varsity later on at Western Kentucky University were nothing less than spectacular. He scored

1,687 points overall and was awarded All-America honors in 1962. He averaged 25.7 points per game for the Hilltoppers that year, and his team was invited to the NCAA tournament. The team advanced to the second round before being nipped by Butler, 87-86. Dick Haslam, one of Rascoe's Indiana All-Star opponents, was the leader on that future Butler team of 1962. Rascoe scored 29 points in the losing effort. Although being the 20th pick in the NBA draft, he saw no court action after being recruited. During the late 1960s he played three years in the ABA with the Kentucky Colonels.

But even with the awe-inspiring Rascoe in tow, the Kentucky All-Stars were not perceived to be a one-man show this year. 6-8 Harry Todd from Russell County High and Eddie Schnurr from the state champion Louisville Xavier were also considered potent weapons in the Bluegrass arsenal. Todd was Kentucky's Mr. Basketball along with co-honoree 6-7 Ralph Richardson from Earlington High. As a sophomore, Harry was a standout on the Russell County state champions. As a senior, he averaged an astonishing 30 points and 20 rebounds per game. He joined Rascoe to enroll in the fall, at Western Kentucky where they became teammates on a strong NCAA tournament contender. The 6-0 Schnurr was a definite scoring threat from a guard position. Eddie was later a 3-year starter at Notre Dame. Another key figure was 6-1 Larry Pursiful from Bell County H.S. in the small community of Balkan. Larry later played on high-powered teams for Adolph Rupp at U.K. where in three seasons the team won 60 games while losing only 19. Larry scored 946 points during that period and averaged 19.1 his senior year. Also on the All-Star team were

three Kentucky players named Smith: 6-4 Don, from Hazard; 5-8 Allen, from Maysville; and 6-6 Paul, from Clark County High. Strongman Al (“the Horse”) Feldhaus, at 6-5, hailed from Boone County H.S. The state’s number one scorer and another tough rebounder at 6-5 was Chuck Williams of Louisville Central. Those ten players constituted the Kentucky All-Star squad of 1958.

The first matchup was held on Saturday, June 21 at Butler Fieldhouse, with 12,000 spectators paying to witness the action. And what action it was! Intensity filled the air from the opening tip-off. The year’s first day of summer is usually expected to be hot, but the sweat created this evening was not just from the summer heat. This was a white knuckle affair from beginning to end. Two well-matched and talented teams were going at it tooth and nail, prompting many of the paid attendance to ignore the comfort of their seats in favor of standing amid all the ongoing excitement. Kentucky led Indiana slightly throughout most of the first half but was never able to build a commanding lead. As expected, Bobby Rascoe and Harry Todd were combining to put most of Kentucky’s points on the board. Rebounds were falling almost equally into the hands of each team. The score was 39-35 in favor of Kentucky by the time the players trotted to their respective locker rooms to plan second half strategies with their coaches. After maintaining a lead throughout most of the third quarter, Kentucky was eventually caught by the Hoosiers at 50-50 when big Ed Searcy swished the nets twice and Charlie Hall hit a charity toss. The fourth quarter kept spectators on their feet, as neither team was able to gain much of a margin. Each began catching fire and trading points freely. Indiana

was able to keep its lead, but only by two or three points. As the clock ran down to the two minute mark, Indiana was holding onto a 69-67 lead. Stavreti, Searcy, and Dischinger were trading field goals routinely with Todd, Rascoe, and Schnurr. With one minute remaining, Charlie Hall hit a corner shot to give Indiana a 73-69 lead, but Rascoe tallied to close the gap again to two points. Stavreti’s free throw made it 74-71 with just 24 seconds to go. Don Smith missed a technical foul free throw that would have brought Kentucky to within two points of Indiana. In the final few seconds, Rascoe and Stavreti traded free throws. Indiana’s lead remained at three points, but Kentucky had the ball out of bounds and raced down-court with it. Schnurr let go a shot at the buzzer that counted. However, the Blue-grassers came up one point short. The game ended with Indiana in front, 75-74. Rascoe led all scorers with 25 points. This was one of the most evenly matched games and the tightest of endings ever witnessed in the long interstate series.

The second game, played in Freedom Hall at Louisville on June 28, was less exciting but still interesting. A crowd of 14,000 fans showed up to see if Kentucky could exact revenge for the narrow loss a week earlier. Repeating the pattern of the first game, Kentucky came out fast and built a ten point lead at 20-10 after ten minutes of play. But by halftime, the Hoosiers had rallied and erased the idea of a possible Kentucky blow-out. They even took the lead, 31-29. By game’s end they had built up a convincing 11-point margin and won going away, 69-58. Dischinger was at his best, winding up with 23 points. Good assistance came from Hall, McQuitty, and Johnson. Kentucky’s efforts were led by Pursiful, Schnurr and, of

course, Rascoe. Rascoe topped Kentucky’s scoring once again with 16 points. There was a tie vote for the “Star of Stars” award this year, shared by Rascoe and Dischinger.

REVIEW OF 2016 STATE TOURNAMENTS

by

Tim Puet

The alma mater song of Cornell University, titled “Far Above Cayuga’s Waters,” is probably the most familiar tune of its type in the world. It actually comes from an 1857 ballad about a girl dying of tuberculosis. Dozens, if not hundreds of schools, have adapted it as their alma mater. Most readers of this publication will recognize it when I note that Indiana University is one of those schools. *Gloriana frangipana*.

OK, enough music history. Now that I’ve got you humming the tune, it’s time to explain that I’m writing about it because I never expected to hear it as a school’s fight song. But it serves as just that (probably as the alma mater, too) for the New Albany Bulldogs, winners of the 2016 Class 4A state championship. I was humming it as I left Bankers Life Fieldhouse at the end of this State Finals, and I suspect I might be hearing that song again at the same time next year, and maybe in 2018 as well. New Albany beat McCutcheon 62-59 to win the title, its second overall and first since 1973. The seniors on both teams scored a combined 14 points – seven apiece – so I won’t be surprised if I see the same teams on the same floor at the same time next year.

New Albany sophomore Romeo Langford was the player everyone was talking about before the game, with the coaches from Indiana, Purdue, Butler, and Kentucky all there to see him, while no doubt wishing they were competing in the

NCAA regionals that weekend. Langford didn't disappoint, scoring 28 points (below his 30.3 average). But what impressed me most about him was the way he played in the early stages of the game.

He scored only one point in the first quarter, missing all four of his field-goal attempts, and his team as a whole was only 3-for-13 from the floor. But Langford didn't panic, as one might expect a sophomore to do on the big stage. As a true shooter does, he kept putting up his shots, and eventually they started falling. He scored 11 in the second quarter and four in the third, then came up big in the final quarter to finish with 28, making 11 of 21 field-goal attempts.

New Albany was up 54-53 in the final minute when Langford made two free throws with 49.5 seconds left to make it 56-53. He hit a reverse dunk with 17 seconds left that made it 60-54, which seemed to nail things. But play was pretty loose in the ensuing few seconds and McCutcheon cut the margin to 61-59 on a two-pointer and a trey.

Langford closed out the scoring by going 1-for-2 from the line with 2.6 seconds left. McCutcheon had to go the length of the floor for a possible three to tie, but the in-bounds pass sailed from one end of the court to the other and out of bounds without touching anyone, giving New Albany the ball back. It was a crazy ending to a wild last few moments.

Isaac Hibbard, a junior guard, kept New Albany close when Langford was struggling, scoring 11 in the first half and finishing with 17. Another sophomore, point guard Sean East, had 10 points and a team-high five assists and also looked like someone playing beyond his years. With Langford, Hibbard, and East all coming back, New Albany certainly will be top-ranked and favored to repeat for 2016-17. The Bulldogs

finished 27-1, with the only loss to Pike in the season's fourth game.

McCutcheon has a sophomore star of its own in Robert Phinisee, who had 13 points and game highs of six assists and three steals, but was limited to two points and two assists in the second half. The Trester winner was Charles Phinisee (I don't know if he's Robert's brother), who was hurt early in the second half. Eddy Collins and Haden Deaton had 14 each and Gavin Dunbar 11 for the 28-4 Mavericks.

Langford has 1,303 points in two years and is just 161 points away from becoming the leading scorer in New Albany's long and distinguished century-plus of basketball, which goes back to the first state tournament in 1911 and a Bulldog team that finished unbeaten in the regular season in 1914 under coach Edwin Hubble of later telescope fame. With two more good years, Langford could join Marion Pierce and Deshaun Thomas in the 3,000-point club, and he's quite capable of making a run at Damon Bailey's 3,134.

Opposing coaches Jim Shannon of New Albany and Rick Peckinpaugh of McCutcheon, neither of whom had won a state title, entered the game having coached for a combined 69 seasons, with 1,011 wins – 32 and 495 for Shannon, 37 and 516 for Peckinpaugh. My notes say this was the largest combined victory total for two opposing coaches in a state title game at the time the game was played. Jack Keefer of Lawrence North and Basil Mawbey, then of Kokomo, whose teams opposed each other in the 1989 championship game, ultimately combined for more than 1,400 victories, with Keefer still coaching, but their total at the time of the 1989 game was less than the number for Shannon and Peckinpaugh.

Shannon, Lebanon's coach from

1994-98, joins the list of state championship coaches with Lebanon connections that includes former Park Tudor coach Ed Schilling, a Lebanon native, and former Tigers coaches Glenn Curtis (who also won a title at Lebanon) and Chet Hill. Many other schools have similar lists, of course. I just throw this in because I know Harley Sheets, once again my gracious host at tournament time, is no fan of either Shannon or Schilling. More on Park Tudor shortly.

In 3A, Marion, in its 21st state tournament, tied Muncie Central's record of eight state championships with a 73-68 victory over Evansville Bosse, another team that knows the road to Indianapolis, with eight trips to the finals and three state titles. Muncie Central's eight, of course, is and always will be the record for championships in the one-class era, as two of Marion's have come since class basketball began.

This was a classic "game of runs." Marion trailed 35-25 at the half, then scored a 3A record 31 points in the third quarter to go up 56-50 after three. Bosse went on a 13-1 tear to go back ahead 64-63, and the two traded leads before Marion took the lead for good at 67-66 and held on. This was a very fast-paced game. My notes say "one official just can't keep up."

Reggie Jones of Marion scored 22 and his four late foul shots iced the win, but the Giants' Juswon White was my MVP, coming off the bench to score 17 after averaging four in the regular season. Teammates Tim Leavell had 14 and Vijay Blackmon 12.

Blackmon, of course, is a familiar name in Marion. Vijay's brother, James Jr., plays for IU, and his dad, James Sr., had a Hall of Fame career with the Giants before coaching Deshaun Thomas and Fort Wayne Luers to titles in 2008 and 2009. His

52 points in a losing effort in 1983 remains the record for a state championship game, and no one has come within nine points of that mark in three-plus decades.

Blackmon's coaching opponent, Shane Burkhart, also is a Marion graduate and was an assistant for the Giants before coming to Evansville. The Bulldogs are another team who could be returning to Bankers Life Fieldhouse next March, as they have plenty of talent coming back, led by 5-foot-9 sophomore Mekhi Lairy, who scored 28 against Marion and averaged 18.1 for the season coming into the game. Javi Langley, a junior, added 15 for the Bulldogs. Ethan Thomas of Bosse was the Trester awardee. Marion finished 23-7 and Bosse 19-11.

This game was the big story leading into the state finals, not because of Marion's attempt to win its eighth crown, but because no one knew what the matchup would be until late Wednesday night. The Marion-Griffith semistate championship game scheduled the previous Saturday at Lafayette had to be postponed because Griffith's team bus overturned on the way to the game after being struck by a car. All 27 people on the bus, plus the car driver and her passenger, were taken to hospitals, but there were no life-threatening injuries. All the players were able to compete four days later against Marion in a game the Giants won 60-58 on a buzzer-beating putback by Gage Pinkerton, a 6-10 junior. Pinkerton's height seemed his sole asset, but at that moment it was a significant one.

Griffith had made it to the state championship game the previous year with the help of a court decision. The IHSAA had suspended Hammond and Griffith from the tournament after a fight in a regular-season game in February, but Griffith appealed the decision and

won. It seems the Panthers can't avoid getting into interesting situations.

Marion's championship was the first for a member of the once-dominant North Central Conference since New Castle's 3A title in 2006. Of course, a lot has changed in the NCC since then. New Castle's no longer a member, while McCutcheon, Harrison, and original NCC member Indy Tech have been added. Tech won the 4A title in 2014, but didn't rejoin the NCC until the following year.

I was expecting Park Tudor, which moved into 3A because of the success factor, to be in its fifth championship game in six years, but the Panthers lost 66-56 to Brebeuf in the regional. Despite my lengthy rambling about the tournament, I don't pay that much attention to Hoosier Hysteria until around February, so wasn't aware until I got to Indy of the turmoil involving former Park Tudor coach Kyle Cox. Given the situation, it's probably remarkable that the Panthers again had another outstanding season.

As was the case the previous year, the small-school title games were one-sided, with Lapel defeating Indianapolis Howe 59-37 in 2A and Liberty Christian taking the 1A title 64-45 against Bloomfield.

My notes on Howe say "deer in the headlights." The Hornets looked just overwhelmed, shooting 21 percent from the floor at halftime and 27 percent for the game. To show what a sleeper this was, Howe outscored Lapel 8-6 in the fourth quarter, a time when most teams usually have their highest scoring totals.

JonRoss Richardson scored 21, Triston Carpenter 12, and Kamron Herrington 11 for 26-4 Lapel, which won its second state title, both under coach Jimmie Howell, who won the 2A crown in 2005. Howe's Brian

Warren, the Trester recipient, who averaged 22.9 going in, had 11, and Tyler Pannell 10 for 23-8 Howe.

The 1A game was (cliché alert!) closer than the score indicated. Liberty Christian led throughout, but saw almost all of a 40-28 third-quarter lead evaporate and was ahead 44-43 with 7:22 left. The Lions then went on an 18-0 run to put the game away. Franklin Nunn had 19 points, Caleb Hardy 14, Greg Dixon 12, and Ronny Williams 10 for Liberty, which finished 26-4 and won the first championship for an Anderson school since Anderson High in 1946. Brandon Van Sant scored 19 and Eli Combs 10 for Bloomfield, also 26-4.

Combs won the mental attitude award, which was renamed for Ray Craft, a member of the 1954 Milan state champions who was part of the IHSAA staff for 25 years, retiring as assistant commissioner in 2008. It's a well-deserved honor, which I'm sure pleases both Craft's many fans and those who believe the IHSAA should disassociate itself from Arthur Trester because of his well-documented racial attitudes.

I wrote a lot last year about the IHSAA success factor and a little about the OHSAA competitive balance plan, which was supposed to go into effect this past season. The success factor seems to have been accepted with little complaint, and the Ohio plan has been delayed to 2017-18, so there's not much to be said about either at this point.

Conseco Fieldhouse did not sell out for either season of the State Finals, with attendance at the morning games being a little more than 10,000 – a pattern that's been consistent for several years. However, in Ohio, crowds at the 12 individual state tournament sessions – semifinals and finals in each of four classes – also continued to trend downward. And in my home state of Pennsylvania, total combined

attendance for four boys and four girls championship games played in Hershey in four doubleheaders was 17,096. I don't know how other states compare, but Indiana still appears to be setting the standard, albeit at a reduced level.

INDIANA GYMS FADING AWAY?

by
Gregory Doyel,
 Indianapolis Star Columnist

ANDERSON — John Powless drives up as I'm walking a basketball burial ground. Powless, in a white Chevy Blazer with dents on both doors, rolls slowly past the crane and the backhoe and three men in hard hats staring balefully at him. All of us are in the parking lot of the Wigwam, the old high school gymnasium that opened in 1961 and has welcomed everyone from the Anderson Indians to the Indiana Pacers to the Harlem Globetrotters. Richard Nixon held a campaign rally here. So did a Kennedy (Bobby) and a Clinton (Hillary).

But now it's decomposing right before our eyes. The parking lot is crowded with mountains of twisted metal and other garbage. There are five overflowing trash bins and two portable toilets. The whole mess is ringed by yellow caution tape. John Powless has his eyes on two desks on the fringes of the trash. "They're for my wife," he tells me. "We have two 6-year-olds who need a place to study and do homework."

The Anderson Wigwam was once the second-biggest high school gym in the country. It closed in 2011 (Photo: Gregg Doyel/IndyStar). Used to be, this was the place for some of the best high school basketball in Indiana. The Wigwam held 8,996 fans and was rocking in the 1970s and '80s, when the Indians reached the state title game three

times in six years. They lost those games by four points, then two, then one.

dissolving. It went down to two high schools, then one. General Motors employed one in three adults in



Anderson Wigwam, Exterior



Anderson Wigwam, Interior

The 1970s energy crisis devastated Anderson, eliminating one factory, one job, one family at a time. Once a town of 70,000 with three large high schools and two dozen General Motors plants, Anderson started

Anderson in its 1970s heyday, but GM closed its last factory here in 1999. Anderson is down to 55,000 residents, an aging population with thousands of GM retirees. The future of Anderson is unsteady as

John Powless sizes up two rain-beaten desks. Today there isn't a cloud in the sky. The sun is shining brightly on the decaying homes and businesses that surround what was once the second-biggest high school gym in the country. The Wigwam closed in 2011.

Twenty miles to the northeast, another historic basketball gym is looking into the same abyss. The building will need at least \$265,000 in repairs to be deemed structurally safe (*Photo: Nate Chute/The Star Press*). Faces of the dead welcome visitors to the Muncie Fieldhouse. They are pictures of state championship basketball teams from Muncie Central, starting with coach Pete Jolly's champions of 1928 and 1931. Another team picture is so faded, the boys' faces are disappearing and the words – if there were any – are gone.

Muncie Fieldhouse seats about 6,000 now, less than its capacity of 7,635 when it opened in December 1928. The crowds aren't so big anymore, and the grand old gym at the corner of Walnut and Wysor shows its age. Most of the arched windows were bricked in years ago, but today there are heating and electrical and plumbing issues, and that's not the worst of it. A recent inspection discovered structural problems, with steel risers needing more support and a floor that is breaking apart, rising and falling as if an earthquake has hit the area. School officials say the repairs will cost at least \$265,000, and that's just to make the 88-year-old facility structurally safe. Add the cost of repairing deteriorating exterior façade and brick joints, repainting locker rooms coated with what officials believe is lead-based paint, and replacing a 1950s heating system –and what do you have? A potential \$3 million financial disaster for a Muncie Community Schools

corporation that already is \$11.5 million in debt. The school is considering the most sensible and painful solution for its athletics teams: Leaving the fieldhouse, perhaps for Southside Middle School.

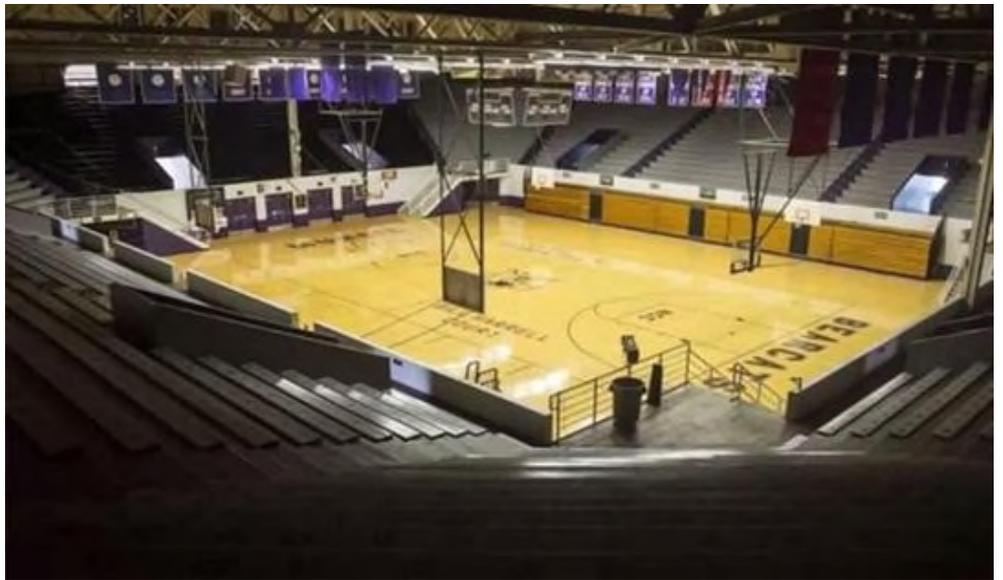
The fieldhouse was home to Ray

money. Chief Financial Officer Deborah Williams told The Star Press the board cannot justify spending a small fortune on a facility used by a small percentage of students, not with the corporation facing a deficit of \$11.5 million.

Like Anderson, Muncie had three



The Muncie Fieldhouse is showing its age



Muncie Fieldhouse, Interior

McCallum, Bonzi Wells and that incredible 1960 Muncie Central team whose starting lineup featured three future NBA players (Ron Bonham, Jim Davis and Bill Dinwiddie) and a fourth who would play in the NFL (Jim Nettles). But it is hemorrhaging

high schools in the 1970s, but the elimination of factory jobs in the Rust Belt hit Muncie hard as well. And it's like what Bruce Springsteen sang in "My Hometown": "Foreman says these jobs are going, boys, and they ain't coming back." Muncie's

economy shifted over the years to education and health services, and its population holds steady in the 70,000 range. But it's down to one high school.

On the day I visited Muncie, cheery signs hanging from lampposts on Walnut Street celebrate the city's 150th birthday in 2015. The signs outside the Muncie Fieldhouse are ominous. No decision has been made about the fieldhouse's future, but the parking lot here has two trash bins, a portable toilet, a tractor and stacks of barricades. A roll of yellow caution tape is ready. Just in case.

Stew Robinson hit two free throws they still remember in Anderson, both after the buzzer – standing alone on the court – to beat crosstown rival Highland for the 1982 sectional championship. Steve Alford missed two, allowing Anderson to escape New Castle in 1983.

Madison Heights' Ray Tolbert played here before winning IndyStar Mr. Basketball in 1977 and helping lead Indiana to the 1981 NCAA championship. Anderson's Troy Lewis played here before winning Mr. Basketball in 1984 and becoming the all-time scoring leader at Purdue. The ABA Pacers of Freddie Lewis and Mel Daniels and Roger Brown and Bob Netolicky played here in 1969. That was Slick Leonard's first season. The Wigwam's last game? It was February 2011. Bishop Chatard was in town. Anderson had lost 11 games in a row, but it would not lose No. 12, when the horn sounded on the Indians' 47-42 victory.

The Wigwam was in trouble, everyone in Anderson knew that, but still it was a shock several months later when the school board closed it, citing the \$550,000 annual cost to maintain the facility. Five years later it still sits empty, emptier now than

ever. Peek inside the windows of Gate 6, and you'll see an empty hallway save for the John Deere tractor parked inside. Silver insulation hangs from the ceiling. Down the hall is the trophy case. Look hard enough, and you can see the trophies are still inside.

The Wigwam now is owned by BWI, an Indianapolis real estate company that specializes in Section 42 affordable housing. BWI saved the Wigwam from destruction in August 2014, agreeing to terms with the city and school board of Anderson five days before the board's demolition deadline. But two years later the Wigwam is the same empty husk, and the parking lot is another blight on a neighborhood that has seen better days. In one pile near the gym, a piece of twisted metal is poking through a window, trying to get back inside.

To the chagrin of locals, BWI asked the city of Anderson for \$5 million in May to help get the construction project started. That, on top of asking the city to lower the appraised value of the land from \$11.9 million to \$650,000. That would provide an enormous tax break for BWI, which did not respond to requests for comment. BWI has indicated it plans a \$42 million housing complex here that already has a website, but some in Anderson want BWI, even the Wigwam, to go away. "They haven't done anything to the building since they bought it," one reader of the Herald Bulletin of Anderson wrote in a letter to the editor. "What else will they want, and does it even guarantee they will get this project started and finished?" Wrote another: "Just tear it down. Really tired of hearing about it."

So it is. The Wigwam, once the pride of Anderson and a symbol of a thriving basketball town, is now an annoyance. Will the same thing

happen 20 miles away, to venerable Muncie Fieldhouse? Seems unthinkable, but then, the unthinkable is happening in Anderson. Before that 2011 game, that 47-42 victory against Bishop Chatard, Anderson coach Ron Hecklinski told the crowd of 3,000: "The Wigwam is Anderson." Five years later, a demolition permit is taped to the window of a gym door. The only signs of life nearby are the weeds growing in the parking lot and John Powless, a 1986 graduate of Anderson High, loading two desks into his Chevy Blazer.

THE BLOOMINGTON TOURNEYS: 1911-20.

VI: 1916: The final year at Assembly Hall

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The school year of 1915/16 coincided with the second year of World War I--August of 1914 to November of 1918. The United States was not yet involved. During 1916 President Woodrow Wilson ran for re-election on the slogan "He kept us out of the War." Wilson would be re-elected in November along with Hoosier Thomas Marshall (Columbia City) as his Vice President. They defeated Republicans Charles E. Hughes and Hoosier Charles W. Fairbanks (Indianapolis).

On March 9 of 1916, one day before the sectionals began, Mexican revolutionary general Pancho Villa (1878-1923) led 100 of his bandits to attack the U.S. Army 13th Cavalry Regiment at Columbus, NM; allegedly in search of horses and military equipment (Figure 1, P. Villa). Eighteen Americans were killed. Shortly thereafter, Congress passed an Army Bill to encourage students to join the National Guard. Students could earn \$1.00 a week

plus \$1.50 an hour for “drilling,” plus \$1.50 a day when “in camp.” Enlistment was normally for three years.



Figure 1

The lucky devils at Indiana and Purdue who signed up for this easy money found themselves on the Mexican border when the Guard was “called up” in June 1916. From June until March of 1917, President Wilson sent 5,000 troops under General John “Black Jack” Pershing into Mexico in pursuit of Villa. They never caught him. Students were “mustered out” of the Guard just in time to be drafted into World War I by April 1917. Young men, ages 21-30, faced conscription beginning in May of 1917. National Guard and army service would affect high school and college teams and coaches from 1916 to 1919, as history now records.

The Indiana University Booster’s Club (IUBC) was still funding the high school tourney in Bloomington whereas the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) was in charge of determining eligibility and the organization of the play-offs. I.U. was in the process of building a new men’s gym, which would replace the 1896 Assembly Hall and be ready for the 1917 Tourney. Purdue had replaced an old barn gym with its new Memorial Gym in 1909, when coach Ralph Jones was lured away from Wabash. The Memorial Gym (1909-34) was dedicated to the memory of the 1903 football team involved in a fatal train wreck on its

way to play I.U. in Indianapolis [1].

Two special trains on the Big Four Railroad [Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis] had been chartered on October 31 to take 1500 passengers to the game at the neutral site of Washington Park in Indianapolis. After rounding a curve near 18th Street, the lead special collided with a coal train which had inadvertently been backed onto the main line. Thirteen Purdue players and four other passengers were killed. One of the victims was Harry G. Leslie, who was captain of both the football and baseball teams. He was pronounced dead at the scene and was removed to a mortuary. As the morticians began embalming, they discovered a pulse and rushed him to a hospital where he lingered near death for weeks. Leslie eventually recovered to graduate with a law degree and become Governor of Indiana while walking with a cane for the rest of his life.

Purdue’s Memorial Gym honored the memory of those who died in the wreck. The front stairway had 17 steps for each of the deceased. Memorial was the home of the Big Ten basketball champions of 1911, ’12, ’21, ’22, ’26, ’28, ’30, ’32 and ’34. The gym seated around 2500 (Fig. 2, Memorial Gym). At the 2003 centennial of the wreck, a tunnel in Ross-Ade Stadium was also dedicated in memory of the deceased. In 2006, the gym was renamed “Felix Haas Hall.”



Figure 2

Indiana University (I.U.) had started out at the corner of 2nd Street and College Ave but had suffered

severe fire damage in 1883. During 1884-1908, the campus began moving northeast to the area of a 160-acre farm owned by the Dunn family since they arrived from Kentucky in 1823. It was bordered by 3rd and 10th streets and Indiana and Jordan Avenues in Bloomington, where the numbered streets run east-west. By 1897, I.U. had purchased 51 acres of Dunn’s woods and meadowland, including what later became Jordan Field for the baseball and football teams. I.U. decided to build the new gym on a hill just north of Jordan Field, on East 7th Street (Fig. 3, I.U. - Dunn Farm).

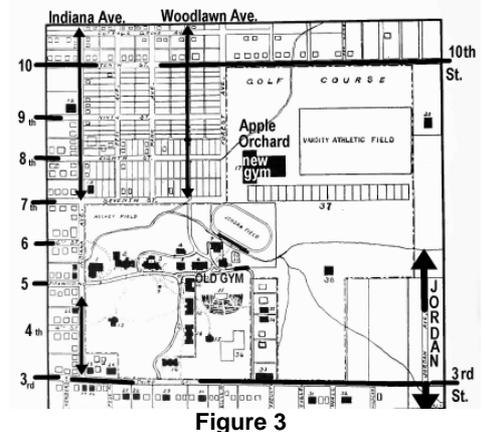


Figure 3

This was the site of the former home of Moses Dunn. It contained over 200 old apple trees. On October 23 of 1915, the IUBC organized about 500 males and supplied them with hand axes and saws, while 200 co-eds supplied food and apple cider in the assault on the apple orchard (Figure 4). W.L. Bryant, the



Figure 4

President at I.U. from 1902-37, took part in the event (Figure 5). Miraculously, no one lost an

appendage of any kind. The new gym would open in January of 1917 and seat 2500, matching the number of seats at Purdue. Naturally, the builder, A.E. Kemmer of Lafayette, was shocked to find seven feet of solid limestone rock underneath the soil at that site [2,3].



PRES. WILLIAM L. BRYAN

Figure 5

1916 Season Records & Favorites

The IHSAA had arranged for an increased number of sectional elimination tournaments for 1916 because the number of paid entries had increased by almost 29% (43/150) [4]; Table A.

Table A. Tournament Entries 1911-16 [4]

Year	IHSAA Members	Entries	Tourney Format
1911	222	12	Limited to Invitations
1912	244	13	Limited to Invitations
1913	258	38	Open to IHSAA schools
1914	314	77	Open to IHSAA schools
1915	387	153	14 sectional divisions
1916	448	198	16 sectional divisions

Prior to the sectionals, several teams were noted to have excellent records and were, thus, considered the favorites [2,5] (Table B). And, as all five previous winners had come from either Montgomery

County (Crawfordsville, Wingate) or Boone (Lebanon, Thorntown), teams from there were always highly regarded. Lebanon had already sent 11 players to various Indiana colleges, including five to Purdue [6]

Table B. Pre-Tourney Favorites [2,5]

Favorites	Records
Crawfordsville	19-3
Fairmount Academy	12-3
Vincennes	12-3
Liberty Center	16-3
Kokomo:	14-3
Hopewell	11-3
Cicero	18-3-1
Lebanon	15-4
Lafayette	12-4
Seymour	11-4
Richmond	16-4
Bloomington	11-5
Thorntown	14-9
Valparaiso	???
Wingate	???
<u>OTHERS</u>	
Muncie	12-2
Washington	13-5
New Castle	11-6-1
Rochester	16-7

Crawfordsville had an outstanding record (19-3) and returned four starters from 1915: Grimes (F); Manson (C); Hunt (G); and Coffing (G), as well as sixth man Klendworth (F). Coach L.J.C. Freeman (1887-1949), a teetotaler known as Brandy, had started for the Wabash Wonder Five in 1905-08 when they were mythical national titlists in '06 and '08. For 1916, he started the four holdovers from 1915; three seniors and junior Grimes, plus senior Clay Bunnell at forward. Seniors Klendworth (F) and Maxwell (G) came off the bench. The team's three loses came when they split with Wingate, Lebanon and New Richmond [7].

Lebanon was 15-4 and its coach, Ward Lambert, was widely considered the best in the state. Lambert had a record of 14-4, 19-4, and 17-5 for his three previous years at Lebanon. He had lost four senior starters from 1915 and returned only juniors big Frank Little and George White. For 1916, Lambert started Little (G), sophomore sensation Don

White (G), senior M. McCormick (C), junior Harry DeVol (F), and sophomore Gerald Gardner (F). Junior George White (G) and freshman Fred Adams (F) came off the bench. Thus, Lebanon was loaded with underclassmen and only **one** senior starter. Lebanon lost four games when they split with Crawfordsville, defending champ Thorntown, Lafayette, and Anderson. [6]

In 1915 there had been fourteen sectional elimination tournaments for the 153 schools that paid to enter. Three schools had to forfeit in 1915: Wea Twp. (Tippecanoe Co.), Warsaw, and Moorefield (Jefferson Co.). The number of sectionals increased to sixteen for 1916 as 198 schools entered. In 1916 three sectional sites were dropped and five new ones chosen: Gary, Terre Haute, Martinsville, Logansport, and Vincennes. Five schools had to forfeit in 1916: Rochester, Warsaw, Swayzee (Grant Co.), Brook (Newton Co.) and Interlaken (LaPorte Co.). Travel expenses and unanticipated illnesses could be daunting for some small schools, but it was startling when Rochester forfeited to Akron in its own sectional (Table C).

Table C. Sectional Sites 1915-16 [4]

Site	Number of teams	
	1915	1916
Anderson	11	16
Bedford	11	13
Bluffton	15	12
Crawfordsville	11	14
Franklin	14	11
Kokomo	10	11-1*
LaFayette	10-1*	12
Lebanon	16	10
Richmond	08	13
Rochester	9-1*	13-2*
Seymour	8-1*	11
Vincennes	-	10
Logansport	-	14
Martinsville	-	12
Gary	-	13-2*
Terre Haute	-	13
Hammond	10	-
Brazil	10	-
Evansville	10	-
Paid entries:	153	198
*forfeits	-3	-5
Totals:	150	193

SECTIONALS: MARCH 10-11, 1916
[2, 8, 9, 10, 11]**Tournament sites & key games, with W-L records (when known)****ANDERSON: Cicero (22-3-1)**

Cicero > Mt. comfort	73-9
Cicero > Yorktown	45-15
Cicero > Muncie	23-19
Cicero > Anderson	18-12

BEDFORD: Bloomington (14-5)

Bloom. > Bedford	29-13
Bloom. > Owensburg	33-9
Bloom. > Salem	25-14

BLUFFTON: LibertyCenter (20-3)

Liberty C > Hudson	44-15
Liberty C > Bluffton	30-29
Liberty C > Pleasant Lake	42-31
Liberty C > Huntington	32-19

CRAWFORDSVILLE: (23-4)

Crawfords. > New Market	39-16
Crawfords. > Pine Village	62-27
Crawf. > New Richmond	61-18
Crawfords. > Wingate	53-09

FRANKLIN: Hopewell (15-3)

Hopewell > Morristown	17-16
Hopewell > Franklin	28-11
Hopewell > Shelbyville	33-17
Hopewell > Trafalger	36-19

GARY: Valparaiso: two forfeits

LaPorte > Interlaken	2 - 0
Whiting > Brook	2 - 0
Valpo. > Crown Point	39-10
Valpo. > LaPorte	30-29
Froebel > Whiting	28-16
Valpo. > Froebel	25-15

KOKOMO: (17-3); one forfeit

Fairmont > Swayzee	2 - 0
Kokomo > Sharpsville	63-16
Kokomo > Windfall	45-19
Fairmont Acad.>Fairmont	25-24
Koko. > Fairmount Acad.	25-21

LAFAYETTE: (16-4)

Lafayette > Boswell	80-11
Lafayette > Chalmers	48-13
Lafayette > Monticello	29-22
Lafayette > W. Lafayette	55-12

LEBANON: (18-4)

Lebanon > Rossville	29-16
Lebanon > Thorntown	15-12
Lebanon > Amo	41-11

LOGANSPORT: Washington Twp.

W. Twp. > Walton	69-06
W. Twp. > Peru	34-13
W. Twp. > Bringhurst	31-25
W. Twp > Logansport	29-16

MARTINSVILLE:

Mart. > Manual	29-19
Mart. > New Bethel	33-13
Martinsville > Southport	49-17

RICHMOND: Brookville

Brookville > Mt. Summit	35-12
Brookville > Liberty	46-20
Brookville > Carthage	31-30
Brookville > Richmond	19-17

ROCHESTER: Elkhart: (9-4); 2 forfeits

Akron > Rochester	2 - 0
Medaryville > Warsaw	2 - 0
Elkhart > Plymouth	27-17
Elkhart > Nappanee	20-16
Elkhart > Culver	20-15
Medaryville > Akron	35-18
Elkhart > Medaryville	19-16

SEYMOUR: (15-4)

Seymour > N. Vernon	53-13
Seymour > Moorefield	50-18
Seymour > Vevey	53-12
Seymour > Milan	37-19

TERRE HAUTE. Clinton

Clinton > Brazil	26-24
Clinton > Glenn	44-08
Clinton > Sullivan	30-11
Clinton > Rockville	24-16

VINCENNES: (15-3)

Vincennes > Jasper	93-9
Vincennes > Evansville	47-27
Vincennes > Washington	33-23

OTHER TEAMS Pre-tourn. Post-tourn.

Richmond	16-4	18-5
(lost to Brookville at Richmond)		
Rochester	16-7	16-8
(forfeit to Akron at Rochester)		
Thorntown	14-9	16-10
(lost to Lebanon at Lebanon)		
Washington	13-5	15-6
(lost to Vincennes at Vincennes)		
Muncie	12-2	14-3
(lost to Cicero at Anderson)		
Fairmount Academy	12-3	15-4
(lost to Kokomo at Kokomo)		
New Castle	11-6-1	12-7-1
(lost to Richmond at Richmond)		
Frankfort	04-17	5-18
(lost to Amo at Lebanon)		
Jasper	01-4	1-5
(lost to Vincennes at Vincennes)		

At Anderson, Cicero (18-3-1) lived up to its billing and surprised the big boys in the Gas Belt; taking out Muncie by four and Anderson by six. At Bedford, Bloomington won in both 1915 and '16 with the same four starters: Wells (F), Easton (F), May (C), and Loudon (G). At Bluffton, Liberty Center [16-3] edged the host by one, and took out three others by an average of 17+ points. At Crawfordsville, the host decisively took the rubber match from Wingate 53-9, while averaging 53.75 points a game.

Lafayette, a city of 21,000 at the time, had finished 12-4 for the season after splitting home and away games with Montmorenci, Lebanon, Kokomo, and Monticello. It won the rubber from Monticello by seven and beat the hamlets of Boswell, Chalmers and West Lafayette by 69, 35 and 43 points. Lebanon took out the defending champ Thorntown 15-12 in its rubber match. The starting guard at Kokomo, Fred Bell, died of appendicitis just prior to the Sectional. Fairmont Academy, the darling of the 1915 final four, lost to Kokomo by four.

Another newcomer was Martinsville which played a few

unorganized games during 1911-13. In '14 it joined the IHSAA, went 6 and 1, and traveled to Bloomington for the open tourney in '14 where it lost its first game. In 1915 it was 15-6 and in '16 it went 13 and 4, winning its own initial sectional. Sophomore Claude Curtis led the team[12].

Measles had infected Rochester and had incapacitated three of the seven member team selected to play in the tourney. Rochester attempted to play with just four boys against Akron, but Cole collapsed with a high fever and had to be sidelined, leading to the forfeit.

After Rockville beat all the Terre Haute schools, Clinton won the sectional there. Vincennes got even with Evansville and started 100 years of animosity by whipping Jasper, 93-9. Previously, the Alice's had gone 3-5, 4-5, 5-6, and 2-2 from 1911 to '14. However, it went 9-3 in 1915 and now with 15-3 headed into the state finals. This was the first of the record 67 single-class sectionals it would win through 1997 [11].

As usual, the sectional winners would be provided free room and board at the ten Greek fraternities and other independent clubs at I.U., just as in 1915. However, Martinsville disdained the fraternity environment. The team rented a private house, hired a cook and purchased its own food and drink. Due to the automobile standards of 1916 and the lack of decent roads to Bloomington (lasting until 1952), train travel was the only reliable way to get there. You had your choice of either the Monon or Illinois Central railroads, as no changes were honored on the Wabash Cannonball. Assembly Hall seated 1250, and 1200 of those seats were sold in advance. Bloomington High fans bought 150, Martinsville 125, and Crawfordsville and Lebanon took 50 each.

STATE FINALS: 16 Teams. [2, 8, 9, 10]

There were two officials for the tourney, one for each game: Merle Abbett and Bert Westover. Four rules in effect for the 1916 tourney had a bearing on the games [13]. (1) Substitutions were permitted at any time if the scorer and the timer were both notified. However, no re-entry was allowed once a player left the game (a **1904/05** Rule). (2) Violations with the ball such as traveling or double dribbling were called Technical Fouls (TFs). These TFs counted toward a five foul player limit and then free throws were awarded. For **1910/11**, that was changed and the TFs did not count toward the five foul player limit, but free throws (FTs) were still awarded (until 1922/'23). All personal fouls and TFs resulted in one and only one FT for the other team and was in effect for the entire 40 minutes of the game. (3) Due to the 1910/11 rule change in TFs, the next year player ejections became enforced after only four fouls on a player (that rule lasted until 1944/'45). (4) A new rule for 1911/12 decreased a team's time outs from three per half to only three per game.

Friday, March 17, 1916 at Assembly Hall

(Game 1) 9 am: Lebanon vs. Bloomington, final score 25-15

In game one, Bloomington was no match for Lebanon although the score was only 10-9 at halftime. Lebanon's two forwards put in four field goals (FG) and three free throws (FT); while center McCormick caged seven goals. Lebanon guards Frank Little and Don White were scoreless while playing superior defense. Lebanon committed four personal fouls (PFs) and two Technical Fouls (TFs) but Bloomington made only 1 of its 6

FTs. Bloomington was led by forward Easton who scored five FGs, and Loudon a guard with two FGs. Senior forward Cliff Wells scored one FT. Bloomington committed three PFs and no TFs, while Lebanon sank 3 of 3 FTs.

(Game 2) 10 am: Martinsville vs. Washington Twp, final score 53-22

A Martinsville blowout by 31 points was led by center C. Kriner with ten goals, forwards Sanders with seven goals, and Claude Curtis with five goals. The guards added another nine points. Both teams committed four PFs and the winners also had two TFs. Martinsville made 3 of 4 FTs, while Washington made only 2 of 6.

(Game 3) 11 am: Liberty Center vs. Elkhart, final score 28-25

Liberty made a fashion statement with lavender and yellow uniforms. Its team also scored 12 goals and four FT to win by three over a one-man team. Stahr of Elkhart scored 23 of his team's 25 points--11 goals and one FT. Liberty was led by center Buckner with five FGs and 4 of 6 FTs. Liberty committed only 2 personal fouls. Elkhart had five PFs and one TF. Liberty converted 4 of 6 FTs.

(Game 4) 2 pm: Lafayette vs. Hopewell, final score 39-27

In a very rough game, LaFayette committed nine PFs and three TFs while Hopewell had six PFs and one TF. It was tied early at 12-all but Lafayette led 20-17 at the Half. Guard Donald Tilson and center Ray Campbell led the scoring with 8 and 6 FGs respectively for the winners. Forwards Cosby and Draper added four FGs and were replaced in the second half by subs Cannon and Weil.

(Game 5) 3 pm: Valparaiso vs.

Cicero, final score 34-23

Described as a crew of giants, Valpo was led by forward R.F. Loring with 8 FGs. It led 17-13 at halftime and committed four PFs compared to six for Cicero. Cicero had 3 TFs, while Valpo had none.

(Game 6) 4 pm: Vincennes vs. Brookville, final score 18-16

Neither team seemed to warrant a win. Vincennes committed nine PFs and had four TFs leading to 13 FTs for Brookville which made only 2 of its 13 FTs. Vincennes made only 2 of 13, as well. The Brookville center, Bossert, had 6 FGs but missed 8 FTs. Brookville committed six PFs and had 7 ball violations (TFs), mostly double dribbling, that led to the 13 FTs for Vincennes. Fortunately for Vincennes, it had Von Trees who scored 16 points on 7 FGs and 2 FTs.

(Game 7) 5 pm: Kokomo vs. Seymour, final score 37-13

The taller Kokomo squad blew Seymour out with 14 FGs and 9 of 12 attempted FTs, compared to 6 FGs and 1 of 4 FTs by Seymour. Seymour committed 12 PFs relative to only 4 by the winners.

(Game 8) 7:30 pm: Crawfordsville vs. Clinton, final score 40-17

This was another blow-out although the score was only 8-7 at the half. The Clinton captain, guard Nurnberger, who had 3 FGs, fouled out immediately at the beginning of the second half, after which Crawfordsville dominated by scoring 32 points to Clinton's 10. Clinton committed seven PFs but Crawfordsville hit none of its FTs while scoring 20 FGs. Grimes tallied seven goals, while Manson and Bunnell got six goals each. Crawfordsville used Klendworth and Maxwell as subs for Bunnell and Grimes.

(Game 9) 8:30 pm: Martinsville vs. Lebanon, final score 16-13

The last game of the day featured the first contest of the second round (the final eight). It was a defensive struggle featuring excellent play by the opposing guards: Frank Little and Don White for Lebanon and Shireman and Goss for Martinsville. At the ten minute mark, there was no score at 0-0. By halftime it was 4-2 after Martinsville center Kriner got loose for two FGs and Lebanon guard Gardner caged one. In the second half, Lebanon's Gardner scored 2 FGs and 3 FTs while White and sub Adams added two FGs for 11 points. However, Martinsville got 3 FGs from Claude Curtis and one from Sanders, while Shireman sank 4 of 4 FTs to total 12 second half points. Lebanon committed 4 PFs to Martinsville's 5.

Continuation—Saturday, March 18, 1916 at Assembly Hall

(Game 10) 8 am: Lafayette vs. Liberty Center, final score 60-19

It was midnight for Liberty Center, the lavender and yellow Cinderella team (20-4) from the Bluffton area. It was Christmas for Lafayette (LAF) in a 41 point rout. It was 20-0 before Liberty scored. Lafayette got 8 FGs each from guard Tilson and center Campbell, while forwards Draper and Cosby collected seven and four goals respectively. Liberty was led by Buckner (C) with four goals and five FT. Lafayette's coach Apking was able to substitute Cannon and Weil to rest Tilson and Campbell.

(Game 11) 9 am: Vincennes vs. Valparaiso, final score 22-16.

This game was considered an upset. Valpo coach Shafer blundered when he tried to rest his big center Dalrymple in the opening half against what he considered a weak opponent that had appeared lucky to

edge out Brookville. Vincennes and Von Tress opened up with a 12-1 lead before Dalrymple was finally inserted. Valpo was still ten back at the Half: 17-7. In the second half Valpo outscored Vincennes 9-5 but it was not enough to overcome the disastrous start. Von Tress scored 8 FGs and three FTs to lead the winners, while his teammates chipped in three points. Loring caged 3 FGs for the losers who committed 6 PFs and had 4 TFs, compared to 8 PFs for Vincennes.

(Game 12) 10 am: Crawfordsville vs. Kokomo 36-21

Crawfordsville had no trouble in a 15-point win. Coffing and Hunt, both guards, were outstanding. Crawfordsville led out at 9-0, and it was 17-6 at the half. Forwards Bunnell and Grimes combined for 30 points in the win, and Mason added six. Coach Freeman was able to substitute Klendworth and Maxwell to rest Grimes and Bunnell. Six PFs were called on each team.

THE FINAL FOUR

(Game 13) 2 pm: Lafayette vs. Martinsville, final score 29-17

Lafayette won handily in a rough game that saw its aggressive guard Tilson constantly being knocked about by Martinsville which was committing ten PFs to only six for Lafayette. Martinsville's Sanders (F) and Shireman (G) both fouled out. Lafayette led 18-10 at halftime, and finished with a 12-point margin of victory. Tilson led Lafayette's scoring with eleven while collecting two PFs. Draper (F) scored an added ten points. Claude Curtis led Martinsville with 12. Oddly, it appears that substitute Cannon (F) started in place of Captain Lionel Cosby (F) and scored three FGs for Lafayette. Late in the game Cosby subbed for Tilson and a minute later was knocked down and suffered a

gash to the scalp which required six stitches.

(Game 14) 3 pm: Crawfordsville vs. Vincennes, final score 33-17

Coach "Brandy" Freeman gambled against the Vincennes upstarts that had upset Valpo. Using the same tactics that derailed Valpo, coach Freeman held Monte Grimes (F) and Clay Bunnell (F) out and started subs Orville Klendworth and Fred Maxwell. Klendworth responded with five FG. Crawfordsville led 9-8 at the half as Vincennes was a one man show, with Von Tress scoring 13 of his team's 17 points. After five minutes of the second half, Crawfordsville's sub Maxwell fouled out. Grimes then entered and in the last 15 minutes and put in six FGs and two FTs. Vincennes committed eight PFs to five by Crawfordsville, which also was called for six ball violations (TFs).

(Game 15--final) 8 pm: LaFayette vs. Crawfordsville, final score 27-26 in OT. [14]

Cosby, the Lafayette captain, was out due to the six stitches on his scalp sustained in the prior Martinsville game, so Cannon started. Crawfordsville won the coin toss and chose the east basket. They rushed to a 6-0 lead on two baskets by Grimes (F) from outside and one by Manson (C) inside. Manson was consistently blocked out by Lafayette, and the Lafayette center Campbell scored three FGs to tie the score at 6-6 with ten minutes left before halftime.

Tilson had picked up three PFs already but somehow managed to avoid his fourth and final. Tilson got his first FG and Grimes scored his third, to make it 8-8. Campbell got his fourth FG and Hunt hit two FTs for Crawfordsville to tie the game at 10-10. Lafayette surged ahead 14-10

on a long FG by Tilson and two FTs by Draper, but Crawfordsville came back with a tip-in by Manson and a FT by Grimes. The score was 14-13 Lafayette, at the half.

The second half opened with a set play, resulting in Bunnell's (F) only FG for Crawfordsville throughout the game. This was followed by a FG from Grimes, making it 17-14 Crawfordsville. Lafayette called a T.O., then worked the ball into Draper (F) for a FG, narrowing the margin to 17-16. Both Grimes and Tilson scored again, 19-18. Haigis fouled Grimes who connected with his second FT. Then Grimes and Manson each scored for Crawfordsville in quick succession to make it 24-18 Crawfordsville, at the seven minute mark.

Lafayette then started a remarkable 7-0 run. Tilson got a FT, then a long FG, after which Draper (F) scored his second FG and Campbell his fifth FG in the post just before the one minute mark. Lafayette had captured the lead at 25-24. At this point, Lafayette called its third and final T.O. When play resumed the "rough house" Tilson was "laid out" and Lafayette had to call an illegal fourth T.O. Draper was assessed the PF. This brought Grimes of Crawfordsville to the line, and he made his third FT to even the score at 25-25 as time ran out.

The overtime was for five minutes. Both teams appeared exhausted and no player could hit a FG from outside. Tilson caught a bullet pass under the basket and scored his fifth FG with 90 seconds left. That gave Lafayette a two point lead at 27-25. Hunt and Bunnell missed long shots before Grimes was fouled trying to score. He sank the FT, and Lafayette regained the lead again at 27-26. Then the gun sounded and the game was over. Lafayette was the new state champ (see Fig. 6, Lafayette team).

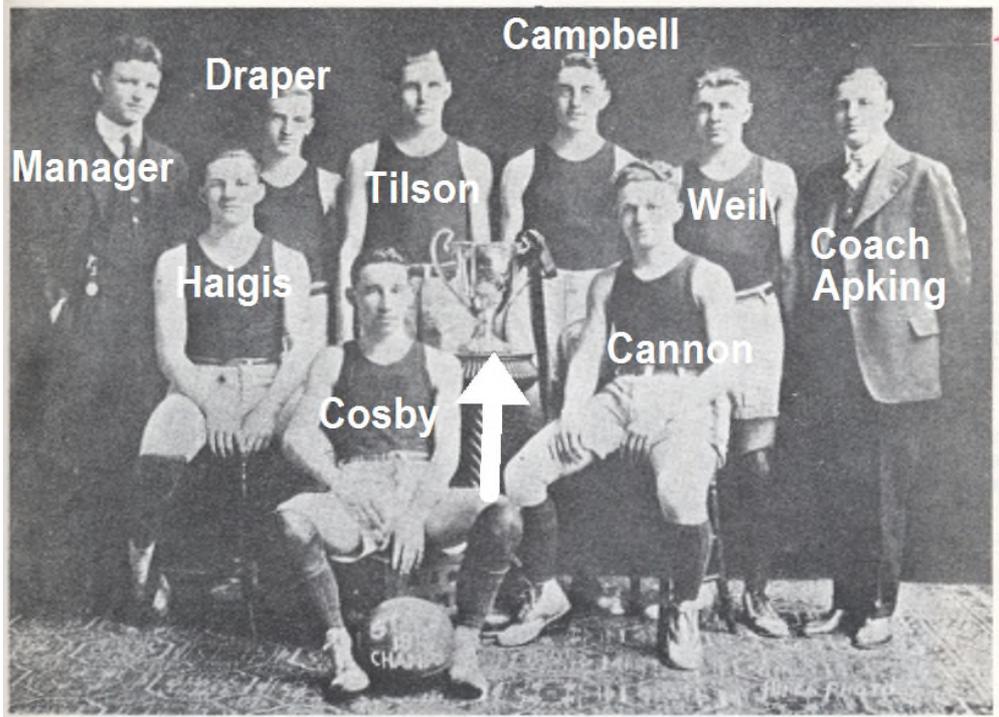


Figure 6, LaFayette Team State Champions, 1916

<u>FINAL GAME</u>							
Crawfordsville	FG	FT	PF-TF	LaFayette	FG	FT	PF-TF
(F) Grimes:	06	4	3 - 0	Draper	02	2	0 - 1
(F) Bunnell:	01	0	0 1	Cannon	00	0	1 - 0
(C) Manson:	03	0	0 0	Campbell	05	0	0 - 0
(G) Hunt:	01	0	1 3	Tilson	05	1	3 - 1
(G) Coffing	00	0	0 0	Haigis	00	0	1 - 0
	11	4/7	4 - 4		12	3/8	5 - 2

Instead of a shield or plaque, LaFayette was awarded a large Silver cup (Figure 7. The Cup) [15]. On the front, the inscription read: "Winners of State High School Basket Ball Tournament, Indiana University." The backside of the cup

TILSON--K. HAIGIS--L.CANNON--T.WEIL--C. APKING, COACH.

Every newspaper had its own all-state team; Crawfordsville went with the one selected by tourney referees Abbott and Westover. Tilson-LAF, Grimes-CFV, and Frank Little-LEB,

<u>All State Teams:</u>	<u>Referees Abbott & Westover</u>	<u>Indpls. News</u>	<u>I.U. I.D.S.</u>	<u>Indpls. Star</u>	<u>Indpls. Times</u>
F-Tilson-LAF	Von Tress	Grimes	Stahr-Elkhart	Tilson	Campbell
F-Grimes-CFV	Grimes	Campbell-LAF	Grimes	Grimes	Grimes
C-Manson-CFV	Tilson	Little	Manson	Manson	Manson
G-Hunt-CFV	Little		Tilson	Hunt	Tilson
G-Little-LEB			Little	Little	Little
<u>I.D.S. 2nd team</u>	<u>Star 2nd</u>	<u>News 2nd</u>	<u>News 3rd</u>	<u>Times 2nd</u>	
F-Von Tress-VIN	Von Tress	Stahr	Gardner-LEB	Stahr	
F-Bunnell-CFV	Gardner-LEB	Curtis-MTV	Draper-LAF	Von Tress	
C-Parker-KOK	Parker	Buckner-L.C.	Manson-CFV	Parker	
G-Hunt-CFV	White-LEB	Hunt	May-Bloomington	Hunt	
G-Haigis-LAF	Haigis	Haigis	Findling-Valpo	Haigis	

is inscribed: Jefferson High Lafayette, IN, COSBY--C.DRAPER--R.CAMPBELL--D.

were unanimous selections and Manson-CFV was close. Tilson later played at Purdue from 1918-20 and

Campbell played there in '18 and '20.



Figure 7

THE TRI-COUNTY CRADLE

From 1904 until 1918 the epicenter of the high school game and the college game in Indiana was the tri-county area of Montgomery, Boone and Tippecanoe Fig. 8. Crawfordsville High claimed mythical state prep titles in '04, '07, and '09 while Lebanon, Wingate, Crawfordsville, Thorntown and Lafayette won the first eight state tournaments.

Coach R.R. Jones (1883-1951) excelled as the basketball coach at both Wabash College [1905-'09] and Purdue University ['10-'12]. At Crawfordsville High School (CHS), Jones won three mythical state prep titles. He captured the Indiana state college title at Wabash College ('05-'07) where he was 75-6 during 1905-09. He was 14-1 against Big Ten opponents. Wabash ranked nationally during '05-'08, earning mythical national titles in '06 and '08 (Premo-Poretta poll) [16]. Jones was lured to Purdue when it opened its new Memorial Gym in 1909. He tied for the Big Ten title at Purdue in 1911 and '12 before leaving for a higher salary at Illinois [17,18].

Piggy Lambert (1888-1958) played for Jones at CHS [1904-07]

and at Wabash [1908-11]. While at Wabash (class of '11) he was an associate coach for Jones at CHS for the '09 team. He coached at Lebanon from 1913-16 and then took over at Purdue for 29 years. His record of 11 Big Ten titles from 1921-40 has been tied but never broken [18,19]. Coaches Jones and Lambert brought national prominence to both Wabash College and Purdue.

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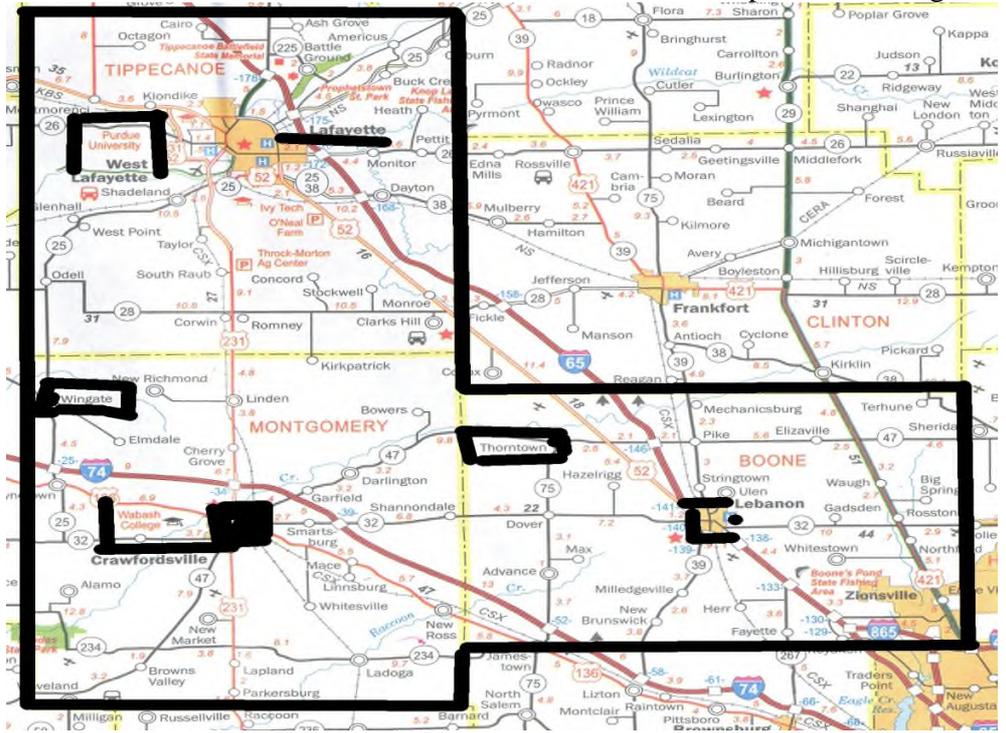


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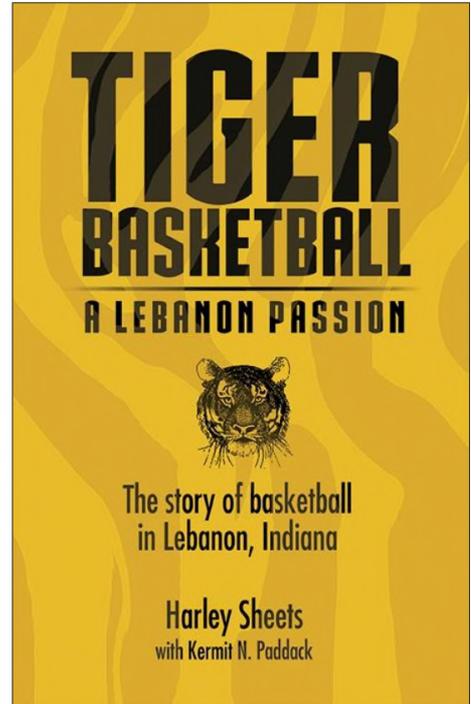
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