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## THE 1945 INDIANA ALL-STARS

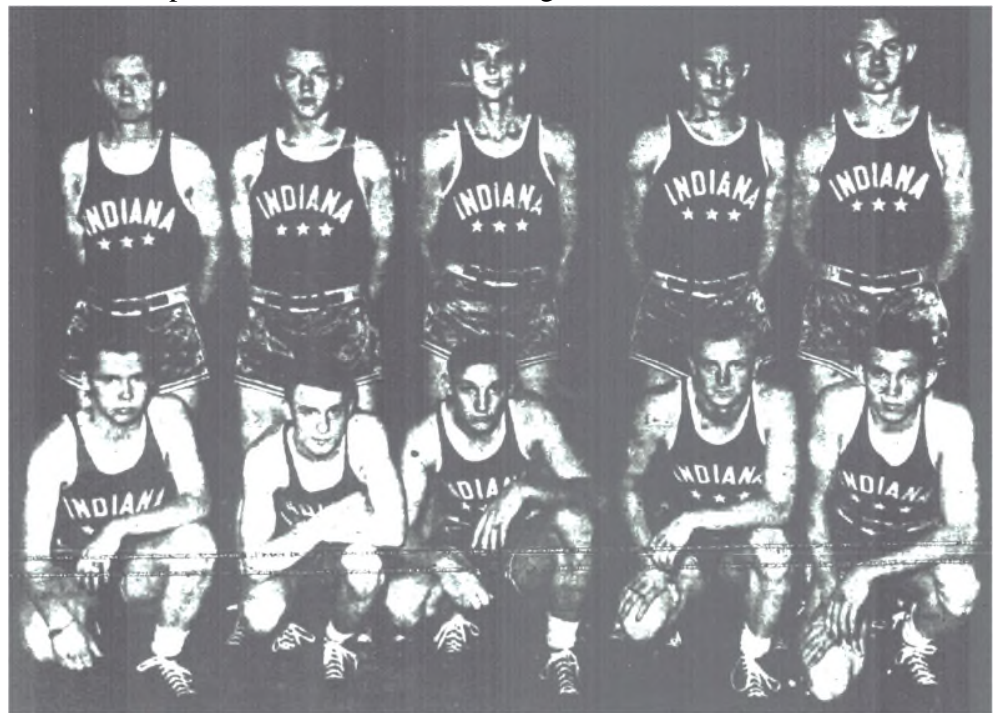
by

Cliff Johnson, *Boxscore* Editor

World War II had forced cancellations of the 1943 and 1944 Kentucky vs. Indiana All-Star basketball games. Travel restrictions, along with the scarcity of gasoline, tires, and other materials necessary to accommodate many home-front activities, had temporarily halted these popular bi-

state face-offs. By the summer of 1945, however, after the unconditional surrender of the Nazis in the European Theatre had been

returning to normal again. With the easing of wartime restrictions, the Classic became a viable possibility again, and so the two state athletic



## 1945 Indiana All-Stars

Front Row: Bryan (Broc) Jerrel, Evansville Bosse; Joe Cox, Logansport; Max Woolsey, Linton; Marvin Fifer, Muncie Central; Bill Shepherd, Hope. Back Row: Tom Hoffman, Jasper; Ernie Kovatch, South Bend Riley; Norris Caudell, Evansville Bosse; Ralph Chapman, Ind. Broad Ripple; Tom Schwartz, Kokomo.

secured and the Japanese threat in the far east was being brought more under control, things slowly began

associations set about organizing a scheduled resumption of play. The 1945 game was set for 8:30 p.m. on

Friday, June 22, this time more closely following the high school graduation dates than were the three games before the war.

Because of the unusually high interest and anticipation being expressed this time by the general public and the press, the game site was being moved back to the Butler Fieldhouse to replace the 1942 State Fairgrounds Coliseum site. Butler could accommodate more than double the number of spectators that the Coliseum could, and by early spring advance ticket sales for the game had well exceeded the number of seats in the Coliseum. Whereas reserved seat tickets in 1942 had been made available only at Haag's Drug Store at the downtown corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Washington Street, this time multiple sales locations in Indianapolis were announced, and the response was overwhelming. 12,592 reserved seat tickets were made available and 11,392 of those were sold before game day. The remainder of the tickets that were printed were put aside for gate sales just before the game. Although there were a few no-shows, actual attendance at the game numbered 12,250, a new

record for the Classic by far.

The talent selected for both All-Star squads this year, according to many sportswriters, was the best yet. After the first workout session by the Indiana boys, coach Glenn Curtis opined that only a highly gifted opponent could expect to match the rebounding strength and goal-shooting accuracy of the Hoosier team. "We are faster and more aggressive than ever before," added Curtis, "and it is a pleasant surprise to find that such a large percentage of our big men are fast enough so that it will not be necessary to sacrifice speed for size." Kentucky coach Ed Diddle, meanwhile, was asserting that his "Dixie" team this year was probably 10 points stronger than his 1942 team that lost to the Hoosiers by only a single point. Both coaches, however, expressed a high regard for the opposition, each naming his foe as the best ever assembled for the Classic.

The Hoosiers expected to be led by 6-5 Tom Schwartz from Kokomo, who had been named "Mr. Basketball" for the 1945 season. Coach Curtis was especially enamored with Schwartz' ability to "get back down the floor for

defensive rebounds whenever his team loses possession of the ball." "It isn't often that you find as much speed and stamina in a 17-year-old boy of that size," praised the coach. There were highly favorable plaudits lavished on several other members of the Hoosier team. For instance, Marvin Fifer, from Muncie Central, was singled out for his clever faking and deft handling of the ball. 6-3 Ralph Chapman of Broad Ripple was praised for being alert and cool under pressure. Bill Shepherd from tiny Hope High School caught Curtis' attention for his deceptive moves on offense under the basket. Ernie Kovatch from South Bend Riley was "tops" on defensive rebound work, while Joe Cox from Logansport gained attention for his long-range FG accuracy, and Max Woolsey from Linton was touted for his all-around team play and FG assists.

Kentucky could easily match the Hoosiers man for man in size and rebound strength, but the thing that most impressed coach Diddle was the speed with which the team could operate as a unit. The term most often applied was a "Firebrand" fashion of play. Ralph Beard, a 5-10 dynamo in the backcourt, could not only shoot well from outside, but also initiate fast breaks and, using an array of quick moves, fakes, and maneuvers, could always find his way to the basket for an easy lay-up. Wallace (Wah-Wah) Jones, a muscular 6-4 medium range shooter and ace rebounder, would later join Beard as two of the mainstays on coach Adolph Rupp's national champions of 1948 and 1949 at the University of Kentucky. Maurice Hale and Bobby DeMoss (later Purdue's ace QB) contributed both power and speed to the team. Little 5-9 Joe Brummett from Danville paired very nicely with Beard at guard to help set a lively pace for the fast-moving Kentucky team.



**THE 1945 KENTUCKY ALL-STARS.** Front row: Joe Brummett, Robert DeMoss, Wallace Jones, Maurice Hale, Ralph Beard. Back row: Dick Heman, Lawrence McLin, Jimmy Hughes, Richard Webb, Zeb Blankenship.

Here were the team rosters:

#### INDIANA ALL-STARS

**F 6-3 Ralph Chapman, Ind. B. Ripple**

**F 6-2 Bill Shepherd, Hope**

**F 6-1 Ernie Kovatch, S.B. Riley**

**F 6-1 Tom Hoffman, Jasper**

**C 6-5 Tom Schwartz, Kokomo**

**C 6-3 Norris Caudill, Evans. Bosse**

**G 5-7 Broc Jerrell, Evans. Bosse**

**G 6-0 Marvin Fifer, Muncie**

**G 5-9 Joe Cox, Logansport**

**G 6-0 Max Woolsey, Linton**

#### KENTUCKY ALL-STARS

**F 6-2 Bob DeMoss, Dayton**

**F 6-2 Maurice Hale, Owensboro**

**F 6-3 Richard Webb, Richmond**

**F 6-3 Jimmy Hughes, Danville**

**C 6-4 Wallace Jones, Harlan**

**C 6-4 Lawrence McLin, W. Liberty**

**G 5-10 Ralph Beard, Louisy. Male**

**G 5-9 Joe Brummett, Danville**

**G 5-11 Zeb Blankenship, Cumb'ld**

**G 6-1 Dick Heman, Bow. Green**

Kentucky got off to a very fast start from the opening tip-off and it looked like a possible rout by the end of the first quarter with the Bluegrass team up 20-7. All of Kentucky's starters contributed to the scoring punch, many coming from fast breaks. Beard and Jones looked invincible, scoring almost at will for Kentucky during the first half. However, there was a downside to the pair's offensive rush, since each was whistled for three fouls. Coach Diddle was forced to take both out of the game temporarily before the first half ended. That seemed to be all that the Hoosiers needed to put some points onto the scoreboard. A flurry of 16 points, racked up mostly by Fifer, Schwartz, and Jerrell, closed the gap to 28-23 at halftime.

As the third quarter ensued, Chapman, Fifer, and Jerrell sank fielders that put Indiana ahead for the first time in the game, 33-32. Then Coach Diddle brought Beard and Jones back into the game to revive Kentucky's flagging offense before the third period was over. With their presence, Kentucky was able to

regain the lead 35-33 as the buzzer ended three quarters of play. After Hale scored on a long pass and DeMoss tipped in a rebound, Kentucky found itself back in the lead 40-36 with about seven minutes of playing time remaining. DeMoss and Schwartz then traded baskets and Beard and Caudell did likewise. The four-point margin was maintained, with five minutes left to play. At this juncture, Jones, who had scored 11 points and had grabbed some key rebounds for the Bluegrass team, fouled out of the game. DeMoss sank a free throw, but Schwartz retaliated with a goal from the inside to make it 43-40 Kentucky, with two minutes remaining. Kentucky managed to maintain possession of the ball throughout the next minute, using Beard and Brummett to preserve the lead with deft ball handling and passing. Finally, a missed shot by DeMoss was recovered by him in close and tossed back up for a goal, giving the Dixie team a five-point lead. With only a few seconds to go, Indiana was unable to solve the Kentucky defense and the game ended with a five-point victory for Kentucky, 45-40. Irrespective of the Hoosiers' defeat, Marvin Fifer of Muncie Central was awarded the Star of Stars award.

#### **THE BOXSCORE RESULTS:**

##### **KENTUCKY (45)**

	FG	FT	TP
Beard	7	0	14
Jones	5	1	11
Hale	2	3	7
DeMoss	2	3	7
Brummett	3	0	6
Blankenship	0	0	0
Hughes	0	0	0
McLin	0	0	0
Heman	0	0	0
Webb	0	0	0
Totals	9	7	45

##### **INDIANA (40)**

	FG	FT	TP
Schwartz	4	3	11
Fifer	6	1	13
Chapman	1	1	3
Jerrell	2	2	6
Kovatch	0	0	0
Caudell	3	0	6
Woolsey	0	0	0
Hoffman	0	1	1
Shepherd	0	0	0
Cox	0	0	0
Totals	16	8	40

#### **TIDBITS**

by

**Harley Sheets, IHSBHS**

**Co-Founder**

Soon after IHSBHS was established, it became evident that some form of communication with the membership was necessary. We began having two or three get-togethers each year in a variety of locations, all arranged by different members. This was a way of getting to know one another in person. Thus, Boxscore was instituted by the IHSBHS Board as a way of announcing those meetings in advance to not only the members who were spread out all over the state, but to those outside its borders as well. Some of the meetings that impressed me were: (1) Vincennes, with Jack Butcher--our winningest coach, Lloyd Bateman of Plainville High School--the first 2,000 point career scorer, as well as the free smorgasbord luncheon; (2) Richmond, with guest referees relating some serious confrontations they had, along with some highly hilarious situations; (3) Wabash, with a tour of the Honeywell Center where the Wabash Apaches played their games in their more glorious days; and (4) Paris, Illinois, where Larry Graham spoke. Larry had coached Madison, Illinois High School to two state championships. He was also a key



player for little Odon's 1959 team that came within an eyelash of going to the final four in single class basketball, losing to New Albany by 2 points. He and Lowell "Pug" Dale (Lebanon) are the only two Hoosiers who have been inducted into both the Illinois and Indiana High School Basketball Halls of Fame.

The IHSBHS Board also felt a need to give readers more for their money. Therefore, it was decided that stories of great and unusual happenings over the years, many of which had been lost to antiquity, should be added to the contents of Boxscore. At that very moment, I said to myself, "Fine, I have 7 or 8 stories to write and that will be it for me." How wrong I was! Amazing things happen while doing research. You'll come upon things you aren't looking for and the research gets sidetracked as curiosity sets in. Voila! Another story is born. Thus, my "7 or 8 stories" theory evolved into "It seems there are an unlimited number of stories I can tell." Granted, your co-founder has been delinquent in story-telling for the past few years, but in a subsequent issue look for at least one more "Harley's Tidbits" article. The title will be something like "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Indiana High School Basketball." But mostly the Bad and Ugly, in all likelihood.

In case you're wondering, here's an example of my "Bad and Ugly" thoughts: My high school, Lebanon, has had several moments at the forefront of Indiana high school basketball – Rick Mount, three state championship titles, the only school to have participated in every state tournament, eight Hall of Fame coaches - and the list goes on. However, since 1993 when the administration fired Dan Warkentien who had won 4 sectionals and a regional in 5 years, the basketball

program has done nothing but deteriorate. In this latest time period the school lost a 2,000- point scorer to Logansport, and another one who just missed the 2,000-point plateau to Paoli.

Now, I have myself pondering. Perhaps this article could indeed be my last one because after it's printed I might be placed on someone's hit list. More likely though if no more Tidbits columns appear it's probably because old age is getting to me. Besides that, I now have an invalid wife to care for. Whenever my final article appears though, be sure to keep in mind the editorial (disclaimer) policy of IHSBHS which appears in each issue of Boxscore at the top of the first column on page 1.

### **SEYMOUR & THE IHSAA, 1959**

by

**Leigh Evans, IHSBHS board member**

Brothers Billy Joe and Frank Stevenson were set to put Seymour over the top in the South Central Conference for the 1958-59 season. At 6-6 and 6-5 respectively, the sophomore and frosh front-liners would have made the already tough Owls a state title contender, right out of the box. However, the IHSAA said otherwise. They were ruled ineligible, and the Association added "for life" just for good measure.

One would be quick to assume it was a neighborhood or sectional rival that initially raised the red flag, but the reality was that the complaint originated in the Stevenson brothers' hometown of Joppa, Illinois. Turns out a jilted Joppa High School coach charged Seymour basketball fans with inducing the family to make the move eastward to Indiana. The IHSAA Board of Control, after investigating the charges, sided with the former coach and found "undue influence" was used to get the family

to move.

An initial ruling by the Jackson County Circuit Court fell in favor of the players' eligibility in the form of a temporary restraining order. The key to its ruling stemmed around the premise that even if undue influence was used, it was used on the parents rather than the brothers and the brothers had done nothing wrong to warrant a penalty. For the parents' part, their attorneys pointed out that the IHSAA claimed no court had any jurisdiction over its decisions regarding member schools...but that hypocritically it had used those same courts to appeal a ruling with which it did not agree.

Back in Seymour, Principal Joseph Cull was being burned in effigy outside the southwest football stadium gates as word got out that he had announced no Stevenson would participate in football that season. "Get out of town, Joe Cull!" read many of the signs being waved during the demonstration. Principal Cull, being no stranger to basketball fan passions, was quoted as saying he was not surprised by the effigy, but that the Seymour community needed to realize that the Stevenson brothers' participation in any of the high school athletic programs could result in the "complete curtailment" of sports at Seymour High.

Meanwhile, in the courts, things were about to turn in favor of the IHSAA. First, the IHSAA won a change of venue designation from Brownstown (in Jackson Co.) to Bedford (in Lawrence Co.). They also got a change of the presiding judge, after the Stevensons' had won the preliminary injunction ruling made by Judge John Lewis of the Circuit Court in Brownstown. After opposing sides in the Bedford courtroom had each struck out one name on a list of potential judges, it was presumably settled that Judge Lester Nixon of Petersburg, IN,

should preside over the dispute. But before any arguments could be heard, the IHSAA balked, contending that a lower court had no authority to interfere with its internal affairs. It proceeded to request that the Supreme Court of Indiana hear the case and make the ruling.

For its part, the IHSAA contended that it was a voluntary organization and therefore not subject to court decisions so long as its rulings did not violate legal statutes. In opposition, the Stevenson family's attorneys took the stance that the IHSAA's attempt to make rules for more than 750 member schools interfered with families' rights to take full advantage of a school's education and recreation facilities. In effect this was tantamount to saying that a private organization (voluntary or otherwise) should not have power over tax-funded public institutions.

It took fifteen months, but ultimately the Indiana Supreme Court made its ruling: The IHSAA has the right to declare ineligibility for athletes of its member institutions. The Court's decision could not be based upon any precedent, because none existed. This decision would BE the precedent! The core of the decision was based on the distinction between curricular and extra-curricular activities. The right of all citizens (individuals?) to attend a public school does not include extra-curricular athletics. IHSAA Commissioner L.V. Phillips was quoted as saying "This is perhaps the most significant legal decision in the U.S. concerning high school athletics." This court decision would effectively serve as the basis for pioneering other similar decisions for state athletic associations in Ohio, North Dakota, and California. Many other disputes concerning the regulation of high school athletics

have since been resolved in similar fashion, via the recognition that state athletic associations can exercise broad powers of authority over the conduct of participation in high school athletics. This 1959 decision has proven to be a solid cornerstone for the IHSAA and all other state high school athletic associations.

Billy Joe Stevenson lived in Seymour the rest of his life, passing away in 2014. Younger brother Frank would move in adulthood to North Carolina. Neither brother would ever suit up for the Owls. In researching this piece, I accessed no less than 22 articles that ran the course of this 15-month dispute. In every single one, it was pointed out, usually as part of the lead, that the brothers were African-American. We'll never know if this played any part in the controversy or not, but clearly the writers of that era felt it was important to note that bit of information.

**THE LIFE & TIMES OF  
ARTHUR L. TRESTER**  
as taken from an Annotated Text  
preserved at the Indiana Historical  
Bureau,  
Indiana State Library



Arthur Trestler was born in Pecksburg (Clay Twp., Hendricks Co., Indiana) in 1878. He was

elected to the IHSAA Board of Control in 1911, and then appointed as Permanent Secretary in 1913. This post was redefined and re-named "Commissioner of High School Athletics," beginning in 1929. Under Trestler, the showcase of IHSAA became high school basketball, as reflected in the term "Hoosier Hysteria," a term still used today. He was widely referred to as the czar of IHSAA and high school athletics for most of his career. The IHSAA excluded black and parochial schools until 1942, stating that they were not public schools (as required within the IHSAA Rulebook) because of exclusive enrollment. After that rule change, Trestler died about two years later, in 1944. The Trestler Medal for Mental Attitude was first awarded in 1945, at the finals of that year's state tournament. Trestler was inducted into both the National (Naismith Memorial) Basketball Hall of Fame in 1961 and the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1965.

Trestler received degrees from Earlham College and Columbia University before embarking upon a career in public education. According to the State Department of Public Instruction, *Directory of Indiana School Officials*, he was the Principal at Alexandria High School from 1904 to 1909, and served later as the school district's Superintendent from 1909 to 1916. From 1916 to 1919 he became Superintendent at Martinsville's school district and then accepted the same post and title at LaPorte from 1919 to 1922. His responsibilities to the IHSAA were carried out concurrently during these years, beginning in 1911.

The following information is excerpted from the *Indiana High School Athletic Association Membership Directory*, outlining the formation and organization of the

## IHSAA:

"During the late 1800s, athletics were not a part of the secondary school program but were operated by non-school groups or organizations such as the YMCA. Students began forming athletic associations for recreation purposes. Students selected their own players and managers and scheduled their own games. Teams were associated by name with their high schools although schools assumed no responsibility for organizing and administering the program. However, being associated with schools by name caused some embarrassment when disputes or unfair competition arose." "Eventually, school administrators across the nation decided to either eliminate athletic contests between schools or exercise responsibility and authority for regulating and controlling them."

"The first attempt to organize the high schools of Indiana into a single organization for the purpose of administering athletic activities was made in a meeting of the Northern Indiana Teachers' Association at Richmond April 24, 1903. [Principal] B. Percy of Anderson issued a call for a meeting of high school principals interested in a state athletic organization for Dec. 5, 1903. At this meeting, a provisional constitution was adopted. At a similar meeting on Dec. 29, 1903, a final constitution was adopted and a Board of Control of three members was chosen to administer the affairs of the IHSAA. 'In the beginning, one member of the Board of Control served as Secretary, but it soon became very evident that this office furnished enough work for a special man. 'It was also seen that the future of the organization demanded that the office of Secretary be made more permanent than the office(s) of Board Members. Accordingly, at the

annual meeting in 1906, the office of Permanent Secretary was established. 'The Board of Control consisted of three members, chosen by the principals in their annual meetings, until the annual meeting of Oct. 27, 1916. In 1916, the Board divided the state into five districts, each having one representative."

Several excerpts from Dale Glenn's *The History of the IHSAA* demonstrate the significance of high school basketball in Indiana, as well as Trester's contributions to the development of the IHSAA and its showcase sport. At the conclusion of the 1925 state tournament, Dr. James Naismith of the University of Kansas and founder of the game presented awards to the winning team. In Spaulding's *Basketball Guide for 1925-26*, Naismith stated: "As a guest of the IHSAA, I had the opportunity to watch the effects of their state tourney. 'The possibilities of basketball as seen there were a revelation to me. 'The striking features were the grade of basketball, the spirit of the players, and the unbound enthusiasm of the 15,000 spectators who crowded the Exposition Building. 'The work of Arthur Trester cannot be too highly commended, as it shows results throughout the state."

Dr. Walter E. Meanwell, the varsity basketball coach at the University of Wisconsin, stated in *The Daily Cardinal* after watching the same tourney: "It was the greatest exhibition of athletics in the United States that I have ever seen. 'I wish our high school tourney could in any way compare with that one, and [I] hope the people support ours as the one I saw was supported. 'I went there expecting big things, but it astonished me."

Glenn asserts that "The ascent of basketball in Indiana was not due to the state tourney alone. 'Hundreds of small towns took their teams to heart

and let basketball become the center of community life on cold winter weekends." With regard to the prominence of the IHSAA, Glenn states that "The Association could never have dreamed of the enthusiasm that would surround the basketball tournament. 'Riding the crest of this contagion, the IHSAA grew and developed its organization to a new, higher level of sophistication. 'State associations from around the nation looked to Indiana to see what the IHSAA was doing, and many modeled themselves after it, particularly after 1924 when the Association joined the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations." Glenn notes that K. V. Ammerman of Manual High School and a Board president said "We have given the state of Indiana the distinction of being the central figure of the entire United States in high school athletics."

Over the years of Trester's tenure and after his death, [many news entities] commented on the IHSAA, Trester, and "Hoosier Hysteria." In an article entitled "Basketball Is King of Indiana Sports" that appeared in *The New York Times* on March 27, 1932, it was stated that "High school basketball isn't [just] a sport in Indiana, it is a mania that has transcended all other community ventures." The article "Hoosier Hysteria Can't Be Far Away," that appeared in both *The Hartford Courant* and the *Los Angeles Times* (same article, but titled "Fans Go Wild Over Basketball") reported on Nov. 9, 1939, that "the annual season of Indiana insanity or Hoosier hysteria can't be far away." Another article, "769 Prep Fives Open Title Quest Tonight," was printed by the *Chicago Daily Tribune* on Feb. 26, 1942. It announced the beginning of the annual tournament by stating "Indiana will be steeped in its

famous 'Hoosier hysteria.'"

"Bill Fox Dies; Conductor of Shootin' 'Em," read the *Chicago Tribune* on May 15, 1964 in reporting that William Francis (Bill) Fox, sports editor of the *Indianapolis News*, "was a major factor in making high school basketball Indiana's leading sport through his (regularly appearing) column." He coined the name for what it grew to become, "Hoosier Hysteria." In later years, the IHSAA presented him with a lifetime official's card as "the one who has contributed more than any other one person to the growth of Indiana high school basketball."

"Arthur L. Trester, IHSAA Czar, Dies From Heart Attack," reported the *Danville Republican* on Sept. 21, 1944. In Dale Glenn's "The History of the IHSAA," he describes how the press contributed to Trester's reputation as the "czar" of Indiana high school athletics. Citing Trester's wife, Glenn wrote "William F. Fox, Jr., the Sports Editor of the *Indianapolis News*, would refer in print to the IHSAA as 'the Tower of Trester,' and once ran a cartoon of Trester sitting on top of the world in a straight back chair, with his arms folded. Below it appeared the words "King Arthur." Glenn also asserts that "The press had fun at Trester's expense but still had great respect and admiration for the man who was often called "Mr. IHSAA." Even those who were on the inside of the IHSAA said he was a "czar" who controlled the Board, but they also added that the Association needed a man like that in those years.

Historian James H. Madison in his publication *Indiana Through Tradition and Change: A History of the Hoosier State and Its People* noted that "Commissioner Trester made strenuous efforts to keep Indiana basketball a fair and competitive sport for amateurs." His sometimes high-handed methods,

however, earned him the enmity of the press, which joined others--especially blacks--in protesting the exclusion of black schools "in unsuccessful attempts to shift control of athletics from the IHSAA to a state government agency."

According to the IHSAA rulebook at the time, limited membership to IHSAA could be given to "colored high schools desiring to join the IHSAA with the understanding that limited memberships shall extend to colored high schools the privilege of participating in single athletic games." But the state tournament was off-limits. Black (and parochial) schools could not participate in "meets and tourneys in which more than two teams participate except in meets and tourneys in which only the teams from the high schools of the same city participate." This understanding was stated in the IHSAA's 1931 edition of the *Annual Handbook and Report of the Board of Control*. A "Tough 15-Year Battle Won Membership in the IHSAA," reported the *Indianapolis Recorder*, on April 9, 1955, noting that "Trester said the by-laws of the Association states that no all-Negro (or parochial school" could be accepted as a member." "Crispus Attucks through the Years," an article that appeared in the *Indianapolis Star* on Feb. 27, 2005, states that Trester had denied Attucks membership, ruling that "because it does not include white students, it is not a public school." (Editor's note: Trester neglected to mention in his personal ruling that the state and the city of Indianapolis had earlier chartered the school specifically for black student attendance.)

James H. Madison, in his published book, states that "Like other features of the society, basketball reflected social distinctions of race, sex, and religion.

"The Indiana high school basketball tournament was for males, most of whom were white and Protestant. 'Black high schools such as Crispus Attucks in Indianapolis and Roosevelt in Gary were not allowed to join the IHSAA and not allowed to enter the tournament. Their teams traveled to other black schools, often out-of-state, and to Catholic schools. 'Catholic schools also were denied entry in the IHSAA and founded their own state athletic association and basketball tournament...Girls had far fewer opportunities to play basketball than [did] boys. 'Only about 50 high schools had girls teams that played other schools, and [for them] there was no state tournament.

Trester died of coronary insufficiency in his home on Sept. 18, 1944. By 1945, the IHSAA Medal for Mental Attitude (formerly the Gimbel Medal for Mental Attitude) became the Arthur L. Trester Award for Mental Attitude. The IHSAA *Annual Handbook, 1942* provides the following history of this award: "In 1917 Jake Gimbel of Vincennes presented to the IHSAA Board of Control a proposal to give a prize each year at the state basketball tournament to the boy among the teams represented that showed the best mental attitude throughout the tourney. 'Mr. Gimbel did not have in mind the quality of the playing of any boy on any team, but did have in mind the qualities that belong to a real gentleman. 'The Board of Control accepted the proposal of Mr. Gimbel and the awarding of this prize known (thereafter) as the 'Gimbel Prize for Mental Attitude.' 'It has continued to be an annual affair, calling for much favorable comment."

After the 1945 name change to the "Arthur L. Trester Medal for Mental Attitude," the prize continues to be presented annually to the outstanding

senior participant of the Indiana boys' basketball state finals. The IHSAA internet website lists the names of all the annual winners of this prize.

## JEFF COOK, AND BIRDSEYE'S FINAL YEAR

by

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1970-71 was the best Birdseye team ever. While the eastern Dubois County high school bowed out in the opening round of the sectional that year to Dubois, the Yellow Jackets 15-6 mark was the most wins of any Birdseye team. It was also their last. The following year Birdseye was lost via consolidation to Forest Park.

However, the Yellow Jackets did pack a sting that last season. On their way to a rare Patoka Lake Conference title run, they put up some eye-popping numbers. None-the-least of which is arguably one of the best single game performances ever put on at the high school level in our state.

During Birdseye's 76-51 win over Evansville Latin that season, 6-2 Yellow Jacket star Jeff Cook had a game for the ages:



Jeff Cook, Birdseye, 6-2

One game: 36 Points, 33 Rebounds, 11 Blocks, 7 Steals, and 5 Assists.

## Related State Records (2017). The (B) stands for boys and the (G) for girls.

### Most Rebounds in a Game

- (B) 41 Roger Beck - Stilesville vs. Clayton 1963-64
- (B) 39 Roger Beck - Stilesville vs. Russellville 1963-64
- (B) 39 Kent Benson - New Castle vs. Muncie North 1972-73
- (B) 38 Larry Bird - Springs Valley vs. Corydon 1973-74
- (B) 38 Larry Bird - Springs Valley vs. Bloomfield 1973-74
- (B) 35 Kent Benson - New Castle vs. Muncie Burriss 1972-73
- (B) 34 Kent Benson - New Castle vs. Logansport 1971-72
- (B) 34 Larry Bird - Springs Valley vs. Salem 1973-74
- (B) 34 Kent Carson - Hamilton Hts vs. Pendleton Hts 1967-68
- (B) 34 John Garrett - Peru High vs. Maconaquah 1970-71
- (B) 33 Jeff Cook - Birdseye vs. EV Latin 1970-71**
- (G) 37 Kathy King - Columbus North vs. Columbus East 1974-75
- (G) 34 Amy Dunbar - Oregon-Davis vs. LaCrosse 2000-01
- (G) 32 Brandi Carter - Manual vs. Lutheran 2001-02
- (G) 32 Kabrina Merriweather - Tindley vs. Attucks 2010-11
- (G) 31 Anissa Lewis - Jeffersonville vs. Louisv. Sacred Heart 1990-91
- (G) 30 Erin Wingerter - Covenant Chri vs. Lafayette Catholic 2000-01
- (G) 29 Melinda Sparkman - Scottsburg vs. Salem 1978-79
- (G) 28 McKenzie Hayes - Tell City vs Cannelton 2011-12
- (G) 28 Donna Maggard - Franklin vs. Greenwood 1980-81
- (G) 28 Laura McClintic - Cannelton vs. West Washington 2000-01
- (G) 28 Abby Mills - Morristown vs. Hauser 1999-00

### Most Blocks in a Game

- (B) 18 Greg Oden - Lawrence North vs. Arlington 2004-05
- (B) 16 Bill Wanstrath - Batesville vs. Brookville 1978-79
- (B) 14 Jake Kitchell - South Central (UM) vs. New Prairie 2008-09
- (B) 12 Nick Hartley - Hamilton Hts vs. Peru 2007-08
- (B) 12 Jake Kitchell - South Central (UM) vs. Argos 2008-09
- (B) 14 Jake Kitchell - South Central (UM) vs. Morgan Twp 2007-08
- (B) 14 Zach Lett - Seton Catholic vs Jeff Dayton OH 2012-13
- (B) 12 Zach Lett - Seton Catholic vs National Trail OH 2012-13
- (B) 12 RJ Mahurin - Rockville vs. Seeger 2008-09
- (B) 12 AJ Hammonds - Carmel vs. Penn 2009-10
- (B) 11 Jeff Cook - Birdseye vs. EV Latin 1970-71**
- (G) 19 Elana Eickholtz - Restoration Christian vs. So. Central 2006-07
- (G) 16 Katie Griffin - Avon vs. Pike 2007-08
- (G) 16 Kayla Rogers - Eastern Greene vs. Clay City 2016-17
- (G) 15 Molly King - Lafayette Catholic vs. Southern Wells 2010-11
- (G) 14 Calli Beezhold - C. C. Demotte vs. River Forest 2012-13
- (G) 14 LaQuita Williams - Gary Wallace vs. Indy Washington 2004-05
- (G) 14 Katie Griffin - Avon vs. Brownsburg 2007-08
- (G) 13 Katie Cochren - Wood Memorial vs. Princeton 2006-07
- (G) 13 Katie Griffin - Avon vs. Pike 2008-09
- (G) 13 Katie Griffin - Avon vs. Warren Central 2008-09
- (G) 13 Lilly Hatton - North Harrison vs. Brownstown 2015-16
- (G) 13 Lilly Hatton - North Harrison vs. Jasper 2016-17
- (G) 13 Kayla Rogers - Eastern Greene vs. White River Valley 2016-17



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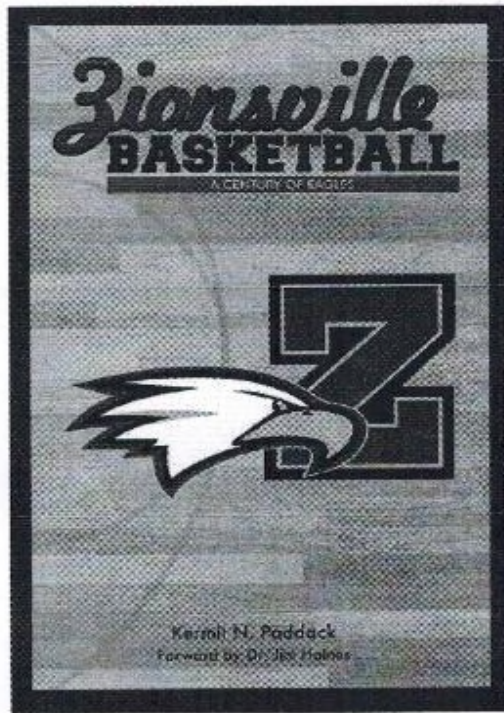
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