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SATURDAY AUGUST 24, 2019,
11:30 to about 1 PM.

Our 25th ANNIVERSARY
PROGRAM

LEBANON LIBRARY, 104 E.
WASHINGTON ST.

This meeting is open to all. Moderators will be R. Robison and H. Sheets. The program is as

follows:

25 YEARS OF IHSBHS: BROKEN RECORDS

1. IHSBHS Raison d' Etre: 1994-2000.

- A. 1992 Hall of Fame Booklet Errors: R. Robison.
- B. Chet Hill's 7 State Track Champions @ Lebanon: H. Sheets.
- C. Coaching Records: of E. Case, M. Crawley, H. Sharpe: R. Robison & H. Sheets.
- D. 1998-2000 D. Bradley's work on Sharpe & Butcher: Bill Ervin.

2. New Record Holders

- A. Holmes, Butcher, Keefer: R. Robison.
- B. Gym Sizes: Seymour, New Castle: J. Ockomon, R. Tekulve, D. Bradley.
- C. #1 Conference=Metropolitan, North Central; R. Robison.
- D. Losing Streaks: North White-Monon 2003-06 (68); Liberty Twp.-Chesterton of Porter Co. 1954-56 (65); Lowell of Lake Co. 1951-54 (62); Sean Bell & R. Robison.

3. Current Research

- A. Curtis Tomak

B. K. Paddack

C. Others

Lunch @ Lebanon's Finest

2019 STATE FINALS REVIEW

by

Tim Puet, IHSBHS Board member

After a year's absence, I'm resuming what has become a tradition of writing my impressions of the State Finals. I went to the Finals in 2018, but never wrote a story about the tournament because life got in the way. I was out of commission for three months after tearing a meniscus and ACL and fracturing some leg bones as a result of a fall on April 8 - in church, of all places - resulting in "athletic"-type injuries (to this non-athlete body).

All my tournament notes from last year were kept in my office, which during my time off was moved from the first floor to the fifth of the five-story building occupied by the Catholic Diocese of Columbus, my employer. When I got back to work in July, much of my office stuff was piled in the basement, and by the time I got it back, it was nearly the end of the year. So, it seemed a little late for a tournament review. The

2018 tournament was memorable for me for reasons having nothing to do with basketball--but more on that later. Co-Founder Harley Sheets and Editor Cliff Johnson were the only two IHSBHS members who knew about my fall until now, and I'm very grateful for their expressions of concern and for their telling me how much they've appreciated my past tournament recaps.

And so, on to basketball 2019. Three of this year's state champions were first-timers. Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian defeated Barr-Reeve 60-43 in Class 1A, Andrean downed Linton-Stockton 59-54 in 2A, Silver Creek upset defending champion Culver Academy 52-49 in 3A, and Carmel got by Ben Davis 60-55 in 4A in a battle of former winners of multiple championships. The basketball quality wasn't always that great, but three of the four final games were close. Following is a summary of all final four games in the four Classes:

Class 1A

At Elkhart

Fort Wayne Blackhawk 74,
Lafayette Central Catholic 51

At Washington

Barr-Reeve 65, Bloomfield 39

Championship

Fort Wayne Blackhawk 60, Barr-Reeve 43

Class 2A

At Lafayette

Andrean 73, Frankton 64, OT

At Seymour

Linton-Stockton 73, Shenandoah 56

Championship

Andrean 59, Linton-Stockton 54

Class 3A

At Elkhart

Culver Academy 57, Marion 44

At Seymour

Silver Creek 72, Indianapolis
Attucks 69

Championship

Silver Creek 52, Culver academy 49

Class 4A

At Lafayette

Carmel 71, Penn 42

At Washington

Ben Davis 67, Center Grove 61

Championship

Carmel 60, Ben Davis 55

The most memorable moment for me was a buzzer-beating 3-pointer by Ben Davis' Dawand Jones at the end of the third quarter of the 4A game. It would have been a beautiful catch-and-shoot by anyone, but what made it stand out is that Jones is 6-foot-8 and 350 pounds. The Indy Star story the next day said he's "not known for his outside shooting," but on that play he was "the man", by grabbing a court-length pass and nailing an off-balance turnaround shot. For someone of that size, he wasn't clumsy, and as a Columbus, Ohio resident, I look forward to seeing what he will do on the football field next year for Ohio State, which has recruited him for that sport. Too bad the days of the two-sport athlete have mostly ended. He can't emulate John Havlicek and play both football and basketball for the Buckeyes. Jones had a great season for the Giants. He was their leading scorer with 18 points per game and, according to the tournament program, had a phenomenal shooting percentage of 72.4 (207 for 286), the best by far of any of the starters for the eight finalists. Based on what I saw, a lot of the baskets probably were from in close, with guys getting out of his way because of his huge frame. He also led Ben Davis with nine rebounds per game average. He matched that figure on the boards and scored 16, against Carmel. All in all, Jones is a most impressive player.

Carmel vs. Ben Davis was your classic back-and-forth game, although Ben Davis never led. Carmel was hot and Ben Davis cold in the first quarter, then it was the reverse in the second with Carmel leading 31-30 at the half. The teams combined for only 16 points in the third, with Carmel staying on top 40-37 at the break. Carmel pulled away to a 54-45 lead with 1:09 left, then held on. Associated Press poll champion Carmel (26-1), which had four players in double figures, had won 49-39 when the two teams met earlier in the season. They played each other once before in the State Finals during the one-class era in 1993, with Ben Davis (20-8) winning a 62-46 game in the morning at the Hoosier Dome. Carmel leads the all-time series between the teams 27-25, winning 16 of the last 18 games played.

The Trester Award went to Carmel's John Michael Mulloy, a scrappy 6-10 redheaded Irishman who impressed me in both this game and last year when Warren Central beat the Greyhounds for the 4A title. He was the Greyhounds' leader with 14.3 points and 8.1 rebounds per game, going into the championship tilt, and he will be a Butler Bulldog starting next fall. He scored 13 in the title game. Carmel's leading scorer against Ben Davis was Pete Suder, a 6-2 freshman guard who was the only non-senior starter for Carmel and the only ninth-grader to start for any of the teams in the Finals. He's obviously one to watch. Ben Davis, not ranked by the AP poll, was led by 6-5 Jalen Windham, who scored 22 and was the team's second-leading scorer with 17.7 per game. He's a Georgia State recruit.

The title was the first for Carmel coach Ryan Osborn who has made it to the championship game in both his years there. It was the 149th state title in Carmel's history, including

four in basketball. Ben Davis was trying for its fourth championship and second in three years. Its first-year coach, Don Carlisle, was a member of the Giants' 1995 and 1996 championship teams. Carmel's Luke Heady is the son of Bob Heady, who coached the Greyhounds to titles in 2012 and 2013. You can't help but admire Carmel for what it has done in all sports over the years, but since the Greyhounds are the "Yankees" of Indiana and the state's biggest school with more than 5,000 students, I always root against them. But it was hard to root for Ben Davis, since they're the second-largest school, with 4,500 students. As Indianapolis-area schools and members of the same conference, it seems the two shouldn't be playing each other for a state title. But Carmel's location just over the Marion-Hamilton County line puts the school in the IHSAA's northern half and makes such a matchup possible. Class basketball is a fact of life by now, and it's games like these that make it more palatable to me.

Attendance for the game was only 12,908, and I think a lot of that was because of the matchup. The crowd of 9,568 for the morning was typical for that session. But I don't think that means a decline in basketball interest, because I saw lots of big crowds at semi-states and regionals for games on IHSAA TV online. Being able to have those games on the internet is a wonderful thing for this out-of-state fan, and I'm most grateful to the Association for putting them on its website.

In Class 1A, Barr-Reeve (26-3) was down 15-4 with 1:23 left in the first quarter against F.W. Blackhawk, and the Braves coasted from there in a matchup of teams ranked first and second in the AP poll. Top-rated Blackhawk (28-2) also won 76-68 when the teams met in the regular season. The Vikings'

only other loss came to 2A finalist Linton, 63-59. It was Barr-Reeve's third championship game loss in four tries since 2010 and its fifth in six overall, with the only victory coming in 2015. Blackhawk had lost in 2004 its only other appearance in the title game. If the Braves win a repeat championship next year, it won't be in Class 1A. They move up to 2A in 2019-20 thanks to the IHSAA "success" factor.

Frank Davidson, a 6-7 University of Indianapolis recruit and son of coach Marc Davidson, led Blackhawk with 20 points and 12 rebounds, followed by 6-10 sophomore Caleb Furst with 16 and 10. Furst impressed me as a likely Mr. Basketball candidate for 2021. I wrote during the game that "he's 6-10, but plays small, somehow doesn't look as tall as it says he is." He blocked four shots in the first quarter and had a nice shooting touch. Shooting is often a problem in the early going as teams get used to the different backdrop that Bankers Life Fieldhouse (soon to be given its third name) provides. Most teams eventually find their touch, but Barr-Reeve never did though, going 19-for-53 for 35.8 percent, and only 3-for-22 from 3-point range. Blackhawk, the state's highest-scoring team with 79.9 points per game, was 25-for-50, but ultimately won via its defense.

For the Vikings, in their first year coached by Josh Thompson, leading regular-season scorer Gabe Gladish had 12 points while Isaac Wagler and sophomore Brycen Graber--both familiar last names on Barr-Reeve teams--had 10 each. The team's tallest player, 6-8 junior Keegan O'Neill, was limited to three points, and Barr-Reeve's other "big," 6-6 Austin Ainscough, was scoreless. Barr-Reeve's Quentin Yoder received the Ray Craft Award for mental attitude.

In Class 2A, the victory by Andrean (21-8) may have been inevitable. The 59ers (so named because the school is at 5959 Broadway in Merrillville) completed their 59th season of varsity basketball by scoring 59 points in defeating Linton (27-4). The Miners, trailing 26-23 at the half, went on a 9-1 run to start the third quarter and led from there until Andrean went on an 11-0 run to close the game. The 59ers' John Carrothers hit two free throws with 1:20 left to put Andrean up for good 55-54. That was followed by a pair of 2-for-2 efforts from the line by Nick Flesher, the second one coming with 7.4 seconds remaining to seal the victory. Linton's Evan Slover was at the line for a pair of free throws at the 4.1-second mark that could have cut the margin to three, but he missed both. In the last two minutes of the game, Andrean grabbed all but one rebound and was 7-for-8 from the line to clinch its first state title in three tries. Linton was runner-up for the second time, the other coming in 2013, both under ninth-year coach Joey Hart. Brad Stangel, in his third year at Andrean, was the winning coach. Carrothers and sophomore Kyle Ross each had 16 for Andrean. Tucker Hayes had 15 for Linton, with junior Kip Fougousse (pronounced FEW-gress) and sophomore Lincoln Hale, the team's leading scorer, adding 11 apiece. Linton's Evan Slover was the Trester Award recipient.

The 3A title was won by Silver Creek--in spite of itself. The Dragons (25-3), from Sellersburg in Clark County, were up 48-40 with 3:47 left to play but made just two of 10 free throws down the stretch. Culver (24-4) got to within 51-49 with 42 seconds left and had two subsequent possessions to tie the game or take the lead, but failed each time, missing a layup at the end with Silver Creek's Kooper Jacobi being

fouled on the rebound. He scored the game's final point, going 1-for-2 from the line with 7.2 seconds left, and a desperation try for a Culver 3-pointer failed. It was a futile first half for both teams. My notes read "One of the ugliest halves I've ever seen." It was 16-12 at halftime, with Culver going 3-for-17 and Silver Creek 6-for-21 from the floor in the first two quarters before the teams combined for 42 points in the third.

Ethan Brittain-Watts, a 6-1 Boston University signee who had 20 in last year's championship game against Evansville Bosse, had 23 for Culver and was the day's overall scoring leader. Juniors Trey Galloway, son of coach Mark Galloway, and Deontae Craig had 13 and 11 respectively for the Eagles, who move to Class 4A next year because, again, of the "success" factor. Zane Gross, Silver Creek's top scorer, hit for his average with 16, followed by Jacobi, a sophomore, with 11. Trey Kauffman, a 6-8 sophomore, scored only four points, but had game highs of 12 points and six assists. The Dragons were coached by Brandon Hoffman, in his ninth year there. Overlooked in the game stories and until I checked the stats while writing this was that Silver Creek was 13-for-17 from the floor in the second half. Thanks to their atrocious performance at the foul line, the Dragons needed every one of those shots.

The Dragons had been averaging 75.3 points per game for the season and were the state's second highest-scoring team but, like Blackhawk in the morning session, won with a strong defense, holding Culver to a 17-for-46 performance from the floor. An average performance from the line would have won the game for either team, but Culver was 9-for-20 and Silver Creek 9-for-26 when given the chance to score points without having to fight for

them. The Trester recipient was Culver's John Cohen. The day of the tournament was beautiful and sunny, unlike the day of last year's Finals, when a record 10 inches of snow fell, causing the memorable experience I mentioned earlier and will now explain:

For the last several years, Harley Sheets has graciously allowed me to stay at his home in Danville, Indiana while attending the tournament. He's gone with me on a couple occasions, but he usually has a postcard show in Indianapolis on the same day--as was the case last year. The snow had just started falling when I left Harley's house on State Finals Saturday and had ended by the time I got back, but when I got to the house, I couldn't find his driveway. That wouldn't be such a big issue in most cases. But Harley lives in a hollow and you need to drive down into it to get to the house. When I came to the drive going into the hollow, I found it covered with snow. I wasn't about to guess the driveway's location, lest I find both me and the car plunging into the surrounding trees. So, at about midnight, I had to leave my car on the private road leading to the drive, call Harley on my cellphone and have him come out in the snow with a flashlight and lead me safely to the house. The next morning, a neighbor plowed out the drive which allowed me to leave. Thanks once again to both Harley and the neighbor, whose name I didn't catch.

A couple of added notes....While recuperating from my injury last summer, I went to the museum in Milan to complete the trifecta of which the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown and the Hall of Fame in New Castle are the other two points of attraction. Most Boxscore readers probably have been to Milan, but if you haven't, then by all means, go! You'll be treated like royalty at the

museum. And ask to see town historian Roselyn McKittrick. In the event she's not there, she will gladly come over if she's in town and tell you everything you'd like to know about Milan (even though she didn't arrive there until after the 1954 championship). And if you ask, she probably will give you a copy of her pictorial history "Milan, Indiana: A Storied Past," through which you'll learn that there was a lot more to Milan "back in the day" than just a basketball team.

You'll also see that Milan is pretty much unchanged from the way it was 65 years ago, and most probably from even a decade or two before that. This is because the town got bypassed by railroads and interstate highways, and though it's not far from either, it's just far enough to be a time capsule of a bygone era. If you do go to Milan on state highway 101, pay close attention to the road signs or you'll miss it the first time you try to find it. Seeing the town made me realize, even more than I had before, what a remarkable achievement it was to have a team from such a community win a state title by defeating the likes of Indianapolis Attucks and Muncie Central.

Finally, if you're looking for a great Hoosier basketball read, go to Amazon or Barnes & Noble online and purchase "Season of Upsets" by Matthew Werner. The author describes himself as "a family farmer from Union Mills, Indiana," but he's a terrific writer. The book is about the 1949-50 season, in which Union Mills was an upset winner of the Michigan City sectional. But it's more than just a story about one "David" beating a bunch of Goliaths. It talks extensively about all 15 of the "county" teams (out of 18 total) in LaPorte County at the time, explaining better than any other book I've ever read about the importance

of county rivalries and county tournaments and about the life of a farm boy going to high school at that time (it certainly made me glad to be a city kid!). The author's uncle Dean was a member of the 1950 Union Mills team, but the writer never met him, because Dean died at age 26 in a tragic farm accident. The book started with a picture of that 1950 team and the writer's curiosity. What had to have been thousands of hours of talking to people and looking at old newspapers led to the finished product. I found it last year at the Hall of Fame, but it wasn't there this year, so you'll probably need to go online to buy a copy. You won't be disappointed.

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT DROUGHTS

by

**John Ockomon, Board Member
and former IHSBHS President**

Editor's note: John's research shows the last year that each of the listed schools (all four classes included) won a sectional. If the school has NEVER won a sectional it is denoted by "nw." There are two separate lists of the fifty (or so) most extreme droughts. The first is for boys teams, the second for girls teams. The higher up on each list of 50, the longer has been that school's drought.

Boys Basketball

1. Shoals, 1913 (nw)
2. Crothersville, 1915 (nw)
3. Westfield, 1918 (nw)
4. Fishers, 1922
5. Westville, 1923 (nw)
6. Lake Station, 1941
7. Ind. Deaf School, 1943 (nw)
8. Medora, 1949 (nw)
9. Vincennes Rivet, 1950 (nw)
10. Mississinewa, 1954
11. Elwood, 1960
12. Cambridge City, 1961
13. Hagerstown, 1965

14. North Posey, 1966
15. West Noble, 1968
16. Ind. Shortridge, 1969
17. Cowan, 1976
18. Hammond Morton, 1976
19. Seeger, 1978
20. North Newton, 1978
21. Whiting, 1981
22. Clinton Prairie, 1982
23. Clinton Central, 1983
24. Sheridan, 1983
25. Union City, 1984
26. Mishawaka, 1986
27. South Vermillion, 1986
28. Mt. Vernon (Posey), 1988
29. Floyd Central, 1989
30. Frontier, 1989
31. Franklin County, 1990
32. Blackford, 1991
33. LaCrosse, 1991
34. Goshen, 1992
35. Hobart, 1992
36. Seymour, 1992
37. Lowell, 1993
38. South Adams, 1993
39. Washington Cath., 1993
40. F.W. Wayne, 1994
41. Southmont, 1994
42. Ind. Washington, 1995
43. Manchester, 1995
44. Michigan City, 1995
45. South Dearborn, 1995
46. Columbus East, 1996
47. Logansport, 1996
48. North Harrison, 1996
49. Mitchell, 1997
50. Cannelton, 1998
51. Eastbrook, 1998
52. Greenfield Central, 1998
53. Heritage, 1998
54. Mooresville, 1998
55. Rising Sun, 1998

Girls Basketball

1. Cannelton, 1976 (nw)
2. Churubusco, (nw)
3. Cloverdale, (nw)
4. Daleville, (nw)
5. Ind. Deaf School, (nw)
6. LaCrosse, (nw)
7. Lake Station, (nw)
8. Medora, (nw)

9. Milan, (nw)
10. Mt. Vernon (Posey), (nw)
11. River Forest, (nw)
12. Shawe-Madison, (nw)
13. Shoals, (nw)
14. Westville, (nw)
15. Whitko, (nw)
16. Ind. Shortridge, 1976
17. F.W. Wayne, 1979
18. F.W. North, 1979
19. Lawrenceburg, 1981
20. Ind. Manual, 1982
21. Decatur Central, 1982
22. Ind. Howe, 1984
23. Caston, 1985
24. Harrison (Tipp. Co.) 1986
25. Lawrence Central, 1987
26. Hammond Clark, 1987
27. Clarksville, 1987
28. Woodlan, 1990
29. Rossville, 1990
30. Peru, 1990
31. Evansville Reitz, 1990
32. East Central, 1992
33. Concord, 1992
34. Boonville, 1992
35. Southport, 1993
36. South Vermillion, 1993
37. New Haven, 1993
38. Scecina Memorial, 1993
39. Delta, 1993
40. Crawford Co., 1993
41. Avon, 1993
42. Ind. Washington, 1994
43. Heritage Hills, 1994
44. Heritage (Allen Co.), 1994
45. Henryville, 1994
46. Pike Central, 1995
47. Mishawaka, 1995
48. Lakeland, 1996
49. Goshen, 1996
50. Clinton Central, 1997

KOKOMO'S SPLENDID SPLINTER

by

Cliff Johnson, Boxscore Editor

My first encounter with Jimmy Rayl on a basketball court was in the summer of 1955. It was between my freshman and sophomore years at Purdue during summer vacation. Jim

was between his eighth grade and freshman years at Kokomo. He showed up one warm afternoon at one of the two outdoor courts located next to SeaShore, the name of our city's public swimming pool. Short in stature at the time and as skinny as the name Rayl implies, he was nevertheless long on nerve. At age 14, he presumed that he could compete with all of us graduated and college-experienced fellows who routinely congregated to choose up sides and scrimmage during weekend afternoons at SeaShore and other outdoor courts throughout the city.

Naturally, Jim was the last one selected to play on a team that first

a quarter past one and little Jimmy was going to get to play, but only as the final choice by our opposing team's captain. A coin was tossed to decide which team went on offense. Jim's team won the toss. All the big boys on our opponent's squad were already downcourt at the forward and center positions as Jimmy and his fellow guard brought the ball past us at midcourt. After a few tosses around the horn, little Jim faked his guard out of position and let fly from nearly 25 feet out. Swish! Wow, who is this new kid? After that initial shot, his teammates began setting picks for him, mainly, I think, because they preferred staying on the

percentage of them from long range. And remember, that era was well before the advent of the 3-point arc. A memorable game his senior year was the one played against an ever-strong New Castle Trojans team, led by 6-foot-2 high-scoring ace Ray Pavy. The game became known as the Church Street Shootout. An even one hundred points were netted between the two players, Pavy scoring 51 and Rayl 49. New Castle won 92-81 before a small but capacity crowd of 1,900. This was just shortly before construction on the gigantic new arena had been completed there at New Castle.

Jim was a multi-sport performer in high school, not just a basketball player. It ran in the family. His elder brother Charley, who graduated in 1950, was good at sports too. In baseball, Jim's position was at first base, even though he was a right-handed thrower. At about 6-1, he was able to reach high throws but also limber enough to bend down and retrieve grounders or infield throws in the dirt. His batting was better than average and he rarely struck out. Those skills were sufficient to draw interest from a Cincinnati team scout who invited him to sign a contract with the Reds after graduation. Jim rejected the offer in favor of his primary interest of basketball. Golf was one of his passions, as well. He excelled off the tee, down the course, and on the green, for his high school team. His proficiency at handball was also well-known among local players. He was hard to beat at that game, but eventually it begat a swollen hand that threatened to interfere with his other major activities that included his favorite sport of basketball.

Friday and Saturday nights provided the opportunity for a lot of fun at Kokey's Korner for many Kokomo and Howard County teenagers. It was a second-floor

IN MEMORIAM

JIMMY RAYL (1941-2019)



day he appeared. Hardly anyone knew him. I was just one of 20 to 30 young competitors who showed up at 1 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday to display honed skills (or sometimes the lack of them) on the two ballcourts. We'd generally play until 4 or 5 o'clock or at least until running out of gas from too many fast breaks. Winning teams would stay on a court until they lost. Losers were relegated to play losers, on the other court. After three or four hours, we'd all head for a nearby A&W drive-in to slake our thirst with a few gallons of root beer and enough chili dogs to ruin every appetite destined for mom's supper.

Five-man teams were selected by

court as winners. I don't recall Jim missing many field goal attempts his first outing with us, and he launched a great many of them. Needless to say, on subsequent afternoons that summer Jim was never again the last man chosen. At age 14, he had graduated to the "big time" on our local outdoor courts and was considered a valid marksman.

As he began to sprout a bit more elevation and add a few pounds to his skinny framework, coach Joe Platt of the Kokomo Wildkats started to take notice. By the time Jimmy became a sophomore, he was playing a major role with the varsity on the way to scoring a record-setting 1,632 high school career points, a good

hangout near the midtown county courthouse. Designed to keep juveniles busy with games, dancing, and other activities and away from weekend mischief, it worked like a charm. The proprietors allowed 19- and 20-year-old college adolescents like me in, too. What great times we had there, and our parents rarely ever had to worry about us! Jim was a frequent patron of the facility and enjoyed mixing with us older guys, but probably even more with the young ladies in attendance. In addition to the dancing, we had table tennis, snooker, soft drinks, and a loud juke box that forced us to repeat our words in ever louder voices in order to be heard. By nature, Jim was a shy and modest youngster, and that's probably one thing that helped make him popular with everyone there. After a Wildkats home victory at Memorial Gymnasium, some of the players would show up at Kokey's Korner around 9:30 or 10 p.m. to celebrate. Jim was often the game's high scorer, so he attracted much of the attention, in spite of his reluctance to accept it. He'd rather focus on his next snooker shot or maybe on the first girl to invite him onto the dance floor. We college or county ballplayers who might also have won a game that very same day usually had to ASK a Kokomo girl for a dance rather than expect to be asked. This was the price of not being a Wildkat hero like Jim on nights like that!

My contact with Jim had lessened by the day of his graduation ceremonies, but I had heard over the grapevine about his recruitment to play for coach Branch McCracken at I.U. I knew he was destined to be a standout there, too, if only he could get the chance to show off his shooting abilities to the coach. McCracken usually had more good players than he ever needed, to win games. It took a while, but by the

start of Jim's junior year there he was again ripping the cords with his uncanny long-range shooting ability. His height had increased by one inch since high school, to 6-2, tall enough now to get his long jump shots off more cleanly against high-reaching hands.

There are legendary accounts regarding Rayl's performances on-court for the Hurryin' Hoosiers during the 1961-62 and 62-63 seasons--too many to detail in this article. But twice against Big Ten opponents, he scored 56 points, a record that still stands at Bloomington, I'm pretty sure. In the Michigan State contest his senior year, he sank 23 of 48 shots--mostly from long range. That was not unusual by Rayl's standards though, since 50% shooting from far out was no better than average for him. By the end of his three I.U. seasons, the records show that Jim had amassed 1,401 points, all but 79 of them during his final two seasons. His per game averages were 29.8 and 25.3, comparable to his high school stats at Kokomo, but at the college level it was against more experienced veterans and stiffer defenses. He was selected as an All-American in each of his final two seasons at I.U. Later, he briefly played for the ABA Indiana Pacers. Among several other honors bestowed, he was named Indiana's Mr. Basketball in 1959 and was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame 30 years later.

Six years ago, I lost a good athletics friend named Bill Tosheff to colon cancer. Bill, also an Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame inductee, played ball for I.U. back in the late 40s and early 50s. He became a star NBA player, as well. Tosheff and Rayl struck up a friendship sometime later, probably in the late 60s, and began attending I.U. games together, as notable alums. Tosh confided a

lot of things to me about Rayl during Jim's latter years. He had ballooned in weight to around 300 pounds but never lost his touch for accurate goal shooting! Jim remained virtually unbeatable at "HORSE," a game where your opponent(s) must match any sort of successful shot that you decide to take. Jim had a variety of them and knew of no other shooter who could consistently beat him at that game. Jim Rayl, once nicknamed "the splendid splinter," also lost a bout with colon cancer last Jan. 20 at age 77. His basketball feats in the state of Indiana, however, will live on.

**1919 STATE TOURNEY:
Bloomington H.S. Survives War,
Flu, Purdue**
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World War I Ends. During 1918 the draft age was expanded from ages 21-31 to ages 18-45. The American Divisions of 17,000 men each that were sent to France increased from six in March to 25 in June, then to 29 in July, to 35 in August, to 39 in September, and finally to 42 in October. The Allied counter offensive on the Western Front began July 18. The Boche then initiated overtures for favorable peace negotiations around August 18. By October 4/5 the Hindenburg Line was broken and Germany sought peace quickly. It took another month of casualties though before the actual surrender on 11-11-18. All fronts included, there were a total of **ten** million military deaths, eight million civilian deaths, and 20 million wounded and/or maimed for life. Germany and Russia each suffered two million military dead while the Austro-Hungarian Empire and French Empire each lost almost 1.4 million. The British Empire lost one million. In roughly nine months

of action the USA lost 116,700 soldiers; 53,400 of those in combat or M.I.A. and 63,400 to disease, accidents, or P.O.W. conditions.

The Spanish Flu Pandemic.

During 1918 & 1919 this disease killed at least **50** million worldwide and perhaps more, with 60% of the deaths in Asia. Overall, about a third of the world's population of two billion was infected. That equates to 666 million people, with at least 7.5 % dying from it. The USA population was 92 million, with 25.8 million reported as having contracted it. Of those, there were 670,000 deaths reported nationwide, a 2.6 % death rate. The global death rate thus varied from 2.6 to 7.5 %. While the usual mortality rate from seasonal flu is only about 0.1%, **this** flu was **much** more lethal. Especially vulnerable were those in the age group of 25-40 instead of the usual elderly and infants. You could die in hours from upper respiratory hemorrhage or in days from secondary bacterial pneumonia.

1st Wave (January–July '18). It now appears that in January of 1918 the FLU may have originated in the SW corner of Kansas where avian and swine flu viruses mutated into a unique strain that infected humans. By March, it had spread to Ft. Riley, near Manhattan, KS, where 46,000 troops were being trained. Thousands became sick but only 1100 were hospitalized. Thirty-eight of those (3.5%) died. This FLU spread to 24 of the 36 large Army camps and to 30 of 50 large cities near the camps. The infected troops then spread the virus to eastern embarkation points and then on to France and Germany. The virus was highly contagious in crowded military camps, but the mortality rate was less than at Kansas. In the U.K. naval fleet only 4 of 10,000 victims died, and in the French Army only 100 of 40,000 were lost. Then, a

lethal mutation occurred.

2nd Wave (Aug.-Dec. '18). The first US evidence of the second Wave was in Boston in late August and at nearby Camp Devens on 7 September--which was not the usual flu season. The Boston schools closed on 26 September. Fort Devens had 45,000 soldiers and 1500 of them were reporting ill each day, with a peak death rate of 100 per day. A Navy ship from Boston spread the FLU to Philadelphia where 12,000 civilians died in the next six weeks. So many Army camps were incapacitated that the national draft call for October of 150,000 men was cancelled. On 1 October the U.S. Army reported 88,000 infected recruits and 1877 deaths up to that time. The epidemic peaked later in October, and then disappeared shortly after the war ended.

3rd Wave (Jan.-April '19). This could have been the usual seasonal flu or possibly another milder variant of the 1918/19 pandemic. The virus causing the initial widespread outbreak is still under study yet today.

The 1918/19 Basketball Season.

In January of 1919 the I.H.S.A.A. voted 3:2 to have the 1919 State Tourney played at Purdue instead of in Bloomington. Most Indiana high schools had opened for classes on 9 September, 1918, the first Monday after Labor Day, just as the FLU outbreak was occurring at Camp Devens. By 26 September, most of the Army camps were infected with the disease. MDs and RNs were dying along with their patients. On 30 September, however, Fort Benjamin Harrison reported only 500 cases and Indianapolis just four cases. By 3 October, however, Lafayette was reporting 1000 new cases along with 12 deaths. And by 6 October Fort Harrison was reporting 1653 sick, with 1300

hospitalized and 41 dead, during the preceding week. On 7 October the Indianapolis Board of Health banned public gatherings of five or more people, which meant the closing of all schools, theaters, and churches. On 10 October, the State Board of Health extended the same ban to the entire state.

The 37-year-old Clinton County Health Officer, Dr. Endicott of Frankfort, died of pneumonia on 8 October. The new Frankfort basketball coach, William G. Gilbert, was stricken on 18 October and died ten days later at his parents' home near New London. He was one of three brothers (Wm., Ward, & Ralph) from western Howard County who played some basketball at I.U. and then became coaches. Since 1912, football had been de-emphasized in the high school sports programs, while the basketball season was expanded to more than 20 games, frequently starting in October. However, in 1918 most high schools were closed in October due to the FLU epidemic and subsequent State Board of Health ban. Teams were allowed to practice but game attendance was banned. The Ban was lifted on 4 November for all but 23 of the 92 counties. Allen, Dearborn, Fayette, Gibson, Johnson, Lawrence, Noble, Parke, Randolph, and St. Joseph counties remained fully closed while 13 other counties were partially closed.

Typical of many schools, Frankfort cancelled its early schedule and played its first game on 15 November at Kokomo. Lebanon's season started 16 November at Ladoga. On 18 November, a second Ban was recommended due to a resurgence of the FLU cases. Many counties ignored it altogether this time and the degree of enforcement varied greatly in the other counties. However, the Frankfort, Kokomo, and Lebanon schools fully closed

their doors once again. For the state, the sequence was as follows:

- State Ban: October 1918.
- Ban Lifted: 4 November.
- Second Ban imposed: 18 November.
- Ban Lifted: 2 December.

As shown, the second Ban was lifted on 2 December. Frankfort did not resume basketball until 20 December. Richmond was able to schedule only 12 games that season, Frankfort only 14, Franklin 15, Washington 15; Bloomington 17, and Thorntown 18. Due to the school closings, many high schools did not publish a 1919 yearbook. Examples were state champion Bloomington, and Columbus where future Converse shoe guru Chuck Taylor was playing out his senior year.

Meanwhile, in Bloomington, I.U. closed from 10 October until 4 November. Except for the 350 men in the Student Army Training Corps who were confined to barracks, all the students were told to go home. The football team was able to play only four games. Purdue played only six. Classes resumed at I.U. on 4 November, but public gatherings were again banned until 21 January (Fig. 1, Ban Lifted). The I.U. basketball team played five away games between January 2-21 and had its first home game on 24 January. I.U. suffered just 350 cases of FLU and only three deaths.

Bloomington H.S. (BHS) coach Cliff Wells (born 3-17-96) was still in the Navy when school started in September of '18. He had joined the Navy after the 1918 state tourney, age 22, and was at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station but got assigned to the Bloomington Recruiting Station. He was one of 34 regular Navy men in Bloomington (Fig. 2, Sailor Wells). Fifty other sailors and 300 Army men were in the I.U. Student Army Training Corps; later known as the R.O.T.C. BHS team pictures were taken in October before the war ended and BHS never took any other team photos in 1919 as there was no school yearbook. After the war ended on 11 November, it took weeks for the military to discharge all 84 local navy personnel. Coach Wells was probably in uniform until December. He had two starters returning for a third year on his ten-man team (Fig. 3, 1919 team).

BHS teams, 1917-1919

1917	1918	1919
F-Rogers	Rogers	Rogers
F-Marxson	Marxson	Marxson
C-Esary	Esary	Short
G-Dobbins	Robinson	Robinson
G-Ratliff	Sullivan	Crane



Figure 2

BHS had expected to play its first basketball game of the season on Friday, 18 October, but the School Closing Ban forced the Bloomington team to cancel its first six games. Monroe County schools reopened 18 November but then closed again until 11 January. Games were

eliminated or moved to away sites where the Ban was not in force.

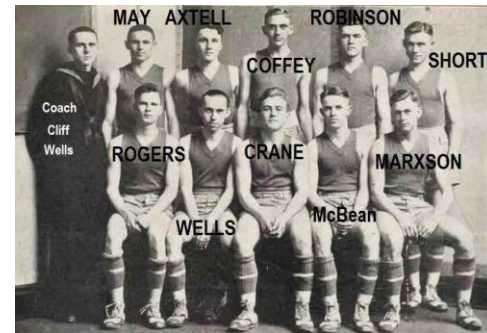


Figure 3

Wells was able to arrange 17 games in place of the 22 originally scheduled--ten away and seven at home. The season started on 29 November, 43 days late, with nine away games. Over the Christmas Holiday BHS played three away games in four days. However, even though BHS was open for classes after 11 January, all other public gatherings and games were cancelled in Monroe County until 21 January. The BHS schedule resumed 24-25 January with BHS having its 8th and 9th consecutive away games.

BHS Basketball Season

(Early games rescheduled due to the FLU)

- Nov. 29 Greencastle (A), 42-16
- Dec. 6 Anderson (A) 12-14
- Dec. 20 Martinsvilles (A) 28-15
- Dec.28 Mitchell (A) 56-19
- Jan. 1 Sullivan (A) 47-12
- Jan. 3 Lafayette (A) 13-26
- Jan. 4 Ind. Shortridge (A) 43-8
- Jan. 11 BHS re-opens Ban on social events
- Jan. 21 I.U. social Ban lifted
- Jan. 24 Craw'ville (A) 23-46
- Jan. 25 Ind. Manual (A) 32-23
- Jan. 27 Sullivan (I.U.) 56-8
- Jan. 31 Bedford (A) 25-18
- Feb. 7 Lafayette (I.U.) 22-18 ot
- Feb. 13 Ind. Shortridge (H) 39-21
- Feb. 19 Martinsville (I.U.) 45-13
- Feb. 22 Washington (I.U.) 44-20
- Feb. 24 Bedford (I.U.) 41-8
- Feb. 28 Anderson (I.U.) 25-24

W-L record, regular season=14-3

- Bedford Sectional (4-0):
- Mitchell 36-14
- Bedford 55-5
- Smithville 37-9
- Scottsburg 21-9

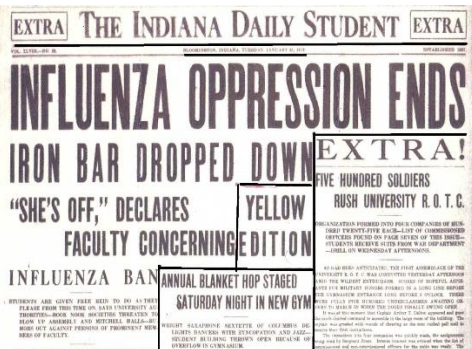


Figure 1

Wells had worked out a deal to play six of the seven BHS home games at the new (1917) Men's Gym at I.U. On 27 January the BHS-Sullivan game was the curtain raiser to the I.U.-DePauw game. On 7 February the BHS game preceded the I.U.-Ohio State game. BHS was also the preliminary when I.U. played Minnesota on 24 February and against Wisconsin on 28 February. This was a plus for BHS as they got to use the larger floor and glass backboards as used at Purdue. Only one game was played at BHS, on 13 February. Wells used his subs frequently--May and McBean at forward and Axtell for Robinson. In the mismatch against Shortridge at the Indianapolis YMCA, McBean, May, Wells, and Axtell all played. In the Sullivan rematch, Wells, May, Axtell, and Coffey were used. Against Shortridge the entire first five was replaced by the subs.

BHS lost only three games, all on the road and to future sectional champions. In the rematch with Lafayette played at I.U. on 7 February, it was tied 7-7 at halftime and then 18-18 at the end of regulation. In the O.T., BHS outscored Lafayette 4-0 and won the game. The box score was as follows:

BHS (22) Fg+Ft		Lafayette (18) Fg+Ft	
Marxson	4	Sinks	1
Rogers	2	Jennings	5+2
Short	1	Jackson	2
Crane	1	Baugh	0
Robinson	0+6	LeGalley	0

The rematch with Anderson on 28 February found BHS trailing 13-8 at halftime, with Marxson the only one scoring for the home team. To start the second half, Rogers scored twice to make it 13-12. BHS then outscored Brown of Anderson 9 to 6 enroute to their first lead at 21-19. Anderson closed to 25-24 with 4 minutes left but Wells went to a passing game and stalled out the win. Anderson and coach Staggs finished

their regular season 19:3. The box score was as follows:

BHS (25) Fg+Ft		AND. (24) Fg+Ft	
Marxson	5	Hooker	2
Rogers	2	Brown	6+2/6
Short	1	Dykens	3
Crane	0	Gale	0
Robinson	2+3/5	Wolski	0
May	1		

The new coach at Crawfordsville was J.D. Blacker who had started for Wingate in '13 and '14 when they were state champions. He had attended Wabash and then coached Wingate in '17 and '18 when they won the Montgomery County sectional. Crawfordsville was returning three starters.

Crawfordsville Rosters

Starters 1918	1919
F- Maurice Shelley-So	Shelley Jr.=6.5 ppg.
F- Don Shelton-Fr.	Shelton So.=12.3 ppg.
C-Okla Shelley-Sr.	Harry Kirby Fr.=7.5 ppg
G-C. Lowe-Sr	Maurice Kennedy-Sr.
G-John Gray-So.	John Gray- Jr.
G-M. Kennedy-Jr	Will Gray-Fr.
G-W. Lowe, So.	Roy Etter-Sr.=6.8 ppg

Crawfordsville won 24 regular season games while losing two to Lebanon and one to Indianapolis Manual. See below. The team defeated eight different sectional champions and the two state finalists, as denoted in the list (*).

Crawfordsville Regular Season

Romney (W)	*Vincennes (W)
Wingate (WW)	*Washington (W)
Ind. Shortridge (WW)	*Lafayette (WW)
*Greencastle (W)	Bainbridge (W)
Lizton (W)*	Bloomington (W)
Ladoga (W)	*Martinsville (WW)
*Anderson (W)	New Richmond (W)
Darlington (W)	Frankfort (WW)
Ind. Tech (WW)	*Logansport (W)
Lebanon (LL)	Ind. Manual (L)

Lebanon returned three senior starters: (C) Fred Adam, (F) Merrill Gardner, and (G) Clyde Grater, from the 1918 state champions. And, it had its 4th new coach in 4 years: Rex Dale, a 1913 alumnus. The team went 14-4-1, with only eight home games. There were splits with Lafayette and Anderson and losses at Franklin and Advance. Visiting Lizton forced a tie.

Thorntown was 9-9 after losing

both home and away games to Lafayette, Lebanon, and Advance, while splitting with West Lafayette and Zionsville. The team lost to Shortridge but beat Manual, the Indy sectional winner.

SECTIONALS; 7/8 March

Year	# IHSAA Members	# Teams Entered	# Sites Sectionals
1915	387	155	14
1916	448	204	16
1917	502	255	20
1918	453	301	20
1919	560	332	22

This was the *first* year for Indianapolis to host a sectional and 16 teams from Marion and Hancock Counties were assigned to play at the venerable Tomlinson Hall (1886-1958) which seated 3500. In addition to Shortridge, Manual, Broad Ripple, Arsenal Technical, Fishers, and Greenfield, there were ten high schools participating that today no longer exist: Cumberland, Maxwell, Green Twp., Acton, Westland, Castleton, Oaklandon, Mt. Comfort, New Bethel and New Augusta. The city high schools acted as hosts and the out-of-town teams were accommodated at local hotels. 1918 participant Ben Davis was shipped to the Martinsville sectional and Southport was transferred to Franklin.

The 22 Sectional Champions

Records (before & after) sectional

Anderson (at Anderson), 13 teams

(19-3; 23-3)

Bloomington (at Bedford), 13 teams

(14-3; 18-3)

Washington (at Bloomfield), 13 teams

(09-6; 13-6)

Brazil (at Brazil), 14 teams

(12-8; 16-8)

Columbus (at Columbus), 15 teams

(13-2; 16-2)

Crawfordsville (at C'ville), 16 teams

(24-3; 28-3)

Thorntown (at Frankfort), 14 teams

(09-9; 13-9)

Franklin (at Franklin), 16 teams

(11-0; 15-0)

Emerson (at Gary), 16 teams

(no info)

Greencastle (at Greencastle), 12 teams

(17-3; 20-3)

Huntington (at Huntington), 16 teams

(13-6; 17-6)

Ind. Manual (at Indy YMCA), 16 teams

(13-7; 17-7).
Kendallville (at Kendallville), 16 teams
 (12-6; 16-6)
Kokomo (at Kokomo), 14 teams
 (11-8; 15-8)
Lafayette (at Lafayette), 16 teams
 (13-3; 16-3)
Logansport (at Logansport), 16 teams
 (12-4; 16-4)
Martinsville (at M'ville), 14 teams
 (9-10; 13-10)
Spiceland Acad. (at N. Castle), 16 teams
 (no info)
Richmond (at Richmond), 16 teams
 (7-5; 11-5)
Rochester (at Rochester), 16 teams
 (16-8; 20-8)
South Bend (at S.B. YMCA), 16 teams
 (no info)
Vincennes (at Vincennes), 15 teams
 (8-11; 12-11)

The favorite at Brazil had been Terre Haute Garfield (14-4), but Brazil prevailed over all the Terre Haute schools. In Montgomery County, Crawfordsville dispatched Wingate for a third time. At Indianapolis, Shortridge was favored but Manual won 27-8 for the title. At Logansport, Brookston or Winamac was favored, but after Young America thumped Winamac 50-4 and Logan edged Brookston 19-18, Logan dispatched Young America in the finale, 26-22. New Castle (14-8) or Muncie (13-10) was favored to win, but they forgot to advise Spiceland Academy which beat the host team 18-4 and then Muncie 18-16 for the sectional championship. The upstart Academy, coached by Chester Reagan, would repeat its title in the 1920 sectional.

The biggest upset was at Frankfort, which was hosting its first sectional in a small gym located in the basement of its new 1915 high school. The Frankfort gym had no seats but had standing room for 1200 in the balconies that lined three sides of the gym. Its sectional included 14 teams from Boone and Clinton Counties. Lebanon at 14-4-1 was favored, having whipped chief rival Thorntown (9-9) twice but it had lost 4 games and settled for a tie with tiny Lizton. Zionsville was 14-6

coming in, after splitting with Thorntown, Advance and Lizton. In the Saturday final four it was Lebanon vs. Zionsville at 2 p.m. and Thorntown vs. Advance at 3 p.m.

Lebanon took a commanding 10-0 lead over Zionsville at the half. At this point the game officials informed Lebanon that their uniforms were so similar to Zionsville's that they could not tell them apart. Lebanon had established a commanding lead of 10-0, but the officials decided that Lebanon must change their shirts at halftime. This unprecedented and irregular deviation from standard operating procedure evidently unnerved the Lebanon boys. To start the second half Zionsville outscored Lebanon 6 to 2 to trail 12-6, and it became 13-8 when Zionsville scored twice to narrow Lebanon's lead to a single point. With one minute to go Zionsville scored underneath to gain a one-point lead, and then held on for the 14-13 upset. At 3 p.m. Thorntown overpowered Advance 20-6, and then at 8 p.m. downed Zionsville 22-9. Ironically, during the regular season Thorntown had lost twice to both Advance and Lebanon while splitting with Zionsville. Frankfort High printed a yearbook in 1919 that pictured the winning 1919 Thorntown aggregation (see Fig. 4).

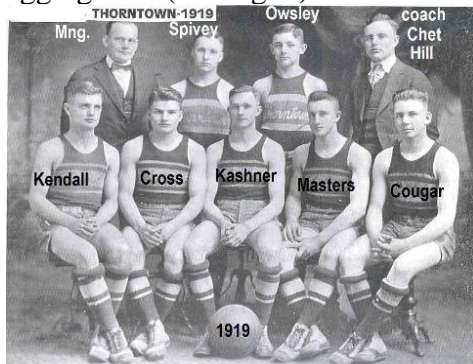


Figure 4

FINALS 13-15 MARCH

As was the case at Bloomington, the Purdue tourney games were

limited to 30 minutes--15 minutes each half. Because of the increased number of sectionals, the finals had to start earlier on Thursday. The IHSAA had relented in 1918 and allowed the tourney to start on Thursday, thus occupying three days instead of two. Unlike at Bloomington, Purdue did not cancel classes to promote student attendance.

The IHSAA was successful in having several 16-team sectionals but the finals still had an odd number that required arbitrary byes. Kokomo got a bye in the second round. Lafayette got a bye in the final 3 and only had to play four games to get to the championship game but had to play three of them on Saturday. BHS and Thorntown got the long draw and would need to play **five** games to get to the title game, with again three of them on Saturday.

FINALS @ PURDUE

First day, Thurs 13 March, game scores

2 pm Bloomington vs Richmond (16-13)
 3 pm Manual vs Vincennes (19-13)
 4 pm Thorntown vs Anderson (26-23)
 7:30 pm Huntington vs Washington (24-13)
 8:30 pm Columbus vs South Bend (24-3)

BHS (18-3) took on Richmond (11-5) in the first game. In a game determined by FTs, BHS scored 6 FG and Robinson hit 4 FTs. Richmond (RHS) hit 6 FGs and 1 of 5 FTs. RHS led 9-5 late in the first half and tried to stall but Marxson stole the ball & scored, making it 9-7 RHS at the half. During the second half it was 11-8 RHS when Marxson, Rogers, and Short all hit in succession, giving BHS the lead 14-11. RHS cut it to 14-13 but then Short hit his 3rd FG to ice it for BHS, 16-13.

Tiny Thorntown (14-9) upset a good Anderson team (26-23) at 4 p.m. Thorntown (TTN) had led 15-10 at the halfway mark and was up 23-15 when Anderson coach Staggs

sent Grisner in for junior Orville Hooker. Anderson rallied behind 3 FG made by Grisner and 2 FTs by Brown while TTN managed only a single FT by Kashner. It was 24-23 TTN with 60 seconds left on the clock. A time out was taken by TTN coach Chet Hill. After play resumed Anderson was unable to move the ball past mid-court. Kashner then scored at the buzzer for the 3-point TTN win. The box score was as follows:

Thorntown (26)		Anderson (23)	
	Fg+Ft		Fg+Ft
F	Masters 2	Hooker	2
F	Couger 3	Brown	2+7
C	Kashner 6+2	Dykens	1
G	Cross 1	Gale	0
G	Kendall 0	Wolski	0
		Grisner	3

At 8:30 p.m. Columbus routed South Bend 24-3. Senior Chuck Taylor hit a FG, Crim hit 5 FGs, and sophomore center Erwin (Pipe) Gerhardt, the tallest center of the tourney, scored 4 FG and 4/5 FTs to lead Columbus.

Second day, Fri. 14 March, game scores

9 am	Rochester vs Greencastle (16-8)
10 am	Lafayette vs Martinsville (22-16)
11 am	G. Emerson vs Kendallville (33-13)
1 pm	Crawfordsville > Franklin (18-14)
2 pm	Logansport vs Spiceland Acad. (9-5)
3 pm	Kokomo vs Brazil (11-6)

At 1 pm, Crawfordsville edged Franklin by 18-14 after leading 10-9 at the halfway mark. Shelton scored ten, while Shelley and Kirby got four points each. Franklin started juniors Burl Friddle and Paul White along with freshman sensation Robert "Fuzzy" Vandivier who would return in 1920, '21 and '22.

Friday: Second Round (11 teams)

4 pm	Bloomington vs. Ind. Manual (23-12)
7:30 pm	Thorntown vs Huntington (23-14)
8:30pm	Columbus vs Rochester (11-5)

Third Day, Saturday 15 March

8am	Lafayette vs Gary Emerson (21-18)
9am	Craw'ville vs Logansport (20-1)
N/A	Kokomo bye

At 4 p.m. Bloomington had no trouble with Manual as Marxson scored 10 and Crane 4. Substitutes May and Wells came in for Marxson and Rogers during the game. Thorntown defeated Huntington at 7:30 p.m. Thorntown led 12-10 at the half but pulled away when Kashner scored nine points and A.B. Masters eight. Defensive guard Walter Cross suffered a bad knee injury in the contest and collapsed during the second half. Spivey replaced him. At 8:30 p.m. Columbus ousted Rochester 11-5, as center Gerhardt scored eight points and Chuck Taylor had two. On Saturday morning Lafayette squeaked by Gary 21-18 and Crawfordsville, led by Shelton's ten points, blew by sleepy Logansport 20-1

Saturday: Third Round (the final 6).

10am	Bloomington vs Kokomo (23-14)
11am	Thorntown vs Columbus (20-16)
2pm	Lafayette vs Craw'ville (18-15, ot)

At 10 a.m., Bloomington took out Kokomo by nine after leading at the half by 17-4. At 21-6, coach Wells began putting in subs May, Wells, and McBean. Thorntown, without Walter Cross, led Columbus 11-8 at the half, but then Gerhardt scored six points to bring Columbus within one at 15-14. Kashner got three FTs for Thorntown while Chuck Taylor scored a FG for Columbus to make it 18-16. Thorntown's Masters then sealed it with a late FG for the win, 20-16. At 2 p.m. Lafayette outlasted Crawfordsville 18-15 in overtime (ot). Lafayette led 13-9 with less than two minutes to play when Gray dribbled coast to coast for a lay-up. Crawfordsville scored again when a jump ball was somehow batted in, tying the score 13-13. In the ot, Sinks scored twice and Jennings hit a FT for Lafayette before Shelton scored the final goal for Crawfordsville at the buzzer. The

final score was 18-15 Lafayette. During the regular season Crawfordsville had beaten Lafayette both home and away, 21-9 and 25-18. However, Crawfordsville lost senior Roy Etter, its third leading scorer, to illness prior to the tourney.

Lafayette (18)		Crawfordsville (15)	
	Fg+Ft		Fg+Ft
Sinks	4+3	F	Shelton 1+3
Weil	0	F	Shelley 1
Jackson	0	C	Kirby 3
Baugh	0	G	Kennedy 0
LeGalley	3	G	J. Grey 1
Subs:			W. Grey 0
Jennings	0+1		
	7+4		6+3

Final Three

3pm Bloomington vs Thorntown (27-17)

N/A Lafayette bye

8pm Bloomington vs Lafayette (18-15)

Lafayette was in the short bracket and drew the bye after three tough games against Martinsville, Gary Emerson, and Crawfordsville. On Saturday at 3 p.m. Bloomington and Thorntown each played their fourth game of the finals. Thorntown's Cross was resting on the bench with his injured knee after sitting out the Columbus game. BHS led 9-0 before TTN closed to 9-8. It was 11-8 at the half, then 12-8 BHS into the third quarter before Masters scored twice for TTN to tie it at 12-12. Robinson and Marxson countered to make it 16-12 BHS. After TTN got a FT from Cougar, coach Chet Hill allowed an eager Walter Cross to come in. Cross, however, was unable to play comfortably and fell repeatedly. On his last fall he had to be carried off the court. BHS outscored TTN 11 to 4 to wrap it up 27-17. In the final game, BHS was playing its fifth game and Lafayette its fourth. Both teams were fatigued during their third game of the day, but Lafayette seemed more so to the spectators. BHS never trailed and won it 18-15, markedly at the FT line with Robinson hitting 6, while Sinks converted on only 1 for Lafayette. For the second straight game BHS

committed only one foul.

	<u>Bloomington (18)</u>		<u>Lafayette (15)</u>	
	FG/FT		FG/FT	
F-Marxson	1	Sinks	2+1	
F-Rogers	0	Weil	1	
C-Short	3	Jackson	1	
G-Crane	2	Baugh	0	
G-Robinson	0+6	LeGalley	0	
subs:		Jennings	2	
May	0	Heffner	1	
Totals	6+6		7+1	

PLAY BY PLAY

First Half:

Crane (B) scores but Weil (L) follows, 2-2. Robinson a FT & Short a FG, 5-2 (B). Robinson and Sinks trade FTs, 6-3 (B) after 7 min. Jackson (L) tips one in, 6-5 (B). Crane scores again, this time from center floor, 8-5 (B). Robinson hits his third FT, 9-5 (B). Sinks (L) finally gets open for a FG, 9-7 (B). Marxson scores just ahead of the halftime gun, 11-7 (B).

Second Half:

After 5 full minutes elapses, Short (B) scores in front of the basket, 13-7 (B). Down six points now, Lafayette substitutes Jennings for the scoreless LeGalley. Jennings fouls Robinson who makes a FT, (14-7) (B). Short (B) scores again from under the basket; his third FG, widening the margin to 16-7 (B). Sinks (L) gets his second and last FG, 16-9 (B). Weil fouls Robinson who hits his 5th FT, 17-9 (B). Down 8 now, Lafayette takes time out to discuss strategy. Heffner (L) replaces Jackson and he scores on the out of bounds play, 17-11 (B). Jennings (L) follows with a FG from the side, 17-13 (B). Scrapping all the way, Jennings (L) scores again under the basket, as Lafayette is right back in it with 5 minutes to go, 17-15 (B). Fighting for possession, Lafayette fouls Robinson who finally misses a FT. In the heat of the action, Heffner (L) knocks Short (B) down to the floor. Bloomington takes a time out, and Wells sends in May for the now injured Short. Robinson, the designated FT shooter for Bloomington, sinks his 6th FT on the Heffner foul, making it 18-15 (B) with two minutes remaining on the game clock. Bloomington is able to regain ball possession and stalls out the remaining time (no shot clock in that era) with adept passing and teamwork.

EPILOGUE

BHS was awarded a plaque which was never pictured, since there was no 1919 school yearbook--See Fig.

5, BHS Trophy. The 1920 school year book has the 1918-19 pre-season team photo--See Fig. 6, BHS 1919. The only unanimous All-State selections were Sinks (LAF) and Robinson (BHS), although Columbus sophomore center E.P. Gerhardt was selected on four of five ballots. Marxson (BHS) went on to start at I.U. in 1921.

<i>Purdue</i>	<i>LaFayette</i>	<i>Indy</i>
<u>Exponent</u>	<u>Journal</u>	<u>News</u>
F- Sinks	Sinks	Sinks
F-Rogers	Rogers	Rogers
C-Gerhardt	Gerhardt	Gerhardt
G-Robinson	Robinson	Robinson
G-LeGalley	LeGalley	Cross

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<u>1st team</u>	<u>2nd team</u>
F-Sinks	Rogers
F-Marxson	Shelton-C'ville
C-Gerhardt	Kashner
G-Robinson	LeGalley
G-Cross	Wolski-Anderson

The BHS team averaged 5' 7" in height and the undersized BHS junior center, Short, allegedly never won a tipoff during the tourney. Lafayette lost all its starters but would return to the final four in '20 and '21. Plucky Walter Cross of Thorntown, the popular choice, was selected for the Gimbel Prize. Both Cross and A.B. Masters of Thorntown were recruited by coach Ward Lambert at Purdue. However, Cross was never able to overcome his serious knee injury. Masters started for Purdue in '21,'22 and '23. His team was Western Conference ("Big Ten") champion in '21 and '22. At Lebanon the two holdovers from the '17 and '18 state champs, Clyde Grater and Fred Adam, both went to Wabash where they started on the remarkable 1922 team (21-3) that won an experimental National Intercollegiate Tournament played in Indianapolis that year. Six small conferences sent teams to that tourney, but the powerful Big Ten and the Eastern League conferences declined. Grater and Adam both went on to successful high school coaching careers in Illinois--Clyde at Winnetka, and Fred at Rantoul.

Chet Hill left Thorntown to coach Lebanon in '20 and '21 and then to an illustrious career at Kokomo where he was the leader of the



Figure 5

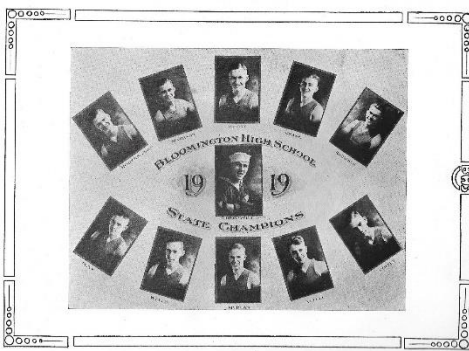


Figure 6

ALL-STATE TEAMS 1st team

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- F- Sinks, LaFayette
- F- Marxson, Bloomington
- F-Kashner, Thorntown
- C-Crowell, Franklin
- C-Dunleaux, Gary Emerson
- G-Robinson, Bloomington
- G-LeGalley, Lafayette
- G-Cross, Thorntown

Thorntown Colony there. Chet Hill coached basketball ('22-'28); track (22-'37); football '23-'36) and was A.D. for 21 years including a later stretch of time from 1945 through 1957. He won seven state track championships: 1924-27, '34, '35 and '37, and finished second in '31, '33 and '36. After graduating from Purdue, Walter Cross followed Chet Hill to Kokomo where he assisted Hill and coached everything including basketball ('32 & '33). Arthur Masters was Purdue captain his senior year and then assisted Lambert in 1924-25 before moving on to coach at Robinson, Illinois, in '26 and '27 and then at Kokomo in '29 through '31. The rest of Masters' career was at Lafayette Jefferson from '32 through '42 where he also served as A.D. and football coach as well.

Cliff Wells (1896-1977) was the youngest coach, at age 22, to ever win the Indiana state title; he was born 17 March. 1896. He turned 23 just two days after the 1919 tourney. Wells was only three years out of high school, having graduated in 1916 from BHS. During his senior year, he had coached the freshman team on which his brother Lloyd was playing. He was attending I.U. for the academic year 1916-17 when the BHS coach abruptly left Bloomington at the semester break in January. The school board turned to Wells to be the interim varsity coach at BHS until it could hire someone the following summer. Wells took over a team that had won two games while losing four, that January. He won six and lost three through the remainder of the regular season, then captured Bloomington's third straight sectional, and won one game at the tourney finals. He finished the season with a personal record of 11-4. Wells was then hired as the BHS head coach. During the summer of '17 he took courses at the I.U.

summer school for coaches and became a part-time student at I.U. He eventually earned his degree there 12 years later.

Wells coached at Columbus in 1921-22 and then began a legendary career at Logansport, starting in 1923. He served there as head coach until 1945. During that time, he won 22 of 23 sectionals, 16 regionals, and one state title. His Indiana basketball record at Bloomington, Columbus, and Logansport was 582-240 (70%), with state championships in 1919 (BHS) and 1934 (Logan). From 1946-63 he coached college basketball at Tulane University, finishing there with a record of 254-171 (60%). He wrote over 50 articles on basketball and conducted over 100 clinics, nationally and overseas. He was active in the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and was a member of the National Rules Committee during 1952-56. He held every office in the NABC, including its presidency in '59. After retiring from his coaching career, he became the first executive secretary, and then the director, of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame during 1963-66.

BHS STATE FINALS SCORING

	<i>Totals</i>
Marxson	26
Rogers	24
Short	24
Robinson	21
Crane	12

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