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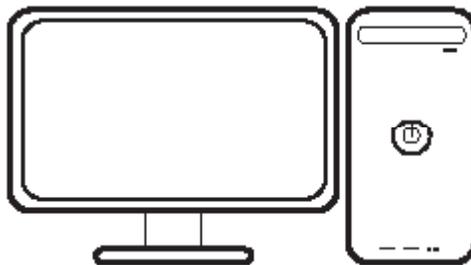
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So, let's address the 10 ton elephant in the room. Yes, the magazine is a combined issue. Technical problems forced use to combine the September and October issues, and unfortunately, we had to wait for awhile to release it. Rest assured, the technical issues have been fixed, and you can now look forward to MAB Monthly coming out each and every month on schedule, for here on out.

Now that we have done that, let's move on to this exciting issue! We are pleased that Brandon Vickery from Pow Wow Radio contributed an article again. Brandon is a tremendous talent and we are lucky that he had time with everything else he is doing to take time to write for us. You will see the usual contributors as well. Andy Wielgus really carried a heavy load this time around with several submissions. JT Hoyo from Region Sports Desk is back in this issue as well. If you want to know about highlight videos and recruiting, this is an article that you do not want to miss! Bob Potosky and Rich Sapper have their contributions as well.

As always, as you are reading this, you can check out our archive on sportsjuice.com and relive some of the moments that we have been able to witness this season. As you are doing that, consider our sponsors. Without their support, there is no way that we can do what we do. If you appreciate what we do, please patronize their businesses and let them know that you appreciate their support of high school athletics.

Thank you so much again for reading. We hope you enjoy this issue and that you feel like it was worth the wait!

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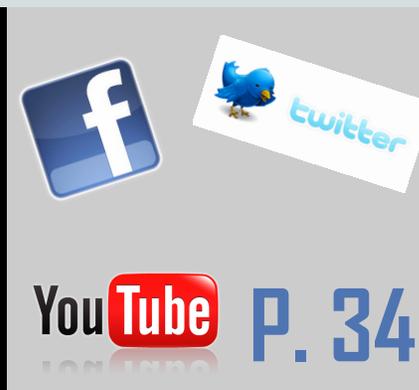
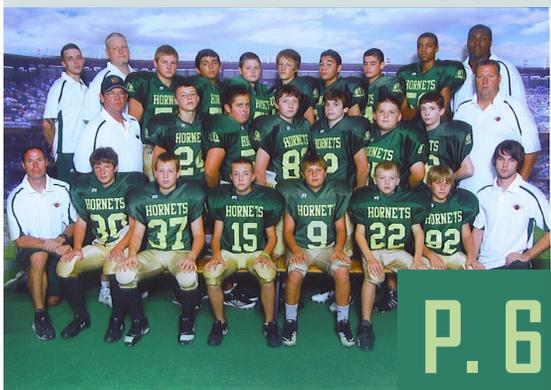
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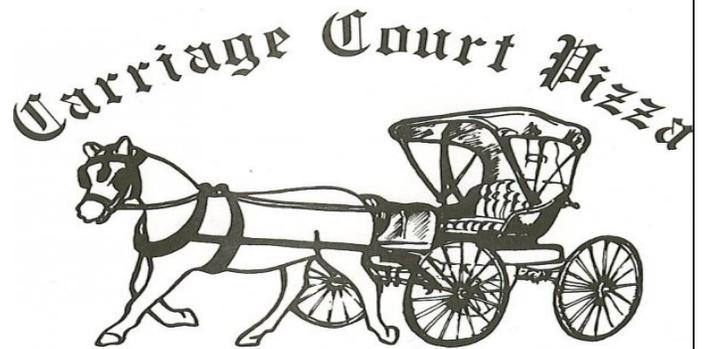
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Crown Point Junior Bulldogs Build New Artificial Turf Field As Part Of Sportsplex !

By Andy Wielgus, MAB Monthly Staff Writer

Photos by Rena Wielgus



In 1952 the CP Jr. Bulldogs began play known as "Panther Football". Then, every year since that time kids aged 7-14 have been playing football. The Jr. Bulldog League is a league comprised of three divisions Little, Middle, and Big. Current Crown Point Head Coach Chip Pettit played for the Green Hornets and now his son is a Little Green Hornet Team Member. The League is primarily comprised of Crown Point kids but not exclusively. This is not travel football all teams play in house with three teams at each grade level with around 20 players each.



**Junior Bulldogs Players on
the New Field Turf**

Some of the long time team names include the Blue Devils, Maroon Wolves, Purple Vikings, Black Knights, Red Raiders, Silver Hawks, Orange Tigers, Blue Chargers, and Golden Eagles. Our own MAB Webmaster/Contributor and current EC Central Football Assistant Coach Hank Kilander played for the Blue Devils before he played at Cathedral and Crown Point in the Mid 80's. His coach is the current director of the league Scott Shabaz who has coached since 1979 and is the three time defending champion coach of the Big Green Hornets where my son Matthew Wielgus has played for Coach Gary Udchitz, Ron

Goodman, and now for the second year Scott Shabaz since he was 7.

The current location has always had lights, bleachers, and such at 1401 E. North Street in Crown Point for the Jr. Bulldogs, but now they are adding Artificial Turf with the Grand Opening being August 20th, with three games between longtime rivals the Black Knights and the Green Hornets starting at 830am. Big news also is that the Boone Grove Wolves will use the new field to play two of it's Friday Night Home Games

vs the Gary Lew Wallace Hornets on September 2nd and vs the Gary Roosevelt Panthers on October 7th. The new Jr. Bulldog facility will also have a new Parking Lot, two artificial fields, one for Practice also, and a two – story building that has a concession stand also. It is possible that Boone Grove may play their entire schedule their in the future, currently they play the rest of their home

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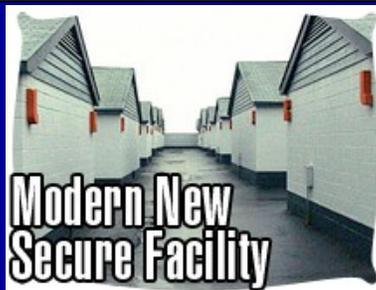
games at VU. This will be the first time in the history of Crown Point that two HS Games will be played on the same night in CP.

Two of the pioneers of the league were Ted Byrd and John Mecklenburg. Each year the teams gather for three big Super Bowl games for Little, Middle, and Big at the conclusion of the postseason. Another note is that kids from other communities have starred in this league including the brothers of Green Bay Packer Michael Neal - Adam and Ryan whom is an upcoming star at Merrillville and two underclassmen upcoming stars at Wheeler Freshman Sam Bolla and Christian Luna.

Kids play in the league from Boone Grove, Lowell, and Hanover Central just to name a few other communities that have played recently or concurrently. Crown Point Football has obviously benefited from the program with stars like Braxton Rice currently and basically the majority of the CP Players over the years came from this league. Each year the Crown Point team comes and practices with the kids and it is neat to see the players go back to their old

coaches and their old jr. bulldog teams to reminisce and practice with the current Jr. Bulldog Players. I would encourage anyone to go to a few games on a Saturday and see the competition. Also, licensed officials are seen here every Saturday after working their Friday Night Games too, which is a plus for the kids too.

GOOD LUCK TO THE CROWN POINT JR. BULLDOGS AND ALL OF THE TEAMS THIS YEAR! Once a year they have a Vegas Night at the Lake County Fairgrounds and this is a great fundraiser for the league and I encourage everyone to patronize it. It is usually the third or fourth Saturday in September at the Fairgrounds.



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How a highlight tape can help with recruiting

**By JT Hoyo
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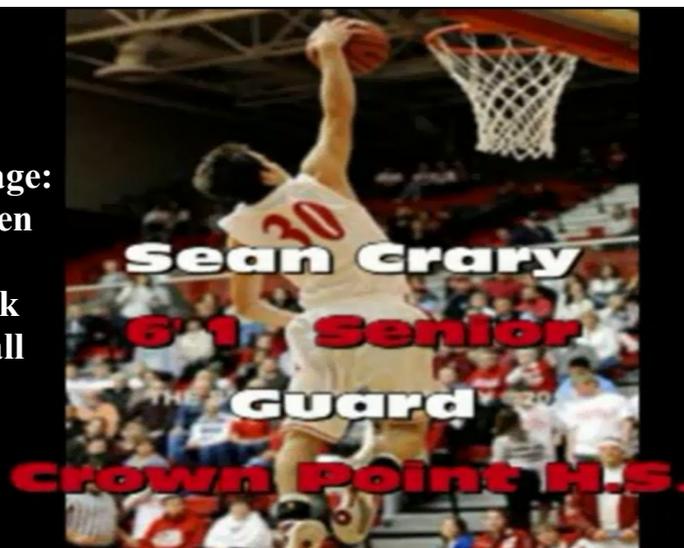
6-2 Senior

Guard

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**This and previous page:
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produced basketball
recruiting videos**



Almost every high school athlete dreams of playing their given sport in college, and even some, aspire to become a professional. The professional dream is extremely unlikely for most, but playing collegiately at some level is usually possible. Since I have the most experience with helping high school basketball players reach the next level, I will center this article around that topic.

All basketball players want to get noticed by college coaches. Most, just do not understand the best ways to go about doing so. Some players resort to padding up huge numbers at the expense of losing and team turmoil. For example, a young man here in the state of Indiana last season posted some incredible scoring numbers. He averaged nearly 40 points per game. Sounds like a division one recruit for sure, right? You would not only be wrong, but the young man will be fortunate just to be accepted by an NAIA school for basketball. The problem? The player shot the ball nearly 40 times per game to achieve his average. He not only shot

the ball more times than the rest of his teammates combined, his school only won 3 games the entire season and the team unity went down in flames.

Sure, not all players would go to this extreme to be noticed by coaches at the next level, but it shows how desperately some players are to make it big. There are other ways to strengthen one's hopes of playing at the next level. Attending off-season basketball camps and playing AAU are great ways to be noticed. But, not every player is at the skill level of a Branden Dawson or an Austin Richie. For the ones who seem to receive minimal attention, a highlight tape can be a huge benefit.



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There are numerous highlight reels of some of the best players in not only northwest Indiana, but the entire state. Those videos are not very important to the collegiate status of these high profile stars because they are already well known and have been followed by coaches, probably since they were either freshmen or even since middle school. But the fact is, all college teams need to fill out their rosters. Not every player recruited to a given college is going to be a superstar. Many will be "role" players that were probably not high profile players in high school.

This is where the highlight reels can be effective. Some players have a misconception that a video should be filled with high flying moves and a plethora of scoring. This couldn't be farther from the truth. Sure, having the ability to score is great, but one of the first things a college coach is going to look for, will be the player's ability to defend their position. Being able to show "lockdown" defense is going to impress a coach just as much, if not more, than scoring 20 points per game. My advice: Show all aspects of the player's game in the video. Provide adequate footage of "man to man" defense, ball handling skills, playmaking, and scoring. If we are talking about a potential power forward or center, show rebounding, boxing out, and solid de-

fense in the post. The key is to convince a coach by virtue of a video that said player is worth contacting and possibly awarding a scholarship. The first 5 plays in a highlight video are critical. Provide the best overall plays first, to try and catch the eye of whoever might be watching.

Now, of course it isn't quite as simple as only providing a highlight video to earn a scholarship. But by doing so, it will at least help a player receive more attention and be given a possibility of not only playing basketball in college, but most importantly, receiving scholarship money to help with school. At the end of the day, most athletes will not play professional basketball, but many can play basketball at some level in college with the right dedication and by taking the proper channels.



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Tim Gault Hammond Clark Head Coach

The Hammond Clark Pioneers Football Team and Head Coach Tim Gault were off to a 2-0 start after defeating Whiting 13-6 in the Battle of 119th Street and Calumet 20-18 in Week 2.



Austin Brown Griffith

Griffith's QB Austin Brown a converted TE ran for over 140 yards and was 3-3 Passing in a 21-13 win over the Hobart Brickies. He also had a 66 yd TD Run to start the game and led the Panther offense to a 49-7 win over New Prairie the previous week.



Alison Banasiak Highland

Alison became the first girl in the Highland High School golf program to qualify for the state finals. She shot an 84 at the individual qualifier at Lost Marsh.



Tyler Szczecina Lake Central

The Senior linebacker for the undefeated Lake Central Indians has tied a national record for interception touchdowns in a season with four over the course of three games.

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ATHLETES OF THE MONTH II

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Dayton Dellahan Kankakee Valley

Dellahan scored two goals against Lowell to help power Kankakee Valley to a 7-1 victory over the Lowell Red Devils. The win clinched the Kougars their second Northwest Crossroads Conference title in three years in girls soccer.



Jeff Cain Whiting Head Coach

With Whiting's 41-3 win over conference opponent Bishop Noll, Coach Cain surpassed Ray Gallavan as the all time winningest coach in Whiting football history. The victory netted Cain his 119th career win.



Mason Zurek Andrean

Andrean's Running Back Mason Zurek scored all 4 touchdowns for the Niners and rushed for 170 yards on 27 carries in a 27-13 victory over the Munster Mustangs. The 59'ers improved to 4-0 and have also defeated the Merrillville Pirates this season in Week Two.



Nick Hamilton Lowell

Lowell's Running Back and Cornerback Nick Hamilton plays both ways for Head Coach Keith Kilmer. He ran for 152 yards on 22 carries and he also scored 2 Touchdowns, as the Red Devils defeated the Hobart Brickies 19-17 at The Brickyard. Lowell is now 4-2 and 4-0 in the Northwest Crossroads Conference.

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Saturday Games in Indiana High School Football

By Rich Sapper MAB Monthly Staff Writer

The sights and sounds of high school football seem to center around hot evening in the late summer and cooler nights in the fall. Hot dogs, coffee, hot chocolate, and pop corn under the lights on a Friday night are often like a weekly holiday in many football crazy towns.

A trend has developed over the past several years, however, of playing games on Saturdays. In Indiana this year, 78 games have been or will be played on Saturdays across the Hoosier state at the high school level.

It was not long ago that Saturday games were limited events such as one day conference extravaganzas at a neutral site. At these events at sites such as the Lucas Oil Field, or previously the RCA dome fans could see matchups that they were not used to seeing in conference since they would normally see only their team. Another reason had been fields without lights that needed to be played during the day. Recently, however, there have been additional reasons for these matchups.

One of these, of course, is money. Why not have a game on a Saturday where not only your fans can come, but fans of other teams and, in fact, players from other teams can come to the game. You instantly increase your audience base. Of course these matchups need to be intriguing, and certainly many have been. Merrillville's annual battle with Warren Central, for example, has drawn fans from all over who want to see a glimpse of one of the best teams in the state, if not the nation. Some of these have been a chance to see a classic rivalry such as the week 1 battle

between Hammond Clark and Whiting. These games are great for fans and a win for athletic departments as well.

Another reason for these games are the availability of facilities. Cathedral High School in Indianapolis has several Saturday games on the schedule and one Monday night game. Part of the reason, of course, is that they are playing teams from throughout the Midwest and there are travel concerns. The rest of it though is the facilities issues, since Cathedral does not have a home field. Likewise first year varsity program Boone Grove has several Saturday games on the schedule playing games on Saturdays at Valparaiso University for example, because they also do not have a home field. This has resulted in some opportunities to play on Saturdays.

Like Cathedral, travel is often the reason for games occurring on Saturday. This has allowed teams like Indiana Deaf to Play Alabama Deaf, South Bend Washington to host Bloomington North, and for Warren Central being able to play Merrillville. If these games were on Fridays, they would simply not happen due to travel restrictions and the inability to leave school early enough on a Friday to

make the game truly competitive. It also allows teams to play schools from Illinois, Ohio Michigan, and Kentucky that they may not have if the game was on a traditional Friday.

The media has been a major influence on game played on Saturdays as well. This season in Northwest Indiana, for example, several games have been played and will be played on Saturdays to accommodate coverage on the local public television station. Some of these matchups were set previously, but others were moved so that they could get the coverage (*editors note: see Brandon Vickery's story on the Portage-Chesterton game in this issue*). Some of these games are on an even larger stage with ESPN airing more high school games than ever on it's networks with some Indiana schools taking part.

Another advantage to Saturday games is that officials are more available. It is no secret that there are a lack of officials and having games on a Saturday opens some availability for some of the best crews to be able to call the games. This is a win not only for the fans and teams to get a high quality officiating crew, but it also makes things eas-

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ier for the athletic department to find officials. Of course, the officials themselves benefit if the Saturday game is their second of the week.

Saturdays are not the only days outside of the traditional Friday where games are being played anymore either. For example, Cathedral defeated Centerville, OH on a Monday night earlier this season and Fort Wayne North is scheduled to play Northrop on a Thursday night. These games are truly the only matchups in the area those night and offer a unique opportunity for the fans.

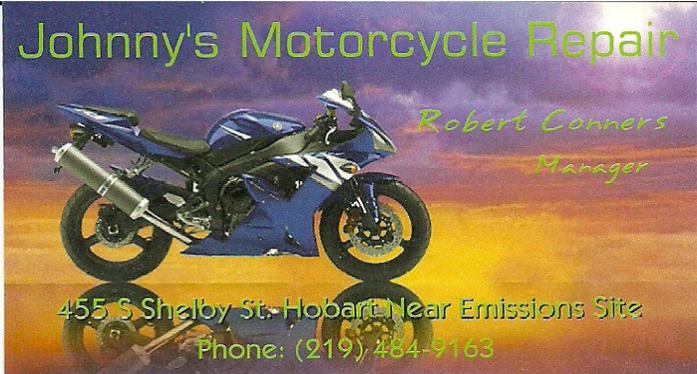
Regardless of the motivation for moving games to Saturdays (or some other day than Friday) the result is typically a win for everyone involved. The players get to have more fans at their games. They also get a

chance to watch another teams game, when they typically wouldn't. The fans have an opportunity to see matchups that they wouldn't see normally. High school coaches have an extra day for game planning and have a chance to scout a future opponent on the night before. The athletic departments, obviously have a chance to make more money, not only on the gate, but also from concessions.

The trend should continue into the future, and might even expand if the IHSAA relaxes travel restrictions like some other associations have and allow teams to travel a great distance than they are now. Until then, there are 78 high school football games to enjoy on a Saturday this season. If you have not been to one yet, it might be a good idea to check on or two out before the season ends.



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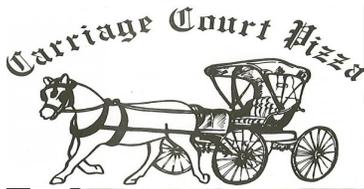


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By Brandon Vickrey, Pow Wow Radio

Chesterton and Portage are set to clash in their annual Duneland Athletic Conference football battle on Sept. 24 at PHS. This year, however, there are two things that make the game unique. It will be played on a Saturday night, and it will be televised throughout Northwest Indiana on Lakeshore Public Television.

The game will be the third of four televised on The Lakeshore this season as a part of the Saturday Night Lights package. The broadcast can also be heard on 89.1 FM and seen worldwide on The Northwest Indiana Times website.

While many fans are excited about seeing live high school football on their TVs, both head coaches are worried more about preparing their teams for what has become a great rivalry game.

"We're just going to treat it as another game. Chesterton is a very disciplined football team, so we have to be able to match their discipline. We're not going to worry about the TV thing, just about playing the game," Portage head coach Jeromy Flowers said.

The Lakeshore's decision to include the game in its Saturday night slate makes sense because of all the intrigue that has surrounded this matchup in recent years.

In 2009, Chesterton spoiled the Portage homecoming by handing the Indians a heart-breaking 31-28 loss. A year later, the Indians returned the favor as Jake Dixon shattered the school rushing record by rambling for 378 yards in a 34-20 win on the night of the Trojan's homecoming.

Picking up a victory will be crucial for both teams in this game because of the way the Duneland Athletic Conference is configured. Neither team wants to let this one slip away with teams like Merrillville, Valparaiso and

Crown Point on the schedule.

The close proximity of the two schools has also helped build up this rivalry. Fans travel well from Portage to Chesterton and vice versa since it is just a short drive away. The Portage/Chesterton thrillers have not been limited to the football field in recent years. In 2010 the boys soccer teams met in the regional championship that resulted in a 3-2 overtime victory for the Tribe. The two schools did battle on the girls basketball court last winter to determine the champion of the Portage Sectional. The Trojans came out on top to complete their unlikely post-season run.

When Portage and Chesterton meet on the gridiron on Sept. 24, head coach John Snyder's Chesterton squad will have a distinct advantage in the special teams department. Division I kicking recruit Kyle Schmidt could be a deciding factor if the

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game is close. Junior Chris Katsafaros of Chesterton and Portage QB Kris Knies are both in their first varsity seasons under center.

Both teams have implemented a running back by committee strategy. Joe Troop, A.J. Snyder, Zach Jenks and Adam Lara have all received carries for the Trojans. The Indians' running game has featured the versatile Rashaan Coleman, senior Jason Roman, leading rusher Jeron Blake and the up-and-coming speedster Hashim Simpson.

The Indians have the toughest home schedule that they have had in years, hosting St. Rita, Crown Point, Valparaiso and Chesterton in the four games. If they want to earn a win for the home fans, the televised game against Chesterton may be their best bet. Former Andrean and Hobart head coach Wally McCormick is the color commentator for The Lakeshore broadcasts. He graduated from Portage and is currently an assistant freshman coach for his alma mater. McCormick is teamed up with play-by-play man and Griffith head baseball coach Brian Jennings.

All of the football fans in The Region will turn their attention to this game, either by attending or watching on TV, since it takes place on a Saturday night. The action is expected to kickoff at 7:00, with additional pre and post game radio coverage available on 89.1FM The Lakeshore.



Catch Brandon Vickrey during the school year on Pow Wow Radio, where he serves as the lead host of Portage Indians Sports Corner and as a play-by-play broadcaster for select sporting events. Pow Wow Ra-

dio airs on PHSNewsOnline.com or blogtalkradio.com/powwowradio.

Editors Note: This story was set to appear as a preview earlier this month, but due to technical issues was not able to run prior to the game being played. We still wanted to run it because of the outstanding work the Brandon did on this article. The game was everything that it was expected to be, ending in a 21-17 upset victory by the Indians.

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The First Multi-Class Soccer Tournament Makes its Debut

By Rich Sapper, MAB Monthly Staff Writer

20 years ago, soccer was an afterthought on the high school sports landscape. The IHSAA did not recognize the sport and most high schools that had teams were playing at the club level, and there was no recognized tournament.

Fast forward a couple of years, and the IHSAA did recognize the sport and established a tournament. That first year, Indianapolis North Central won the boys state championship, while the girls was won by Carmel.

Since the 1994-1995 school year when the tournament began, 6 different schools, Carmel, Evansville Memorial, Dwenger, Cathedral, St. Joseph, and Indianapolis North central have won the girls championship. On the boys side, 10 schools Indianapolis North Central, Fort Wayne Canterbury, Evansville Memorial, Carmel, Castle, Lake Central, Penn, St. Joseph, Valparaiso and Zionsville have won on the boys side. Each of the winners have come from either a large school or for a traditional parochial power.

In 2011 things will change once again. Enough schools are sponsoring soccer teams that the IHSAA has decided to expand the tournament to two classes. According to the

IHSAA by-laws "If 50 percent of the member schools sponsored a team and entered the state tournament in the previous year, that sport may have two classes." Now, because that criteria has been satisfied the tournament can be expanded.

The tournament format on the girls side will see girls teams at 16 sites in 1A and in 32 separate sites in 2A. On the boys side, both 1A and 2A will each have teams at 32 separate sites. From there, 8 sites will host the regional for each gender, 2, 4 team semi-states, and a state championship in each class for both genders. 292 boys teams and 253 girls teams will be participating in this year's tournament.

Unlike the expansion of the state basketball tournament to include classes, the reviews have been generally positive for the new soccer tournament format. They give an opportunity for smaller schools to have a chance at a state championship and, most importantly, show the growth of the sport in the state.

The sectional pairing for the first multi-class soccer tournament for Northwest Indiana teams is as follows:



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**Girls
Class 2A**

Sectional 1 at Clark

East Chicago Central vs. Munster
Morton vs. Hammond
Clark vs. Winner of Game 1

Sectional 2 at Highland

Highland vs. Griffith
Lake Central vs. Gavit

Sectional 3 at Portage

Chesterton vs. Hobart
Valparaiso vs. Portage

Sectional 4 at Crown Point

Crown Point vs. Lowell
Kankakee Valley vs. Merrillville

Sectional 5 at Michigan City

Michigan City vs. South Bend St. Joseph's
South Bend Washington vs. LaPorte

Class A

Sectional 33 at Wheeler

Washington Township vs. Westville
Bishop Noll vs. Andrean
Wheeler vs. Marquette
Hanover Central vs. Winner of Game 1.

Sectional 34 at Argos

Rochester vs. Hebron.
Rensselaer vs. Boone Grove.
Argos vs. Covenant Christian
Culver Community vs. Winner of Game 1

**Boys
Class 2A**

Sectional 1 at Munster

Munster vs. East Chicago Central
Clark vs. Hammond
Morton vs. Winner of Game 1

Sectional 2 at Lake Central

Highland vs. Griffith
Gavit vs. Lake Central

Sectional 3 at Valparaiso

Portage vs. Valparaiso
Chesterton vs. Hobart

Sectional 4 at Merrillville

Lowell vs. Kankakee Valley
Merrillville vs. Crown Point

Sectional 5 at South Bend St. Joseph's

Game 1 – South Bend Washington vs. South Bend St. Joseph's.
Game 2 – LaPorte vs. Michigan City

Class A

Sectional 33 at Bishop Noll

Marquette vs. Bishop Noll
Westville vs. Andrean
Washington Township vs. Winner of Game 1
Championship – Winner of Game 2 vs. Winner of Game 3.

Sectional 34 at Rensselaer Central

Hanover Central vs. Hebron
Wheeler vs. Covenant Christian
Rensselaer Central vs. Winner of Game 1

Sectional 35 at Boone Grove (4)

Oregon-Davis vs. Boone Grove.
Morgan Township vs. Kouts.

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The future is Now in Region Football

By Andy Wielgus, MAB Monthly Staff Writer

A tough scenario around the region is faced by coaches every year. When is it time to play outstanding underclassmen. Questions arise such as: are they ready for varsity action? and can they take the pounding and physicality of the DAC, NCC, or GSSC football? Maybe another year on the JV or in the weight room will do them good? Or do we play the best players now and sit upperclassmen? How will parents and other stakeholders react? Will this help or sit my program back? Will I take lumps by playing younger players? These questions and many others drain on the minds of coaches all the time.

But in the region this season there is a reason to smile, for a number of underclassmen are starting to get notice around the region already in Football. Tristan Peterson and Brendan Mckinnion of Crown Point are making an impact already. Peterson played a huge role in the Dogs 42-0 victory over Portage with a TD run and he showcased his track speed. Ethan Young a Freshman at Whiting scored 3 Touch-downs in a 41-3 win vs Noll and has filled a huge void in the Oilers running attack with the loss of Noe Torres.

At Chesterton a Soph. QB filled in and almost brought the Trojans back to win vs Portage. Portage's Soph. RB Hasheem Simpson had a huge second half and had big numbers vs Merrillville, as the Indians upset the Bucs 17-16. Freshman Two Way Sensation Sam Bolla and Soph Lineman Christian Luna have

paid huge dividends already for the undefeated Wheeler Bearcats. And the brother of Mike and Matt Neal, Soph. Ryan Neal is starting to get carries and playing time behind star RB Darryl Peppers.

So you can see in the region underclassmen are making the mark again this year and look for more great things from these and other Freshman and Soph. Players in the future and into basketball season.



With names like Wideman, Palombizo, Holba, Wilburn, and other boys bb underclassmen will in my view start making their mark like Soph Portage Pt. Guard Nikki Monahan did for the Portage Indians last year! Monahan led the tribe all the way to the sectional final game. In basketball at Merrillville AJ Downs had a super freshman year on varsity and at Lake Central

Jessica Bell was one of the area's best rebounders. So all in all underclassmen look to have a big year in the region once again this year and there are many other examples of there success to come this 2011-2012 School year.

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INDIANA COACHES AND ATHLETES REACH MILESTONES COMPILED BY MAB MONTHLY STAFF

New Palestine girls soccer coach **Dana Merrick** won her 200th IHSAA sanctioned game against Greenfield Central.

Tony Wright of Angola notched career coaching win in boys tennis as the Hornets defeated Snider.

Tim Dawson of Concord won his 150th game as a football head coach with a 26-10 win over Goshen.

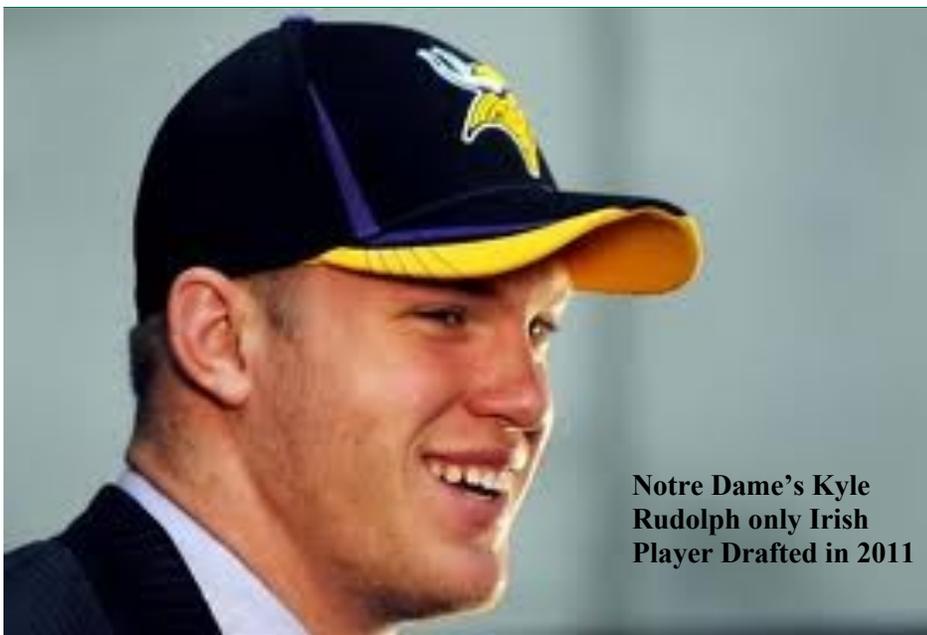
Perry Central football coach **Mike Spencer** reached 200 wins in his career as his Commodores defeated Crawford County.

South Bend Washington Wide Receiver **Gehrig Dieter** caught 12 passes for a national record 437 yards against Elkhart Central.

Lake Central Linebacker **Tyler Szczecina** tied a national record with 4 interception return touchdowns in a season.

Whiting head football coach **Jeff Cain's** Oilers defeated Bishop Noll to make him the all time winningest coach in Whiting football history.





Notre Dame's Kyle Rudolph only Irish Player Drafted in 2011

A Recent History of the Irish in the NFL Draft

by Andy Wielgus, MAB Monthly Staff Writer

With the 43rd pick of the 2nd Round the Minnesota Vikings pick Notre Dame TE Kyle Rudolph. Believe it or not he was the only Irish player taken in the 2011 NFL Draft. For 2012 WR Michael Floyd is believed to be a 1st round possibility, but he has had some off the field issues. Looking back over the NFL Draft since 1964, great players were drafted and went on to great NFL tenure and in some cases Hall of Fame Careers.

The Ara Parseghian era 1964- 1974 not only produced great College teams and the era of the "Rudy" movie. The 1967 NFL Draft produced the 15th pick of the 1st Round to Minnesota in Alan Page – part of the Purple People Eaters Defense along with Carl Eller and Jim Marshall on the Vikings vaunted Defensive Line of the 1970's. In the 1968 NFL Draft Rocky Bleier was picked in the 16th round with the 417th pick by Pittsburgh. Bleier would serve a tour of duty in Vietnam and was injured and recognized for bravery. He would overcome a serious foot injury to become the star Fullback on the Steelers Super Bowl Champion teams of the 70's., and a made for TV movie was made on his heroic story. In 1971 QB Joe Theisman was drafted by Miami in the 4th round but played in the CFL before latching on with the Washington Redskins and winning a Super Bowl with John Riggins and "The Hogs". In 1974 the Oakland Raiders drafted TE Dave Casper in the 2nd Round with the

45th pick. Along with QB Kenny Stabler he was known for the famous "Ghost to the Post Play" in the Playoffs.

The Dan Devine era 1975 – 1980 also produced one great NFL Hall of Famer in Joe Montana, who was drafted in 1979 in the 3rd round with the 82nd pick by the San Francisco 49'ers. One of the all time greats with the 49'ers Super Bowl Champion Teams with Bill Walsh. His famous Montana – Clark TD and late game heroics to the likes of WR Jerry Rice, WR John Taylor, and RB Roger Craig, revolutionized the game with the West Coast Offense. Other than Joe though most of the picks in this era never panned out to great NFL Careers. 1st Round draft picks in 1978 TE Ken McAfee with the 49'ers and DL Ross Browner with the Bengals and 1980 1st round draft pick RB Vagas Ferguson with the Patriots, never materialized into the Pros substantially. 1979 2nd Round Pick Bob Golic played in the league for awhile and his brother Mike in the 1985 Draft started for the Eagles with Reggie White, on those Buddy Ryan Eagle Teams. Mike went on to a successful broadcasting career along with Joe Theisman at ESPN.

The 1981- 1985 Gerry Faust era was very short but as I mentioned already, Mike Golic was drafted in the 10th round with the 255th pick and had success on the D Line in Philly.



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Two Indiana HS Players were drafted DB Stacey Toran by Oakland in the 6th round with the 168th pick, he would do well until he was tragically killed in an auto accident. Stacey was already known for hitting a Half Court Shot in the IHSAA Basketball State Finals. Columbus East product QB Blair Kiel was drafted by Tampa Bay in the 1984 NFL Draft in the 11th Round with the 281st pick, he would play for the Colts too. The Chicago Bears picked two 1985 Super Bowl Bears Starters in the 1983 Draft in the 3rd Round with the 64th pick, the late Safety Dave Duerson and Guard Tom Thayer out of Joliet Catholic in the 4th Round with the 91st pick in the 4th Round. Thayer is now a Bears Color Analyst on the radio games.

The **1986 – 1996 Lou Holtz Era** produced a National Championship and many great players in the NFL. A Glory Era for Notre Dame in the NFL Draft in my view. Here is a list from each year that loaded up NFL Rosters for the next decade and a half. Players like “The Bus” RB Jerome Bettis and Hall of Fame WR Candidate Tim Brown. There were a few players that didn’t meet the hype like Goshen’s QB Rick Mirer, but most of this list had a long very successful NFL Career.

1986 RB Allen Pinkett 3rd Round 61st pick Houston
 1987 QB Steve Beurlein 4th Round 110th pick LA Raiders
 1988 WR Tim Brown 1st Round 6th pick LA Raiders
 1989 OL Andy Heck 1st Round 15th pick Seattle
 1990 RB Anthony Johnson 2nd



Round 36th Pick Indianapolis and OG Tim Grunhard 2nd Round 40th pick KC
 41st pick DL Jeff Alm Houston, and 49th pick DB Pat Terrell LA Rams
 1991 CB Todd Lyght 1st Round 5th pick, RB Ricky Watters 2nd Round 45th pick SF, DL Chris Zorich 49th Pick Bears, and Raghieb “Rocket” Ishmail – went to the CFL 1st, Raiders 4th Round with the 100th pick.
 1992 TE Derek Brown 1st Round 14th pick Giants, 2nd Round 35th pick DB Rod Smith New England, and FB the late Rodney Culver 4th Round 85th pick.
 1993 QB Rick Mirer 1st Round 2nd pick Seattle,

RB Jerome Bettis 10th pick Rams, CB Tom Carter 17th pick Redskins, TE Irv Smith 20th pick Saints, RB Reggie Brooks 2nd Round 45th pick Redskins, and P Craig Hentrich 8th Round 200th pick Jets.
 1994 DL Bryant Young 1st Round 7th pick 49^{ers}, OG Aaron Taylor Green Bay 16th pick, DB Jeff Burris 27th pick Bills, 2nd Round C Tim Ruddy Miami 65th pick, and DL Jim Flanigan in the 3rd Round with the 74th pick Bears.
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44th pick Saints and CB Bobby Taylor 50th pick Philly.
1996 WR Derrick Mayes 2nd Round 56th pick Green Bay.

The 1997 -2001 Bob Davie Era

saw only two First Rounders one in 1997 with the 21st pick Renaldo Wynn with the Jags and in 1999 with the 19th pick OT Luke Pettigout, with the Giants. Some serviceable players like Marc Edwards in the 2nd Round with the 55th pick to the 49'ers in 1997, in 1999 OT Mike Rosenthal to the Giants in the 5th Round with the 149th pick, and Punter Hunter Smith to the Colts in the 7th Round with the 210th pick.

Similar to 2011, in 1998 and 2000 only one Irish player was drafted in the 1998 3rd Round CB Allen Rossum by Philly and in 2000 in the 7th Round with the 214th pick QB Jarious Jackson with the Broncos.

The 2002 -2004 Tyrone Willingham Era

saw only three NFL Drafts and only one first rounder in 2003 with the 21st pick Center Jeff Faine to Cleveland. RB Julius Jones was drafted in the 2nd round with the 43rd pick by Dallas and had a few good years, he is currently a 2011 Free Agent. No Su-

perstars or Hall of Famers here in this group.

The 2005- 2010 Charlie Weis era to the Brian Kelly era present

2011 produced it's only first rounder with QB Brady Quinn in 2009 with the 22nd pick to Cleveland and he has been traded to Denver where he is behind Kyle Orton and Tim Tebow. Jimmy Clausen was drafted as a QB in 2010 with the 48th pick also, but is now behind Cam Newton in Carolina. The only other current NFL standout in this era is recently resigned Safety Tom Zbikowski who was drafted by the Ravens in the 2008 2nd Round with the 86th pick.

Between 2006-2010 the Irish had 6 Offensive lineman drafted in 5 drafts Which led up to the current draft with only one Irish player picked in TE Kyle Rudolph in 2011. The Irish had Four Players drafted in 2010 headed by Clausen. Some experts are picking the Irish as a sleeper team this year and we shall see if that will carry into the 2012 Draft with WR Michael Floyd.



Who are the Top NFL Players to ever be drafted out of ND since 1967?

1. QB Joe Montana 1979
2. DL Alan Page 1967
3. WR Tim Brown 1988
4. RB Jerome Bettis 1993
5. TE Dave Casper 1974
6. RB Ricky Watters 1991
7. QB Joe Theisman 1971
8. RB Rocky Bleier 1968
9. OL Bob Kuechenberg 1969
10. S Dave Duerson 1983, G Tom Thayer 1983



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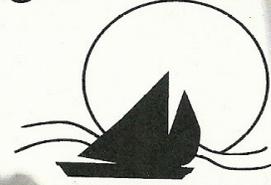
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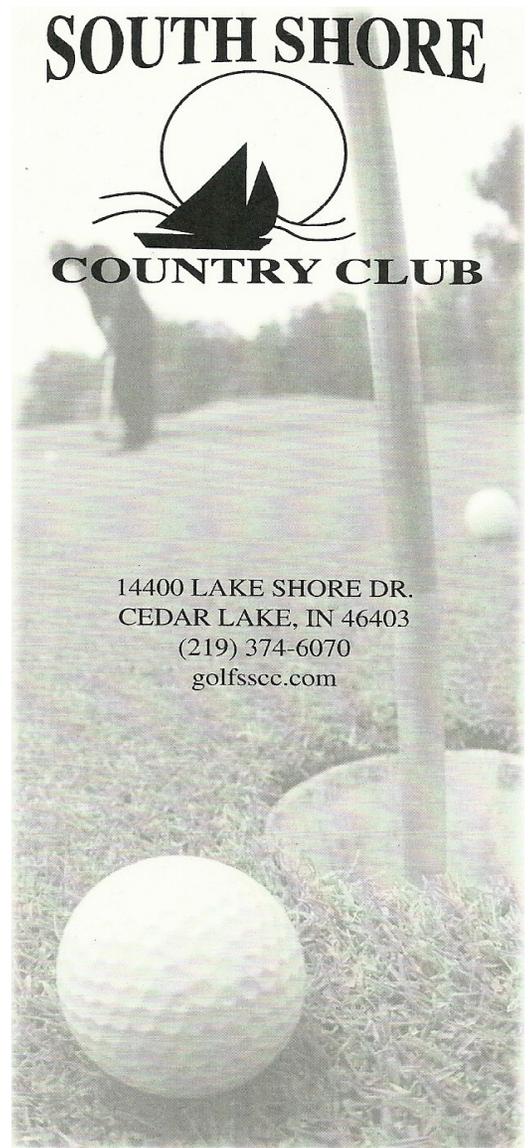
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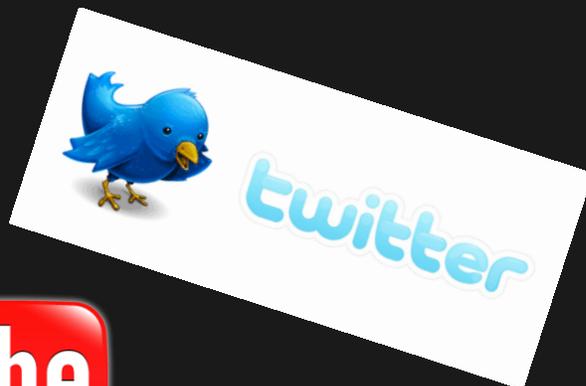


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Social Media Connects Fans to Their Favorite Team

By Rich Sapper
MAB Monthly Staff Writer

It was not too long ago that you had never heard of Twitter, Facebook, or heck even Myspace. The internet has not only created 24/7 news cycle, but has allowed people to connect in a way that they never have before. The rise of social media has changed the way that high school sports are covered as well. It connects fans to the action as the game is going on and allows fans to follow their favorite athletes even at the high school level.

It seems that every or team has it's own Facebook page, from Warren Central

Football to South Central Girls Basketball to Bowman Academy, these pages follow the exploits of the team, will give scores and announcements. Still other groups use their social media sites as a way to connect team members and make announcements for practices and offseason conditioning.

No matter what the teams use media for, it seems that the connection between a team and it's fans is stronger than ever. It is an easy way to disseminate information to the audience that wants the information the most. Fans can be at work, listening to

the game online, and get updates right on their Facebook newsfeed or Twitter account.

In some cases, such as the Hobart Football/Brickyard Stadium Facebook and Twitter accounts, fans can get play by play action in a written format right on their phone. In a recent interview, Gloria Irwin ,who coordinates the technology for Hobart football team, mentioned the huge following and sense of community that has been built since social media became part of the Brickie football program. In fact, social media has become such a big part of Hobart;s pro-

gram, that the Twitter feed even appears on the team website at brickiefootball.com.

That is not to say that the use of social media to promote and discuss in real time the fortunes of your team does not come without it's challenges. Irwin mentioned that she has enlisted a team of people to monitor the Facebook page for negative or lewd comments. This is a difficult task when everyone has an opinion and the option to vent immediately.

Of course, other problems could arise too. For example, a recent story circulating around internet news sources reported that a Facebook post by the mother of two standout high school linemen forced a team in Tennessee to forfeit the games that the boys had played



in. Apparently, the mothers post called into question the residency of the players and the athletic association made the team vacate their wins as a result.

Despite the challenges, social media is a great way to promote the program and the athletes in it. You Tube videos has found stars like Justin Beiber and Dane Cook, but have also been a way to showcase rising sports stars as well, and in fact are sometimes used for recruiting. There is probably already a You Tube video showcasing the talent of the next su-

perstar or showing highlights of the local team's latest victory. As long as someone has a video camera and a computer, fans can see things that they only heard about or could see in person.

Even the mainstream media has gotten into the act with sports writers posting blogs about topics that they don't necessarily write about in the paper, and they often give in game updates. Of course, social media has launched a whole new bread of media with the likes of Region Sports Desk, NWI SportsZone and others providing their view of the events of the day, giving even more coverage to high school athletes.

The connection between fans and alumni to their favorite team is stronger than ever. The next innovation should be even more exciting.

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Volleyball Dominance in Muncie

MAB Monthly Staff Report

Perhaps dominance is not the word for the stranglehold that the Muncie area seems to have on high school volleyball in Indiana. Muncie area teams have won over 30 volleyball state championships, and Burris in particular has won every 2A volleyball state championship since it has become a class sport. Of course, Burris also eight single class state titles before the advent of class volleyball.

So what is it that has made the Muncie area so dominant when it comes to the game? If you are a team from outside of the area, what do you need to do to make sure that you catch up? The answer is simple, a commitment to the game and a strong club system.

Muncie teams have been helped by the traditionally good club volleyball programs in the area as well as it's proximity to Ball State University, a traditional

volleyball powerhouse.

This is not to say that other teams have not had nice runs as well and there are not other perennial powers in every class, but there has been perhaps no one area that has seen the consistent performance found in in Delaware County.

The common denominator between these teams and the other contenders is that they all feature players who work with club teams. In fact, many of the players for the high school team plays club volleyball together in the offseason and have gotten to know each other's tendencies as they have improved as players themselves.

Does this formula guarantee success? Of course not. There is a lot to be said for talent, the players that come out for your team, the coaching, and the competition, but the extra practice and focus certainly does not hurt.

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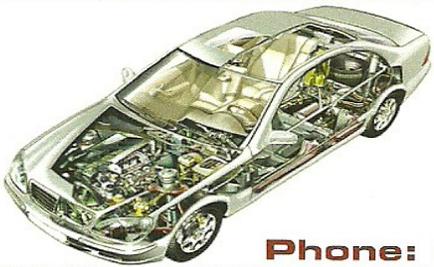
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Yes, You Are a Role Model

MAB Monthly Staff Report

Many readers may be too young to remember when Charles Barkley had a series of commercials about how he was not a role model. Well, like it or not athletes, at every level are. That is not to say, only athletes are role models, of course honor society students, parents, teachers, clergy, and many others are as well, but since this is a sports magazine, we will focus on athletes,

High school athletes have a responsibility, as athletes do at all levels, to the kids that look up to them. Believe it or not, there are kids in elementary and middle school that look up to those athletes and watch every move they make. These athletes need to remember back to when they were kids, going to a football game on a Friday night, or sitting in a gym watching a game at some point. How did they look up to those players? Did they look up to those who came before them? Of course they did.

That said, athletes need to hold themselves to a higher standard than even their coaches, teachers and parents. They need

to show younger kids that being an athlete does not mean you have a sense of entitlement, but that they have a sense of service to their community. It is not the job of these athletes to raise the children in their community, of course, but it is their responsibility to treat others with respect, act in a way that they would be proud of and show the next group of up and coming prep phenoms how they should conduct themselves.

Yes, you are a role model. It is a big responsibility, but one that is not without reward. When a kid from the local elementary school asks for an autograph, give it to them. When a teacher asks you to do something do it. Volunteer in your community. Work with the local youth leagues. These things will go a long way toward shaping who you are as a person and will help to shape the next generation as well.

So remember high school athlete. Regardless of what you may think, you are, in fact someone's hero. You are a role model. You can and do have an impact on others around you.

Did you Know? Part II

Recently retired Merrillville Head Boys Basketball Coach Jim East was a standout collegiate volleyball player at Ball State.

Hobart's Spiro Batistas holds the state record for extra points in a single season with 79.

Avon's Patrick Rodgers who won a golf state championship in 2010 competed for the United States team in the Ryder Cup in Scotland.

Colts quarterback Curtis Painter played for Vincennes Lincoln in high school.

The most common high school nickname in Indiana is the Panthers.



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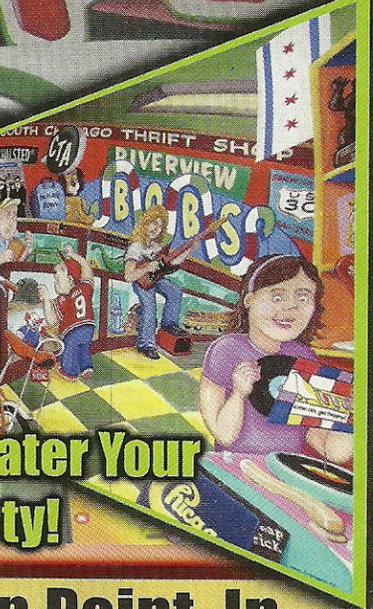
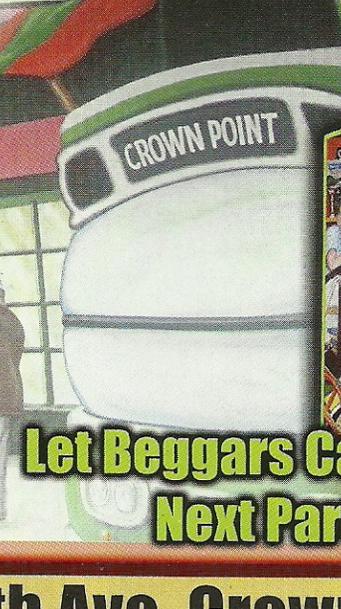
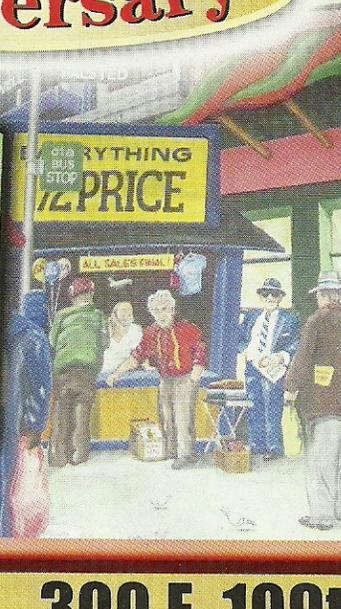
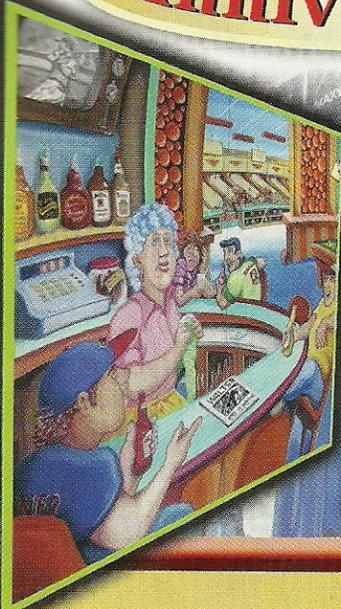
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