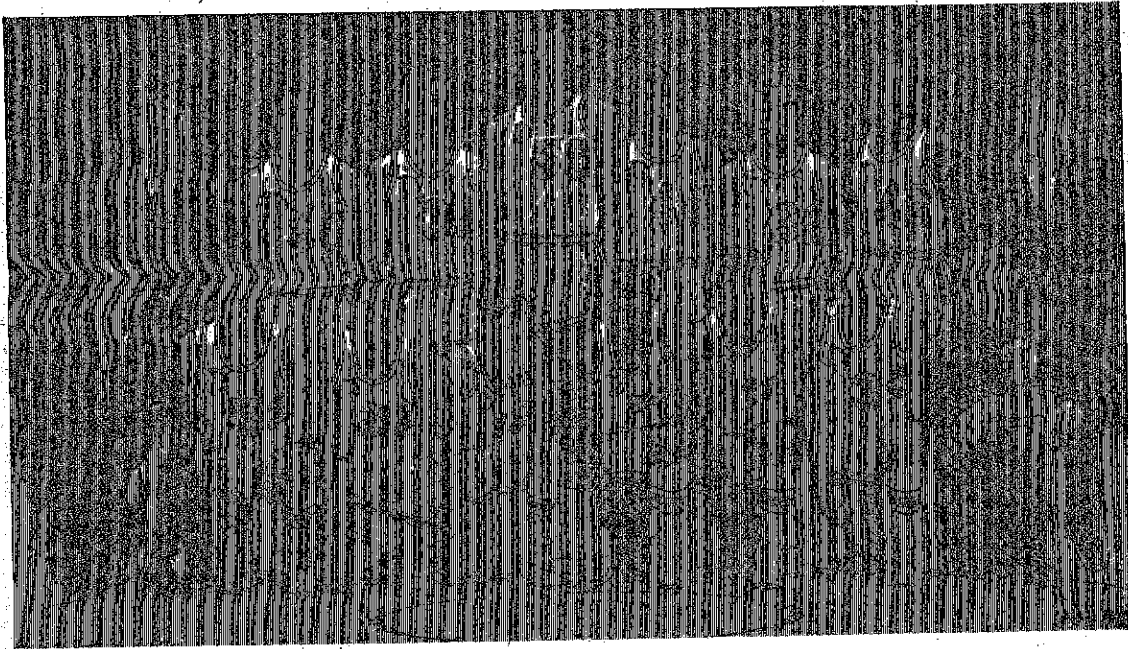


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Trojans Lose to Huskies 66 - 56

Evansville North defeated New Castle, 66-56, Saturday afternoon in the first game of the state finals in Hinkle Fieldhouse. Evansville North then won the state championship by defeating Jeff Lafayette 60-53, in the finals.

The Trojans led most of the first quarter but fell behind in the second period and never was able to catch up.

Below is the play-by-play account of New Castle's first game in the finals of the state high school tournament since 1932.

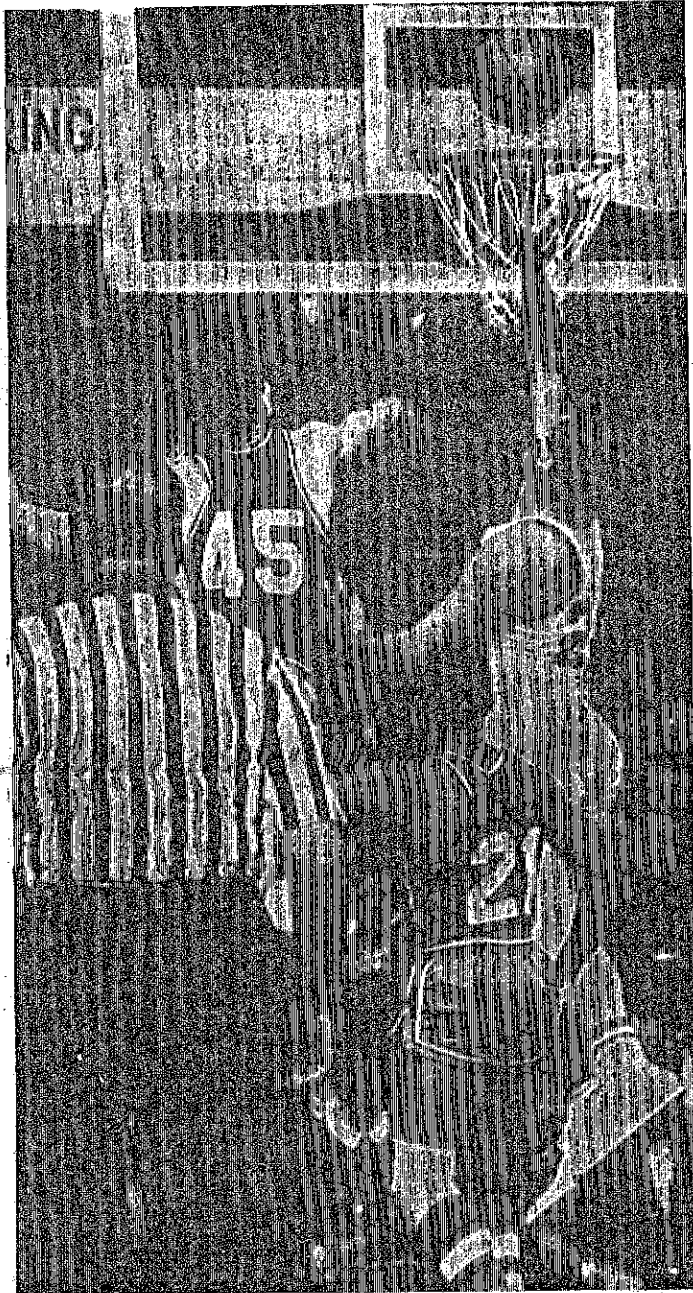
First Quarter

Steve Holland's long one-hand-er was good as Evansville broke out on top 2-0. George Barber hit a free throw but Bob Ford hit his first fielder for Evansville.

Second Quarter

Billy Ross popped a one-hand-er and Steve Schmitt hit a

5-4 New Castle lead. Holland got the lead back but Steve Williams' shot was good for New Castle for a 7-6 Trojan lead. Jim Hilderbrandt hit a free throw and Schmitt hit two charity tosses on Ford's first foul with 3:22 left in the quarter. Ford tied the game at 9-9 and the score was tied at 11-11 on goals by Schmitt and Holland. Holland added a free throw on Ross' foul for a 12-11 Evansville lead. New Castle scored the final four points of the quarter on a field goal and a free throw by Doug Ferguson and a free throw by Ross on Ford's second personal. The Trojans led 15-12 at the end of the quarter.



Evansville's Ford (22) Tips in a Shot



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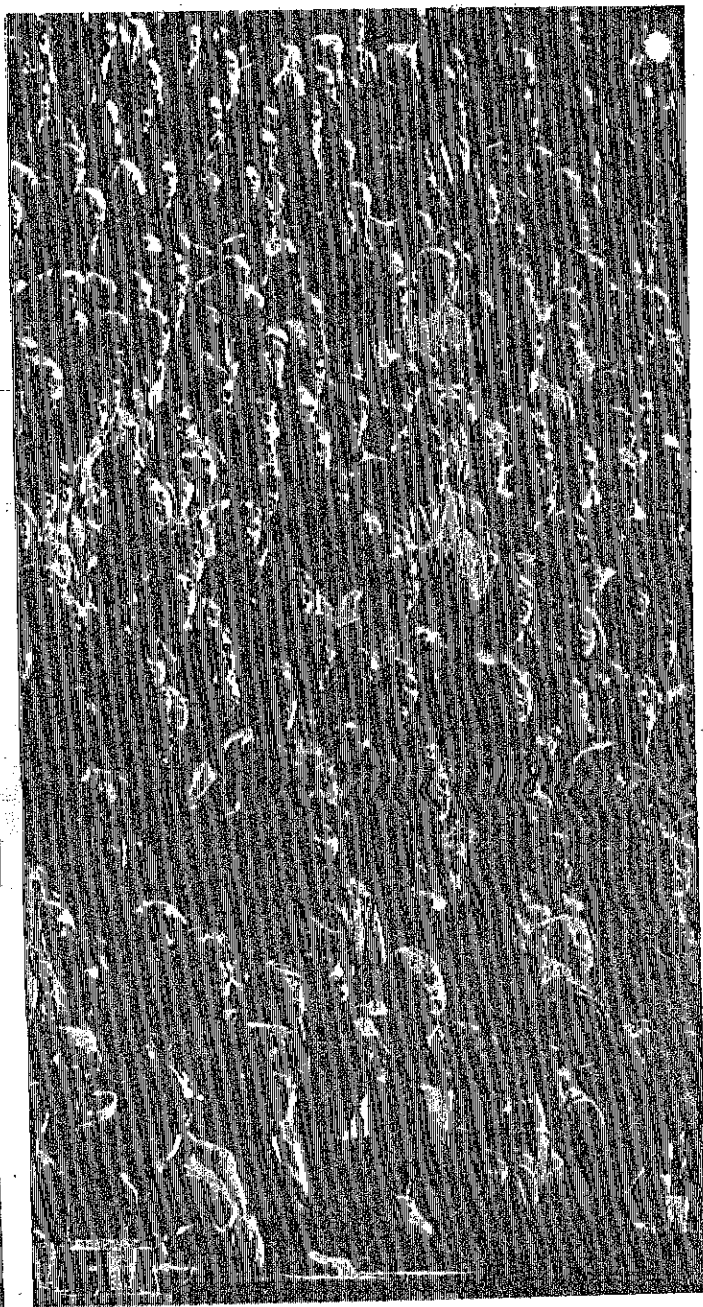
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Rally Misses Against Evansville

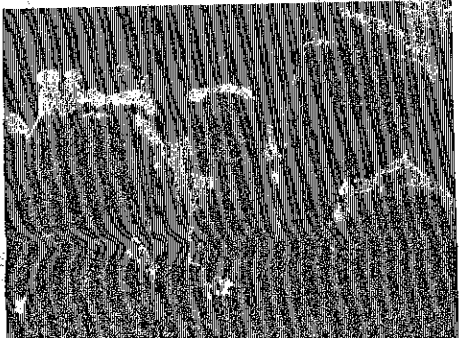
brandt's free throw and New Castle came within 2 points, 37-39 with 2:08 to play. Evansville went 6 minutes in the third quarter without a field goal but Ford hit three in a row for a 45-37 margin. Schmitt hit before the quarter ended for New Castle, which still trailed 45-39 with only 8 minutes left. Ford hit all three of Evansville's field goals in the third. Evansville scored but 7 points but New Castle only hit 10.

Fourth Quarter
Ford opened with a field goal and two free throws to offset a bank shot from the corner by Barber. Ferguson hit a long one-hander and Schmitt connected on a free throw as New Castle pulled to within 44-49 with 6 minutes left. Williams hit the second of two free throw chances. Holland then helped Ford for Evansville with four field goals in the next two minutes. Schmitt moved for a basket with Evansville in front 57-51 but Holland and Jesop scored and Ford hit a free throw for a 62-51 bulge with 2 minutes left. The rest of the points were on free throws except a field goal by Mickey Thomason of New Castle.

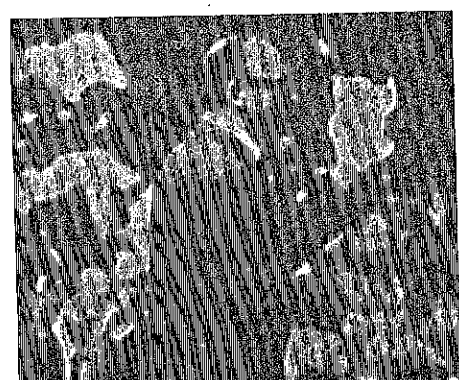
Third Quarter
Ferguson drove under for two goals as New Castle pulled to within 33-38 with 6:11 left in the third. Ronnie Jesop hit a free throw but, using the shuffle offense, Barber went under for two more field goals as New



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School's First Semistate Crown

Cool Doug Ferguson hit a 20-footer with :02 seconds left to drop Shortridge of Indianapolis, 51 to 49, in the finals of the Indianapolis semistate basketball tournament.

The championship was the first semistate title for New Castle since the tournament was set up on a four-week basis in 1936.

Both New Castle and Shortridge had easy pickings in the afternoon contests. Shortridge walloped Greensburg, 73 to 53, and New Castle slammed Liberty 88 to 51.

Steve Schmitt joined Ferguson for hero honors in the championship contest against the Blue Devils.

Schmitt completely stopped Shortridge's driving game with blocks of shots. New Castle's 6-10 center also outrebounced Shortridge's jumpers and his size prevented the Devils from racing under for easy field goals.

Four starters on Coach Cecil Tague's team finished in double figures.

Schmitt led the team with 13 points with Steve Williams scoring 12, Billy Ross hitting 11 and Ferguson 10 including the clincher in the final seconds.

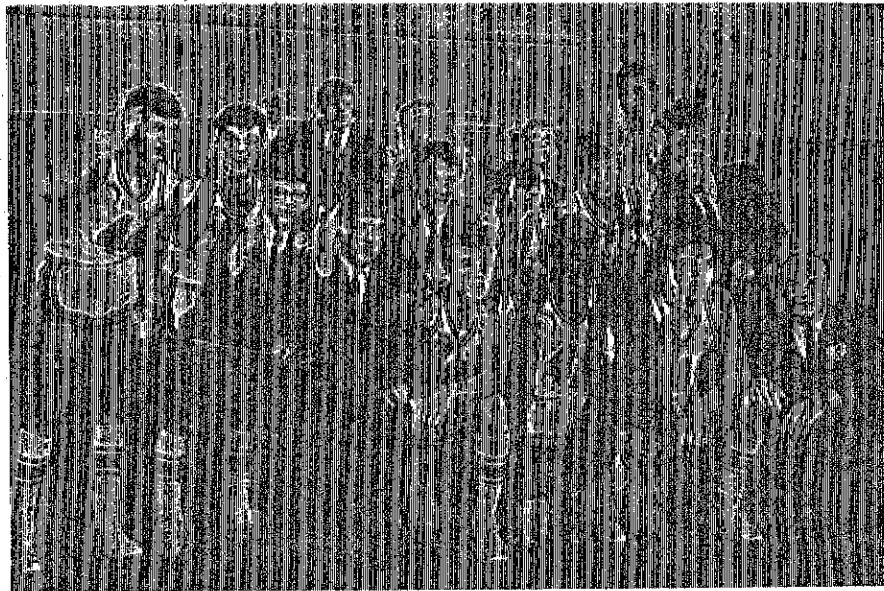
The two teams had leads but couldn't hold them. New Castle led by 7 points, 44-37 and 46-39 and Shortridge led by as much as five points, 7-32.

There was but one tie in the game, 49-49, but the game stayed tied at that count for over a minute. Schmitt rebounded a missed free throw attempt by Shortridge and The Trojans worked the ball to where Ferguson could shoot from the side.

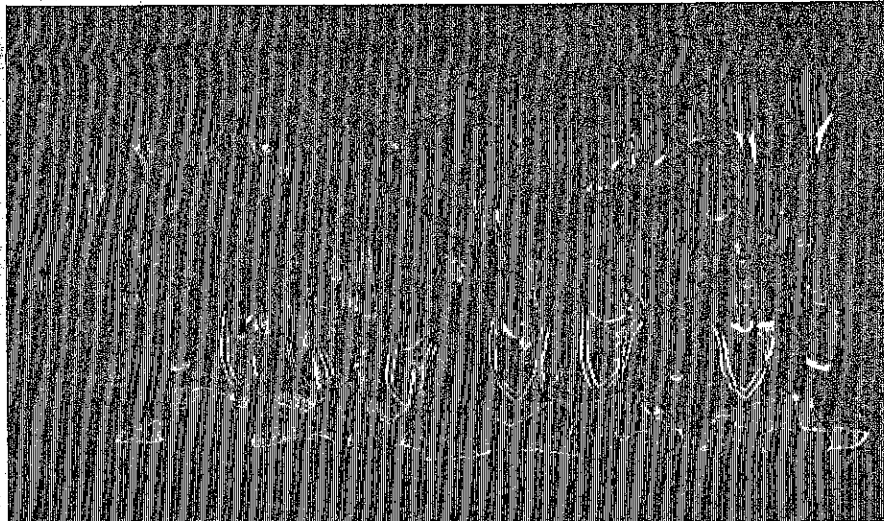
Subs John Hall and Dan Poplewell replaced guards Ross and George Barber late in the second quarter when Ross got into foul trouble and Barber twisted an ankle. Hall and Poplewell kept New Castle in contention while the regulars rested.

Williams' steady game also was a big factor in the successful outcome in New Castle's first trip to Indianapolis since 1932.

Schmitt pulled down 19 rebounds in the title game. Ferguson was third in semistate scoring with 30 points in the two games.



Drop Liberty To Reach Semistate Finals



Edge Shortridge To Advance to Final Four

Second Lowest Total in Finals

The 56-point total in the 66-56 state finals' loss to Evansville North was New Castle's second lowest total of the year. New Castle won 51-49 in the semistate finals over Shortridge. In their last two games the Trojans were held under 60 points in each game. They averaged 74.2 points a game for the 23 games.

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First Regional Title Since 1950

On a fourth-quarter rally New Castle topped Richmond, 76 to 72, to give New Castle its first regional basketball championship since 1950 and its first regional crown in the new fieldhouse.

Richmond was defending champion and led the Trojans of Coach Cecil Tague 58-53 entering the final 8 minutes.

New Castle had overpowered Selma, 71 to 53, and Richmond had defeated Muncie South, 52-48, to set up the championship game between the two North Central Conference teams.

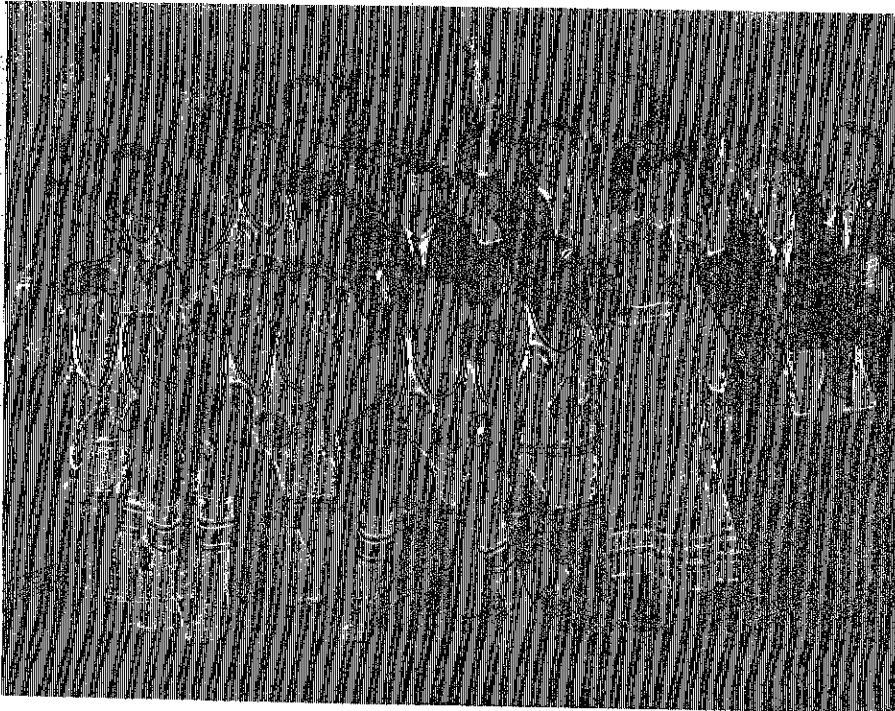
Earlier in the year New Castle spurred in the fourth period to knock off Richmond, 77-64, and the Trojans repeated the drive in the regional meeting.

George Barber who scored 19 for the Trojans against the Devils in the scheduled game came back with 24 points in the regional contest to pace the winners.

Mickey Thomason scored 8 points in relief of starting center Steve Schmitt to play a big part in the victory.

The regional title was New Castle's eighth regional championship in the school's history but the first since back-to-back titles in 1949 and 1950.

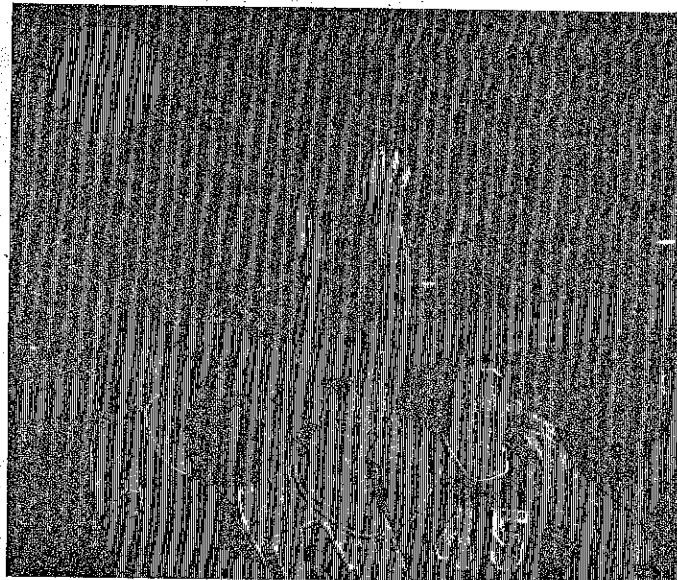
Steve Williams of New Castle led the regional scoring with 34 points.



Trojans Snap Regional Jinx of 17 Campaigns



Barber Drives Past Richmond Player



Ferguson in Trouble Against Selma

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Narrow Escapes in Sectional

Coach Cecil Tague of New Castle was accused of drawing up the state pairings as New Castle seemed to receive the break of the draw in the state tournament.

Tague denied the charge saying if he had drawn the tournament pairings he would not have drawn such a rough route in the sectional.

New Castle had to defeat Middletown, Greenfield, and Knightstown to clear the first hurdle in the state tournament. Only Middletown fell without a struggle.

The Trojans eliminated the Cossacks, 91 to 55, in the last sectional for a Middletown team. The Tigers of Greenfield were stubborn as the Trojans led at the half only 25-28.

An 8-point third quarter lead disappeared and Greenfield had a chance to take the lead in the final minute. New Castle held on to win 62 to 59 to reach the championship game against Knightstown.

Vastley Improved Knightstown pushed New Castle in the title game and was ahead 40-39 after the third quarter. A typical fourth-quarter drive earned a 65-52 victory for New Castle as it regained the sectional championship after a year's absence.

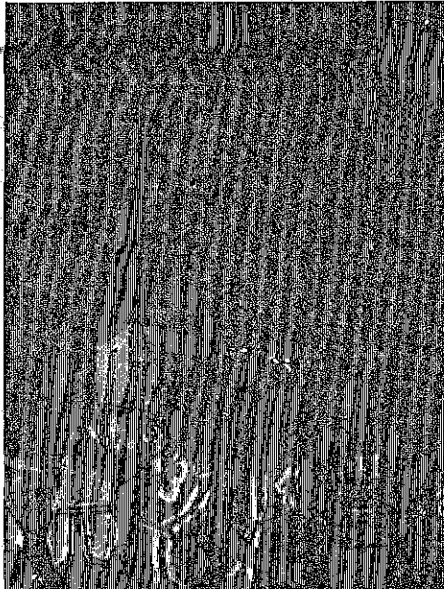
The title came in Tague's initial year as head basketball coach and was the school's 31st sectional crown in the 51 tournaments.

Sulphur Springs set a sectional record of 37 free throws in a 95-88 double overtime victory over Blue River Valley.

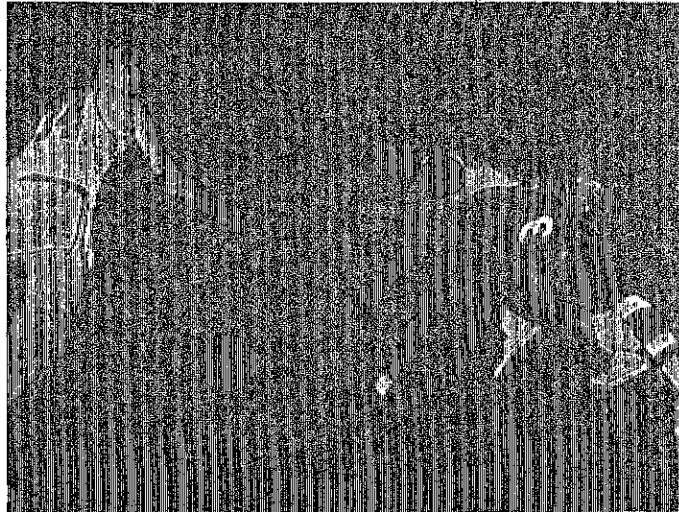
Gene Bundy of Knightstown was the leading scorer in the sectional with 59 points.



New Castle Regains Sectional Championship



Schmitt Fires Against Panthers



Steve Williams in Scramble for Ball

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Team Balance Provides Victories

New Castle certainly earned its comeback tag this year for new coach Cecil Tague.

In no less than six games did New Castle rally to win in the fourth quarter.

Balanced scoring with all five starters high-point men at one time or another, enabled New Castle to post its brilliant season.

Center Steve Schmitt led the scoring in 10 games, Steve Williams was high-point man in seven games and Doug Ferguson topped all shooters in five contests.

The front line led the way early in the season while the backcourt men, Billy Ross and George Barber, evened the attack midway in the year to make the team the tremendous all-around squad it was.

Barber was high-point men in three games and Ross led the scoring in two contests.

Coach Cecil Tague's Trojans rallied Noblesville 57-56 after three quarters before rallying to win, 72-67. They were tied with Richmond in the regular season game 53-53 after three quarters but won in the fourth 77-64.

The Trohans trailed Madison Heights' Pirates 51-50 entering the last 3 minutes and won 75-69. Anderson led at the end of the third quarter 51-48 but New Castle tied the game at 66-65 before losing an overtime 76-72 in the finals of the holiday tournament.

In the rematch against the Indians Anderson was in front 24-23 at the half but the Trojans cut loose in the second half for a 73-56 triumph.

New Castle was a second half team all year and actually a fourth-quarter team. The score would be tied late in the game and all at once New Castle had a 15-point lead.

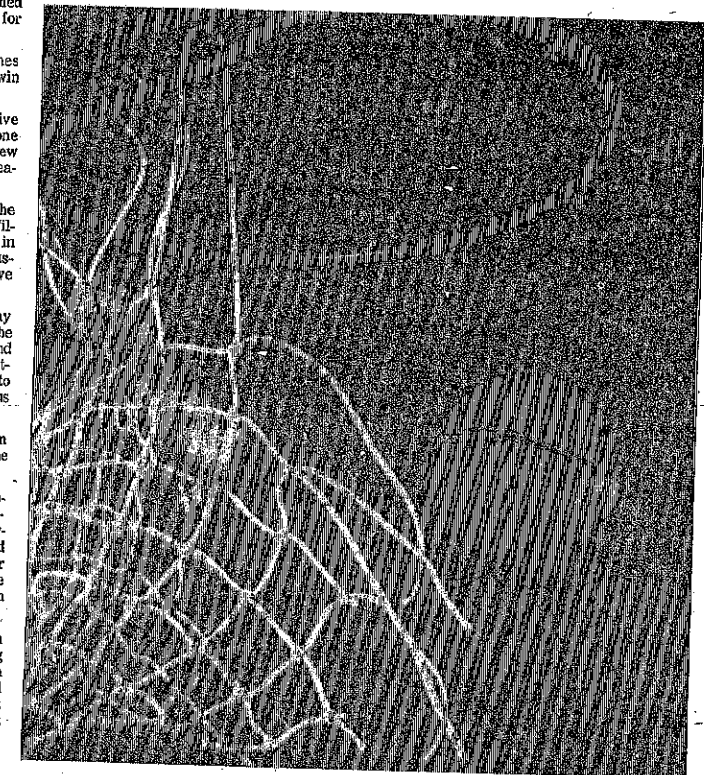
Even in the tournament New Castle stayed back before making its move. It trailed Knightstown 49-39 entering the last quarter before winning 65-52, in the sectional finals and it trailed Richmond 58-53 after the third quarter in the regional finals before winning 76-72.

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 20 32 52 81
 Knightstown ... 15 19 23 33
 Scoring: Schmitt 23, Ferguson 18, Popplewell 10, Williams 9, Ross 9, Barber 4, Fisher 4, Thomason 2, Lamberson 2.

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 14 27 48 61
 North Central ... 12 16 25 45
 Scoring: Williams 19, Ferguson 9, Schmitt 7, Popplewell 7, Barber 5, Thomason 4, Hall 7.



Three Net Cuttings for Tague's Team

4, Higham 3, Ross 2, Fisher 1.

Score by Quarters:
 New Castle ... 5 31 56 72
 Noblesville ... 10 34 57 67

Scoring: Ferguson 21, Thomason 12, Williams 11, Ross 9, Barber 7, Popplewell 6, Schmitt 4, Hall 2.

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 15 35 53 77
 Richmond ... 8 29 53 64
 Scoring: Schmitt 20, Ferguson 19, Barber 19, Williams 12, Hall 5, Popplewell 2.

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 19 37 56 71
 Muncie South ... 13 28 38 52
 Scoring: Schmitt 19, Ferguson 16, Williams 15, Ross 10, Barber 7, Hall 2, Thomason 2.

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 17 37 50 75
 Madison Hts. ... 17 31 51 69
 Scoring: Williams 19, Schmitt 17, Ross 14, Ferguson 9, Barber 9, Lamberson 7.

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 18 38 58 87
 Elwood ... 20 32 49 76
 Scoring: Ferguson 25, Schmitt 19, Barber 5, Thomason 4, Hall 7.

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 19 32 48 63
 Ft. Wayne N ... 16 24 42 56
 Scoring: Schmitt 23, Williams 18, Ferguson 14, Barber 4, Hall 4, Ross 2.

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 22 40 60 85
 Muncie Central ... 13 19 26 51
 Scoring: Schmitt 20, Williams 18, Ferguson 17, Barber 10, Thomason 19, Ross 6, Fisher 2, Popplewell 2.

Score by Quarters:

N. Castle ... 16 31 48 66 72
 Anderson ... 16 37 51 66 76
 Scoring: Schmitt 18, Ross 16, Ferguson 13, Williams 9, Barber 7, Hall 7, Thomason 2.

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 29 51 67 91
 Frankfort ... 9 25 35 50
 Scoring: Schmitt 19, Williams 16, Ferguson 11, Popplewell 10, Hall 8, Ross 7, Barber 6, Thomason 6, Lamberson 6, Higham 2.

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 20 42 63 85
 Marion ... 14 30 53 73
 Scoring: Schmitt 26, Barber 13, Ross 16, Barber 13, Williams 9, Thomason 3.

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 12 35 49 78
 Connersville ... 14 28 35 54
 Scoring: Ferguson 17, Barber 17, Schmitt 12, Ross 8, Thomason 8, Higham 5, Hall 4, Williams 3, Popplewell 2, Fisher 2.

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 11 29 47 63
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 Scoring: Williams 18, Ferguson 17, Barber 15, Schmitt 8, Ross 5, Thomason 4, Hall 2.

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Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 18 36 50 79
 Kokomo ... 13 30 44 57
 Scoring: Williams 18, Schmitt 13, Ferguson 12, Ross 12, Barber 12, Thomason 7, Higham 3, Fisher 2.

Sectional

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 13 44 64 91
 Middletown ... 6 21 41 55
 Scoring: Barber 19, Ferguson 18, Williams 14, Schmitt 14, Higham 7, Lamberson 6, Ross 5, Hall 4, Thomason 2, Popplewell 2.

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 18 28 48 62
 Greenfield ... 12 26 40 50
 Scoring: Williams 17, Ross 18, Schmitt 12, Barber 9, Ferguson 8, Thomason 3.

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 16 26 39 65
 Knightstown ... 9 24 40 52
 Scoring: Williams 16, Schmitt 15, Ross 13, Barber 12, Ferguson 9.

Regionals

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 12 36 53 71
 Selma ... 12 25 42 53
 Scoring: Williams 22, Ferguson 20, Schmitt 11, Thomason 7, Barber 5, Ross 2, Higham 2, Popplewell 2.

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 16 34 53 76
 Richmond ... 25 44 58 72
 Scoring: Barber 24, Ross 13, Williams 12, Ferguson 11, Thomason 8, Schmitt 6, Higham 2.

Semistate

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 23 38 60 86
 Liberty ... 13 30 45 61
 Scoring: Ferguson 20, Barber 20, Williams 15, Schmitt 14, Ross 12, Popplewell 4.

Score by Quarters:

New Castle ... 12 26 40 51
 Shortridge ... 13 27 37 49
 Scoring: Schmitt 13, Williams 12, Ross 11, Ferguson 10, Barber 4, Popplewell 1.

State Finals

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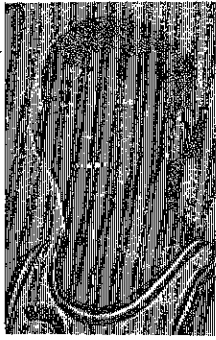
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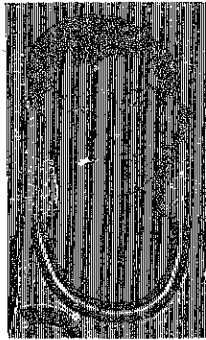
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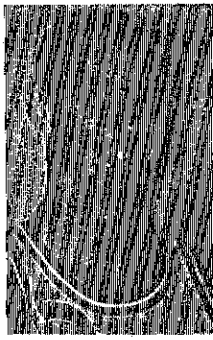
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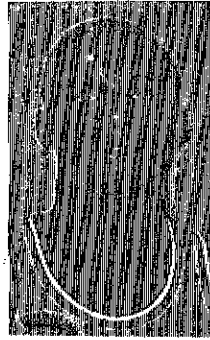
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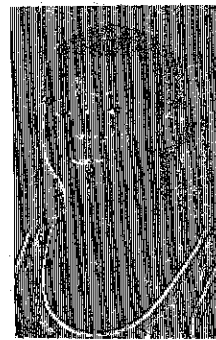
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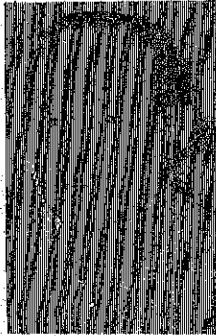


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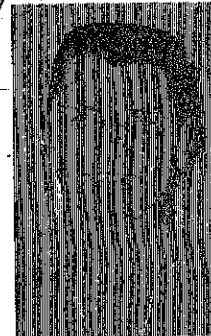
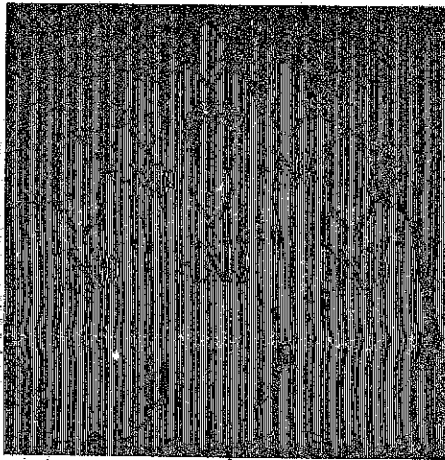


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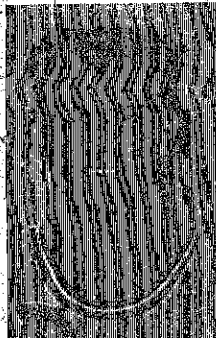
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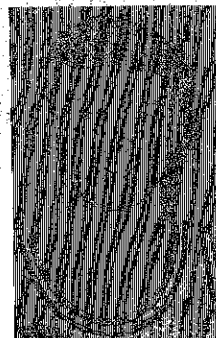


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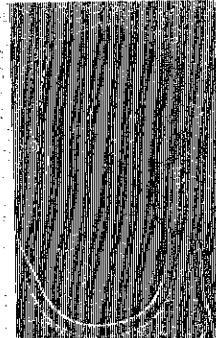
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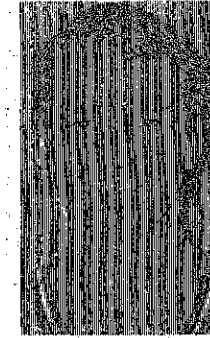
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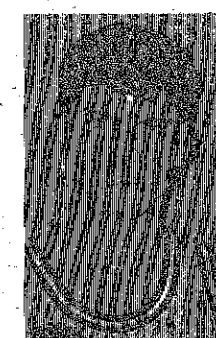
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