Silver Memories of the Classic

With the approaching 2011 City Securities Hall of Fame Classic, Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame intern Brian Smith looks back at a pair of memorable Hall of Fame Classic games, both played 25 years ago . . .

Lafayette Central Catholic vs. Lafayette Jeff - Respect Earned During Hall of Fame Classic

During the history of Indiana high school basketball, many local rivalries developed. The high schools in Anderson, Muncie, Gary, South Bend, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, and many smaller towns in between provided bitter rivalries for fans of many different schools. The players often knew one another due to proximity, further fueling the competitive fire.

With due respect to most Indiana high school basketball rivalries, few matched the fever pitch of the Lafayette Jeff-Central Catholic conflict that reached a turning point 25 years ago at the 1986 Hall of Fame Classic tournament. Jeff had proven to be the local power, winning every Lafayette sectional from 1944 through 1972. That’s 29 consecutive seasons of sectional titles - still a state record. Central Catholic ended that streak with an exciting 57-56 victory over Jeff in the championship game of the 1973 Lafayette sectional. It would be another lengthy wait for Central Catholic fans and players to capture another sectional crown.

During the late 1970s to the mid 1980s, the players that would eventually don uniforms for Central Catholic and Jeff would grow up in the same community. They knew one another because of where they were from and from participating in sports.

"We knew these guys and they knew us," former Central Catholic pivot man Robert Gloyeske said. "We played in pickup games together and some played on all-star baseball teams together."

Gloyeske’s teammate Tim Bordenet agreed, "The great thing about the rivalry was that the players on both teams were good friends off the court and many of us remain good friends today."

When Jeff and LCC met on the field of play, it was more than a game and more than just two local schools facing off - there were further dynamics at play.

“Jeff is the epitome of the big public school, while Central Catholic is the epitome of the parochial school,” Lafayette native and longtime Lafayette Journal and Courier writer Jeff Washburn stated emphatically. “Big versus small; David versus Goliath.”
“(We) respected each other,” Gloyeske stated as he reflected on feelings during his high school days. “The fans were not very respectful, loud and proud on both sides.”

Washburn remembers the mid-1980s era well and bluntly states, “Back in 1986, the fans (from Central Catholic and Jeff) didn’t like each other. Never any love lost.”

“Never any love lost,” former Central Catholic head coach Steve Bennett echoed. “But it wasn’t nasty or anything like that.”

Dave Barrett, one of Central Catholic’s key performers, made it clear how important it was to knock off their rival. “In 1973 we beat them and snapped the streak (Jeff’s 29 consecutive sectional championships). It was a big deal to fans to beat Jeff!”

1986 Indiana Mr. Basketball Mark Jewell completed his prep career at Jeff. Despite playing his first three seasons at Terre Haute North, the big man understood the importance of the Jeff-Central Catholic meetings. “I remember hearing a lot about big school against small school and there was no way we wanted to lose to a small school. It is more of a no-win situation when you are the big school.”

Central Catholic fans thought perhaps this would be the year that they could end Jeff’s season.

Central Catholic compiled a 20-0 regular season record before knocking off Carroll 75-50 in the opening game of tournament play. Jeff had finished its regular season 16-4 and dismantled West Lafayette 90-56 in their sectional opener to set up a Central Catholic-Lafayette Jeff meeting.

Despite a close game throughout, Jeff pulled away late to defeat Central Catholic 74-67, extinguishing LCC’s postseason hopes and undefeated season. The frustration mounted for Central Catholic players, coaches and fans as they still had not won a Lafayette sectional since 1973. Jeff ultimately advanced to the semi-state before falling to eventual state-runner up Anderson 66-57 in the Lafayette semi-state.

“We felt that had Dave Barrett and I been healthy during the 1986 sectional game, we would have beaten Jeff,” Gloyeske says. “We also felt that if we had beaten Jeff, we could have gone very far in the state tournament.”

With Gloyeske and Barrett set to return for the 1986-1987 season, Central Catholic’s sights were set again on sectional success that would likely include a meeting with Jeff.

But first would come an in-season meeting of significant proportions - the December 6, 1986 Hall of Fame Classic - to be played at Jeff’s Crawley Athletic Center. The anticipation for the matchup was special for the Tippecanoe County population.

“The community of Lafayette was very excited that the Classic was coming to Lafayette,” recalls Washburn. The people of Lafayette would witness something rare: Central Catholic playing on Jeff’s home court during the regular season.

“Jeff’s athletic director, Joe Heath, didn’t want Lafayette Central Catholic to play on that (Jeff’s) floor,” Washburn said with a chuckle. “He didn’t
want Lafayette Central Catholic to have the advantage of playing on that floor before sectional."

Bordenet concurred, stating, “The games between Jeff and Central Catholic have always been pretty intense, but the games during that era were even more intense because we did not play in the regular season.”

In fact, prior to their 1986 sectional meeting, Central Catholic and Jeff had not met since a 1977 sectional opening round game, won by Jeff 64-56.

The Hall of Fame Classic game would present Catholic with an unusual opportunity to play in Jeff’s home gym, in the state’s top in-season test of teams.

“When the two teams met in the 1986 sectional, the game was hyped because there was good reason to believe that Jeff could be defeated again at the hands of Central Catholic,” said Bordenet, now a four-time baseball state championship coach and athletic director at LCC. “When that didn’t happen, a sense of determination and resolve overcame our team.”

“The Hall of Fame game was our time to show Jeff and the rest of the state how good we were,” Barrett said. “As far as the rivalry, we always felt like the underdog against Jeff, but we rarely played each other.”

“Thinking back to the Hall of Fame games, I remember feeling it was a great honor to be chosen to play,” Gloyeske says 25 years later.

Along with the honor to play, Central Catholic would be granted another opportunity to beat their big school rival that is located just nine blocks away.

“Lafayette Central Catholic was gunning for that Hall of Fame (Classic) game because Jeff had beaten them in the (1986) sectional,” Washburn remembered. “It was a revenge-type game.”

Barrett added, “We were right back at it (after the 1986 sectional). We drew Jeff in the first game (of the Hall of Fame Classic). The buildup was great.”

The clash helped to pack 6,000 fans into the Crawley Center to watch the Hall of Fame Classic. Central Catholic and Jeff would face off in the opening game, while Concord and Bloomington South would meet in the other preliminary match-up.

“We really concentrated on preparing for Jeff. We just wanted to make sure we won one game,” Coach Bennett said with a laugh. The competition would be stiff for Central Catholic, and Bennett knew it.

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“Both teams had just about everybody back,” Washburn recalled, obviously with the exception of 1986 Mr. Basketball Jewell. “They were both good teams.”

Adding to the local rivalry, the Classic match-up featured highly ranked teams with high expectations. Central Catholic entered the Hall of Fame Classic with a 2-0 record and ranked #6 in the state’s AP poll while Jeff had a 4-1 record and the #5 ranking.

Jeff played without one of its better scorers, Ronnie Beaver, because of a knee injury. Central Catholic took advantage of Beaver’s absence and concentrated more of their defensive efforts toward Jeff’s other top scorer, Joe Eylens. The game ended up being a defensive-minded struggle. “We always played very hard, in your face defense,” Gloyeske commented.

Quarter by quarter, the game remained close. Central Catholic led 14-11 after the first stanza, and 30-27 at the intermission. Jeff made a run in the third quarter to overtake Central Catholic, leading 42-41 heading into the final period. That’s when the Knights of Central Catholic finally had their moment.

After trailing 52-47 with 3:17 to play, Central Catholic scored the game’s final eight points.
When the horn sounded, #6 Lafayette Central Catholic had toppled rival #5 Lafayette Jeff, 55-52 on the road in the state’s featured holiday tournament.

Barrett, who would become an Indiana All-Star and Purdue Boilermaker came through in the clutch, scoring or assisting on each of the final eight points. The game, and his late performance, meant more than a single victory.

“We can still brag about beating Jeff to this day,” Barrett, now the boys’ basketball coach at LCC, said with a laugh.

Before relishing in their morning victory, Central Catholic faced the challenge of returning to face Concord and highly regarded and freakishly athletic junior, Shawn Kemp, in the evening’s Hall of Fame Classic championship tilt.

“We couldn’t play Concord man-to-man,” Bennett stated firmly. “They had Shawn Kemp. He was 6-10. Gloyeske was our post player at 6-5. We used a 2-2-1 full court press because we wanted to make Kemp work. He helped bring the ball up the court for them.”

Once in the half court, Bennett utilized a similar tactic in an attempt to slow down Concord’s junior big man.

“We put two guys on Kemp the entire game,” Bennett explained. “It was really a triangle and two on Kemp.” Central Catholic won the game while earning respect from the opposition.

“They were a really good team,” former Concord coach Jim Hahn said emphatically. “They played really good defense. If you just looked at them from the eyeball test, no, they didn’t look like they belonged, but they were a really good team.”

Catholic’s victory over Jeff probably helped prepare for the challenge of playing Concord, as Washburn noted. “Lafayette Central Catholic used the momentum of beating Jeff to upset Concord and Shawn Kemp.”

Central Catholic prevailed 50-46 despite 20 points and 20 rebounds for Kemp. Gloyeske battled in the paint with Kemp to the tune of 18 points and 10 rebounds, while Bordenet knocked in 17 points of his own.

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However thrilling the Classic championship must have been - it did not cap the Knights’ success that season.

The Hall of Fame Classic victory also propelled Central Catholic’s momentum come sectional. “It kind of helped to get rid of (Jeff’s) mystique,” Barrett said. “We knew our chances were better to beat Jeff because we had beaten them before.” The stage was set for a rematch between Central Catholic and Jeff.

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Jeff entered sectional play with an 11-11 record and defeated Lafayette Harrison in the opening round. Central Catholic entered postseason play with a 19-3 record and topped Carroll, to set up another meeting with Jeff.

The Knights prevailed 62-55 over Jeff providing them with a two-game sweep in the rivalry that season. Central Catholic won the sectional with a victory over West Lafayette, giving the Knights their first sectional championship since the historic streak-breaking 1973 title.

LCC advanced through regional play and to the semi-state championship game, where they were knocked off by Gary Roosevelt in the state’s round of final eight teams. It matched the farthest a Central Catholic team advanced since 1973 when the Knights reached the Lafayette sectional finals and lost to South Bend Adams.

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In a fierce, but often one-sided, rivalry, tiny Lafayette Central Catholic had utilized a narrow loss the previous season as fuel to take down Lafayette Jeff on Jeff’s home court twice in one season.

“There is no doubt that the loss to Jeff in the 1986 sectional final served as motivation for our team to beat Jeff in the Hall of Fame Classic and then again in the 1987 sectional,” Bordenet says.

While their 1986 postseason meeting might have provided motivation, the memorable storylines of the 1986 Hall of Fame Classic championship the next season likely provided the inspiration that propelled Central Catholic to postseason success.

“The confidence that we gained that day spurred us on to a great tournament run that fell one game short of the state finals,” Bordenet reflects.

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The 1986-1987 Lafayette Central Catholic Knights - just one of the remarkable teams in the 34 year history of the prestigious City Securities Hall of Fame Classic.

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During the history of the girls’ Hall of Fame Classic, few, if any games, proved to be as entertaining as the 1986 Fort Wayne Northrop - Greenfield-Central championship contest.

Matching a pair of teams built for successful seasons with a pair of future Indiana All-Star talents, the game would live up to its potential with the twists, turns, and excitement of a double-overtime thriller featuring an individual scoring duel.

“I don’t think I ever saw a better game in the girls’ Hall of Fame tournament than that game,” notes Garry Donna, the publisher of Hoosier Basketball Magazine. Having attended every game of the 27-year history of the girls’ Classic provides him the perspective to offer such an opinion.

The tournament - the third annual girls’ Classic - was hosted December 13, 1986 at Greenfield-Central High School with the expected lineup of heavy hitters. The host Cougars entered 5-1 and ranked seventh in the state and would face 6-0 #8 Bedford North Lawrence in the morning contest. Fort Wayne Northrop (7-0) would face 6-1 Mt. Vernon (Fortville) in the other opening round game.

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The tournament opened in record-breaking fashion as Greenfield knocked out Bedford North Lawrence, 62-52. The winners got exactly one half of their points in that game from junior backcourt star Beth Davis. She scored 31 points – a tournament single-game record.

Northrop extended their winning streak with a 49-38 morning win over Mt. Vernon. Senior Lori Meinerding contributed 15 points and 13 rebounds as the balanced Bruins extended a two point halftime lead into an 11 point victory.

A championship game between 6-1 Greenfield-Central and 8-0 Fort Wayne Northrop was set. Northrop’s 37-game win streak and the pride of a Hall of Fame Classic championship was on the line.

After leading each of their teams in scoring in morning victories, a matchup of two outstanding players had the ingredients for a classic Classic.

“You expect the best players to perform in big games - you expect big players to have big games,” says Donna. “It didn’t surprise me at all. It didn't surprise me the way they performed when they performed because they both were that good.”

As former Indianapolis Star sportswriter Pat McKee reflects now - the game’s most talented players lived up to their press clippings.

“Beth Davis was obviously a very good player... she went to Wake Forest,” McKee shares. “Meinerding Indiana’s 1987 Miss Basketball and went to I.U.”

The matchup helped to display several great moments. A back and forth game featured two separate last possession scoring opportunities for Greenfield that went awry. That allowed Northrop
the opportunity to take a double-overtime 62-60 victory.

Davis’ ability can be verified by her shooting accuracy despite a limited number of possessions for her Greenfield-Central squad.

By the conclusion of the game Northrop would out-rebound Greenfield 42-21. A two-to-one advantage usually leads to a blowout, but Greenfield shot 24 of 51 from the field. Davis connected on 12 of her 19 shots (63.2%). Davis also went nine for nine from the charity stripe.

“We fought and fought and they still got position,” Greenfield coach Terry Fox was quoted in McKee’s 1986 Star article. “If we had not shot so well they would have beaten us by 10 to 15 points because of the way they beat us on the boards.”

“They just out muscled us on the boards,” Fox remembered from the game. “Meinerding and [Jenny] Bull pushed Dillon around a little bit. She wasn’t that strong at that time.”

While Davis would lead Greenfield’s offense, Meinerding increased her scoring output to pace Northrop in the championship matchup.

Twenty-five years later Meinerding remembers her scoring battle with Davis. “I just remember we went back and forth,” Meinerding stated with a laugh.

“I was like, ‘Who is this girl?’” while continually admitting it was one of the most exciting games she ever played.

“She was so fast that she would be by you in a heartbeat,” Fox offered of his star, Davis. “It didn’t matter who you were.”

Despite Davis’ quickness, Greenfield struggled underneath the hoop to contain Meinerding and Bull.

Greenfield held the lead and the momentum by utilizing its team speed via a full-court press. Northrop was trailing Greenfield when Northrop coach Dave Riley provided a turnabout for Greenfield.

“We were down I think seven or eight [points], and the press helped bring us back,” Riley recollects.

“I had no idea they were going to press,” Fox counters. “They came out in a one-three-one [press] with their big girls out at the front of the press against my smaller guards.”

Despite Greenfield’s quickness in the backcourt, Fox concedes that their guards’ lack of size caused matchup issues against Northrop’s increased defensive pressure. The strategy helped Northrop’s defense change the momentum of the game during the fourth quarter, but Meinerding and Davis continued their shootout.

“She was outstanding,” Riley stated emphatically of Meinerding. “Meinerding was tremendous on the free throw line. When there was pressure on her she always came through for us.”

Some players find a specific way to score, but Meinerding was versatile as Riley noted. “She would drive to the basket besides shooting from the outside.”

For the game Meinerding connected on nine of 17 attempts from the floor and went 11 of 11 from the free throw line. Meinerding also grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds. Her savvy play near the bucket proved most critical during the latter stages of regulation and overtime when she scored during live action and at the free throw line.

McKee wrote in the December 14, 1986 Indianapolis Star, “Tied 48-48 with five seconds left in regulation Greenfield inbounded and attempted to dump the ball inside to Davis. But Meinerding deflected Shelby Hughes’ post pass and the teams went to overtime.”

Fox thought back to that play, still disappointed 25 years later that it did not work out.

“We had Beth [Davis] take the ball out of bounds,” Fox commented. “We wanted to screen for her and get her the ball on the move. She wasn’t a strong enough dribbler to create her own shot and take on defenders like Bull and Meinerding. But if she got the ball on the move, she was good to go.”

The following represents a play-by-play recount of the final two minutes and nineteen seconds of regulation, thanks to Riley’s video copy of the game.

Greenfield led 43-42. Davis sank two free throws to increase Greenfield’s lead to 45-42. During the ensuing possession Meinerding missed a shot, grabbed her own rebound, and knocked in a short bank shot to cut Greenfield’s lead to 45-44. One minute and fifty-nine remained.

Once again Davis earned two free throws. And once again Davis connected two times. Greenfield back up by three, 47-44. Bull brings Northrop two points closer with a jump shot in the lane, Greenfield 47-46. Finally, Northrop thwarts Greenfield’s offensive possession and Meinerding once again finds herself at the line.

She hits both freebies putting Northrop up by one, 48-47. After Greenfield connected on one of
two free throws, the game reached a crescendo at 48-all. Forty-two seconds remained and Northrop looked to run one more offensive play. But excellent defense by Greenfield caused a five-second call at the top of the key before any shot was attempted.

Greenfield attempted to get the ball to Davis to seal the victory with five-seconds remaining, but, as Fox notes, Northrop's defense rose to the occasion. Three Northrop defenders merged towards Davis as she cut to the basket. Greenfield never attempted a last shot. Overtime!

Once overtime began both teams scored four points, leading to the final possession of the period. Greenfield Central once again had the opportunity to win the game.

From McKee's 1986 Star account:

"After both teams scored four points apiece in the first 2:44 of the session, the Lady Cougars had another shot to win it, but Debbie Billings' jumper from the right elbow caromed off the rim."

The miss led to a second overtime period. In the second extra session play in the paint became even more crucial, adding to the storyline of the matchup - Greenfield Central's 6-4 center Jenni Dillon was facing Jenny Bull, who had been born and could have played at Greenfield.

"Greenfield was my birth place," Bull recalled. "All my siblings had played for Greenfield-Central. I was the youngest of five and the town [of Greenfield] never really knew me. We moved from Greenfield when I was eight-years old."

The game provided special meaning to Bull.

"I guess that it was knowing that playing in the Hall of Fame Classic was exciting, but also playing against a team that I could of very well be on if we would of stayed in Greenfield. I felt a lot of support from the fans and friends from Greenfield."

Bull's play for Northrop certainly helped create the ensuing battle in the post.

"Jenny Bull was a good player," McKee recollects. "Her name fit her. She was a bull around the basket. She just played hard."

Greenfield-Central's post player, 6-4 Jenni Dillon, could be a game altering player in the post. She blocked six shots and grabbed 17 rebounds in their morning win against Bedford North Lawrence.

Dillon scored a bucket in the second overtime. But the future Minnesota Golden Gopher was battling foul trouble. That's when Bull, who would attend Indiana State to play, began to control the lane.

Bull continued to battle against Dillon until Dillon fouled out. That foul on Dillon proved to be a final turning point in the contest.

Bull knocked down both free throws, tying the score. The Bruins would then pound the basketball inside another four times, and another four times the referee's whistle blew giving the Bruins more shots from the charity stripe.

Meinerding sank four clutch free throws. Her teammate Meridith Burt also hit two shots from the line.

When the horn signaled the end of the second overtime, Northrop had earned a hard-fought 62-60 victory and Hall of Fame Classic championship over Greenfield.

"I thought we had finally met our match tonight," Riley was quoted as saying in McKee's 1986 Star coverage.

Beyond the on-court battle, Northrop and their coach had faced numerous challenges on the day. "Our van stalled coming back from dinner. When we got here I fell going down some stairs and in the process of that I broke my watch. I really thought our streak was going to end."

Instead, the streak lived on at 38 consecutive wins and Fort Wayne Northrop took the title of 1986 Girls' Hall of Fame Classic champion.

Greenfield's Beth Davis scored 33 points in the loss, hitting 12 of 19 field goals and nine of nine free throws, breaking the single-game tournament record she set earlier in the day. She totaled 64 points on the day and was voted the tournament's MVP.

Proving her worth in the clutch, Davis had hit five of seven shots and all nine of her free throws from the fourth quarter through two overtimes.

In the Star, Riley said, "Davis is a great player, she proved that today . . . she earned everything she got tonight."

Meinerding totaled 29 points in the championship win, hitting nine of 17 shots from the field and a perfect 11 of 11 from the free throw line. She was named to the all-tournament team. So was teammate Jenny Bull, who scored 11 points in the title game.

"She does everything well, sometimes it's just hard to notice all she does," Riley noted of Meinerding in the Star. Proving her coach's words true, the Northrop senior would go on to average 17.7 points, 10.0 rebounds and 4.0 assists as a senior and be named the state's Miss Basketball and Mental Attitude Award winner.

Greenfield's Debbie Billings would also be
named to the all-tournament team, joining Mount Vernon's Shelley Scott and the Bedford North Lawrence duo of Kristin Pritchett and Amy Aronson.

Between Meinerding and Davis, at least 11 individual Classic single-game and tournament records had fallen, including field goals attempted and made, free throws attempted and made, free throw percentage and points.

“Those games were as good as it can get from an individual standpoint, with Meinerding and Davis, but it was just as good of a game from a team standpoint and how the supporting casts both played well,” says Garry Donna.

“It was not in any sense of the word ‘Lori Meinerding versus Beth Davis’, but within the context of the game, in a way it was Lori Meinerding against Beth Davis.”

“That’s what made it such a good game - you just didn’t know (who was going to win),” reflects Donna. “On one hand, you would think that this thing’s going to be over and then it wasn’t over. And it was because, primarily, of those two kids. It wasn’t predictable.”

Fox commented of the experience, “I can tell you that I don’t think any of our players had ever played in a more exciting game.” Following the Classic, more success ensued for the two squads.

Greenfield-Central, who had been regional champion the season before, forged ahead with another regional championship (what would be the second of three in a row for them) and a final record of 21-4. That remains the best record in program history. They were knocked from the state tournament by eventual state champion Noblesville 56-54 in the semi-state semifinals.

Northrop finished the regular season unbeaten and made a second consecutive trip to the state finals, falling to Anderson Highland in the semifinals 55-49. The loss ended their 57-game winning streak, a string that set and remained an Indiana high school record - boys or girls - for 24 years.

Beth Davis graduated a year later as Greenfield-Central’s all-time leading scorer with 1,617 points; her jersey number was later retired. She led the 1988 Indiana All-Star team with a sharpshooting 13 of 23 field goals (56.5%) and a team-high 33 points in their games versus Kentucky.

She played just three seasons at Wake Forest but scored 1,172 points, the only player to reach the 1,000 point plateau at the school in three seasons. She was a Freshman All-American, sophomore first team All-ACC, and All-American special mention. She remains 13th on the school’s all-time scoring list.

In January 2011, the now Beth Davis Fagan was named an “ACC Women’s Basketball Legend.”

As previously mentioned, Lori Meinerding was named the IHSAA Mental Attitude Award winner and the 1987 Indiana Miss Basketball. She left Northrop as their all-time scoring leader with 1,352 points. Her 31 points helped lead Indiana to two wins in their summer all-star series with Kentucky. She was a four-year player at Indiana University, where she remains the program’s leader in career three point percentage (36.8%). She is now Lori Meinerding Morris-Devries and resides in Fishers.

Scrolling through the annals of the Hall of Fame Classic records, the score Fort Wayne Northrop 62, Greenfield-Central 60 does not do the game justice. It was truly one of the best games in Girls’ Hall of Fame Classic history, then and now.

“Girls’ basketball has come a long way since then but I think you could take those players and fast-forward that game to now and it would still be a good game,” Donna relays. “You wouldn’t say ‘look how they played back then’, I think it would translate to modern-day girls’ Hall of Fame Classic play - it would fit last year’s as well as it did 25 years ago.”

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