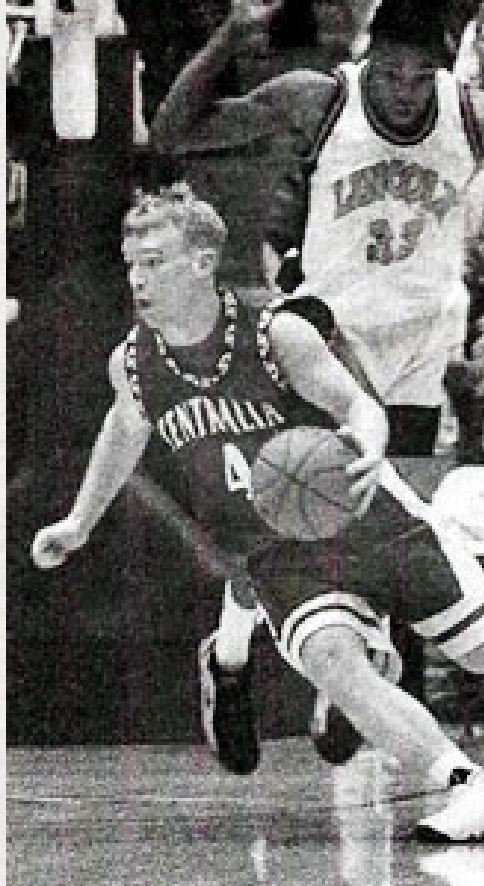


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(1934 CHS GRADUATE)
(REFERRED TO BY A.L. TROUT AS THE GREATEST CHS ATHLETE)

THE ORPHANS SAGA

The unfolding of the "Orphans" saga started in 1933. The details of this version were actually experienced personally. None of it is handed down from person to person.

In 1933 during the height of the great depression, we had an excellent basketball team. This team lost only one regular season game to an Illinois team plus two games by two points each, both in overtime, to Bruceville, Indiana, Trout's hometown.



Trout, as was his habit, went out of the dressing room and sat in the gym waiting for us to dress and appear on the floor for the pre-game warmup. When we appeared in our overalls, it was a surprise to the entire crowd including Mr. Trout.

After the warmup, we went to the dressing room for our final instructions. We were changing back to our ragged sweat pants when Mr. Trout walked into the locker room. Needless to say we were concerned about his reaction. As he entered the dressing room, he began to smile and said, "You have made your point. You look like Orphans of the Storm."

Money was scarce and our uniforms were in rags, especially our sweat pants, and we were unhappy about this problem. We were ready to start tournament play at the Carlyle regional tournament, and while dressing for the first game, one of the players suggested we wear our overalls for sweat pants during our warm up before the game. It was thought this would express our need for new sweat pants.