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"Historic Nashville Basketball Game Interests Movie Makers"

It was 37 years ago Wednesday that Gallatin High School played now closed Union High School in a regional playoff basketball game .

Many in the town still remember the game for more than just the final score and now, a local production company is adapting the story of how kids and basketball brought a racially divided town together for the silver screen.

Growing up during the 1960's in the mostly segregated city of Gallatin, it was improbable that young boys of different races could become friends.

The two boys, who formed a bond on the basketball court, were soon forced to go their separate ways as they attended school.

Eddie Sherlin went to Gallatin High School while Bill Ligon attended the all black Union High School.

The two boys, who were both class president and star athletes, wouldn't meet on the court until the regional playoffs during their senior year.

The game would be one of the biggest games in the town's history. It was the first time in history the black school played the white school

The arena was packed, with whites on one side and blacks on the other.

The hard fought game ended with Gallatin defeating Union.

Sherlin and Ligon had no idea that their childhood bond would soon bring the entire city together as well.

It was a simple embrace between friends that for at least one day, allowed a town to see past the barrier that had divided them.

Act 2, who is making a film about the story of Eddie and Bill, are asking for your help. They need any film footage people may have from the late 1960's and early 1970's.

If you can help, visit Act 2 online at www.act2inc.com .

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