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**“REBUILDING INDIANAPOLIS: THE SPORTS INITIATIVE”
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

“Rebuilding Indianapolis: The Sports Initiative” was a project conducted from 2010–2011 to “capture the early history of the amateur sports initiative that has been the cornerstone for re-shaping Indianapolis major destination site.” The result of the project was twelve digital oral history interviews involving key individuals responsible for the city’s rise to amateur sports prominence. Key individuals in this venture was Pacers Sports and Entertainment, John Ketzenberger, Charles Schlisla, Steve Starnes and Steve Haller. The Indiana Historical Society serves as the repository for these interviews.

The twelve individuals interviewed were:

Bob Baxter, Vice President of the Indian Sports Corporation, 1988–1998; President of the Indianapolis Sports Center, 1979–1982.

Ted Boehm, Indiana Supreme Court Justice, 1996–2010; partner of Baker and Daniels, 1964–1988; 1995–1996.

Ollan Cassel, president of the Indiana Olympian Association, present; adjunct professor for Olympic Sports History, University of Indianapolis, present; Amateur Athletic Union, 1965–1980.

William Crawford, Indiana State Representative, 1973–present; Executive Committee of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, present.

Dave Frick, Chief Negotiator for Pacers acquisition, 1983, and Colts acquisition, 1984; Deputy Mayor of Indianapolis, 1977–1982; Chairman of the Indiana Stadium and Convention Building Authority, present.

Bill Hudnut, U. S. Congressman, 1973–1975; Mayor of Indianapolis, 1976–1991.

Tom King, Director of Civic Affairs and Community Development then President of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, 1979–1991; Interim President and CEO of the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites.

Sandy Knapp, Indiana Pacers Vice President for Marketing and Public Relations, 1970–1979; President and Executive Director of the Indiana Sports Corporation, 1980–1991; President of Sport Marketing of Indiana, 1988–1991.

Bill McGowan, President and CEO of the Indianapolis Convention Center and Visitors Association, 1984–1992; Vice Chairman of Indianapolis Convention Center and Visitors Association, 2002–present.

Jim Morris, President of Pacers Sports and Entertainment, 2008–present; Chief of Staff for Richard Lugar, mayor of Indianapolis, 1967–1973.

John Mutz, Indiana State Representative, 1967–1970; Indiana State Senator, 1971–1980; Lieutenant Governor of Indiana, 1981–1989.

Sid Weedman, Executive Director of the White River Park Commission, 1982–1987; Director for the Commission for Downtown, 1977–1982.

Sources:

Information supplied by project.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains twelve oral histories of individuals who played a major role in the development of Indianapolis' rise in the area of amateur sports that played a major role in assisting in the city's revitalization. Interviews were conducted in 2010 and 2011 with Bob Baxter, Ted Boehm, Ollan Cassell, William Crawford, Dave Frick, Bill Hudnut, Tom King, Sandy Knapp, Bill McGowan, Jim Morris, John Mutz and Sid Weedman.

Each interview contains a digital copy of the oral history interview, a typed transcript of the interview and a digital copy of the typed transcript.

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