Guide to IU South Bend Athletics Department Collection, 1969 - :

Summary Information

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Abstract:
This collection includes IU South Bend campus official Athletic Department publicity materials and related information about varsity and intramural athletics at IUSB. Athletics activities began in the 1960s at IUSB. The first athletics was the basketball team, which began at the club level. The IUSB Basketball teams – both the men’s and the women’s teams – the “Titans” joined the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) by unanimous vote by the Athletics Committee on September 25, 1987. Through student petition, the basketball club grew to a varsity level team by 1984. Six years later in 1990, IUSB would also gain a women’s basketball team on the same level. From the 1980s forward, athletics at IUSB has increased in numbers of clubs and teams for many more sports. The materials in this collection are an accumulation of historical events important to IU South Bend’s student athletic history from the 1960’s to present and will continue to grow with the campus athletics programs.
**Scope and Content Note:**

The Indiana University South Bend Athletics Collection documents the many different sports in which IUSB students take part. The collection comprises two series, one of them containing documents from the varsity athletics of Indiana University South Bend, and the other containing materials from the intramural sports the university hosts.

**Varsity Sports**

Varsity sports began at the club sport level at Indiana University South Bend in the 1960s. The athletics moniker of “Titans” was coined in a Student Government Association election in December of 1969. The student body selected the official nickname and chose Air Force blue and white as the school colors (later these became red and white — like the rest of the Indiana University campuses). The first varsity athletic letter was offered in 1971. The first men’s basketball scholarship was awarded in 1985 — to Saleem Olajuwon, an international student from Nigeria.

The first basketball coach came to the IU South Bend campus in 1981, Coach Reddy Gustine, to coach the team when it was still a club sport. In the Fall of 1984, there was a student-generated petition to get varsity basketball on the campus (rather than have it at the student club level) and to have a dollar of each student’s student activity fee go specifically to a sports fee. It was this time also that the basketball team’s uniforms were printed with “Titans” on them for the first time. By November of 1984, the IUSB Basketball Club joined the National Little College Athletic Association (NLACC). IUSB’s Titans joined the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) by unanimous vote by the Athletics Committee on September 25, 1987. In the same year, Homer Drew came in as the men’s basketball coach. IU South Bend is a part of the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC).

In 1990, women’s basketball began with its first home game. By 1992 the women’s basketball team had won its first game. In 1993, Mary Wisnewski was hired as the women’s head basketball coach. Wisnewski retired in 2006, and Steven T. Bruce began his tenure as women’s head basketball coach.

The women and men’s basketball teams have had a number of home gyms. The first location that the team played was at South Bend’s Greene Elementary School. The team got its second home gym — still on “borrowed” ground — at Mishawaka’s Bethel College gym in 1970. In 1985 Titans moved to playing home games at the city-owned Newman Recreation Center near campus. The fourth — and final — home of the basketball teams (both women’s and men’s) — is in the campus’ Student Activities Center (SAC). The SAC has three basketball courts as well as an indoor track, weight machines and racquet ball courts for athletes and the rest of the IU South Bend community to use.
Indiana University South Bend added to their varsity sports program by forming a Women’s Volleyball team with Jamie Ashmore as head coach. The volleyball team began competing in the 2011-2012 academic year. Subsequently, in 2014, two new sports were added. The first was Men’s and Women’s Cross Country, with Rob Carrasco as the head coach of that sport. The second was Men’s Golf, with Coach Justin Akers. Both sports began competing in the 2015-2016 academic year. Most recently, after a closure of the Holy Cross College Baseball program, IUSB added a Men’s Baseball team, coached by the former Holy Cross baseball coach, Brian Blondell.

While this series mainly contains material on varsity sports at Indiana University South Bend, there is some overlap with the Intramural Sports series, and both series should be consulted. One critical area of overlap between the two series is in the area of club sports. Since the varsity sports at IUSB originally began as club sports, there is material in the Varsity Series concerning those club sports that eventually gave rise to IUSB’s varsity sports program. However, the Intramural Series also contains some material from club sports, notably material on both Men’s and Women’s Soccer Club and IUSB’s Quidditch Club. In addition, the Student Life Collection, which contains material from IUSB’s many student clubs, also encompasses some club sports, such as the Women’s Fastpitch Softball Club, Running Club (or Run Club), the Bowling Club, and additional documents on the Quidditch Club. For complete information and material on club sports at IUSB, one should consult both series of the Athletics Collection, as well as the Student Life Collection.

In addition, sets of photographs in the Varsity series of the Athletics Collection often contain representations of both varsity and intramural teams. If researchers are looking for photographs of intramural teams, they are advised to consult the folders of photographs in the varsity series.

The Varsity Athletics Series includes one bankers and three manuscript boxes. Within the boxes are a file of documentation of the Women’s Basketball team, a file of documentation of the Men’s Basketball team, scrapbooks that document the men’s basketball teams from 1988 to 1993 as well as the cheerleading teams, souvenir basketball programs from 1989 to 2013, news articles on the basketball teams, official certificates of recognition, schedules of basketball games from 1969 to 2014, and a DVD retrospective of the 2009-2010 teams. Additionally, there is list of campus athletics history (all sports) from 1969 to 2001, one men’s basketball jersey circa early 1970s, one woman’s basketball jersey from 2000-2001 and five DVDs housing pictures from varsity and intramural sports. Documents date from 1969 to the present and are organized in chronological order.

**Intramural Sports**

In addition to the varsity sports offered by Indiana University South Bend, intramural sports continue to be an important facet of student life and recreation. The Intramural Sports series of the Athletics Collection contains documents from the intramural sports offered at IUSB. Some
of these sports correspond to varsity counterparts—such as basketball—while some others, such as Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Table Tennis, and Racquetball, among others, operate only at the intramural level.

Intramural sports at IUSB have had a strong connection with the Student Activity Center (SAC) on campus since its dedication in 2004. Indoor intramural sports, such as Basketball, Whiffleball, and Volleyball, take place on the courts in the SAC. Researchers are advised to consult the IUSB Student Activity Center Collection for related material.

Outdoor intramural sports were held at various community locations, such as O’Brien Park in South Bend, before the construction of the River Crossing Student Housing in 2008, which included a recreational field where many of the intramural sports began to be held in subsequent years. Some intramural sports, however, continued to be held at other locations, due to the need for specialized playing areas—some of these sports include Golf, which was held at Erskine Park Golf Course, Tennis, which was held on the tennis courts at nearby John Adams High School, and Softball, held at Potawatomi Park.

As stated above in the scope and content note to the Varsity Sports Series, the Intramural collection also contains some information on club sports. Additional information on club sports at IUSB can also be found in the Varsity Sports Series, and the Student Life Collection. In one case, both the Intramural Sports Collection and the Student Life Collection contain material on the same student organization. This organization is the Quidditch Club. The Student Life Collection contains information on the Quidditch Club from 2010-2012, while the Intramural Sports Collection contains material on the same club dating from 2012-2014.

The Intramural Sports Series also contains material about other, non-athletic programs put on by Intramural Sports at IUSB. One of these programs is the NCAA Holiday Bowl Pick ‘Em, in which students submit brackets of their personally-predicted results of football bowl games, and the student with the most correct predictions wins a prize. Intramural Sports has run several of these bracket competitions for such college sports tournaments as March Madness for Men’s and Women’s Basketball. The Intramural Sports series of the Athletics Collection contains completed entry forms for these competitions and score sheets rating the participants’ accuracy in predicting the game outcomes.

The material in the Intramural Sports Collection is all paper documents, most of which relate to individual sports, including such things as the rules by which the intramural sports are played, promotional fliers, registration forms for each sport and season, which give the names of participants and their status within the university (student, staff, or faculty), brackets of tournament-style playoffs, and score sheets from individual games. Although not as numerous as the information about the individual sports, there are some materials concerning the administration of intramural sports at IUSB in the Intramural Sports Collection, including an Intramural Sports Officers’ Manual and a booklet of Intramural Sports Policies and Procedures.
While documents in the Intramural Sports Collection span the dates from 2003 to 2014, the majority of the material dates from 2008 to 2012.

The Intramural Sports Series occupies one bankers box and one manuscript box. The material is grouped by sport and arranged alphabetically. Miscellaneous documents about intramural sports at IUSB in general are found at the end of the series.

**Administrative Information:**

Materials donated to the IU South Bend Archives by the IU South Bend Athletics Department in August of 2008 onwards.

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**Processing Information:**

See Also:
Student Activity Center Collection
Student Life Collection
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Varsity:
Justin Akers, Jamie Ashmore, Alanzo Bass, Brian Blondell, Steve Bruce, Rob Carrasco, Jim Condill, Scott Cooper, Alex Daniel, Reddy Gustine, Tom Norris, Mike Parsons, Bill Reilich, Chad Tapp, Natalie Tavernier, Mary Wisniewski, Men’s Basketball, Women’s Basketball, Men’s Golf, Men’s Cross-Country, Women’s Cross-Country, Women’s Volleyball

Intramural:
Amy Henkelman, Robert Simels, Basketball, Billiards, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Cornhole, Dodgeball, Flag Football, Golf, Kickball, Little 2.5, Punt Pass and Kick, Quidditch, Racquetball, Soccer, Softball, Table Tennis, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Whiffleball

Folder 8: Women’s Soccer Schedule, Calendar – 1989.


Folder 15: Softball, Slides – circa 1990’s.


Folder 28: First Women’s Team Game in the Student Activities Center, Photographs – November 2001.


DVDs: Disc 1- IUSB Basketball/Senior Videos – 2011-2012
Disc 2- IUSB basketball/IUSB Volleyball – 2011-2012


Folder 1: Pep Rally (Men’s & Women’s Teams, Photographs – October 2003.
Folder 12: ‘Staff Changes-Arrivals’ Steve Bruce, Magazine Clipping – September/October 2006.
Folder 15: Athletics Committee, Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2007
Folder 16: Athletics Committee, Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2007
Folder 17: Athletics Committee, Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2007
Folder 18: Home Basketball Schedule Men’s & Women’s, Calendar – 2007-08.

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Folder 48: Basketball Calendar, Foldout – 2010-2011.
Folder 50: Men’s and Women’s Basketball Schedule – 2010-2011.
Folder 53: Cheer the Titans on TV, Bulletin Board Post – February 16, 2011.
Folder 57: “Titan Volleyball Set to Kick off Inaugural Campaign” – August 18, 2011. News article.
Folder 60: Senate Athletics Committee Meeting, Summary – November 11, 2011.
Folder 61: Faculty, Staff and Sponsor Appreciation, Bulletin Board Post – November 14, 2011.
Folder 64: Volleyball Program – 2011.

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Folder 4: Athletics Committee, Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2012
Folder 6: Senate Athletics Committee Meeting – March 9, 2012.
Folder 7: Athletics Committee, Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2012
Folder 11: Volleyball Online Merchandise Form – August 24-September 4, 2012.
Folder 14: “Men’s Program at IU South Bend Looks to Keep Building” – November 1, 2012.
Folder 15: Volleyball Blood Drive – December 5, 2012.
Folder 16: Women’s Volleyball Schedule – Fall 2012.
Folder 17: Women’s Volleyball Season Statistics – 2012.
Folder 18: Men’s Basketball Apparel – Fall 2012.
Folder 26: Basketball Senior Night Game – February 13, 2013.
Folder 28: Titan Basketball, Men & Women’s Victory over Purdue, Calumet, & St. Xavier/Box Score – February 20, 2013.
Folder 29: Chad Tapp Resignation – May 1, 2013.
Folder 34: “Reilich and Bass to Join Coach Cooper’s Staff” – August 7, 2013.
Folder 34: Personal Training: N. Tavernier – 2013.
Folder 35: 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament – September 21, 2013.
Folder 45: E-mail/Mobile Sign Up Online – 2013.
Folder 54: “Bruce Named Administrator of the Year” – April 21, 2014.
Folder 54: Organizational Change in Athletics – May 9, 2014.
Folder 55: Steve Bruce Named Head of Athletics – May 21, 2014.
Folder 56: Norris Named Assistant Director of Athletics – June 27, 2014.
Folder 60: Titan Athletics Adding Cross Country and Men’s Golf – August 28, 2014

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Folder 1: 3x3 Basketball – Fall 2008. Game Schedule, Bracket, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.
Folder 2: 5x5 Basketball – Fall 2008. Game schedule, Bracket, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.
Folder 3: 5x5 Basketball – Spring 2009. Manager’s Meeting Minutes, Game Schedule, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 4: 3x3 Basketball – Fall 2009. Bracket, Game Schedule, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 5: 5x5 Basketball – Fall 2009. Bracket, Game Schedule, Team Captain List, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.


Folder 7: 5x5 Basketball – Spring 2010. Bracket, Game Schedule, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 8: 3x3 Basketball – Fall 2010. Flier, Bracket, Game Schedule, Team Captain List, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 9: 5x5 Basketball – Fall 2010. Flier, Bracket, Game Schedule, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.


Folder 11: 5x5 Basketball – Spring 2011. Flier, Bracket, Game Schedule, Team Captain List, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 12: 3x3 Basketball – Fall 2011. Bracket, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 13: 5x5 Basketball – Fall 2011. Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 14: 5x5 Basketball – Spring 2012. Bracket, Game Schedule, Team Captain List, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 15: “IUSB Intramural 5x5 Basketball Rules” – n.d.


Folder 20: Billiards Tournament – Fall 2011. Flier, Registration Form.


Folder 30: Flag Football – Fall 2009. Info Sheet, Bracket, Game Schedule, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 31: Flag Football Tournament – April 18, 2010. Bracket, Game Schedule, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 32: Flag Football – Fall 2010. Flier, Bracket, Game Schedule, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.


Folder 34: Flag Football – Fall 2011. Registration Forms, Score Sheets.


Folder 37: Flag Football – Fall 2013. Bracket, Team Rosters, Score Sheets, Liability Waivers.

Folder 38: “Flag Football Officials Evaluation Form” – n.d.


Folder 40: 2-person Golf – Fall 2009. Registration Forms.


Folder 43: Kickball – Fall 2010. Flier, Bracket, Game Schedule, Team Captain List, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.


Folder 45: Kickball – Fall 2011. Team Captain List, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 46: Little 2.5 – April 26, 2007. Program Notes, Fliers.

Folder 47: Little 2.5 – April 24, 2008. Flier, Bulletin Board Post, Photographs.


Folder 50: Little 2.5 – April 29, 2010. Flier, Food Service Application, Map, Runner Time Sheets, Registration Forms.

Folder 51: Little 2.5 – April 28, 2011. Flier, Map, Sign-in Sheet, Runner Time Sheet, Registration Forms.


Folder 53: Little 2.5 – April 10, 2013. Flier.

Folder 54: Little 2.5 – n.d. Signs for Little 2.5 Route.


Folder 56: NCAA Football Holiday Bowl Pick ‘Em – Fall 2009. Answer Key, Entry Brackets.

Folder 57: NCAA Football Holiday Bowl Pick ‘Em – Fall 2010. Answer Key, Entry Brackets.


Folder 64: NCAA Basketball Women’s Tournament Bracket – Spring 2010. Score Sheet, Entry
Brackets.


Folder 71: “Quidditch Soars at IUSB” – October 10, 2012.


Folder 73: Quidditch Tournament – October 4-5, 2014. Flier. Folder 74: Racquetball – Fall
2008. Game Schedule, Bracket, Registration Forms.

Folder 75: Racquetball – Spring 2009. Game Schedule, Bracket, Registration Forms.

Folder 76: Racquetball – Fall 2009. Game Schedule, Bracket, Registration Forms.

Folder 77: Racquetball – Spring 2010. Game Schedule, Bracket, Registration Forms.


Folder 79: Men’s Soccer Club – Fall 2007. Game Schedule.


Folder 81: Men’s Soccer Club – Fall 2008. Game Schedule.


Folder 85: 4x4 Indoor Soccer – Spring 2010. Game Schedule, Bracket, Team Captain List,
Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 86: 4x4 Indoor Soccer – Spring 2011. Flier, Game Schedule, Bracket, Team Captain List,
Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 87: 7x7 Outdoor Soccer – Fall 2011. Bracket, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 89: 4x4 Indoor Soccer – Spring 2012. Bracket, Team Captain List, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 90: Men’s Soccer – Fall 2012. Advisor’s Form, Rights and Responsibilities, Players’ Releases.


Folder 92: Softball – Fall 2008. Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 93: Softball – Fall 2009. Flier, Game Schedule, Team Captain List, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 94: Softball – Fall 2010. Flier, Bracket, Game Schedule, Team Captain List, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 95: Softball – Fall 2011. Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 96: Table Tennis – Fall 2008. Bracket, Registration Forms.

Folder 97: Table Tennis – November 19, 2009. Bracket, Participant Contact List, Registration Forms.

Folder 98: Tennis Singles – Fall 2008. Game Schedule, Bracket, Registration Forms.


Folder 100: Tennis Singles – Fall 2010. Game Schedule, Registration Forms.

Folder 101: 3-Point Shoot Out – Fall 2008. Photographs, Score Sheet, Registration Form.

Folder 102: 3-Point Shoot Out – Fall 2009. Score Sheet, Registration Forms.

Folder 103: 3-Point Shoot Out – Fall 2010. Score Sheet, Registration Forms.


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Folder 3: Coed Volleyball – Fall 2009. Bracket, Game Schedule, Team Captain List, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 4: Coed Volleyball – Spring 2010. Bracket, Game Schedule, Team Captain List, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 5: Coed Volleyball – Fall 2010. Flier, Bracket, Game Schedule, Team Captain List, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.

Folder 6: Coed Volleyball – Spring 2011. Flier, Bracket, Game Schedule, Team Captain List, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.


Folder 8: Coed Volleyball – Fall 2011. Bracket, Registration Forms, Score Sheets.


Folder 31: Intramural Sports – Fall 2012.
Folder 34: “Intramural Sports Official’s Evaluation” – n.d.
Folder 38: Memo from Amy Henkelman – n.d.