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**INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS BASEBALL PHOTOGRAPHS
1961–1975**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indianapolis Indians is a triple-A minor league baseball team that was founded in 1902 as a charter member of the American Association. The team has played in various leagues, in different ballparks, and with several affiliations in the course of its history. It has provided training for several future major league stars, including some who have been inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

The Indians remained in the American Association until 1962, when the league folded. The team then spent one season in the International League followed by five years in the geographically distant Pacific Coast League. The Indians rejoined the American Association upon its reformation in 1969. After the American Association dissolved in 1997, the Indians once again became part of the International League in 1998.

The team played first in a park at East Washington and Gray streets and then in a park at 1000 West Washington Street before Perry Stadium was built as its new home at 1501 West 16th Street in 1931. The new stadium was named after James Perry, brother of the team's owner, Norman Perry. James had been the team's owner until his death in 1929. The stadium was renamed Victory Field in 1942. In 1967 the city of Indianapolis bought the stadium and changed its name to Owen J. Bush Stadium in honor of a popular manager and long-time team owner. A new stadium in downtown Indianapolis opened on 11 July 1996 at 501 W. Maryland Street. Named Victory Field, it has a seating capacity of more than 14,000.

The Indians' major league affiliations formally launched in the 1939 season with the Cincinnati Reds. The team affiliated with the Reds during the following seasons: 1939–1941, 1961, 1968–1983, and 1993–1999. Its other affiliations include: the Boston Braves, 1944–1946; the Cleveland Indians, 1952–1956; Chicago White Sox, 1957–1959, 1962–1967; Philadelphia Phillies, 1960; Montreal Expos, 1984–1992; Milwaukee Brewers, 2000–2004; and the Pittsburgh Pirates, 1947–1951 and again since 2005.

The 1956 season could have been the team's last due to financial trouble. However, local baseball fans saved the franchise when 6,672 community shareholders contributed \$205,000 in operating capital. The 1961 and 1962 team portraits in this collection bear the caption: Home-owned by 6,672 fans.

The Indians won ninety-six games and their first pennant in their inaugural season. As of 2019, the team has won seven league and twenty-six division championships.

Indians players who went on to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame include Grover Cleveland Alexander, Mordecai "Three Fingers" Brown, Charles "Gabby" Hartnett, Randy Johnson, Harmon Killebrew, Napoleon "Larry" Lajoie, Al López, Rube Marquard, Bill McKechnie, and Edd Roush. Hall of Famer Luke Appling was a manager for the Indians after his playing days. Other Indians players with noteworthy major league careers include Joaquín Andújar, Rocco Colavito, Eric Davis, George Foster, Ken Griffey, Andres Galarraga, Roger Maris, Andrew McCutchen, Minnie Miñoso, Herb Score, and Larry Walker.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains photographs of the Indianapolis Indians minor league baseball team. It includes group portraits of the team in various years, individual portraits of team members, and other photographs such as action shots. The collection is arranged into three series: Team Portraits, Individual Portraits, and Other Photographs. This collection can be added to as more photographs of the team are acquired.

Series 1, Team Portraits: This series is composed of group portraits of the team. There are black-and-white photographs from 1961, 1962, 1974, and 1975. There are color prints made from photographs of the team from 1963 and 1964.

Series 2, Individual Portraits: This series includes seven black-and-white portraits and five color photographs of members of the 1974 team.

Series 3, Other Photographs: This series contains a black-and-white photograph of a play during a game [1975].

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Series 1: Team Portraits

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Black-and-white 8x10 photo of **1961** team: Max Schumacher (business manager), Ellis "Cot" Deal (manager). Outfielders: Joe Hicks, Len Johnston, Joe Gaines, Lamar Jacobs, Hilario "Sandy" Valdespino. Ted Beard (outfielder-coach), Cloyd Boyer (pitcher-coach), Robert Weimer (treasurer). Pitchers: Claude Osteen, Bob Krop, Bob Miller, Ray Rippelmeyer, Greg Jancich, John Tsitouris, Don Rudolph, John Briggs. Estel Freeman (promotion-publicity director), Chet Boak (first baseman), Bob Schmidt (catcher), Giraldo "Chico" Ruiz (shortstop), Hal Bevan (catcher / first baseman), Fred Hopke (first baseman), Jim Snyder (second baseman), Cliff Cook (third baseman), Don Pavletich (catcher / first baseman), Charley Saad (trainer), Allen Smith (clubhouse boy), Clark Dickerson (bat boy).

Black-and-white 8x10 photo of **1962** team: Estel D. Freeman (promotion-publicity), Lou Vassie (second baseman), Al Weis (shortstop), Tom McCraw (first baseman), Tony Roig (infielder), Jerry McNertney (catcher), Jim Napier (catcher), Ramón Conde (third baseman), Charley Saad (trainer). Left-handed pitchers: Taylor Phillips, Ed Drapcho, Frank Kreutzer, Gary Peters, Herb Score. Right-handed pitchers: Alan Brice, Allan Worthington, Warren Hacker, Glen Rosenbaum. Max Schumacher (general manager), Luke Appling (manager). Outfielders: Dick Berardino, Jim Koranda, Harry Simpson, Len Johnston. Ted Beard (coach), Robert Weimer (treasurer), Danny Whybrew (clubhouse boy), Joe Romer (bat boy).

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Color print of **1963** team: Estel Freeman (promotion-publicity), Ramón Conde (second baseman / outfielder), Jim Napier (catcher), Lou Vassie (second baseman), Deacon Jones (first baseman), Jerry McNertney (catcher), Charlie Smith (shortstop), Don Buford (third baseman), Charlie Saad (trainer). Left-handed pitchers: Ed Drapcho, Herb Score, Frank Kreutzer). Right-handed pitchers: Mike Joyce, Fritz Ackley, Verle Tiefenthaler, Warren Hacker, Joe Horlen. Max Schumacher (general manager), Rollie Hemsley (manager). Outfielders: Len Johnston, Gene Stephens, Jim Koranda, Ken Berry. Ted Beard (coach), Robert Weimer (treasurer), Don Fitzpatrick (bat boy), Tommy Hutchings (clubhouse boy).

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Color print of **1964** team: Max Schumacher (general manager), Les Moss (manager). Outfielders: Ken Berry, Jim Hicks, Jim Koranda, Len Johnston. Ted Beard (coach), Robert Weimer (trainer). Right-handed pitchers: Jim Golden, Ed Hobaugh, Carl Bouldin, Dave DeBusschere, Bob Locker, Bruce Howard, Warren Hacker. Left-handed pitchers: Rudy May, Ed Drapcho. Estel Freeman (promotion-publicity), Ramón Conde (third baseman / outfielder), Bob Catton (catcher), George Williams (third baseman / second baseman), Gary Johnson (first baseman), Larry Himes (catcher), Minnie Miñoso (outfielder / third baseman), Marv Staehle (second baseman / shortstop), Charley Saad (trainer), Dennis Poynter (bat boy), Tommy Hutchings (clubhouse boy).

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Black-and-white 8x10 photo of **1974** team. Front row: Max B. Schumacher (president and general manager). Outfielders: Ken Griffey, Tom Spencer, Joel Youngblood. Vern Rapp (manager), Roger Freed (outfielder / first baseman), Ed Armbrister (outfielder), Terry Stewart (business manager). Middle row: Will McEnaney (left-handed pitcher); right-handed pitchers Dan Osborn, Rawly Eastwick, Pat Zachry, Santo Alcalá, Pat Darcy, Tom Carroll, Joaquín Andújar, Dick Baney. Back row: Ike Ives (groundskeeper), Jim Driscoll (second baseman), Gene Dusan (catcher), Ray Knight (third baseman), Arturo DeFreites (first baseman / outfielder), Junior Kennedy (second baseman / shortstop), Doug Flynn (shortstop), Sonny Ruberto (catcher), Ron McClain (trainer). In front: Mark Storen (bat boy). (Photo by B & L Photographers, Inc. of Indianapolis)

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Black-and-white 8x10 photo of **1975** team. In front: Steve Stidd (clubhouse boy). First row: Max B. Schumacher (president and general manager), Don Warner (catcher), outfielders Joel Youngblood and Greg Sinatro, Vern Rapp (manager), outfielders Arturo DeFreites and Tom Spencer, Sonny Ruberto (catcher), Jim Bender (business manager). Middle row: right-handed pitchers Dick Baney, Larry Payne, and Joe Henderson; left-handed pitcher Mac Scarce; right-handed pitchers Santo Alcalá, Pat Zachry, and Tom Carroll; left-handed pitcher Lorin Grow, right-handed pitcher Bruce Taylor. Back row: Cal Burleson (ticket manager), Garland "Ike" Ives (groundskeeper), second basemen Tony Franklin and Lute Barnes, infielder John Vukovich, first baseman Dave Revering, third baseman Ray Knight, shortstop Junior Kennedy, Ron McClain (trainer), Estel Freeman (public relations director). (Photo by B & L Photographers, Inc. of Indianapolis)

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Series 2: Individual Portraits

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Seven black-and-white portraits of 1974 team members: 1) Pat Darcy (right-handed pitcher); 2) Gene Dusan (catcher); 3) Rawly Eastwick (right-handed pitcher); 4) Doug Flynn (shortstop); 5) Roger Freed (outfielder); 6) Junior Kennedy (infielder); 7) Ray Knight (third baseman). (All photos by B & L Photographers, Inc. of Indianapolis.)

Five color photographs of 1974 team members on the playing field: 1) Joaquín Andújar (right-handed pitcher); 2) Ken Griffey (outfielder); 3) Will McEnaney (left-handed pitcher); 4) Vern Rapp (manager); 5) Joel Youngblood (outfielder).

Series 3: Other Photographs

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Black-and-white 8x10 photo shows shortstop John Vukovich tagging opposing baserunner at second base [1975]. (Photo by Jeff Atteberry, *Indianapolis Star*.)

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