

# INDIANAPOLIS NATIONAL LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM RECORD, 23 DECEMBER 1886

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## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Indianapolis National League Baseball Club started operations in 1887 and was apparently named the "Hoosiers." Another club with the same name had been a member of the American Association from 1884-1886. Principal owner of the team appeared to be John T. Brush who went on to own the Cincinnati Red Legs and more notably, the New York Giants. The team played three seasons in Indianapolis and was dubiously noted for its lack of hitting and wrangling among the players. In its first season, the Indianapolis team finished in last place. The next two years, the "Hoosiers" were next to last, ahead of the Washington team, and ceased operations in Indianapolis after the 1890

season.

Sources: *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*, p. 300

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### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The item in this collection is a letter signed by a delegation of Indianapolis investors to National League President Albert G. Spaulding dated 23 December 1886. In this letter, the delegation states that they are interested in obtaining the Kansas City franchise and would like to know the terms and price involved in acquiring the team. Signatures on the letter include John T. Brush (letter misidentifies him as John G. Brush), Henry S. New, Charles Mayer & Co., M.U. Spades, and Henry C. Leve.

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### **CATALOGUING INFORMATION**

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SUBJECT ENTRIES: Brush, John T. (John Thompson), 1845-1912

Spaulding, Alber B.

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