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CHAPTER I

THE PROBLEM, METHOD OF SECURING DATA AND PREVIEW OF ORGANIZATION USED

There has been a growing interest in the city of Vincennes and in the state of Indiana regarding the activities of the various athletic programs connected with the high schools. Evidence of this fact is substantiated by the appearance of several school conferences representing various geographic sections in the state. Publicity for the activities of the conferences, written by the sportswriters for the newspapers in their respective areas, has been very general and based upon limited observation.

I. THE PROBLEM

Statement of the problem. This study was made to ascertain the reason for, advantages of, and problems connected with an athletic conference formed among the high schools in southern Indiana and to trace chronologically the history and growth of the conference from its inception to the present time.

Importance of the study. This is the first study that has been made of this conference. In 1941 a Handbook of the Southern Indiana Athletic Conference was printed,

giving the official roster of the member high schools, a brief summary of the events for the school year 1940-41, the football schedules of the member schools for 1941 and the basketball schedules for these same schools for 1941-42. A similar handbook was printed the following year for 1942-43, but the printing of the handbook was discontinued after that edition. No previous organized study has been made of this conference.

II. THE METHOD

Method of securing data. The following sources were used in conducting the investigation:

- (1) All the minutes of the meetings of the conference.
- (2) The files of the Vincennes Sun, the Vincennes Sun-Commercial, the Evansville Courier, and the Bicknell Daily News.
- (3) Other sources of data, such as, the Handbook of the Southern Indiana Athletic Conference for 1941-42 and the Handbook of the Southern Indiana Athletic Conference for 1942-43 and correspondence that pertained to various activities within the conference.
- (4) Personal interviews with men who have been vitally interested, both past and present,

in the conference.

- (5) Correspondence with various men who have been connected with the conference, both past and present.

III. THE PREVIEW

Preview of organization. Throughout this report it has been the intention of the writer to show the progress of the Southern Indiana Athletic Conference from its inception to the time of present writing, to indicate what problems were presented to this organization and the attempts for their solution.

The main body of the thesis was divided with five general divisions in mind; the first, dealing with the founding of the organization; the second, the activities of the conference through the first two years of its existence; the third, the activities of the conference following the first two years up to the time of our country's participation in the war effort; the fourth, the activities of the conference during the war period; and the fifth, the activities of the conference during the post-war period to June 1, 1949.

CHAPTER II

THE FOUNDING OF THE CONFERENCE

Representatives of six southern Indiana high schools met at the Vendome Hotel, Evansville, Indiana, December 1, 1934, at the invitation of Principal C. C. Katterjohn of New Albany High School for the purpose of organizing an athletic conference for southern Indiana.

Those present were Principal C. C. Katterjohn and Alex Thom of New Albany; Superintendent Harold Axe and Coach Max Kidd of Bicknell; Principal Carl Eiffler, Athletic Manager B. R. Dudley and Coach Ralph Mays of Bosse High School, Evansville; Principal Carl Shrode, Athletic Director Mark Wakefield, Athletic Manager B. C. Robinson and Coach Dan Howard of Central High School, Evansville; Principal M. L. Plumb, Athletic Manager A. H. Sickbert and Coach Elmer Weber of Reitz High School, Evansville; and Coach Paul Wetzel of Princeton. Messrs. Steber, Bonham and Anderson were present representing the Evansville papers.

Vincennes, Sullivan, Linton and Bloomington were invited to attend but had no representatives present. A telegram was received from Linton expressing their desire to belong to the proposed league.

Mr. Katterjohn, the author of the idea, acted as chairman of the meeting. Upon the nomination of Mr.

Katterjohn for president, Mr. Shrode took the chair and was in charge of the election of officers. Mr. Katterjohn was elected to be the conference's first president, M. L. Plumb of Reitz, vice-president and Paul Wetzal of Princeton,¹ secretary-treasurer.

The original purpose of this organization was to establish better athletic relationships in southern Indiana between the member schools and to determine conference championships in football, basketball and track in order that the southern Indiana athletic teams would receive more recognition in other parts of the state.²

All those present were given the opportunity to express their opinions relative to the organization of this conference. One of the first matters of business was the selection of a name for this organization and upon the motion of Mr. Shrode of Central, the name of Southern Indiana High School Athletic Conference was presented. After some discussion of this name, it was agreed to omit the words "High School" and that the official name of the organization would be the Southern Indiana Athletic Con-

¹ Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, December 1, 1934.

² Articles of Organization, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

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ference.

Rather than appoint a Rules and Regulations Committee, President Katterjohn asked that each school draft a set of suggestions to be presented at the next meeting of this conference. Messrs. Harold Axe, B. B. Dudley and B. C. Robinson were appointed to make arrangements for this meeting.⁴

The second meeting of the S I A C was held at French Lick Springs Hotel, French Lick, Indiana, on December 13, 1934, with representatives from Bosse, Central and Reitz (all of Evansville), Bicknell, Linton, New Albany, Princeton and Vincennes present. Sullivan's principal sent word that his school wished to be considered a member of the conference but was unable to attend this meeting.⁵

According to an article in the Vincennes Sun, December 14, 1934, the principal interest of the conference was to be in the field of football, and later basketball and track activities were to be included in its program.

Ralph Banks of Vincennes, Charles McConnell of Princeton and Carl Eiffler of Bosse were named to the Rules

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Hereafter referred to as the S I A C.

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Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, December 1, 1934.

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Ibid., December 13, 1934.

and Regulations Committee, to meet in January and draw up tentative rules for the conduct of the conference.

Several motions were passed at this second session:

- (1) That each school pay to the treasurer \$5.00 for a working balance.
- (2) That the secretary be instructed to write a letter to A. L. Trester, Commissioner of the Indiana High School Athletic Association, informing him of the formation of the conference, of the purpose of the organization and the desire to co-operate in every way with the Indiana High School Athletic Association and a recommendation that the State Indoor Track Meet be held this year and be made an annual event.
- (3) That L. V. Phillips and Ralph Banks, both of Vincennes, be authorized to confer with Principal V. L. Tatlock of Bloomington to invite that school to complete the roster of membership.

On April 2, 1935, representatives from all the schools in the conference with the exception of Sullivan

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Hereafter referred to as the I H S A A.

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Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, December 13, 1934.

and Linton met at the French Lick Springs Hotel. Bloomington, having decided to join the conference, also sent representatives to the meeting. Mr. McConnell of Princeton gave the report of the committee on constitution and by-laws, copies of which had been supplied to the members.

The following changes were made by a majority vote:

Constitution--Article IV - Section 2: Add after the first sentence the sentence, "The Director shall be a licensed member of the faculty of the school he represents".

Constitution--Article V: Changed to read, ". . . provided the proposed amendment has been submitted by a Director to the secretary not less than two weeks before the regular meeting or special meeting".

By-Laws--Basketball - Section 1: Changed to read, "In 1935-36 each school must participate in at least five contests and six contests each season thereafter with member schools to be eligible for the championship award".

By-Laws--Track - Section 3: Eliminate the word, "etc."

The constitution and by-laws with the above changes were adopted.

Opposition to the stress placed on Indiana interscholastic basketball and a three day final state tournament at Indianapolis was voiced by the Board of Directors. They went on record as favoring the plan of playing the sectional tournament games on week day evenings with the semi-final games to be played on Saturday afternoon and the finals on Saturday night. The Board thought that consideration should be given the elimination of tournaments entirely in determining a state champion. If state tournaments were continued, the S I A C favored lessening the number of tournaments for establishing a champion.

Plans were approved to hold the conference's first track and field meet at Vincennes on April 27.⁸

At this meet, inaugurating the first competition between the member schools, teams from Bosse, Central and Reitz (all of Evansville), Vincennes, New Albany, Bloomington, Princeton and Bicknell vied for the championship title. Vincennes won first place with a score of 33 points, while New Albany and Bosse tied for second place with scores of 25 points each.⁹

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Ibid., April 2, 1935.

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Record of Meets, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

CHAPTER III

EARLY ACTIVITIES OF THE S I A C

On October 8, 1935, representatives from all member schools with the exception of Linton and Bloomington met at the French Lick Springs Hotel with President C. C. Katterjohn presiding.

John L. Adams of Vincennes moved that an annual trophy be given for each of the major sports, football, basketball and track, and any other sports the directors saw fit to sponsor, and that any team winning the championship for the third time in any one sport be given additional recognition by a trophy of greater value. This motion was passed and became a part of the constitution.

Other motions that were approved by the conference body were:

- (1) That the championship in both football and basketball be awarded on a percentage basis.
- (2) That tie games count as one-half game won and one-half game lost.
- (3) That in case of a tie for the championship, the conference pro-rate the cost of one trophy among the schools tied for the championship.
- (4) That Washington High School be extended an invitation to become a member of the conference in basketball and track this year if they show by contracts that they will enter football competition by 1936.

Mr. Adams invited the conference teams to hold a midwinter basketball tournament in Vincennes on December 31, 1935, and January 1, 1936.¹

The next meeting of the conference was held in Vincennes on November 13, 1935. The membership in the S I A C mounted to eleven high schools when the application of Washington High School was unanimously accepted. It was the first time that that school would have a football team and Principal O. L. Fulkerson was enthusiastic about its prospects. Membership now included the Bosse, Central and Reitz High Schools of Evansville, and the high schools of New Albany, Princeton, Bloomington, Linton, Bicknell, Sullivan, Vincennes and Washington.

Action was taken to extend an invitation to Bedford to become a member if they indicated by contracts that they would enter inter-scholastic football competition by 1936. In the event Bedford joined the conference, the S I A C would place a limit of twelve schools to membership.

A committee composed of V. L. Tatlock of Bloomington, John L. Adams of Vincennes and Mark Wakefield of Central of Evansville was elected to meet and draw up a round-robin schedule for the following year's basketball season. Under

¹
Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, October 8, 1935.

this plan every conference school would be obligated to play at least one game with each of the other member schools.

Since the rotating schedule received favorable action, the holiday tournament to be played at Vincennes was not acted upon. It was found that there were no consecutive days that all the schools could agree upon in which to play the tournament.

It was voted that no tournament games count in the conference standing in basketball. Another motion that passed made the trophy committee the body for awarding the championships. This committee decided to purchase a silver football and silver basketball for championships in those sports, the cost of each not to exceed \$15.00.²

At a special meeting at Vincennes on December 3, 1935, the conference, spurning a protest offered by the three Evansville schools, awarded its 1935 football championship to New Albany. The protest centered about a post-season game played by New Albany at Linton which gave New Albany the fourth victory as required by conference regulations for the football championship. The game was scheduled for November 14 and played November 23.³

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Ibid., November 13, 1935.

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Ibid., December 3, 1935.

This game gave that school a final season record of four games won and none lost for a percentage standing of 1.000. Central of Evansville was second with four and one-half games won and one and one-half games lost, counting tie games as half won and half lost, for a percentage of ⁴.750.

The protest was based on the feeling among several of the school officials that New Albany, by scheduling a team that had been unable to win a single conference game, had "clinched" the championship by taking weak opposition.⁵

The round-robin basketball schedule, given by the committee appointed at the previous meeting of the conference, was adopted, effective with the beginning of the 1936-37 basketball season. Suggestions for a rotating football schedule, offered by Coach Elmer Weber of Reitz, were rejected.

The invitation of Bloomington to be host to the 1936 track and field championship meet was unanimously accepted.

A letter from H. Maurer, Superintendent of Bedford, was read in which he reluctantly refused to accept the invitation to join the conference. It would be impossible for his school to take part in the 1936 football schedules

⁴ Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference. (Accumulative record added to year by year.)

⁵ Vincennes Sun-Commercial, December 4, 1935.

and consequently it could not meet this conference qualification.⁶

With the conclusion of the 1935-36 basketball season, Washington, having been admitted to membership at the previous fall meeting in November, won the first basketball championship with a season record of five games won and one game lost, for a percentage of .833. New Albany was second with a final percentage standing of .800.⁷

The second track and field meet was held at Bloomington, April 25, 1936. Eight teams were in the field of competition with New Albany showing the way, winning first place with a score of 42-1/2 points.⁸ Wregge of New Albany ran the 100 yard dash in 10.1 seconds, a conference record that has not been surpassed at this writing.⁹

⁶ Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, December 3, 1935.

⁷ Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

⁸ Record of Meets, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

⁹ Track and Field Records, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

CHAPTER IV

S I A C ACTIVITIES FOR THE SCHOOL YEARS 1936-41

1936-37

M. L. Plumb, principal of Reitz High School of Evansville, was elected the second president of the S I A C at a meeting of the Board of Directors held in Vincennes on October 5, 1936. H. C. Gilmore, principal of Sullivan, was elected vice-president; and Sam Kelley, coach at Princeton, was elected secretary-treasurer.

A committee composed of Sam Kelley of Princeton, Charles McConnell, formerly of Princeton but now basketball coach at New Albany, and Elmer Weber of Reitz was selected to investigate, recommend, and if favorable, to propose a round-robin football schedule, to take effect not earlier than the season of 1938. This proposed schedule provoked considerable discussion. For schools centrally located, such as Bicknell, Princeton, and Vincennes the idea was acceptable and would be worked out without too much trouble. However, for schools such as Sullivan and New Albany, located at the extreme edges of the conference territory, difficulty in taking part in such a schedule would be encountered.

L. V. Phillips of Vincennes, Ralph Mays of Bosse, and O. L. Fulkerson of Washington were appointed to the

trophy committee.

The Sullivan team's absence from track competition in the conference prompted Mr. Phillips to ask for information regarding that sport as a compulsory requirement to membership in the conference. After some discussion the secretary was instructed to write H. C. Gilmore, principal of Sullivan, that in order to retain membership in the S I A C in 1937-38, it would be necessary for his school to participate in the conference track meet in the spring of 1937.

Several representatives from the Bask-O-Lite Company were present at the meeting and displayed their new basketball goal. After discussion by the group, it was moved and passed by vote that it be approved and its use recommended by the conference.¹

Sullivan dominated the football field to win the 1936 championship in that sport, defeating six conference foes without a loss for a season percentage standing of 1.000. New Albany was second with four wins, one tie game and no games lost, closing their season with a percentage rating of .900.²

¹ Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, October 5, 1936.

² Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, January 19, 1937.

At a meeting held in Vincennes on January 18, 1937, attention was called to the letter written to Sullivan concerning their participation in the coming spring track meet. Mr. Gilmore, principal of Sullivan, reported that no official action was taken but promised to have a track team at the meet when it would be held. A motion to call similar action to Bloomington's attention was passed. Alex Thom of New Albany suggested that every school be required to have at least ten men participate in the conference track meet.

Elmer Weber of Reitz presented his round-robin football schedule, the plan calling for a play-around in each two years, each team meeting every other team in the conference during the two year period. No final action was taken on this matter. Paul Kelly of Sullivan was appointed on the football committee to replace Sam Kelley of Princeton.

The round-robin basketball plan followed during the school year 1936-37 was "reversed" for the next year. The conference voted to hold a freshman basketball tournament, the schedule to be worked out in the fall of 1937.

Vincennes took conference honors in basketball for the 1936-37 season, winning first place with a record of

ten victories and two losses for a final season percentage standing of .833.⁴

Huntingburg's team had the distinction of being a finalist in the state basketball tournament at Indianapolis in this year.⁵

New Albany, following the pattern set by that school in a similar meet the last spring, again won the S I A C track and field meet held at Vincennes, April 24, 1937, with a final score of 51 points. A notable feature of the meet was the fact that all eleven schools in the conference had representatives in the competition.⁶

The S I A C adopted a rotating football schedule, effective for three years starting in the fall of 1938, in their spring meeting held at Vincennes on May 17, 1937. Each conference team would play each of the other teams in the circuit at least once during that time. A committee composed of Mark Wakefield of Central, Earl Downey of Princeton and Glen Bretz of Bloomington was named to present, at the fall meeting, a basketball schedule which would provide a minimum of eight games for each team and

⁴ Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

⁵ Handbook, Indiana High School Athletic Association, 1948.

⁶ Record of Meets, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

which would bring all conference teams into direct competition at least once in every three years period.

Freshman basketball schedules were discussed. During the discussion the possibility of holding a freshman basketball tournament was explored.⁷

1937-38

John L. Adams of Vincennes, was elected the next president of the conference; Carl Eiffler, principal of Bosse High School, was elected vice-president; and Raymond R. Miller, principal of Linton, was elected secretary-treasurer, at the meeting held at Vincennes on October 4, 1937.

Another attempt to sponsor a midwinter basketball tournament was launched at this meeting, with at least eight and possibly nine conference teams participating in the tournament. Other leading teams of southern Indiana were to be invited to participate to make it a sixteen team affair. The dates were tentatively set at December 31, 1937, and January 1, 1938, with two rounds to be played the first day and with the semi-final and final games to be played the following day.

A committee composed of one representative from each

⁷
Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, May 17, 1937.

conference school which planned to participate in the tournament was named to complete arrangements, select a tourney site and agree on the final dates.

The board voted to table a proposed freshman basketball tourney.

A representative from the Bask-O-Lite Company was present and explained improvements which had been made in the construction and operation of the new type of basketball goal. The previous season several of the conference schools had difficulty in keeping the lights in constant operation. The board took no action in approving or condemning its use.

The conference approved the suggestion of Principal L. V. Phillips of Vincennes to issue complimentary passes to athletic contests from each S I A C school to each of the other member schools for the convenience of scouting parties. Each pass would be used to admit up to five persons.⁸

Sullivan again showed strength in athletic competition as that school compiled a five won and none lost record, winning the football title for 1937 with a percentage standing of 1.000 at the conclusion of the playing season. Reitz and Bloomington tied in the standing for

⁸ Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, October 4, 1937.

second and third place, each school having won four games and lost one.

The superiority of Sullivan in athletic competition was again in evidence when that school, in addition to winning the football championship for this season, also captured the basketball title for 1937-38, with nine conference wins and one loss, for a final standing of .900. Vincennes had to be content with second place, winning nine games and losing two.

Vincennes was host to the annual track and field meet on April 30, 1938, to all eleven members of the conference entered. Bosse and Bloomington tied for first place and shared the title with each other with 29 points each. New Albany pressed both winners to take second place with 28 points.

A plan for determining a state football champion was presented to the directors of the S I A C by Elmer Weber of Reitz at a meeting held at Vincennes after the conference track and field meet, April 30, 1938. The conference directors voted nine to one to participate in a championship game or games, if such could be arranged, in which con-

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Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

10 Record of Meets, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

ference title holders in Indiana would meet following the next football season. The games had to be played after the close of the regular season and before the end of November. Other conferences, it was understood, had signified a willingness to participate in such a series.

Upon motion of Max Kidd of Bicknell and passed un-animously, the directors voted the president to appoint a committee composed of Alex Thom of New Albany, Glen Bretz of Bloomington and Harry King of Bosse to formulate standard entrance requirements and regulations for the conduct of conference track meets.¹¹

1938-39

At the regular fall meeting of the conference held at Vincennes on October 10, 1938 the officers for the ensuing year were elected. Donald Simon, principal of Bloomington, was elected president; Paul Kelly, football coach at Sullivan, vice-president; and Guy Daniels, athletic business manager at Bosse, secretary-treasurer.

Conditional invitations were extended to Bedford and Jeffersonville, when and if they showed proof of intention to participate in the three major sports provided in the

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Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, April 30, 1938.

constitution--football, basketball and track. Donald Barnes and Jack Seitz, school board member, represented Jeffersonville and Principal Fred Totten, Coach Paul Luttter and Assistant Coach Ralph Holmes represented Bedford.¹²

By virtue of winning one more game than its nearest competitors, the 1938 football championship went to Bosse after winning five games and losing one for a season percentage of .833. Reitz and Sullivan shared second place honors, each winning four games and losing one for a final standing of .800.

Reitz High School led the conference field in winning the basketball championship for 1938-39, having a record of nine wins and one loss for a percentage standing of .900.¹³

The scene shifted to Bosse High School's Enlow Field for the fifth annual track and field meet, held on April 29, 1939. Bosse won the meet for the first time with a score of 55-1/3 points. Bloomington, which shared the conference title the previous year with Bosse, was second with

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Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, October 10, 1938.

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Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

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36 points.

At a called meeting of the conference Board of Directors which met at Bosse High School on April 29, 1939 following the conference track and field meet, it was voted that four places be counted in future conference track and field meets, with points awarded as 5-3-2-1, in that respective order. This action followed an earlier vote in which the coaches agreed to this arrangement for the 1939 meet.

In a letter from R. R. Miller, principal of Linton, to the conference secretary, Mr. Miller requested the resignation of that school from membership in the conference. The reason given for his request was that the financial burden of carrying out the extensive program required for producing teams that would compete favorably with other S I A C teams, was too great for the school. The resignation of Linton from membership in the conference was accepted.

Following the action on Linton's resignation, the board voted a rule which provided that all games played with Linton by member teams of the conference during the next school year, should be counted in determining the final season standings.

The board required Central of Evansville to explain,

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Record of Meets, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

at the next regular fall meeting, why its track team did not participate in the track and field meet that was held on April 29, 1939.¹⁵

1939-40

On September 25, 1939, the conference, at its regular fall meeting at Vincennes, elected H. C. Gilmore, principal of Sullivan, as its next president; Max Kidd, coach at Bicknell, vice-president; and H. C. Wampler, principal of Washington, as secretary-treasurer.

With representatives from nine of the ten member schools present, the conference went on record as favoring a rule which had been suggested for adoption by the I H S A A. This rule would prevent I H S A A member schools playing non-association members, either in Indiana or out of the state, which did not follow the same rules of eligibility as the I H S A A schools.

A committee to revise the constitution, composed of Mark Wakefield of Central, L. V. Phillips of Vincennes, Harold Mumby of Bloomington, H. C. Wampler of Washington and Paul Kelly of Sullivan, was appointed by the president.¹⁶

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Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, April 29, 1939.

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Vincennes Sun-Commercial, September 26, 1939.

About three weeks later, at a meeting called by President H. C. Gilmore, held at Vincennes on October 16, the Board of Directors adopted, with one dissenting vote, a revised constitution and by-laws. The meeting was attended by representatives of all the ten member schools and the Linton principal, who indicated that his school, which resigned from the conference last spring, might petition for readmission.

There were two principal changes in the new regulations. One was the abandonment of the principle of the rotating football and basketball schedules, and the adoption of the requirement that member schools must participate in only two of the three major sports of football, basketball and track.

The other major alteration was in the manner of selecting a football and basketball conference champion. Previously they were decided on the basis of the percentage of conference games won by each school. Hereafter and including the current football race, the champions would be selected by a point system devised to give additional points to teams which defeat stronger foes. Each conference school must play a minimum of eight games in basketball among conference schools to be considered eligible for the championship.

In the selection of a champion, ten points would be

awarded to a team for a victory over an opposing conference team which, at the close of the season, has a percentage record of .750 to 1.000 inclusive. In the same manner seven points will be awarded for a victory over a team with a percentage ranking of .500 to .749 inclusive; five points for a win over a foe with a percentage ranking of .250 to .499; and three points for a victory over a team with a percentage ranking of .000 to .249.

In case of tie games, half the points will be awarded and the game shall be considered half won and half lost for the purpose of figuring the percentage standing.

Another change was in the football section of the by-laws whereby each team must participate in only four, instead of five S I A C games each season.

Scheduling troubles among the member schools brought about the alterations. There was the case of Bosse of Evansville which was unable that fall to schedule more than four grid games with conference teams. The other schedules among the conference schools were all completed. The case of Central of Evansville was also called to the attention of the conference. That school was without a track team during the spring of 1939, due to having lost its track by
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a flood.

Under the new rating point system recently adopted by the directors of the S I A C, Central won the 1939 football conference title, winning seven games and losing none for 29 rating points.¹⁸

At the winter meeting held in Vincennes on January 29, 1940, Jasper was voted the twelfth member of the conference. Claude Miller, principal of Jasper, and Coach Leo O'Neal agreed to participate in basketball and track competition, with the understanding that football would be added to their sports program within a few years.

That school's entry was not to affect the current basketball standings but would be included in the baseball and track championship races.

Officials of the conference voted to add baseball to the sports program of the S I A C. Temporary requirements of five conference games were set up with a championship and trophy to be awarded at the end of the season.

It had been expected by several conference officials that Linton would present a petition for readmission to the conference at this meeting but since no Linton officials were present, no action was taken. Bedford and Jeffersonville were again mentioned as possible conference mem-

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Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

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bers.

Washington won the basketball championship for 1939-40 with 56 rating points, compiled from a record of eight wins and no losses. Vincennes was second for the third consecutive time, with 49 rating points.

Reitz, at the annual track and field meet held at New Albany on April 27, 1940, won its first championship in this sport with 40-1/2 points. Boyd of Reitz ran the 100 yard dash in 10.1 seconds to tie the conference record in that event.

With the addition of baseball to the conference's sports program, seven teams participated in the race for the first title which Jasper, latest addition to the S I A C, captured with 40 rating points.

1940-41

Boonville became the thirteenth member to join the

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Vincennes Sun-Commercial, January 30, 1940.

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Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

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Record of Meets, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

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Track and Field Records, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

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Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

S I A C when the Board of Directors accepted that school into conference membership at the regular fall meeting held in Vincennes on September 23, 1940, membership to become effective with the beginning of the baseball and track season of 1941.

Charles McConnell of New Albany was elected the new president; L. V. Phillips of Vincennes, vice-president; and A. C. Golden, athletic business manager of Central High School, secretary-treasurer.

During the discussion at the meeting, it was brought out that, although baseball was adopted by the conference in January, 1940, no provision had been made for awarding a championship trophy. The new officers were instructed to procure and present a trophy to Jasper signifying its diamond championship for last spring.

Discussion concerning practice and season limitations for both football and basketball led to expressions by several of the football coaches that the idea of abandoning spring football practice would seriously hamper their efforts to produce teams of expert players and avoid injuries during season play.

The football championship for 1940 was won by Cen-

24 Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, September 30, 1940.

tral of Evansville with a rating of 30-1/2 points.

At the special meeting held at Vincennes on January 20, 1941, Reitz was complimented on sharing the mythical state championship with a northern school.

There was a discussion of the rules under which the track and field meet would be held at Vincennes on April 26. A golf championship was to be decided by play on the same date; however, no trophy was to be involved. The point system of determining a championship in both football and basketball, a proposed round-robin football plan and a suggestion of enlarging the conference and dividing it into two groups were discussed.

A conference committee, composed of instructors of printing departments in some of the larger schools, headed by Joe Stradling of Bloomington, was authorized to print the S I A C Handbook for 1941-42.

Jasper and Central of Evansville tied for the 1940-41 basketball championship with 43 rating points each.

Washington, the last year's champion, was close to the leaders with 42 rating points. A few weeks later Washing-

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Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

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Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, January 20, 1941.

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Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

ton won its first state basketball championship at Indiana-
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Bloomington won the track and field championship at Vincennes on April 26, 1941, with a score of 43 points. Bosse was second with 33 points. All member schools had contestants in the meet with the exception of Sullivan.²⁹ Noelting of Bosse ran the 220 yard dash in 22.5 seconds and Byers of Central jumped 21 feet 5.75 inches to establish records in those events that are still standing to date.³⁰

The first conference golf meet, also held at Vincennes on the same day, was won by Bloomington, with a team score of 327. The field included, besides the winning team, Bosse, Washington, Reitz, Jasper and Vincennes, which schools finished in that order.³¹

The Board of Directors met at the Vincennes Coliseum following the field and track meet. An invitation was extended to member teams of the conference to hold the first cross-country meet at Vincennes shortly after the opening

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Handbook, Indiana High School Athletic Association, 1948.

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Record of Meets, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

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Track and Field Records, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

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Record of Meets, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

of school in September.

Eight schools had teams in the baseball championship race for this year. Princeton won the title with 57 rating points with a record of eight wins and three losses. Jasper, with the same won and lost record, was second with 43 points but won their games from teams that were lower in the final standing.

CHAPTER V

S I A C ACTIVITIES FOR THE SCHOOL YEARS 1941-45

The first cross-country meet, held at the Buena Vista Golf Course in Vincennes on September 8, 1941, was won by Bloomington with 43 points, closely followed by the host team with 45 points. Central, Bosse, Princeton and Jasper entered teams and finished in that order. Washington had two runners but did not compete for the team title.

Song of Bloomington was first with a time of 8 minutes and 25 seconds, followed by Eskew of Vincennes; Watkins of Princeton was third and Widdows of Vincennes was fourth.¹

A. E. Bennett, principal of Boonville, was elected president; Claude Miller, principal of Jasper, vice-president; and Joe W. Stradling of Bloomington, secretary-treasurer, at the regular fall meeting held at Vincennes on September 29, 1941.

Membership into the conference was the important topic of the evening. Linton was voted readmission, such readmission to become effective as soon as enough games were scheduled with member schools.

Bedford, the fourteenth member to join the confer-

¹ Vincennes Sun-Commercial, September 9, 1941.

ence, was granted a conditional membership, the condition being proof that they intended to start a track program.

John L. Adams of Vincennes reported that he and Mark Wakefield of Central of Evansville recently had visited Huntingburg unofficially and after examining their athletic plant and facilities, thought they could qualify for membership in the organization. After some discussion, Huntingburg was voted as the fifteenth member of the S I A C.

The directors voted to postpone the entire football season of 1942 for a week due to the late starting of school in September.²

Baseball was made a "qualifying" as well as a major sport, meaning that the new schools which become members could use that sport instead of track for their meeting of S I A C requirements into admission into the conference, if they wished. This action was voted by the directors at a special meeting held at Vincennes on November 10, 1941.

Roy Williams, coach at Linton, expressed his school's appreciation at being readmitted into the conference on October 3, 1941, when that school showed that the required number of games were scheduled with conference teams.

² Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, September 29, 1941.

John Brogneaux of Bloomington raised the point in regard to basketball teams wearing white suits at home or away. He presented a motion, that was carried, to the effect that in case of conflict, the visiting team should have their choice of color.

It was voted that the Handbook of the S I A C, started during the season of 1941-42, should be continued for the season 1942-43. President A. E. Bennett appointed M. L. Plumb of Reitz, A. C. Golden of Central and J. W. Stradling of Bloomington as a committee to determine the editor and publisher of the Handbook.³

Central and Bosse, both of Evansville, shared the football championship for 1941 with 30 rating points each. Reitz of Evansville was second in the final standing with 28 rating points.

At the conclusion of the basketball playing season Washington, with a record of eleven victories and one loss, won the championship with 75 rating points. Jasper was second with 55 rating points.

Central lost but two conference games, to Jasper and Bedford, but forfeited six games to other schools due to the ineligibility of a player on their team. Boonville and Linton, both schools having a 1.000 percentage in the final

³ Ibid., November 10, 1941.

standing, could not be considered for the conference title as neither school played a sufficient number of conference games to qualify in the race.⁴

Claude Miller, acting as president of the conference in the absence of President A. E. Bennett, who had returned to service as a Major in the Air Corps after being elected president of the conference, called a special meeting that was held in Washington on April 9, 1942, in honor of the Washington Hatchets who had won their second consecutive state basketball tournament.⁵⁶

Principal speaker of the evening was A. L. Trester, Commissioner of the I H S A A, who, after congratulating the Washington team and their coach, spoke on the sports program of this state in general. At the close of his address a period of questions and answers followed.⁷

The eighth annual track and field meet was held at Enlow Field, Evansville, on April 25, 1942, with eleven teams participating. Bloomington won the meet with a

⁴ Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

⁵ Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, April 9, 1942.

⁶ Handbook, Indiana High School Athletic Association, 1948.

⁷ Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, April 9, 1942.

score of 40-1/2 points, barely nosing out Central of Evansville, which had a score of 40 points. Phillips of Boonville tied the conference record of 10.1 seconds in the 100 yard dash, now jointly held by Wregge of New Albany (1936) and Boyd of Reitz (1940). Kirk of Princeton set a conference record of 6 feet 1 inch in the high jump, which record is still unsurpassed.

The conference golf meet was held at Helfrich Municipal Golf Course, Evansville, the same day as the track meet with seven teams competing. Bloomington was the winner with a total of 335 strokes and was the S I A C Champion for the year.

The special meeting of the directors, with acting president Claude Miller presiding, was held after the track meet at Bosse High School.

Roy R. Snyder, business manager of athletics of Vincennes High School, led the discussion relative to the transportation problem for 1942-43, made critical by this country's participation in the war effort. A committee, composed of L. V. Phillips, Roy R. Snyder and John L.

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Record of Meets, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

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Track and Field Records, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

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Record of Meets, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

Adams, was appointed by the president to draw up a resolution to send to State Superintendent of Public Instruction, C. T. Malan, in regard to tire rationing for school busses and carriers hauling athletic teams.

It was voted that points in future relays at conference track meets be counted double the points awarded to individual winners in a meet, as 10-6-4-2.¹¹

The baseball championship for 1942 was awarded to Central of Evansville. Their rating of 43 points for a record of seven wins and four losses was good enough to overshadow Bosse and Reitz, both of Evansville, who tied for second and third places with a rating of 35 points each.¹²

1942-43

At the conference meeting held at Washington on September 21, 1942, the directors elected H. C. Wampler, principal of Washington, president; Mark Wakefield of Central, vice-president; and J. W. Pruett, business manager of athletics at Princeton, secretary-treasurer.

L. V. Phillips of Vincennes reported for his com-

¹¹ Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, April 25, 1942.

¹² Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

mittee on transportation that the federal government had taken care of most of the problem by rationing gasoline and urging drivers to reduce their speed on the highways.

The conference board went on record as opposing the proposed policy of the I H S A A of reducing the number of physical examinations required of students who wish to participate in inter-scholastic sports. Due to the shortage of physicians resulting from the war emergency, there had been a movement in Indiana to require only one examination per year per boy.

It was decided that all sport activities of the S I A C would go on as usual.

At the conclusion of the football season for 1942, Reitz High School of Evansville, with a record of five conference wins and no losses, was awarded its first conference championship in that sport with a final standing of 40 rating points.

Jasper, with a record of eleven wins and three losses among conference foes, won its second basketball

¹³ Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, September 21, 1942.

¹⁴ Vincennes Sun-Commercial, September 22, 1942.

¹⁵ Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, September 21, 1942.

championship with 63 rating points.

The track and field meet was held at Enlow Field, Evansville, on May 8, 1943, with ten of the conference schools competing. Central of Evansville was the winner of the meet with a score of 51 points.

The golf meet, held at Helfrich Golf Course during the morning of May 8, was won by Bedford, its first S I A C title, with a low score of 358 strokes in a field of five teams.¹⁷

Washington was awarded the championship in baseball with a record of six wins and five losses over seven other S I A C teams participating in that sport.¹⁸

1943-44

The regular fall meeting was held at Washington on September 21, 1943. E. H. Loehr, principal of Huntingburg, was elected president; Frank Conrad of Vincennes, vice-president; and Glenn Rickets of Boonville, secretary-treasurer.

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Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

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Record of Meets, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

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Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

It was decided to dispense with the printing of the handbook, a feature that had been carried out by the conference the last two seasons. Instead, J. W. Stradling of Bloomington was selected to disseminate information relative to the S I A C activities to the member schools. The amount of \$4.50 was allowed the secretary for the printing of cards and \$15.00 each to the basketball, baseball, football and track winners of 1942-43 with which to buy the trophies.¹⁹

Vincennes was awarded its first conference football championship at the conclusion of the 1943 playing season, being first in the final standing with 28-1/2 rating points. Reitz was close behind with 27 rating points and New Albany followed in third place with 26 rating points.

Jasper won its second consecutive basketball championship at the conclusion of the season with twelve wins and two defeats among conference teams with a final standing of 71 rating points.²⁰ Bosse won its first state basketball title at the conclusion of this spring's elimination tournaments, culminating in the final tournament at

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Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, September 21, 1943.

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Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, May 9, 1944.

Indianapolis in March of this year.

The annual track and field meet was held at Enlow Field, Evansville, on May 6, 1944, with nine teams participating in the competition. Central of Evansville was winner and conference champion with a score of 53 points.

The golf meet, held in the morning of May 6, 1944, at Evansville, had five teams competing for the championship, Bloomington winning with a score of 347. New Albany, scoring 351 points, was second. Newton of Bloomington, with a score of 76, was Medalist Winner.

The regular spring meeting of the conference was held after the track and field meet at Bosse High School. Mark Wakefield of Central explained how the publicity for the conference was conducted this year. He suggested that each school pay an additional \$5.00 to the conference treasurer for the purpose of defraying publicity expenses. This was later voted on and passed.

Mr. Wakefield was appointed as publicity agent and was empowered to appoint a committee to help control the tempo of the publicity.

²¹
Handbook, Indiana High School Athletic Association, 1948.

²²
Record of Meets, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

²³
Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, May 6, 1944.

Huntingburg, winning its first conference title since joining the S I A C, was awarded the championship in baseball for 1944 with a record of nine wins and one loss.

1944-45

Harold Lloyd, principal of Bedford, was elected president for 1944-45 season at the regular director's meeting held at Washington on September 18, 1944. Herman Keller, basketball coach at Bosse, was elected vice-president; and George G. Graham, athletic manager at Vincennes, was elected secretary-treasurer.

H. C. Wampler of Washington, reporting for a committee on methods of determining championships, gave the results of a questionnaire sent to the members of the conference schools. Since there were not enough schools interested in making a change in the present plan, there was no action taken and the plan of previous years was to continue until a majority of the interested schools expressed themselves as dissatisfied and presented a system which appeared to be better.

Bloomington, with a season record of six conference

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Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

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Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, September 18, 1944.

wins and no losses, was the 1944 football S I A C champion, its first championship in that sport.

Bosse won its first conference basketball championship at the conclusion of the 1944-45 season with a record of eleven wins and one loss. The basketball race for this year was a close one, with Jasper having a better season percentage record than Bosse, its closest competitor. By the use of the point system in determining the conference winner, however, Bosse was awarded the championship, having a rating of 72 points to 70 points for Jasper. Bosse climaxed its basketball season for that school year and gained further recognition for itself by winning its second consecutive state basketball championship at Indianapolis.

The spring meeting of the S I A C was held preceding the annual conference track and field meet at Bosse High School on May 5, 1945.

At the request of George G. Graham, secretary-treasurer, permission was given him to write checks to the principals of the schools who had trophies due them for championships won in football and basketball during the past season and for track the previous spring. Jim Fraser, sports columnist of the Evansville Courier, was allowed

²⁶ Vincennes Sun-Commercial, February 20, 1945.

²⁷ Handbook, Indiana High School Athletic Association, 1948.

\$5.00 from each school for publicity expense.

President Harold Lloyd appointed Alex Thom of New Albany, J. W. Stradling of Bloomington and Glen Traw of Reitz to formulate an amendment to the constitution to encourage minor sports.

The secretary was instructed to write the principals at Linton, Sullivan and Bicknell to get their intentions toward the S I A C since they had joined another association.
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The annual track and field meet was held at Enlow Field, Evansville, on May 5, 1945, with eight conference schools participating. New Albany was the winner with a score of 49.

On the same date, May 5, 1945, at Helfrich Golf Course, Evansville, Bloomington won the golf championship with a score of 353 for the fourth championship in that sport in the last five years.
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Huntingburg won the baseball championship for 1945.
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Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, May 5, 1945.

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Vincennes Sun-Commercial, May 6, 1945.

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Letter of Confirmation, Principal E. H. Loehr, Huntingburg High School, July 9, 1949.

CHAPTER VI

S I A C ACTIVITIES FOR THE SCHOOL YEARS 1945-49

The fall meeting of the conference was held at Washington, September 17, 1945. Carl Shrode, principal of Central, was elected president; Raymond Dill, principal of Princeton, vice-president; and Dewey Prater, athletic manager of Washington, secretary-treasurer.

It was voted to hold the track and field meet on a different date from the golf meet. Inasmuch as it has not proven satisfactory to hold the spring conference meeting in conjunction with the track meet, it was planned to hold these meetings earlier in the year.¹

Central of Evansville, with a record of five wins and no losses, was tied with Linton with a record of six wins and no losses, for the 1945 football S I A C championship. Each school had 34 rating points in the final standing for that year.²

Again it was Central which, with a record of fourteen wins and one loss and a final standing of 80 rating points, was awarded the basketball championship for 1945-

¹ Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, September 17, 1945.

² Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

46. Bosse was second with 58 rating points.

At the spring meeting of the conference members held at Washington on April 29, 1946, it was decided to award a trophy for the golf championship each year, retroactive to the year 1945 when Bloomington won the meet. The cost of the trophy was not to exceed \$10.00.

At the invitation of George McCormack, track coach of Vincennes, the conference members agreed to come to Vincennes for a return of the cross-country meet, last held in that city in the fall of 1941. This was to be an annual event thereafter with Vincennes furnishing the trophy for this second meet.

An "advisory" or "steering" committee consisting of seven members representing the different groups and sports of the conference was named to promote interest and plan new activities in the S I A C. This committee, its members named for either one, two or three year terms, included Ralph Holmes of Bedford representing basketball and minor sports, Herman Byers of Reitz for football, Raymond Katter of Huntingburg for baseball, George McCormack of Vincennes for track, Harold VanCleave of Bosse representing the athletic business managers, H. C. Gilmore of Sullivan and Claude Miller of Jasper representing the

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principals.

The twelfth annual track and field meet was held at Vincennes on May 11, 1946, with twelve teams competing, the largest field in conference history. The Reitz team showed their heels to their competitors and won the meet with a score of 45.2 points. Vincennes was second with a score of 38.2 points. Bosse was third with 38 points to their credit.⁵

Eleven days later, on May 22, at Bedford, the golf meet was held with New Albany the winner with a score of 327 strokes, followed by Bloomington who had a score of 333. This was New Albany's first championship in this sport. Martin of Reitz, Stancombe of Bloomington and Olson of New Albany shared Medalist honors with scores of 77 each.⁶

Huntingburg was conference baseball champion for the third consecutive time.⁷

⁴ Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, April 29, 1946.

⁵ Vincennes Sun-Commercial, May 12, 1946.

⁶ Evansville Courier, May 23, 1946.

⁷ Letter of Confirmation, Principal E. H. Loehr, Huntingburg High School, July 9, 1949.

1946-47

The regular fall meeting was held at Washington on September 16, 1946. Roy R. Snyder, principal of Vincennes, was elected the new president; Earl Downey of Princeton, vice-president; and Dewey Prater of Washington, secretary-treasurer.

The advisory committee, set up in the previous business meeting of the conference and which had met at Washington six days earlier, gave the following proposals, recommendations and suggestions to be considered by the group:

- (1) That the price of the football, basketball, baseball and track trophies be increased to \$20.00 each; the golf and cross-country trophies to \$15.00 each.
- (2) That the newly elected president appoint a Championship Trophy Committee consisting of three members, this committee's duty to purchase and have on hand trophies with standardized engraving for each sport. The trophy won in each sport is to be presented to the winning school by the president of the S I A C or by a person designated by him.
- (3) That George Byers, sports columnist of the Vincennes Sun-Commercial, be contacted as a possible publicity man.
- (4) That membership dues be increased to \$10.00 per year, with each school to pay \$5.00 additional if the publicity plan materializes.
- (5) That the conference recognize the efforts put forth by Vincennes in getting the cross-country event started as an annual event.
- (6) That the golf tournament be held in Bedford on the Wednesday between the Sectional and State Track Meets.

- (7) That the track and field meet be held at Linton during the week preceding the I H S A A Sectional Track Meet.
- (8) That the visiting school is to send names, numbers, color of suit team expects to wear and the position of each player on the team one week prior to each conference game.
- (9) That the conference promote a freshman basketball tournament.
- (10) That the president be instructed to name a group to study the conference football set-up, with the idea of dividing the S I A C football teams into two groups, either by enrollment or by geographic location.

These proposals, recommendations and suggestions were all accepted by the members of the conference.

Ralph Holmes of Bedford invited the group to a basketball coaches' school to be held at Bedford on November 29, 1946.⁸

With 33 runners competing in a field of eight teams, the second cross-country meet of the conference was held at the Vincennes Country Club Course, October 19, 1946. Vincennes won the meet with a team score of 28 points. Jasper, Bloomington, Bicknell and Vincennes were the only schools who had complete teams in the meet with Central, Reitz, Bosse and New Albany having only partial teams. Positions of their runners did not figure in the team scoring. Canterbury of Reitz was the first runner to complete the

⁸ Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, September 16, 1946.

course, followed by Ward of New Albany, Berg of Jasper and Kimmell of Vincennes. Canterbury's time was 10 minutes, 11.5 seconds.⁹

The football championship was won by Vincennes, its second in this sport, having won the S I A C football title once before in 1943. This school's record of seven games won, one loss and one tie for a total of 42 rating points was enough to overcome Reitz High School's record of four conference wins, no losses and one tie for 34-1/2 rating points.¹⁰

The first annual freshman basketball tournament was held at Jasper on January 9 and 11, 1947, with nine teams participating. The host team was runner-up in the tournament, being defeated by Vincennes 30 to 20 in the final game.¹¹

The basketball title was awarded to Central, its tenth conference championship since the beginning of the S I A C, with 72 rating points compiled from a record of thirteen wins and one loss, barely nosing out Jasper, always a strong contender for the title, with 70 rating

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Vincennes Sun-Commercial, October 20, 1946.

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Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

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Vincennes Sun-Commercial, January 12, 1947.

points from a twelve won and one lost record.

The Board of Directors assembled for their regular spring meeting at Washington on April 28, 1947.

It was decided that the conference was so large that for the purpose of selecting a football champion, the S I A C be divided into two divisions. Paul Forney, business manager of athletics at Central, suggested that a meeting of football coaches, business managers and officers of the S I A C be held to discuss the plan of division. The meeting was set for May 5, 1947, at 1:30 P. M. at Vincennes.¹³

At a previous meeting of the S I A C directors, a committee had been named to suggest alternates to the point system of selecting a conference football champion.¹⁴ The committee made two suggestions; the first, that only the "best five" games be considered in the computations under the point system when the football ratings were added. This would take away advantages held by Vincennes and Central of Evansville due to heavy scheduling annually of teams within the conference.

¹² Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

¹³ Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, April 28, 1947.

¹⁴ Op., (10), p. 51.

The second suggestion was that the conference be split between a group of larger schools and a group of smaller schools on the basis of enrollment. Dan Howard, football coach of Central, had prepared what he called a "hypothetical" schedule of games for the two groups under this system. This schedule brought a protest from Sullivan, due to their being included in the group of larger schools.
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The decision to use uniform types of trophies for the S I A C championships was made on a report by Principal H. C. Wampler of Washington.

The conference went on record as approving four proposals before the I H S A A as follows:

- (1) Eliminate spring football practice and keep gridiron drills in season only, with similar attention to basketball.
- (2) A summer program for high school athletic teams.
- (3) Require I H S A A certification for large invitational tournaments when they are not contained within a single county.
- (4) State accreditation be required as a prerequisite to I H S A A membership.

The conference approved an established base of pay

of \$15.00 to officials within a radius of fifty miles and \$.05 per mile extra for distances over fifty miles.

It was voted by a margin of two votes, eight for, six against and one school abstaining from voting, that Reitz Memorial of Evansville be extended an invitation to join the conference. This school would be the sixteenth member to join the S I A C.¹⁶

Bosse was the winner of the first annual freshman track and field meet held at Vincennes May 1, 1947, with a score of 69-1/2 points. Freshman teams from Bosse, Central, Vincennes, Princeton, Bloomington, Jasper and Bicknell were entered and finished in that order. Linton was entered but failed to show up.¹⁷

The meeting of football coaches, principals and business managers, as was suggested at the previous meeting at Washington on April 28, was held at the Vincennes Coliseum in the afternoon and evening of May 5, 1947. Football schedules under which the conference would be divided into two divisions, were worked on by the group.

In the larger-school division would be the high schools from New Albany, Bloomington, Vincennes, Central,

¹⁶ Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, April 28, 1947.

¹⁷ Vincennes Sun-Commercial, May 2, 1947.

Bosse, Reitz and Reitz Memorial, the latter school having accepted membership in the conference.

In the smaller-school division would be the high schools from Bicknell, Sullivan, Linton, Princeton, Huntingburg, Washington and Boonville. Jasper and Bedford were not included since they did not have teams in football competition.¹⁸

The annual track and field meet was held at Linton, May 10, 1947, with twelve teams entered in the competition. Reitz was the winner with a total of 48 points, Vincennes was second with 39-1/2 points and Bloomington was third with 37-1/2 points. Blottie of Bloomington was the winner of the 100 yard and 220 yard dashes. Canterbury of Reitz won the 880 yard run and was a member of the winning team in the 880 yard relay.¹⁹

The golf championship was decided at the Otis Park Course at Bedford, May 14, 1947, with Reitz again winning over a field of eight entrants with a team score of 319 strokes. Martin of Reitz was the Medalist Winner with a score of 71, one under par for the course.²⁰

The baseball title was won by Huntingburg for the

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Ibid., May 6, 1947.

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Record of Meets, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

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Vincennes Sun-Commercial, May 18, 1947.

fourth consecutive time.

1947-48

At the regular fall meeting held at Washington on September 15, 1947, Claude Miller, principal of Jasper, was elected president; John Brogneaux of Bloomington, vice-president; and Dewey Prater of Washington, secretary-treasurer.

Harold Axe, principal of Bicknell, Alex Thom of New Albany and Paul Forney of Central were elected for one year terms to the steering committee.

George Byers of the Vincennes Sun-Commercial was again approached to be publicity agent for the coming school year, with each member school being asked to pay \$5.00 to the treasurer to help defray this expense.

Bloomington volunteered to make a booklet of the football and basketball schedules for the current year, the conference schools submitting the required information to J. W. Stradling of that city.

The trophy committee, consisting of Roy R. Snyder of Vincennes, chairman, Ralph Holmes of Bedford and R. D. Kendall of Princeton, was appointed by the new president.

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Letter of Confirmation, Principal E. H. Loehr, Huntingburg High School, July 9, 1949.

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Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, September 15, 1947.

With the exception of New Albany, all member schools were present at the special meeting held at Washington on September 22, 1947, to further discuss the new football set-up.

The members in the larger-school division voted to participate in the schedules as planned at Vincennes in the spring of 1947 with the exception of Bloomington, that school having been given permission to wait until 1948 to arrange its schedule. Boonville was granted permission to wait until the same year to arrange its schedule also.

It was voted that any winner in the smaller-school division over an opponent in the other division be permitted to count that win as double points in computing the team championship at the conclusion of the season by the rating point system.²³

The second annual cross-country meet was held over the course at Jasper on October 11, 1947. A large field of teams was led to the tape by Bloomington with a score of 46, Reitz second with a score of 64 and Vincennes third with a score of 73. Branham of Bloomington was the first runner to finish, followed by Berg of Jasper, Canterbury of Reitz and Eggleston of Washington.²⁴

²³ Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, September 22, 1947.

²⁴ Vincennes Sun-Commercial, October 12, 1947.

Reitz of Evansville won the football championship for 1947 with a season record of five wins and no losses, compiling a score of 33 rating points. Central was second with four wins and two losses and a score of 27 rating points.

The second annual freshman basketball tournament was held at Jasper on January 15 and 17, 1948, with ten conference teams battling for the championship. In the final game Reitz Memorial of Evansville was overwhelmed by New Albany 47 to 16.

For the third consecutive time the varsity basketball championship was won by Central, having won ten games and lost three to conference foes with a final standing of 63 rating points. That school gained additional laurels for itself by being the runner-up team in the state basketball championship game later in the year.

Football was again the major topic of discussion at the regular spring meeting held at Washington on April 26, 1948. It was voted to accept the report of Herman Byers, football coach at Reitz, regarding the study of schedules

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Final Standings, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

²⁶
Bicknell Daily News, January 19, 1948.

²⁷
Evansville Courier, February 27, 1948.

²⁸
Handbook, Indiana High School Athletic Association, 1948.

for the conference as follows:

- (1) That the conference be divided into two divisions. Division I to consist of schools of larger enrollment and Division II, schools of smaller enrollment.
- (2) That championships in each division be decided on a percentage basis.
- (3) That four conference games played with schools of the same division shall count for the championship.
 - (a) That those schools playing more than four games in their division shall count only those four games with the teams that rate the highest at the end of the season.
 - (b) That teams in Division I which have only three games scheduled with teams in their division cannot participate in the championship, but their opponents, which have four or more games scheduled, may count games played with those teams.
 - (c) That teams in Division II which have only three games scheduled in their own division may count games with teams in Division I on the same basis as used in Division I.

The conference went on record as opposing the present I H S A A basketball rule regarding spring basketball practice. It also favored another vote by conference members as to whether there should be a return to the practice of allowing spring football drills.

The second annual freshman track and field meet was held at Vincennes, May 5, 1948, with ten of the member

schools competing. Reitz was winner of the meet with 42 points, closely followed by Vincennes with 40 points. Bosse was third with 38 points. High scorer of the meet was Heuby of Vincennes who won first in both the half-mile and mile runs, and was a member of the team winning second in the mile relay.³⁰

The varsity track and field meet was held at Vincennes three days later, on May 8. Reitz was again the winner with a score of 57-1/2 points. Bosse was second with a score of 46 and Bloomington was third with 30 points.³¹ Thrasher of Bloomington set a new conference record of 50 feet 7.2 inches in the shot put.³²

Reitz, winning their third varsity S I A C title for this year in conference competition, won the golf championship at Bedford, May 19, 1948, in a field of seven contestants. The winning score was 326 with Bedford second, scoring 333 strokes. Martin of Reitz was the Medalist Winner with a score of 76.³³

Princeton won the baseball title for 1948, its³⁴

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Vincennes Sun-Commercial, May 6, 1948.

³¹
Ibid., May 9, 1948.

³²
Track and Field Records, Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

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Evansville Courier, May 20, 1948.

³⁴
Letter of Confirmation, Principal Raymond Dill, Princeton High School, July 6, 1949.

second in this sport, having won the championship previously in the spring of 1941.

1948-49

The regular fall meeting of the conference was held in Jasper, September 20, 1948, with all member schools present with the exception of Linton and Bicknell.

The officers elected for the new year were John Brogneaux of Bloomington, president; Raymond Dill of Princeton, vice-president; and Dewey Prater of Washington, secretary-treasurer.

As a guest of the evening, L. V. Phillips, Commissioner of the I H S A A, spoke briefly concerning the clinics to be held for coaches and fans for football and basketball, the new football rules, spring football practice and recent surveys he had read concerning spring sports.

Neil Pierce, principal of Reitz, E. H. Loehr, principal of Huntingburg, George McCormack, track Coach at Vincennes and F. C. Hochmeister, athletic business manager at New Albany, were appointed to fill vacancies on the steering committee.

The third annual cross-country meet was held at the Vincennes Country Club Course on October 12, 1948, with

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Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, September 20, 1948.

nine conference teams participating. Vincennes was the winner with a score of 33 points, Bloomington was second with 43 points and Washington was third with 113 points. Eggleston was the first runner across the finish line with a time of 10 minutes and 25 seconds, followed by Heuby of Vincennes and Branham of Bloomington. Each team was privileged to use seven runners, the positions of the first five runners to finish the race to comprise that team's score. Sixty runners started and all finished the race but two who walked off the course near the finish.

Vincennes finished in third place in the state cross-country meet held at Indianapolis several days later.

The football championship was computed unofficially by George Byers, sports editor of the Vincennes Sun-Commercial, shortly after the close of the 1948 football season. Under the new system of determining two champions for the conference, Reitz of Evansville was the conference winner in the larger-school division. They had four conference wins and no losses for a percentage standing of 1.000. Bicknell, with six conference wins and no losses, won the title in the smaller-school division.

The third annual freshman basketball tournament,

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Vincennes Sun-Commercial, October 13, 1948.

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Handbook, Indiana High School Athletic Association, 1948.

held at Central's gymnasium in Evansville on January 22 and 25, 1949, had ten teams playing for the championship. Vincennes, meeting Princeton, an overtime winner against Central in the semi-finals, won the tournament with a score of 21 to 19.³⁸

The varsity basketball crown was won by Huntingburg with 69 rating points, compiled by a season record of twelve wins and one loss, according to the unofficial record as computed by Jim Fraser, sports editor, in the Evansville Courier edition of March 18, 1949.

Jasper was awarded its first state basketball championship, defeating Madison in the final tournament game at Butler Field House on March 19, 1949.³⁹

The regular spring meeting was held at Jasper on April 25, 1949, at which George McCormack of Vincennes invited the conference to send their cross-country teams to Vincennes for the annual meet. Tentative date was set for October 18, 1949.

After the reading of a letter from the Tell City High School Principal, requesting that school's admission to membership in the conference, the president appointed a committee consisting of Roy R. Snyder of Vincennes, Carl Shrode

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Evansville Courier, January 26, 1949.

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Vincennes Sun-Commercial, March 20, 1949.

of Evansville and Jim Beers of Huntingburg to investigate the matter.

It was decided to take another vote of all conference members by May 1, concerning the resumption of spring football practice.⁴⁰

The results of this poll showed seven schools voting "yes", seven schools voting "no", one school not voting and one school failing to return the ballot.⁴¹

The varsity track and field meet, held at Enlow Field, Evansville, on May 7, 1949, was won by Reitz with a score of 55.5 points. New Albany was second with 33 points.

Eight new conference records were established at this meet. Eggleston of Washington set two new conference records, winning the mile run in 4 minutes and 36.9 seconds for a new record and placing first in the 880 yard run to set a new record in that event with a time of 2 minutes and 2 seconds. Cook of Reitz ran the 440 yard dash in 51.7 seconds; Crandall of Bloomington ran the 120 yard high hurdles in 14.9 seconds; Foster of Washington ran the 200 yard low hurdles in 23.2 seconds; and Kincaid of Bosse pole vaulted 12 feet 6.5 inches in the pole vault, all new con-

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Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, Board of Directors, Minutes, April 25, 1949.

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Loc. cit.

ference records. Lockhart of Reitz was a triple winner in the meet, taking first in both the 100 yard and 220 yard dashes and being a member of the winning half-mile relay team that also established a new conference record of 1 minute and 34.5 seconds. The Reitz one mile relay team also set a new time of 3 minutes 35.4 seconds for a new conference record in that event.⁴²

The freshman track and field meet was held at Vincennes on May 12, 1949, with eleven teams contesting honors. The meet was won by Vincennes with a score of 60.9, Reitz followed with a score of 51.6 and Central was third with a score of 45.⁴³

Reitz won the golf championship for the third consecutive time, competing against six teams at Bedford, on May 18, 1949. Bedford and Central both tied for second place with identical scores of 333.⁴⁴

The official winner in baseball for 1949 had not been determined at this writing.

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Vincennes Sun-Commercial, May 8, 1949.

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Ibid., May 13, 1949.

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Evansville Courier, May 19, 1949.

CHAPTER VII

THE SUMMARY

The Southern Indiana Athletic Conference started as an idea in the mind of C. C. Katterjohn, then principal of New Albany High School. Although the primary interest of this conference was in the field of football, it soon developed that basketball and track were to share equal recognition, as is proven by the fact that both sports were made compulsory requirements to membership according to the original constitution adopted on April 2, 1935. However, this requirement was modified by official action of the Board of Directors at its meeting in Vincennes on October 16, 1939, when that body revised the then existing constitution and by-laws to require participation in only two of the three sports activities as a requirement to admission.

Expansion of the range in activities of the S I A C can be seen by the addition of baseball to its sports program in the spring of 1940. Golf was included in the program in the spring of 1941 and cross-country was added to the sports agenda in September of that same year. Interest in that event lagged, however, for the next five years and was revived, mainly through the efforts of George McCormack, track coach at Vincennes, in the fall of 1946. This event

became an annual affair and interest increased to the point that the last running of this meet had nine of the conference schools represented with sixty-six contestants participating in the competition.

Continued growth of conference activities came through the inclusion of the freshman basketball tournament in the athletic program. This tournament was first mentioned in the regular fall meeting of the S I A C held at Vincennes in May, 1937, but plans for this event did not materialize until Jasper invited the freshman conference teams to a tournament to be held in that school's gymnasium in January, 1947. The 1949 tournament was the third annual meeting of freshman basketball teams.

The last activity to be added to the conference's sports program was the freshman track and field meet, first held at Vincennes on May 1, 1947. This event has become an annual affair.

After speaking with several men who have been connected with the S I A C at various times, it might be well to add that Mr. Katterjohn, shortly after the inclusion of basketball to the conference's sports program, had suggested to the conference body that a basketball tournament be held among the member school's teams sometime during the regular playing season. He thought that if there was no gymnasium of sufficient seating capacity, one could be

built large enough to seat as many patrons as wished to come to such a tournament, somewhere within the geographical limits of this conference.

Interest along this line continued from time to time, as can be seen by Mr. Adams' invitation to hold such a tournament at the Vincennes Coliseum during the holiday season of 1935-36. The idea was revived again at the meeting held in October, 1937, but with the additional provision that enough leading teams in southern Indiana be invited to make the tournament a sixteen team affair. However, due to scheduling difficulties, the tournament never became a reality.

The fact that the conference produced five state basketball champions in a period of nine years, from 1941 to 1949 and on two other occasions had teams in the state basketball finals, from the period of this conference's inception to the present time, is evidence that some degree of recognition, one of the original purposes of this organization, has been attained in other sections of the state. One member school gained some prominence in state athletic circles by finishing third in the 1948 state cross-country meet.

Most of the controversies within the conference centered around the manner of selecting a football champion. To balance scheduling among its members, the "round-robin"

system of playing was attempted at various times. This system tended to balance schedules among the member schools and was an attempt to keep a conference school from winning the championship by heavy scheduling with the smaller S I A C schools, which ordinarily do not place a great deal of emphasis on the football sports program. This condition especially held true if the manner of selecting a champion was by the percentage system as at first tried and to a lesser extent by the rating point system, which was later adopted.

Following this method came the latest system of determining a football champion, by dividing the conference into two divisions and awarding two separate championships, one for the larger-school division and the other for the smaller-school division. Even this system had its difficulties, when the interest of the individual schools for scheduling games with "natural rivals" overshadowed the interest that each member school might have for the conference as a whole.

This brings up, in the writer's opinion, what is perhaps the conference's greatest weakness. There appears to be a lack of whole-hearted support of the conference's sports program by the representatives of the member schools. Each school has a tendency to stress its own particular wishes in preference to policies which may be more bene-

ficial to the conference schools as a group. It might be said the conference lacks a strong "cohesive force" among its members. The fact that the S I A C embraces a large section of southern Indiana territory, probably too much area, extending from Sullivan and Linton on its northern fringe to New Albany on the Ohio River at the other extreme edge, would aggravate the situation. The varying size of individual school enrollments and the relative emphasis each member school placed on the various activities of the conference's sports program to its own athletic program, would tend to influence decisions on major policies coming before the Board of Directors at their meetings.

There are some benefits that member schools have undoubtedly gained from membership in this conference. Information, gained from the solution of problems common to each school, could be used to the mutual benefit of all. The goal of conference champion in any sport is a natural incentive to the athletes representing their school in sports competition, and a chance for those contestants to display good sportsmanship as an example to their elders in the face of the keenest type of competition.

Several reports of minutes of the board of directors' meetings, records of meets and final standings, particularly in golf and baseball, were taken from the files of various newspapers in this section of the state, since they were not

found in the official records and standings now on file with the present secretary. This is probably due to negligence on the part of school authorities responsible for sending complete and necessary data to the secretary promptly at the proper time. In most instances these reports, records and standings may be regarded as correct. In two instances, the writer of the article from which the standings were taken, mentioned that the standings were unofficial and were so recognized.

In this connection it might be suggested that the Board of Directors elect a secretary who would be paid for his services to the conference, and who would hold office for a stated length of time.

The constitutional revisions adopted by the conference since October 16, 1939, have not been included in the copy of the constitution and by-laws attached to this thesis, due to the fact that such revisions have not been incorporated in the official copy on file with the present secretary of this organization.

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APPENDIX A

SOUTHERN INDIANA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Southern Indiana Athletic Conference.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The object of this conference shall be to foster and promote inter-scholastic athletics among all I. H. S. A. A. high schools who are members or who later become members of this conference.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. This conference shall be composed of the following charter member schools: Bicknell, Bloomington, Bosse, Central, Linton, New Albany, Princeton, Sullivan, Reitz and Vincennes.

Section 2. Additional schools who are members of the I. H. S. A. A. may be admitted by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Any school to be eligible for the awards of this conference in any sport must take part in such number of contests as is hereinafter set forth in the By-Laws.

Section 4. Any school to be eligible for membership must participate in at least two of the following sports: football, basketball and track.

ARTICLE IV. ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Management of the conference shall be vested in a Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of one duly selected representative from each member school. The Director shall be a licensed member of the faculty of the school he represents.

Section 3. The officers of this organization shall be a president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer. They shall be chosen annually by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at the regular fall meeting.

Section 4. Officers shall take office at the close of the meeting at which they are elected.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice annually; once in September and once in April.

Section 6. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President or upon request of a majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS

The Constitution of the organization or its By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at any regular meeting or special meeting provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted by a Director to the Secretary not less than two weeks before the regular meeting or special meeting. The Secretary shall submit any and all proposed amendments to the member schools at least one week before the meeting.

ARTICLE VI. FUNDS AND FINANCES

Section 1. Dues: Each school shall pay to the Treasurer of this organization an annual fee of \$5.00 on or before October 1st.

Section 2. An expenditure of the Secretary-Treasurer in excess of \$15.00 shall be approved in advance by the President. The books of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be audited annually by a committee appointed by the President.

Section 3. Special assessments may be levied by the Board of Directors upon the member schools.

ARTICLE VII. CONTESTS

This conference shall conduct such contests as are hereinafter provided for in the By-Laws.

BY-LAWS

FOOTBALL

Section 1. Each school must participate in at least four contests with member schools to be eligible for the championship trophy.

Section 2. Football schedules of all schools must be submitted to the secretary on or before October 1st. Games added to the schedule after this date shall not be considered when the award is made.

Section 3. The football championship trophy shall be awarded by the conference to the school which has the largest number of points at the close of the season, the points to be derived as follows:

For a victory over a team which has a percentage standing of

750-1,000 inclusive	10 points
500- 749 inclusive	7 points
250- 499 inclusive	5 points
0- 249 inclusive	3 points

(a) In case of tie games, one-half of the above points shall be allotted.

(b) Only games played with member schools shall be counted in the standing.

(c) In determining the season percentage standing

for any team tie games shall be considered as half won and half lost.

BASKETBALL

Section 1. Each school must participate in at least eight contests with member schools to be eligible for the championship trophy.

Section 2. Basketball schedules of all schools must be submitted to the Secretary on or before January 1st. Games added to the schedule after this date shall not be considered when award is made.

Section 3. The basketball championship trophy shall be awarded by the conference to the school which has the largest number of points at the close of the season, the points to be derived as follows:

For a victory over a team which has a percentage standing of

750-1,000 inclusive	10 points
500- 749 inclusive	7 points
250- 499 inclusive	5 points
0- 249 inclusive	3 points

(a) In case of tie games, one-half of the above points shall be allotted.

(b) Only games played with member schools shall be counted in the standing.

(c) In determining the season percentage standing for any team tie games shall be considered as half won and half lost.

TRACK

Section 1. A Conference Track and Field Meet shall be held annually.

Section 2. Awards: (a) A Championship trophy shall be awarded by the conference to the winning school. (b) Individual awards shall be provided for each event by the host school.

ADDITIONAL SPORTS

Additional sports such as baseball, golf, tennis, wrestling, swimming, etc., may be added at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Adopted April 2, 1935.

Method of awarding championships added October 16, 1939.

Revised October 16, 1939.

APPENDIX B

MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOUTHERN INDIANA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
WITH DATES OF ADMISSION, RESIGNATION AND READMISSION

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
*Bicknell	April 2, 1935
*Bloomington	April 2, 1935
*Bosse of Evansville	April 2, 1935
*Central of Evansville	April 2, 1935
*Reitz of Evansville	April 2, 1935
*Linton	April 2, 1935
*New Albany	April 2, 1935
*Princeton	April 2, 1935
*Sullivan	April 2, 1935
*Vincennes	April 2, 1935
Washington	November 13, 1935
Linton resigned from membership	April 29, 1939
Jasper	January 29, 1940
Boonville	September 23, 1940
Bedford	September 29, 1941
Huntingburg	September 29, 1941
Linton readmitted to membership	October 3, 1941
Reitz Memorial of Evansville	April 28, 1947

*Charter members.

APPENDIX C

PAST PRESIDENTS OF
SOUTHERN INDIANA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

C. C. Katterjohn, New Albany	1934-35
C. C. Katterjohn, New Albany	1935-36
M. L. Plumb, Evansville	1936-37
John L. Adams, Vincennes	1937-38
Donald Simon, Bloomington	1938-39
H. C. Gilmore, Sullivan	1939-40
Charles McConnell, New Albany	1940-41
A. E. Bennett, Boonville	1941-42
H. C. Wampler, Washington	1942-43
E. H. Loehr, Huntingburg	1943-44
Harold Lloyd, Bedford	1944-45
Carl Shrode, Evansville	1945-46
Roy R. Snyder, Vincennes	1946-47
Claude Miller, Jasper	1947-48
John Brogneaux, Bloomington	1948-49

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APPENDIX D

SOUTHERN INDIANA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

1935	New Albany
1936	Sullivan
1937	Sullivan
1938	Bosse of Evansville
1939	Central of Evansville
1940	Central of Evansville
*1941	Central of Evansville Bosse of Evansville
1942	Reitz of Evansville
1943	Vincennes
1944	Bloomington
*1945	Central of Evansville Linton
1946	Vincennes
1947	Reitz of Evansville
1948	**Reitz of Evansville ***Bicknell

*Co-champions

**Large-school Division Champion

***Small-school Division Champion

APPENDIX E

SOUTHERN INDIANA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

1935-36	Washington
1936-37	Vincennes
1937-38	Sullivan
1938-39	Reitz of Evansville
1939-40	Washington
*1940-41	Central of Evansville Jasper
1941-42	Washington
1942-43	Jasper
1943-44	Jasper
1944-45	Bosse of Evansville
1945-46	Central of Evansville
1946-47	Central of Evansville
1947-48	Central of Evansville
1948-49	Huntingburg

*Co-champions

APPENDIX F

SOUTHERN INDIANA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

TRACK CHAMPIONS

1935	Vincennes
1936	New Albany
1937	New Albany
*1938	Bosse of Evansville Bloomington
1939	Bosse of Evansville
1940	Reitz of Evansville
1941	Bloomington
1942	Bloomington
1943	Central of Evansville
1944	Central of Evansville
1945	New Albany
1946	Reitz of Evansville
1947	Reitz of Evansville
1948	Reitz of Evansville
1949	Reitz of Evansville

*Co-champions

APPENDIX G

SOUTHERN INDIANA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

1940	Jasper
1941	Princeton
1942	Central of Evansville
1943	Washington
1944	Huntingburg
1945	Huntingburg
1946	Huntingburg
1947	Huntingburg
1948	Princeton

APPENDIX H

SOUTHERN INDIANA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

GOLF CHAMPIONS

1941	Bloomington
1942	Bloomington
1943	Bedford
1944	Bloomington
1945	Bloomington
1946	New Albany
1947	Reitz of Evansville
1948	Reitz of Evansville
1949	Reitz of Evansville

APPENDIX I

SOUTHERN INDIANA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

1941	Bloomington
1946	Vincennes
1947	Bloomington
1938	Vincennes

APPENDIX J

SOUTHERN INDIANA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
FRESHMAN BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

1946-47	Vincennes
1947-48	New Albany
1948-49	Vincennes

APPENDIX K

SOUTHERN INDIANA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

FRESHMAN TRACK CHAMPIONS

1947	Bosse of Evansville
1948	Reitz of Evansville
1949	Vincennes

APPENDIX L

SOUTHERN INDIANA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

TRACK AND FIELD RECORDS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>HOLDER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>TIME OR DISTANCE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
100 Yd. Dash	Wregge	New Albany	10.1 sec.	1936
	Boyd	Reitz of Evansville	10.1 sec.	1940
	Phillips	Boonville	10.1 sec.	1942
220 Yd. Dash	Noelting	Bosse of Evansville	22.5 sec.	1941
440 Yd. Dash	Cook	Reitz of Evansville	51.7 sec.	1949
880 Yd. Run	Eggleston	Washington	2 min. 2 sec.	1949
One Mile Run	Eggleston	Washington	4 min. 36.9 sec.	1949
120 Yd. High Hurdles	Crandall	Bloomington	14.9 sec.	1949
200 Yd. Low Hurdles	Foster	Washington	23.2 sec.	1949
High Jump	Kirk	Princeton	6 ft. 1 in.	1942
Broad Jump	Byers	Central of Evansville	21 ft. 5.75 in.	1941

Pole Vault	Kincaid	Bosse of Evansville	12 ft. 6.5 in.	1949
Shot Put	Thrasher	Bloomington	50 ft. 7.2 in.	1948
One-Half Mile Relay		Reitz of Evansville	1 min. 34.5 sec.	1949
One Mile Relay		Reitz of Evansville	3 min. 35.4 sec.	1949

APPENDIX M

SOUTHERN INDIANA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

FRESHMAN TRACK AND FIELD RECORDS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>HOLDER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>TIME OR DISTANCE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
100 Yd. Dash	Wilhite	Reitz of Evansville	10.8 sec.	1949
220 Yd. Dash	Romerhouse	Central of Evansville	24.2 sec.	1949
440 Yd. Dash	Merrill	Bicknell	57.5 sec.	1949
880 Yd. Run	Snyder	Vincennes	2 min. 12.8 sec.	1949
One Mile Run	Snyder	Vincennes	4 min. 49.0 sec.	1949
120 Yd. High Hurdles	Thomas	Reitz of Evansville	18.1 sec.	1949
200 Yd. Low Hurdles	Ham	Reitz of Evansville	26.1 sec.	1949
High Jump	Stemle	Jasper	5 ft. 5.75 in.	1948
Broad Jump	West	Central of Evansville	18 ft. 9.25 in.	1949
Pole Vault	West	Central of Evansville	9 ft. 7.5 in.	1949

Shot Put	Reel	Vincennes	39 ft. 1.2 in.	1948
One-Half Mile Relay		Reitz of Evansville	1 min. 42.9 sec.	1949
One Mile Relay		Vincennes	3 min. 57.4 sec.	1949
