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INDIANA PACERS: HISTORY

Formation:

In the fall of 1966, a franchise offer was made to a group of Indiana sports enthusiasts by the American Basketball Association (ABA). After exploring the possibilities of such an endeavor and learning of the deep interest among basketball fans, the group accepted the franchise offer. It was a feeling of these sportsmen that Indiana, "The King of Basketball", would support a professional team and that it would succeed.

In February, 1967, it was announced that Indianapolis was back in big league basketball with the forming of a new pro-league ABA.

E. J. Bannon, a Lafayette Banker, was named President of the group. Other officers named were John DeVoe, Executive Vice President; Lyn Treece, Secretary; and Norb F. Schaefer, Treasurer. L. Charles DeVoe, Richard Ebershoff, Robert Bowes II, John DeVoe and Fred J. Wiese were named to the Board of Directors. Richard P. Tinkham was appointed as Legal Counsel.

Mike Storen, General Manager:

On March 21, 1967, Mike Storen, a former Marine captain from Michigan City, Indiana, with four years of experience of promoting the fortunes of two national basketball teams, was named general manager of the new franchised team.

Coach Staverman:

Storen in the following three months put together all the necessities of a nucleus for a successful team. He named Larry Staverman, former pro basketball player with two years coaching experience at Notre Dame as assistant coach to Johnny Dee, to the position of head coach.

Bernard Lareau, Trainer

Bernie Lareau was named as full time trainer and picked for the job by Storen because of his background and experience. Lareau was with the Chicago Bears and at the time of his appointment was at St. Joseph College.

Chuck Finkbiner and Bill Marvel:

Charles Finkbiner, 25 years old, a leading salesman for Proctor and Gamble was named to the position of promotion manager. Bill Marvel of Sports Headliners, an Indianapolis Management and Public Relation Consultant firm, was named to the post of publicity director.

Club Activity to Date:

Offices were set up near the home of the team, the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum. Over a dozen players were signed by Storen, who on June 16th announced at a press conference, the name of the Indiana team, the Indiana Pacers.

Setting the Pace of the League, the Pacers held their summer tryout camps from June 19 through June 24. During

this period Coach Staverman appointed as his two special assistants, Bob Leonard and Clyde Lovellette. Both being former greats in the world of basketball proved to be invaluable to Coach Staverman.

Starting on the morning of June 20th there were forty-three Pacer hopefuls who turned out for the first practice session. The same evening over 2,200 enthusiastic fans turned out for the first of five scrimmage games.

During the following five days, morning practice and evening scrimmage games were held. Coach Staverman, Storen, Leonard and Lovellette managed to cut the squad to fifteen players by the end of the camp.

During this period a total of over 12,000 hardwood fans were attracted to the scrimmage games not to mention several hundred that turned out each morning for the practice sessions.

In keeping with the Pacers setting the Pace theme, General Manager Storen and Coach Staverman opened summer practice sessions on July 15th, at the Jewish Community Center. A dozen players worked out in the summer training camp twice weekly. The players, in most part, moved to Indianapolis and were employed at several locations in the Capitol City.

Following the summer camp sessions, coach Staverman and a squad of sixteen Pacer hopefuls treked to St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana for a two week fall camp.

The Pacers front office chose the northern Indiana college for the facilities it offered for such a camp for a pro squad. This is the same location that the Chicago Bears use for their camp.

Twice daily, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. the Pacers were put thru a hard and demanding workout and scrimmage under the supervision of coach Staverman.

The camp was defined as a "success" by Staverman.

ABA: HISTORY

The American Basketball Association, after being in the planning stage for a number of years, became a reality in February of 1967. Its founders realized that basketball is the only major sport in a monopolistic position as far as topflight professional play was concerned. Suffering, as a result, were the millions of fans in areas throughout the country who had no access to this kind of play, as well as the many excellent players with national acclaim who could find no room in existing professional operations to continue their athletic careers (this includes the National Invitational Tournament's Most Valuable Player winners for eight out of the last eleven years). In addition, numerous commercial sponsors who sought to identify their products with sports, to the betterment of players and communities, were excluded from this type of participation by virtue of existing high costs (\$75,000 for one minute of time on the NFL Game of the Week) or competitive product exclusivity. In researching this situation, and linking it with the current national sports boom (estimated 1966 "personal spending for consumption" at a record \$455 billion, 6% higher than in 1965...

the prospering leisure time market approaching \$50 billion) they developed a concept that draws upon sports - in business, experience, the requirements of spectators and players, and the potential of major league basketball. After careful study they then combined all these factors and proceeded to solicit backer interest among a number of the country's leading industrialists and financiers - men whose personal and business histories would stimulate their understanding and approval of the ABA concept.

The result is a League based on the finest principles of sports and the expediting of these principles.

ABA: CONCEPT

THE GAME: Although professional basketball as played today is the finest in the world, we feel there is more that can be done to improve the play and attract the fans. We will research, design, and test new rules, new techniques, to try and build the "perfect" contest. We advocate fewer games, a balanced League, territorial rights. With the ABA divided into two divisions, an East and West, our schedule will drive towards a streamlined, concise playoff event.

THE PLAYERS: All ABA franchises recognize that the game is only as good as its players, thus the young men who join the League will be afforded all possible advantages, headed up by full respect and consideration of their rights as the individuals who form the backbone of the industry. Included among these is the most modern, equitable pension plan in sports, as well as unparalleled economic benefits stemming from merchandising, endorsement, and career development opportunities. The franchises have pledged their full energies in supporting this program.

An ABA player's future is as unlimited as the future of our country itself by virtue of his position as a person of talent, participating in the current sports boom, backed by the most progressive plan of its type.

THE IMAGE - A NEW FORMAT FOR USE: most successful modern enterprises utilize tested, dynamic merchandising and marketing techniques to move their products; so will the ABA. Through a centralized publicity, promotion and licensing operation, closely coordinated with local efforts, it will achieve an unprecedented rapport with purchasers and sponsors of its product. Directly, and through its agents, it has gathered the finest facilities in the country in order to expedite this format - The National Lecture Bureau for the scheduling of player endorsement and lecture programs national credit card and travel agency organizations for simplifying spectator support, and other outlets whose functions and skills will enable it to operate on a basis concurrent with modern business practices. One of the ABA's major objectives is complete community penetration in each of its team areas. The cities where its franchises were awarded were carefully studied as to their setting for a major professional sports operation. Thus every member of the League is prepared to back up this confidence in its locale with a full-scale program to blend itself into community life. The point is for each to have pride in each other. The ABA format is designed to accomplish this.

INDIANA PACERS PLAYER ROSTER

The following roster includes players that are under contract to the Pacers, players that are presently taking part in the summer practices and Pacer hopefuls.

Undoubtedly there will be changes from time to time in this roster before the final Pacer Roster is complete and finalized for the 1967-68 season.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
Aitch, Matthew	22	Michigan State Univ.	6'7"	234
Bonham, Ron	25	Univ. of Cincinnati	6'4 1/2"	192
Brown, Roger	25	Dayton University	6'5"	215
Dardin, Oliver	22	Univ. of Michigan	6'6 1/2"	240
Dawson, James	22	Univ. of Illinois	6'	175
Dill, Craig	22	Univ. of Michigan	6'10"	215
Edmonds, Bobby	25	Tenn. A&I State Univ.	6'7"	225
Harkness, Jerry	27	Loyola	6'2 1/2"	185
Humes, Larry	23	Evansville	6'4"	180
Kozlicki, Ron	22	Northwestern Univ.	6'7"	215
Lewis, Fred	24	Arizona State	6'	180
Marshall, Hubie	23	LaSalle	6'	170
Netolicky, Bob	24	Drake University	6'8"	220
Peeples, George	23	Univ. of Iowa	6'8"	205
Rayl, Jimmy	26	Indiana University	6'2"	180

NAME: Matthew Aitch
HOMETOWN: Richmond Hgts, Mo.
COLLEGE: Michigan State Univ.
HEIGHT: 6'7"
WEIGHT: 234
AGE: 22
MARRIED: Yes, Sally

Aitch gained All American honors at Moberly Miss. Jr. College. Played two seasons with the Spartans. Ave. 15.1 ppg. Scored 31 pts against Purdue and hit 13 field goals. Scored 303 pts and had 193 field goals in 1966-67 season. During his career he was rated as one of the best players in the Big Ten. Highest scorer in 11 of 25 games last year.

NAME: Ronald Bonham
HOMETOWN: Muncie, Indiana
COLLEGE: Univ. of Cincinnati
HEIGHT: 6' 4 1/2"
WEIGHT: 192
AGE: 25
MARRIED: No

Named "Mr. Basketball" in high school. Un. of Cin. number 2 scorer (41-62), number four rebounder on NCAA Championship team; leading scorer 1962-63, #3 rebounder on NCAA runner up; All Amer: 1st team-AP, UPI, Look, Helms, 2nd team-NEA, Ranked 3rd in nation's free throw pct. Winner of Best Free Throw Award on Cinc. team, 1963-64, was co-captain and co-winner of MVP award. All Amer: 1st team Helms; 2nd team AP, UPF, Con: 2 yrs with Boston Celtics-65-66 World Championship team

NAME: Roger Brown
HOMETOWN: Bklyn, New York
COLLEGE: Dayton University
HEIGHT: 6'5"
WEIGHT: 215
AGE: 25
MARRIED: Yes, Carolyn
CHILDREN: Roger, Jr.

Holds high point total for N.Y. high schools. Played AAU Basketball for five years, made ALL AMERICAN in 1962 in Denver. Played freshman basketball at Dayton Univ.

NAME: Oliver Dardin
HOMETOWN: Detroit, Michigan
COLLEGE: University of Michigan
HEIGHT: 6' 6 1/2"
WEIGHT: 235
AGE: 23
MARRIED: Yes, Rosa
CHILDREN: Daryl 4; Terry 2.

Captained the 1966 Un. of Michigan sq. Non All Big Ten Academic Honors, averaged 12.2 ppg and was a member of the 1965 and 1966 All Big Ten Championship team.

NAME: James Dawson
HOMETOWN: Elmhurst, Ill.
COLLEGE: Univ. of Illinois
HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 175
AGE: 22
MARRIED: No.

Second leading scorer Big Ten, 25.5 pp 1966-67. Voted to 1st team All Big Ten selection by UPI and the AP second team. Was captain this past season and voted the team's Most Valuable Player. Received Chicago Tribune's Silver Basketball Award.

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NAME: Bobby Edmonds
HOMETOWN: Indianapolis, Ind.
COLLEGE: Tenn. A&I State Un.
HEIGHT: 6'7"
WEIGHT: 225
AGE: 25
MARRIED: No

Four year Varsity ball at Tenn. State
Member of Championship team in the
"64" Olympics, member of the U.S.
team that toured Russia.

NAME: Larry Harkness
HOMETOWN: Manhattan, N.Y.
COLLEGE: Loyola
HEIGHT: 6'2½"
WEIGHT: 185
AGE: 27
MARRIED: Yes, Judy

Member of NCAA Championship Team
1963, All American 1963. Most Val-
uable Player in East-West College
All Star game. Played with N.Y.
Knickerbockers, 1963 Member of NABL
Championship team 1965.

NAME: Ron Kozlicki
COLLEGE: Northwestern Univ.
HEIGHT: 6'7"
WEIGHT: 215
AGE: 24
MARRIED: Yes, Ronee

Scored 840 points during his 3 years
to rank tenth in all time pt leaders
at Northwestern. Soph. year as
forward scored 215 pts, Jr. year
scored 309 pts and sr. yr. as a
center scored 316 pts.

NAME: Fred Lewis
HOMETOWN: Huntington, W.Va.
COLLEGE: Arizona State Univ.
HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 180
AGE: 24
MARRIED: Yes, Inez
CHILDREN: Ben 3; Sherri 2

Chosen as an All American while at-
tending McKeesport H.S., McKeesport,
Pa. Jr. College All Am. & College
3rd team All American. Arizona
Athlete of the Year. Played one yr
with the Cincinnati Royals and av-
eraged 4.5 ppg and four assists p.g.

NAME: Bob Netolicky
HOMETOWN: Cedar Rapids, Iowa
COLLEGE: Drake Univ.
HEIGHT: 6'8"
WEIGHT: 225
AGE: 24
MARRIED: No

Named to the Second Team of the
Miss. Valley All Conference.

NAME: George Peoples
HOMETOWN: Iowa City, Iowa
HEIGHT: 6'8"
WEIGHT: 205
MARRIED: No

All Big Ten Jr. & Sr. year - L.A.
class - C All Star Team, outstanding
senior player in state of Iowa,
member of Iowa 1,000 point club.

NAME: Jimmy Rayl
HOMETOWN: Kokomo, Indiana
COLLEGE: Indiana University
HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 180
AGE: 26
MARRIED: Yes, Nancy
CHILDREN: Jim Durward, 6 mo.

Indiana's Most Valuable Player, 1962;
Made All Big 10, 1962 and 63, 1st
team All American 63, 2nd teams '62.
Led conference with % free throws
(254), All time Indiana record
scoring 714 pts. Holds single game
scoring record (56 pts) which he
reached twice. Received Trester
Award for sportsmanship in high
school, also named Mr. Basketball.

PACER - MATTHEW AITCH

HOMETOWN: Richmond Heights, Mo.
BIRTHPLACE: St. Louis, Missouri
BIRTHDATE: September 21, 1944
AGE: 23
HEIGHT: 6'7"
WEIGHT: 238
MARRIED: Yes, Sally

Matt Aitch started his career in the eighth grade at Maplewood Public School in St. Louis and attended Lincoln High School in Richmond where he captained the basketball team for three years. His versatility allowed him to play both center and forward and his outstanding ability won him All State, All District and Most Valuable Player award. Aitch then attended Moberly Junior College.

One of the outstanding Michigan State University basketball centers, Aitch transferred to MSU from Moberly where he gained All American honors. During his two seasons with the Spartans in 45 games he averaged 15.1 points per game and led his squad in both the scoring and rebounding department in the 1966-67 season. He scored 303 total points and was credited with 193 rebounds. During his final season he was high scorer in 11 of 23 games and had the second highest percentage in rebounds. Against Purdue he was high with 31 points and scored the most number of field goals with 13.

As many of the Pacer players joining the new franchise, Matt and his wife Sally moved their home to Indianapolis. During the off season he works for the Urban League as an instructor supervisor in a local boys club. When time allows, Aitch enjoys his only hobby which is fishing.

PLAYING STATISTICS

YEAR	GAMES	FGA	FGM	FTA	FTM	RBDS	FOULS	POINTS	PPG
67	23	353	152	111	72	212	81	376	16.3
66	22	285	128	79	47	193	30	303	13.8
	45	638	280	190	119	405	111	679	15.1

PACER - ROGER BROWN

HOMETOWN:	Dayton, Ohio
BIRTHPLACE:	Brooklyn, New York
BIRTHDATE:	May 22, 1942
AGE:	25
HEIGHT:	6'5"
WEIGHT:	207

Roger Brown, according to Mike Storen General Manager of the Pacers, could very well be one of the first super stars to illuminate from the ranks of the American Basketball Association.

Born in Brooklyn, Roger attended G.W. Wingate High School where he established some of the most outstanding records in the entire state. His high point total, during his high school career, still stands.

Brown attended Dayton University and was a member of the Freshman basketball team. During five years of competition in A.A.U. basketball Roger made All American while with Denver. This honor came in 1962.

Roger and his wife Carolyn and Roger, Jr. are residents of the capital city and when not playing basketball Roger enjoys working with his hobby which is guns.

PACER - JIMMY DAWSON

HOMETOWN: Elmhurst, Illinois
BIRTHPLACE: Oak Park, Illinois
BIRTHDATE: April 18, 1945
AGE: 22
HEIGHT: 6' 1"
WEIGHT: 180
MARRIED: No

James Dawson started his basketball career at the age of nine years and, as he stated on his questionnaire to the question of where, "on a basketball court". He attended Hawthorne Grade School in Elmhurst, Illinois and York Community H.S. where he was 1st Team All State.

Continuing his basketball career at the University of Illinois Dawson was named to the All-American Academic (1967), All Big 10 1st team, and All Big 10 Academic 1st team.

One of his greatest honors was being the recipient of the Chicago Tribune's Silver Basketball Award for being the most valuable player in the Big 10.

Dawson makes his home in Indianapolis with another Pacer bachelor, Bob Netolicky. During the off season he works for the Firestone and Goodyear Tire and Rubber Companies assisting with tire tests at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Dawson is a member of the National Guard and will possibly see action before the Pacers end their season.

PACER - Jim Dawson - 2

Dawson's feeling about the Pacers exemplified by his actions on the basketball court, "I am very happy to have been fortunate enough to be drafted by Indiana. I am very optimistic about the team's future and certainly glad to be with them. The one thing that I can promise the fans of the Indiana Pacers is the fact that I will be putting fourth 100% effort in every game.

PACER - RON KOZLICKI

HOMETOWN:	Palatine, Illinois
BIRTHPLACE:	Chicago, Illinois
BIRTHDATE:	December 12, 1944
AGE:	22
HEIGHT:	6'7"
WEIGHT:	216
MARRIED:	Yes, Renee

Ron Kozlicki started playing on the hardwood in the eighth grade while attending Oak Street School. In his junior and senior years at Palatine Township High School Kozlicki was named to All Conference; All State his senior year, and also received All American Mention that year.

After high school Ron continued his career in basketball while enrolled at Northwestern University. He was voted the best foul shooter for Northwestern, 1964-65 (84%). He is the tenth highest scorer in Northwestern's history, scoring 840 points during the three seasons.

Ron passed up very lucrative offers from both the San Diego Rockets and Simenthal in Milan, Italy to join the Indiana Pacers.

Just recently married, Ron and his wife Renee have made their home in Indianapolis. When not playing basketball Ron enjoys participating in his hobbies, interior decorating and reading.

PACER - BOBBY JOE EDMONDS

HOMETOWN: Indianapolis, Indiana
BIRTHPLACE: Indianapolis, Indiana
BIRTHDATE: March 8, 1942
AGE: 25
HEIGHT: 6'7"
WEIGHT: 225
MARRIED: No

Joining the Indiana Pacers during their June tryouts and continuing thru the summer practice Bobby Joe Edmonds is the only capitol city player on the Pacer roster.

Certain to be a favorite in his hometown Edmonds attended Public School #41 in Indianapolis and was one of the outstanding mainstays with the Crispus Attucks High School squad after transferring from Shortridge.

Being one of the key figures in Attucks third State High School Championship in five years, Edmonds was the number one leading scorer in the final game with 18 points.

Edmonds went on to play for coach Harold Hunter at Tennessee A & I State University. He competed in four years of varsity ball at Tennessee State earning his degree in Health and Physical Education. Edmonds played with the Olympic team from the U.S. in 1964, winners of the Gold Medal that year. That same year he was Baltimore's fourth draft choice and was selected for the U.S. team that toured Russia.

Edmonds figures to be a strong replacement with his strong rebounding and good outside touch. During the off season the Indianapolis favorite is employed by the Park Department working in the recreational facilities. He resides just several blocks from the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum where he will be seeing action with the Pacers in the coming season.

PACER - JERALD HARKNESS

HOMETOWN:	New York City, N.Y.
BIRTHPLACE:	New York City, N.Y.
BIRTHDATE:	May 7, 1940
AGE:	27
HEIGHT:	6' 2 1/2"
WEIGHT:	175
MARRIED:	Yes, Judy

Jerry Harkness, a graduate of Loyola, started his career in the world of basketball while attending Douglas Junior High in 1953 in New York City.

One of three Pacers that has been in action with the NBA, Harkness has enjoyed a career of basketball that started in the junior high school, continued into high school in the Bronx, thru three varsity years with Loyola and one year with the New York Knickerbockers.

During his high school hardwood days Harkness was named to the All City squad. In 1963 he was named All American while at Loyola. During his three years as a varsity member he received Most Valuable Player of the Year honors. He was also named Most Valuable Player in the 1963 East-West All Star game.

Harkness joined the Pacers during the summer tryouts, moved to Indianapolis with his wife Judy and during the off-season works with the local YMCA funmobile.

PACER - FRED LEWIS

HOMETOWN:	McKeesport, Pa.
BIRTHPLACE:	Huntington, W.Va.
BIRTHDATE:	July 1, 1943
AGE:	24
HEIGHT:	6'
WEIGHT:	180
MARRIED:	Yes, Inez
CHILDREN:	Ben 3, Sherri, 2

Freddie Lewis, one of three former NBA players on the Indiana Pacers squad, comes to the Hoosier state from McKeesport, Pa., via Arizona State University and the Cincinnati Royals.

Lewis, who started his career in the 5th grade at Walnut Street School in McKeesport and played high school ball in McKeesport High School, was one of Arizona State University's leading players. During his college career he gained Junior College All American and College 3rd team All American Honors. His outstanding ability on the basketball floor earned him the coveted Arizona Athlete of the Year award, an honor gained by several of Arizona's top athletes (including the late Jimmy Bryant the 1958 Indianapolis 500 Mile Race winner and three time national racing champion).

Lewis joined the Pacer squad during their summer practice session and has proven to be one of the leaders and his ability places him as a possible starter for the Pacers.

One of the many players that have moved their home to Indianapolis, Lewis in the off season is a representative of the Monark Beverage Company in Indianapolis. He and his wife Inez and their two children now call Indianapolis their home.

When Freddie is not busy on the hardwood he enjoys his hobby, listening to records.

PACER - ROBERT NETOLICKY

HOMETOWN: Cedar Rapids, Iowa
BIRTHPLACE: San Francisco, California
BIRTHDATE: August 2, 1942
AGE: 25
HEIGHT: 6'8"
WEIGHT: 225
MARRIED: No

Robert Netolicky, (no. two draft choice for the San Diego Rockets) joined the Indiana Pacers of the ABA during their summer tryouts.

Netolicky started his hoop playing back in 1958 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and continued playing while attending Drake University.

For three years Netolicky was the leading rebounder at Drake and was named to the All-Missouri Valley Conference in 1964-65 and 1966-67. Netolicky was voted the Most Valuable Player in the Iowa All-Star game in 1967.

Besides his hobbies of hunting, fishing and flying, Netolicky had time to own two ocelots and one lioness, named Julies. After a year's search his brother found him a new ocelot which he has presently.

Now residing in Indianapolis Netolicky makes his home with another Pacer bachelor, Jimmy Dawson. During the off season Netolicky works for the Firestone and Goodyear Tire and Rubber Companies assisting with tire tests at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

PLAYING STATISTICS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GAMES</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>FGM</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>FTM</u>	<u>REBDS</u>	<u>FOULS</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>PPG</u>
1967	25	355	183	108	74	299	84	440	17.6
1966	16	218	115	84	39	175	48	269	16.8
	(ineligible 2nd semester)								
1965	25	224	116	76	45	236	80	277	11.1
1964	9	6	4	6	3	7	9	11	1.2
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TOTALS:	75	803	418	274	161	717	221	997	13.2

PACER - GEORGE PEEPLES

HOMETOWN:	Ecorse, Michigan
BIRTHPLACE:	Georgia
BIRTHDATE:	October 30, 1943
AGE:	23
HEIGHT:	6'8"
WEIGHT:	205
MARRIED:	No

George Peeples' basketball career started while in high school in Ecorse, Michigan where he was named to All State.

Continuing his basketball career Peeples was named to the All Big Ten 1st and 2nd teams, All Midwest team, and L.A. Classic All Star team while attending the University of Iowa. He was also honored as Iowa's outstanding state amateur in 1965-66. Peeples is also a member of the 1000 point club, the sixth member in the history of the University of Iowa. Another award bestowed Peeples while attending the university was the Sportsmanship award.

Peeples now makes his home in Indianapolis and when he isn't practicing or playing on the basketball court he enjoys fishing, drawing and singing.

PACER - JIMMY RAYL

HOME TOWN:	Kokomo, Indiana
BIRTHPLACE:	Kokomo, Indiana
AGE:	26
BIRTHDATE:	June 21, 1941
HEIGHT:	6' 2"
WEIGHT:	180 pounds
MARITAL STATUS:	Married, Nancy
CHILDREN:	1 Boy - Jim Durward Rayl (6 months)

"The Splendid Splinter", perhaps this is the description that most fans remember when the name Rayl is mentioned with basketball in Indiana.

This nickname became as well known in Indiana as basketball itself during the time that Jimmy Rayl was playing at the Kokomo, Indiana, high school and at Indiana University.

The third member of the Indiana Pacers to have the distinction of having been named "Mr. Basketball" while playing Indiana high school basketball, Rayl joins the other two recipients of this high award, Ron Bonham and Larry Humes.

In addition to the "Mr. Basketball" honor, Rayl's outstanding career was highlighted by the fact that he also was awarded the most coveted, Trester Award, for outstanding sportsmanship.

Following his high school career Rayl became a "Hurrying Hoosier" with the Indiana University hardwood squad and compiled one of the most outstanding records in the schools' history.

During the four years at Indiana Rayl recorded fourth highest scoring total behind Don Schlundt, Archie Dees and Walt Bellamy.

Rayl holds the schools' single-game scoring record of fifty-six points which he managed to reach on two different occasions. The first time Rayl reached the fifty-six mark was in his junior year in an overtime game against Minnesota. The second occasion came in Rayl's senior year against Michigan State. This total also stood as a conference record until Dave Schellhouse of Purdue broke it during the 1965-66 season.

In fourteen conference games during his junior year (1961-62) Rayl averaged 32.4 points per game (5th highest in Big 10 history - 454 points). He averaged 27.0 in fourteen conference games in his senior year (1962-63).

The twenty-three field goals that he scored in the fifty-six point game against Michigan State shares the conference record with Schellhouse. In his junior year against Michigan Rayl hit 15 of 15 free throws and led the conference in the free throw department that year, (1961-62), with 108 of 122 attempts for an outstanding .885 percent. He also holds the conference record for the most consecutive free throws (32) which he established in 1962.

His career average in the Big Ten for scoring, (874 points in forty Big Ten games) for an average of 21.85 per game, ranks him 13th in the all time record book. (Dischinger holds the record (29.72 p.p.).

During his junior year (1961-62) Rayl was voted to the 2nd team All American by the Helms Foundation and the 3rd team All American by the Associated Press and United Press International.

He was voted Indiana's Most Valuable Player Award in 1962 and received All Big Ten honors in 1962 and 1963. He was a member of the first team All American in 1963.

Rayl, following his college career, played with the Wingfoot's from the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio with the A.A.U.

Since his graduation Rayl has shed the "Splendid Splinter" tag by the addition of several pounds which he used to advantage while playing in the A.A.U. ranks.

Following his decision to become a Pacer hopeful Rayl moved back to Kokomo, Indiana from Akron with his wife Nancy and their new sixth month old son Jimmy.

In addition to his interest in Basketball Jimmy is an avid auto racing fan and can usually be found on a Sunday afternoon, during the summer months, in attendance at one of the many mid-west

race tracks. When it comes to facts and figures he can probably tell you as much about the point race for the National Racing Title as he can about his own records he has compiled over the years on the hardwood around the state.

Joe Platt, Jimmy's high school coach, said about Jimmy and the Pacers when he learned of Jimmy possibly being a member of the new A.B.A. franchise, "This is a great opportunity for the boy. He is one of the best outside shooters I have ever witnessed in basketball and has always been an asset to any club that he has played with". He concluded by saying, "Jimmy is also one of the most devoted players that the game has ever had."

INDIANA PACERS 1967-68 GAME SCHEDULE

<u>HOME</u>		<u>AWAY</u>	
October	14 Kentucky 18 Anaheim	October	20 Kentucky 21 New Orleans 22 Dallas 26 Oakland 27 Oakland at Reno
November	1 New Jersey 8 New Orleans 11 Dallas 15 Oakland 16 Pittsburgh 22 Dallas 25 Houston	November	2 Minnesota 6 Kentucky 7 Pittsburgh 12 Denver 13 Dallas 26 Minnesota
December	2 Anaheim *5 New Jersey 7 Denver 9 New Orleans *13 Minnesota (New Castle) 16 Pittsburgh 23 Minnesota 26 New Jersey 28 Dallas 30 Kentucky	December	3 Pittsburgh 6 Kentucky 10 Houston 11 Dallas 18 Denver 19 Oakland 20 Anaheim 31 Pittsburgh
January	6 Houston 10 Minnesota 13 Pittsburgh 17 Pittsburgh 27 Minnesota *31 Pittsburgh (Shelbyville)	January	2 Denver 3 Anaheim 5 Anaheim 7 Minnesota 11 Pittsburgh 14 Houston 15 New Orleans 19 New Jersey 20 New Jersey 21 Minnesota 22 Kentucky
February	7 New Jersey *8 Denver 13 Oakland *15 Minnesota (Dayton) 17 Houston *19 Kentucky (Madison) 21 Denver 25 Kentucky 28 Oakland	February	2 New Jersey 6 Pittsburgh 10 New Jersey 11 Kentucky 14 Minnesota
March	2 Anaheim *4 New Orleans (Fort Wayne) 9 New Jersey 13 Minnesota 16 Kentucky	March	5 New Jersey 7 Houston 10 New Orleans 22 Kentucky

*Denotes home games played away from the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum.