

# Victory Field & Media





Victory Field has been declared the “Best Minor League Ballpark in America” by *Baseball America* (1/99), *Sports Illustrated* (8/01) and *MinorLeagueNews.com* (9/01).

Year	Total Attendance*	Regular-Season Record	Playoffs
1996	294,366	18-8 (.692)	3-1
1997	639,830	49-23 (.681)	1-1
1998	659,237	45-26 (.634)	
1999	658,250	38-35 (.521)	
2000	672,135	38-34 (.528)	3-2
2001 **	620,275	41-31 (.569)	
2002	571,984	35-38 (.479)	
2003	550,319	35-37 (.486)	
2004	576,067	37-36 (.507)	
2005	565,653	41-31 (.569)	0-3
2006	547,768	40-33 (.548)	
2007	586,785	39-33 (.542)	
2008	606,166	37-35 (.513)	
2009	549,552	36-36 (.500)	
2010	569,969	36-36 (.500)	
2011	580,082	37-35 (.513)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,248,438</b>	<b>602-507 (.543)</b>	<b>7-7</b>

\* Regular season and playoffs  
 \*\* Includes Triple-A All-Star Game attendance of 15,868

**Location:** 501 West Maryland St. (SW corner of downtown)  
 • Part of White River State Park, which also includes the NCAA Headquarters, Eiteljorg Museum, IMAX Theater, Indiana State Museum and Indianapolis Zoo  
 • Less than a mile from Lucas Oil Stadium, Conseco Fieldhouse and Circle Centre Mall

**Seating Capacity:** Approximately 14,202

- Field Box.....5,436
- View Box.....2,119
- Lower Reserved.....1,647
- Upper Reserved.....2,118
- Lawn .....1,975
- Captain Morgan Cove.....100
- Suite Level .....545
- Wheelchair.....262

**Description:** An all-grass, smoke-free, open-air ballpark.

**Dimensions:** LF-320, LC-418, CF-402, RC-362, RF-320

**Contractor:** Hagerman Construction Corporation, Inc.

**Grand Opening:** July 11, 1996 • Attendance 14,667  
 Oklahoma City 89ers 5, Indianapolis Indians 3

**Largest Crowd:** July 22, 2000 • Attendance 16,168



# Baseball Terms

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## **BATTING, PITCHING & FIELDING:**

**Batting Average:** Divide the number of hits by the number of at-bats.

**Earned Run Average:** Multiply the number of earned runs by nine and divide that total by total number of innings pitched.

**Fielding Percentage:** Divide the total putouts and assists by the total of putouts, assists and errors.

**Hitting Streak:** A hitting streak shall not be terminated if all the player's plate appearances result in a base on balls, hit batsman, defensive interference or sacrifice bunt. The streak shall be terminated if the player has a sacrifice fly and no hit.

**On-Base Percentage:** Add the total of hits, walks & hit by pitches and divide that by the total of at-bats, walks, hit by pitches & sacrifice flies.

**Save Rule:** A pitcher is credited with a save when he meets all three of the following conditions: 1) he is the finishing pitcher in a game won by his club, and 2) he is not the winning pitcher, and 3) he qualifies under one of the following conditions: a) he enters the game with a lead of no more than three runs and records at least one out, or b) he enters the game with the potential tying run either on base, at bat or on deck, or c) he pitches effectively for at least three innings.

**Slugging Percentage:** Divide the total bases of all hits by the total at-bats.

**Wild Pitch/Passed Ball:** A wild pitch is charged to a pitcher when his pitch is so high, low or wide that the catcher cannot control the ball with ordinary effort allowing the runner(s) on base to advance. If the ball touches the ground before reaching home plate and the runners on base are able to advance, a wild pitch is automatically charged. All other cases where a runner advances because the catcher could not handle a pitch are considered passed balls. When determining earned or unearned runs, those runners who scored with the aid of a wild pitch are earned while those who scored with the aid of a passed ball are unearned.

**Winning/Losing Pitcher:** The starting pitcher of the victorious team shall be credited with a win if he completes at least five innings and his team is not only in the lead when he is replaced but remains in the lead the remainder of the game. If a game is shortened to five innings, the starting pitcher must go only four innings to receive a win. If the starting pitcher is not eligible for the win, it shall go to the relief pitcher who is the pitcher of record when his team assumes the lead and maintains it until the end of the game. An exception to this may occur if the scorer rules that the relief pitcher was ineffective in helping his team maintain the lead. In such cases, the succeeding relief pitcher is credited with the win. The losing pitcher will be the pitcher of record when his team falls behind and then fails to tie the score or gain the lead.

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

**Magic Number:** Figure the number of games yet to be played, add one, then subtract the number of games ahead in the loss column of the standings from the closest opponent.

**Options:** Once placed on a team's 40-man roster, a player may be optioned to the Minor Leagues during three seasons without being exposed to other organizations. Once optioned during a season, he may be recalled and optioned again as many times as the organization desires and it only counts as one of his three options. When a player is optioned to a Minor League club, he has 72 hours to report to his new team.

**Service Time:** Major League service time is recorded in "years.days."

# Victory Field Ground Rules



**Rule 1)** A wild pitch or passed ball hitting the screen above the wall is a dead ball; runners advance one base.

**Rule 2)** A pitched or thrown ball sticking in the padding is a dead ball; runners advance one base.

**Rule 3)** A ball thrown into the dugout is a dead ball; runners advance one base.

**Rule 4)** Balls thrown into dugout screens and staying out of the dugouts are live and in play.

**Rule 5)** Fielders can make a legal catch from the top of the steps to the dugout even with the playing field. Players leaning in from the top of the steps, catching the ball, and then going into the dugout results in a legal catch. Players may not step into the dugout and then make a catch.

**Rule 6)** Leaning over the tarp to make a catch is legal. Standing on the tarp, or using your foot for leverage on the tarp, does not result in a legal catch and the ball is dead.

**Rule 7)** A fairly batted ball sticking in the wall padding is a dead ball and a ground-rule double.

**Rule 8)** A batted ball that comes to rest under a bullpen bench is dead and a ground-rule double. A thrown ball that comes to rest under a bullpen bench is a dead ball and runners advance one base. A ball that lodges in the bullpen bench area is a dead ball - a ground-rule double if a batted ball, or runners advance one base if a thrown ball.

**Rule 9)** A batted or thrown ball that goes under a bullpen bench and bounces out is a live ball.

**Rule 10)** A batted ball that hits a player in the bullpen area is live and in play. If such touching is intentional, interference will be called.

**Rule 11)** All outfield screens are considered part of the wall. A fairly batted ball hitting an outfield screen and going over the fence on the fly is a home run.

**Rule 12)** A batted ball landing on the small roof area in the left-field corner on top of the power room is a home run.

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## Howard Kellman Director of Broadcasting



Howard Kellman is in his 37th season as the “Voice of the Tribe” and called his 5,000th game for the Indians during the 2010 season.

Kellman joined the Indians in 1974 and has been the club’s lead play-by-play announcer each year during that time frame except for the 1975 and 1980 seasons. He also served as the lead announcer for ESPN’s coverage of the Triple-A World Series from 2006-2008.

He has also called games for the Chicago White Sox (1984) and Cleveland Cavaliers (1988-89).

Honored as Indiana’s Sportscaster of the Year in 2002, Kellman has called IHSAA football and basketball games on WHMB-TV 40 since 1990-91. He has also served as the lead announcer on Indians telecasts since 2000. In 2009, he was inducted to the Indiana Sports Writers & Sportscasters Association Hall of Fame.

Kellman is a graduate of Brooklyn College. He was also an announcer for St. John’s basketball during his collegiate days.

He and his wife, Robin, reside in Carmel.

## Will Flemming Radio Broadcaster

Will is in his first season as a radio broadcaster with the Indianapolis Indians

Flemming joined the Indians prior to the 2012 season. Before the Tribe, Flemming spent two seasons with the Potomac Nationals as the Director of Broadcasting and Media Relations.

While in the Washington, D.C. market, Flemming also did play-by-play for several sports television networks including Verizon Fios1 Sports.

Prior to Potomac, Flemming spent a season on-air with the Lancaster JetHawks.

He is a graduate of Stanford University, where he broadcast baseball and men’s basketball, and called games in the College World Series and NCAA Tournament. Will’s brother, Dave, is a broadcaster for the San Francisco Giants and ESPN.

# Tribe Broadcast Teams



Years	Broadcaster(s)
2012	Howard Kellman, Will Flemming
2006-11	Howard Kellman, Scott McCauley
2005	Howard Kellman, Robert Portnoy
2004	Howard Kellman, Scott Lauer
1996-2003	Howard Kellman, Brian Giffin
1991-95	Howard Kellman, Tom Akins, Brian Giffin
1981-90	Howard Kellman, Tom Akins
1980	Mike Fornes, Tom Akins
1976-79	Howard Kellman, Tom Akins
1975	Tom Akins, Dave Rodebaugh
1974	Howard Kellman
1973	Russ Benedict
1971	Jim McIntyre
1969	Tom Hession, Johnny Wade
1968	Tom Hession, Johnny Wade, Brian Madden
1966-67	Carl Grande, Tom Hession, Johnny Wade
1963	Luke Walton
1956-60	Jim McIntyre
1948-55	Luke Walton
1947	Gene Kelly, Estel Freeman

## Years with No Radio Broadcast

1902-1942, '44, '46  
'61, '62, '64, '65, '70, '72

## Years with Unknown Broadcaster(s)

1943, 1945

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# Indians on Television

In 2012, all Indianapolis Indians home games will be telecast on on HTSN, Indiana's Hometown Sports & News channel.

HTSN can be seen over-the-air on channel 6.2, and is available on numerous cable systems in central and southern Indiana, including Comcast and Brighthouse. For Comcast subscribers, HTSN is on channel 247 in some areas and channel 420 or 130 in others. For Brighthouse subscribers, HTSN is on channel 164.

Three Sunday afternoon contests during the 2012 season (June 24, July 15 & July 29) will also be broadcast on RTV6.

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## Media Procedures

**Media Entrance:** The media entrance is located on the south side of Victory Field next to the loading dock on Bill Sampson Drive. The press elevator is located just inside the entrance.

**Press Box:** The press box is located on Suite Level (third floor) directly behind home plate.

**Credentials:** Single-game credential requests should be e-mailed to Brian Bosma at least 24 hours prior to first pitch. Credentials will be left at the media entrance on the south side of Victory Field or at the Guest Relations desk in Suite lobby. Passes are good for the stadium, press box and clubhouses. ID will be required at time of pick up.

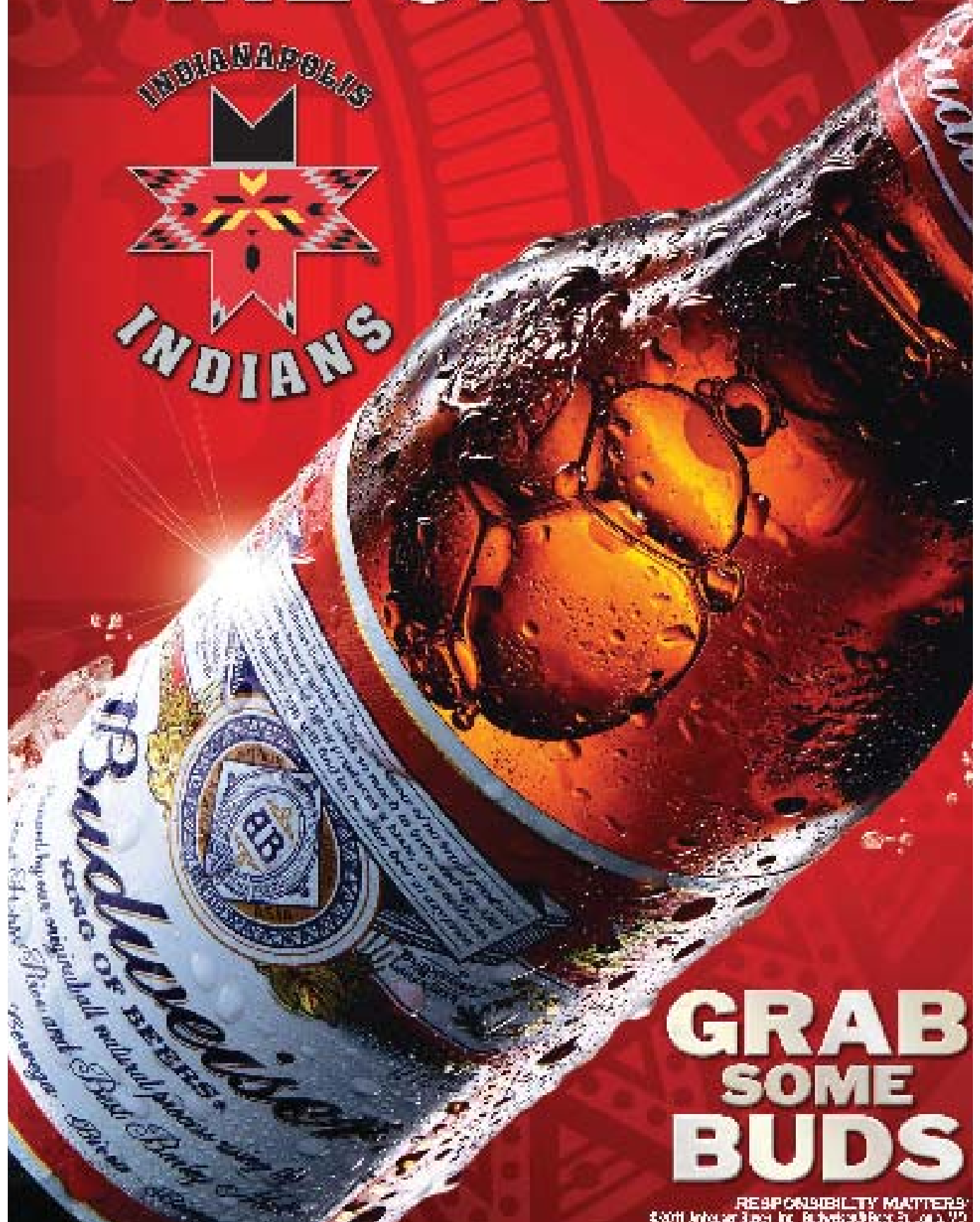
**Parking:** A *very limited* number of spaces are available for members of the working media. Parking passes must be requested separately and will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Television:** Trucks may connect to TV lines in the right-field corner of Victory Field (outside the ball-park). The stadium is wired for cameras to plug in on the north end of the third-base dugout.

**Photographers:** Platforms are available on the outfield ends of each dugout. Other recommended areas include the handicapped seating area behind home plate (if not in use), the television booth in the press box and the roof.

**Clubhouses:** The Indians clubhouse is located on Service Level behind home plate. The visitors clubhouse is located on Service Level down the right-field line. Clubhouses are closed to the media 45 minutes prior to and during games and between games of a doubleheader. The clubhouses re-open 10 minutes after the final out. Members of the media are *not* allowed in the training rooms, weight rooms or kitchens. Still photographers are *not* permitted in the clubhouses without prior approval.

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