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Douglas Mills Papers, 1928-1983

M. W. Hedgcock and Lee Arnold Interview of Doug Mills, February 8, 1983

Side 1

Doug Mills (1928-30) My parents were born in England.

I was 18 when I played football. I weighed 165.

I was from Elgin.

Zuppke had an electric car.

Matt Bullock's story on Zuppke giving directions

Zuppke stories

Mills returned as a coach.

Duffy Daugherty was naturally funny.

Ara Parseghian. Jerry Faust.

Mike White.

Recruiting.

Zuppke didn't want to recruit. He ignored visiting students.

He wouldn't look at films.

Zuppke played basketball.

I met Dr. Arthur Curtis, Zuppke's coach.

Dwight Eddleman was a shooter and ball handler. He was a competitor.

Whiz kids played defense. They were all big, 6'2" strong, and quick. Andy Phillip was the best.

Jack Smiley was the best on defense

Indiana's defense.

The Whiz Kids are great friends. Vance and Phillip.

Derek Harper is getting recognition at Illinois.

I sit in 75th row on the west side of the stadium.

They are good fans. They take a nip, but don't want to fire the coach.

Neal Stoner is a very capable person.

They have a good staff. Tony Yates was a good recruiter of Black athletes. He was considered at

Bradley. Cincinnati team.

Oscar Robertson.

Derek Harper's basketball play. Bruce Douglas.

Indiana is the best team. Efrem Winters.

Dick Butkus loved football. He has made a lot of money.

George Halas made money at pro football.

Red Grange drew crowds at pro games.

C.C. Pyle was a promoter.

Paul Bryant. Bart Starr. Joe Namath.

Lou Boudreau.

End of side 1.

Side 2

Illinois basketball team in early 1983

Indiana's team.

Good defensive basketball players study opponents and officials.

Mills started high school in the 1920s.

Lowell Spurgeon was a good, intelligent athlete.

Vandalia, Illinois athletes

Sperling was a good substitute.

Joe Frank,(1938-40).

Mills has given up golfing.

Mills played against Champaign for the state high school basketball championship in the old gym.

I played against Harry Combes' teams.

Combes used the full court press.

The time clock affects the game.

John Wooden's teams played the whole game.

Free throws. Technical fouls. Three point rule.

Bobby Knight. Larry Byrd.

Overton from Champaign was the first black football player at Illinois.

Avoid skeletons.

Wilson Case. Illinois did nothing wrong. The commissioner "sold" the faculty representatives.

Big 10 paid \$700,000 in legal fees.

"A lot of these rules are screwy. I don't understand them."

Money is only available for a few years.

Sports is great entertainment. Television impact.

Whiz Kids. Andy Phillip was probably the greatest or most talented, but they were a team.

Gene Vance. Wes Davis was a good coach.

On side kicks. Harry Stuhldreher.

I fielded the punts. Stay 15 yards away from a bounding ball. Zupp had Humbert block an Illinois  
lineman who tried to fall on the ball.

Nusspickel would have been All-American if he could have been.

Football publicity.

I came down from Elgin twice to see Grange play.

Fraternities. Grange was a great player.

I played with his brother, Garland, an end.