

Interview Log
Interview with Tom Pile by Suze Gibson

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Minutes

0:04	Introductory Statement, name, and background
00:18	Describes his upbringing on a farm in a small town, Winchester, Illinois
02:04	Describes why he went into teaching – Mother, granddad, farm-life, college
04:38	Discusses what influenced his teaching style – storytelling
05:51	Describes helping in a reading program in East St. Louis
06:30	Describes working at a camp for underprivileged kids
09:23	Discusses teaching underprivileged kids how to swim
10:14	Discusses how the army and Vietnam influenced his teaching
11:45	Reflects on his coaching and coaching record at Washburn High School
14:20	Describes how he became the head baseball coach at Edwardsville High School
16:34	Discusses how he feels about his record as a baseball coach
19:36	Describes his love for the sport and becoming knowledgeable about coaching
23:01	Describes how he learned by being an umpire and observing the sport
24:00	Talks about the tactics he used in practice
26:35	Discusses work ethic with athletes
28:07	Known as an emotional coach, he discusses this aspect of his personality and his thoughts on other coaches
30:09	Describes protecting his athletes – especially the pitcher’s arm

35:54	Talks about his nickname “Motto” – a name that he is known by in the community
36:41	Discusses his awards in teaching and what made him a good teacher
40:44	Talks about the players he coached that went on to become professional baseball players, and talks about the area as a hotbed of baseball
42:19	Discusses building a practice field and turning the baseball program around at Edwardsville High School in 1987
45:26	Talks about the dedication of the Pile Field in 2008
46:40	Describes the influence of Dr. Ed Hightower on sports in the Edwardsville School District
51:11	Discusses his assistant coaches – Mike Waldo and Darrell Butler
55:18	Reflects on not getting the head basketball position
55:58	Reflects on Tim Funkhouser who took over the program from him when he retired from coaching baseball
58:19	Talks about being inducted into the McKendree University Hall of Fame
59:30	Reflects on how McKendree changed his outlook
60:20	Discusses the awards and accolades he has received over the years
63:02	Talks about the support and understanding he received from his wife, Kay, and his children for his career
66:42	Interview ends