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Oral History Interview with Dave Kindred
On June 19, 2019
Conducted by Gary Pomerantz

00:00:00 - Pomerantz introducing Dave Kindred and his accomplishments
00:03:20 - Kindred discussing Minor Meyers wanting to build a statue of him
00:04:47 - Kindred talking about his hometown in Atlanta, IL
00:07:23 - Kindred discussing his grandmother and her grandparents' tavern growing up
00:10:30 - Kindred talking about his mother and father and their influence on him
00:12:36 - Kindred discussing going to church and his spirituality in his writing
00:14:13 - Kindred discussing his interest in WWII after his father's involvement
00:16:52 - Kindred discussing ways he is similar to his father; his hard-work and confidence in his writing
00:18:33 - Kindred discussing a column he wrote about his father and the scene described in it
00:21:23 - Kindred talking about what inspired him to become a writer
00:23:21 - Kindred talking about what sports he played as a child
00:25:00 - Kindred talking about "Eisenhower Years" growing up and his high school experience
00:26:59 - Kindred discussing why he decided to attend Illinois Wesleyan
00:29:58 - Kindred discussing his extracurricular activities at IWU
00:31:35 - Kindred talking about baseball and playing with Doug Rader
00:33:32 - Kindred talking about Coach Jack Horenberger
00:36:14 - Kindred discussing his relationship with Cheryl, his wife, and how basketball played a role
00:39:33 - Kindred discussing why he chose journalism as his profession
00:40:53 - Kindred discussing other career options he had in high school
00:45:11 - Kindred discussing his political views and its influence on his writing
00:47:19 - Kindred describing what he was trying to achieve within every column he wrote
00:49:56 - Kindred discussing his writing and how he looks for something he has never seen before
00:52:20 - Kindred giving an estimation of the number of sports columns he has written in his career
00:53:29 - Kindred discussing the hardest thing about being a columnist
00:57:02 - Kindred discussing his columns that he is the proudest of
00:59:51 - Kindred discussing the press box atmosphere
01:06:27 - Kindred talking about the most memorable sports events he has covered
01:15:20 - Kindred discussing the relationship between Muhammad Ali and his career
01:27:31 - Kindred discussing Bobby Knight
01:28:19 - Kindred discussing Stan Musial
01:29:22 - Kindred discussing John Thompson
01:30:03 - Kindred discussing Arnold Palmer
01:30:49 - Kindred discussing Adolf Rupp
01:32:02 - Kindred talking about the social line he drew between him and the people he wrote about
01:33:27 - Kindred discussing Title IX
01:35:22 - Kindred explaining his book, The Morning Miracle, and what prompted him to write it
01:37:36 - Kindred discussing his book, Sound and Fury
01:41:25 - Kindred talking about Jared Kindred and his memoir about him
01:46:21 - Kindred explaining a controversial column he wrote about boxing
01:48:53 - Kindred discussing what getting the awards he has been getting meant to him
01:51:49 - Kindred explaining why he still covers the Women's Basketball team at Morton High School