

## Mark Brochin



Mark Brochin is a retired sportscaster from southwest Indiana, working in the field from 1971 to 2021. He moved to Washington in 1982, covering games and doing local sports updates for 39 years. He worked mainly for The Original Company, which owned 12 radio stations in Indiana and Illinois and was the state's largest radio group to carry high school sports. His primary duties were with WWBL "The Bullet," where he produced and delivered 10 sportscasts each day on three Original Company stations.

Throughout his career he was a play-by-play announcer for more than 2,000 contests, including boys' basketball, girls' basketball, football, baseball, softball, wrestling and swimming. Brochin often was a one-man crew, keeping his own statistics while calling the games and conducting interviews. He also provided color commentary for an additional 500 contests and was a part of boys' basketball and girls' basketball State Finals broadcasts in 26 different years. He also did spot reporting for golf, cross country, volleyball and tennis and wrote a weekly sports column for the Tri County News for several years.

In addition, Brochin was an IHSAA licensed official in basketball and recently was a starter for an IHSAA golf regional held at Country Oaks Golf Course in Montgomery, Ind.

Brochin was a recipient of the IHSAA Distinguished Media Service Award in 2011-12. He counts that as one of the greatest professional honors he has received.

A 1974 graduate of Connersville High School and a 1978 graduate of Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in telecommunications, Brochin started in broadcasting in 1971 while a sophomore at Connersville and was part of the radio crew that called the Spartans' 1972 IHSAA boys' basketball state championship. During his last two years in high school, he was on the news and sports broadcast crew for Connersville Cable TV, which was the first agreement in the nation between a high school and a cable partner. He later announced games for radio stations in Rushville, Columbus, Vincennes, Petersburg, Linton and Evansville. In addition, he broadcast games in Illinois, Missouri and Oklahoma, but the majority of his career has been in Daviess County, Indiana.

In retirement, he volunteers at Daviess Community Hospital, Eastgate Manor Nursing and Rehab Center, Daviess County Friends For Animals and Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church. He also works part time at Country Oaks Golf Course, bowls in two leagues and continues to golf whenever possible. He is entering his 43rd consecutive season as a member of the Washington Men's Golf League.

Brochin and his wife, Patricia, are parents of two adult children, Andrew and Elizabeth, each a multi-sport athlete at Washington Catholic High School. Their first grandchild is due this summer.