

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Next 'Hoosiers' could come from Ohio

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NOTE: In an effort to preempt a negative, geography-related comment, yes, I realize that Milan, Ind., is much closer to Greater Cincinnati than Gibsonburg, Ohio (a small town southeast of Toledo, not far from Charles Woodson's hometown of Fremont). But this is a pretty cool story anyway about the only Ohio baseball team to win a state title with a losing record.

Matthew Horn of the News-Messenger of Fremont [wrote this feature about a film based on a true story being made](#) about the 2005 Gibsonburg High School baseball team, which entered the state tournament with a 6-17 record and won the whole thing.

From Horn's story:

And now, six years after Gibsonburg's improbable run to a state title, a film is being made. Although most of Bob Mahaffey's "Gibsonburg," an independent production "based on a true story," will be shot in the Columbus area, crews have done some filming in Gibsonburg at the Ideal Bakery.

Mahaffey always wanted to enter a film in the Sundance Film Festival. His ears perked up when nephew Curt Billow began discussing Gibsonburg's hard-to-believe state championship of 2005.

Ron Rase, who died in 2010, had encouraged his son to write down notes on the state championship, a resource that became valuable to the movie project. It took Mahaffey three months to compile a 24-chapter outline and three days to write the 54-scene screenplay for "Gibsonburg."

Mahaffey intends to complete the project in time for the Sundance submission deadline of Sept. 26.

Horn also reports that the budget for the movie is \$200,000, and the cast includes two main actors and three in supporting roles. The 16 films accepted for the Sundance Festival will be unveiled in December. If selected, "Gibsonburg" would premiere Jan. 12.

To learn more about the Golden Bears' incredible 2005 state championship run, [check out Horn's article that accompanied](#) his story about the making of the film.

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