

Lucas Oil Stadium new home of ISSMA State Finals

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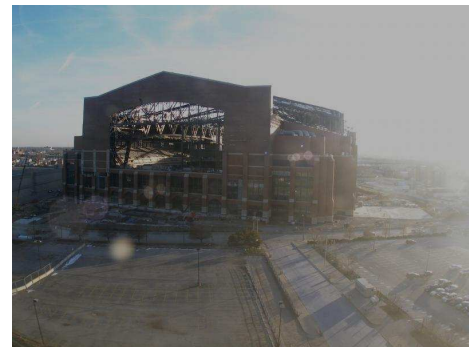
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INDIANAPOLIS - The 2007 ISSMA State Finals marked the last state finals held in the RCA Dome (formally known as the Hoosier Dome). This year, state finals will be held just across South Street in Lucas Oil Stadium.

Lucas Oil Stadium opens in the fall of 2008 with none other than a marching event. Drum Corp, International will be the first event held in the \$625 million stadium. Following the DCI World Championships in August, ISSMA will hold the first high school event with the Marching Band State Finals on November 1. BOA will host its regional and grand national event the following two weekends on November 8 and November 12-15. It will also be the official home of the NFL's Indianapolis Colts.



Lucas Oil Stadium

Image provided by the Indiana Stadium and Convention Building Authority.

The new stadium will have a retractable roof and be able to be open for events, given good weather conditions. The retractable roof will be the first in the world to open from sideline to sideline. All roofs currently open towards the end zones. Lucas Oil Stadium will seat 63,000 for football games and up to 70,000 for basketball games, such as the 2010 NCAA Final four.

The RCA Dome is schedule for demolition in 2008, following the completion of the new stadium. The Dome opened in 1984 and will have stood 24 years. The Springs Valley Blackhawk Brigade has marched 11 times in the RCA Dome, ten times at state finals and one time as a part of the BOA Grand Nationals event in 1999. The Springs Valley football team also played for a state championship back in 1989 in the Dome. They would lose that game 31-7 to the Bremen Lions.



Springs Valley Blackhawk Brigade "Tradition of Excellence"

State Champion: 1977

State Runner-Up: 1978 1992 2007

State Finals Appearances:

1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1988 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 2006 2007