



Richard "Dick" Brown

Richard was a percussionist with the Villa Park S.A.L. Corps, the Boys of 76 Srs. and the Skokie Indians during their national championship years. He was the chief percussion instructor for the Norwood Park Imperials, Bellville Black Knights, Skokie Vanguard, Boys of 76, Royal Airs Milstadt Crusaders, Madison Scouts, Niese Ambassadors, the Vikings, the Viscounts and others. He was the first Director of Central States Judges Association.

Being associated with two or three major drum corps in a lifetime seems like a full marching palette these days. But in this case, three corps only amount to one-fifth of the corps for which he instructed or arranged. Dick Brown joined the Skokie Indians in 1952, and was their lead snare for six years. During that time, he also wrote and taught all their percussion arrangements. While Brown was with the corps, they went from seventh place in 1953 to second place in 1954. Due in no small part to his many contributions, Skokie went on to win the National Championship three years in a row, from 1955 – 1957.

After retiring from the Skokie Indians as that corps lead snare player in 1957, Brown went on to teach and/or arrange for:

The Cavaliers

Royal-Airs
Phantom Regiment
Madison Scouts
Racine Scouts
Kilties
Des Plaines Vanguard
Norwood Park Imperials
Troopers
Belleville Crusaders
Nisei Ambassadors
Belfontaine's Satan's Angels
Darius Geranus Dragons
Belleville Black Knights
Kewanee Black Knights
Morton Grove Cougars
Maywood Legion Post 133 Senior Corps