Intramural sports

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The average citizen who does not come into first hand contact with athletic activities at the university usually gauges college sports by the flamboyant football headlines that string across the top of the sport page. Many uniformed individuals bemoan the fact that so few players get to take advantage of the elaborate athletic plants most of our modern state schools boast, while behind the big scenes, just out of the spotlight there functions an athletic system that probably means more, generally, than the major varsity contests.

Intramural athletics are open to everybody who cares to participate in them and the record being made in this phase of physical development at Oklahoma is one to be proud of.

Quoting Ben G. Owen, director of athletics at Oklahoma; “what do intramurals do for a student? Often they result in his finding and developing a sport that will serve him as a ‘carryover’ in later life, enabling him to keep physically fit through middle age and later years.

“Again they furnish splendid exercise for the student who spends a large part of his time in the class room, the laboratory, the library or over the study table at home. They tone up his muscular system, provide him with a daily bath and make him sleep soundly.”

Frequently, through intramurals, a student discovers that he has grit and ability and his self confidence is thereby built up. He may learn self control, loyalty and sportsmanship, and make and meet a great many friends, all of which is bound to aid him in later life.

At the university this past school year approximately six times as many students participated in intramural athletics as in varsity intercollegiate sports, which proves that the Sooner student body is fast becoming awake to the benefit and fun that comes from intramural athletics.

Always increasing. That is the participation record of intramurals at Oklahoma in the six years that this branch of athletics has been on the campus. It has progressed from an annual participation of 256 students to the 1,801 students who entered into last year’s program. Chronologically, during the school year of 1925-26 there were 256 participants; in 1926-27, 508; in 1927-28, 866; in 1928-29, 970; in 1929-30, 1,624 and last year 1,801.

The program was inaugurated with five sports, namely baseball, basketball, track, wrestling and horseshoes. Only fraternity teams participated. No point system was used and everyone went home proudly wearing his individual medal that he had won. Boxing and golf singles were then added to the program the next year, boxing and tennis were introduced, and then in 1929 when Paul V. Keen, Sooner wrestling coach was named director of intramural athletics, the schedule took a big boom and six new sports were added.

As the program grew new student managers were added and last year the first intramural handbook was published. This year the participation goal is set at 2,000 men.

The point system in scoring clearly indicates that participation is what the department is after rather than winners. A generous amount of points are given in each sport for entry points without the participating teams winning a place.

An excellent, enthusiastic spirit was manifested last year and all criteria point toward an even better year this year. Last year’s winners were;

**TENNIS (DOUBLES)**
- Neale Boyd and Ben Campbell, Independents, champions. Lloyd Sessions and Bill Shofstall, Sigma Chi, second place. Allen Calvert and Bill Backenstoe, Beta Theta Pi, third place.
- Ille Laurent and Bill McGhee, Independents, fourth place.

**PLAYGROUND BASEBALL**
- Kappa Alpha, champion. Phi Delta, second place. Alpha Tau Omega, third place.
- O. U. Sandwich shop, fourth place.

**HORSESHOES (SINGLES)**
- Ralph Brand, Kappa Sigma, champion. John Pettit, Independent, second place. Sam Apple, Sigma Nu, third place.
- Tom Ashton, Alpha Sigma Phi, fourth place.

**SWIMMING**
- Sigma Chi, champion. Beta Theta Pi, second place. Alpha Sigma Phi, third place. Alpha Tau Omega, fourth place.

**BOWLING (DOUBLES)**

**FREE THROWS (INDIVIDUAL)**

**BOWLING (SINGLES)**

**HANDBALL (DOUBLES)**

**GOLF (TWOMEN)**
- Z. A. Neal and Morris Flynn, Independents, champions. Al Maidt and Buddy Baptist, Sigma Chi, second place. Gerald Roberts and Victor Goud, Alpha Sigma Phi, third place.
- Chick Gephart and A. D. Kennedy, Sigma Chi, fourth place.

**HANDBALL (SINGLES)**

**SIGMA DELTA PSI**
- Jack Clark, Ebo Lobaugh, Ab Walker, Phil Berry, Harold Morris, Bob Hilt, Don Alkon.

**SEXTATHLON**

**HORSESHOES (DOUBLES)**

**BASEBALL**

**IMMENATIONAL ATHLETIC RECORDS**

**Two-Mile Race**

(a) Three-mile course record held by Glen Dawson, Alpha Sigma Phi, made in 1929. Time 16 minutes 11 seconds.

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(b) Five-mile course record held by Ed Bacchus, Independent, made in 1927. Time 27 minutes 50 seconds.

(c) Low-team scorer: O. U. Sandwich shop, 1930. Total team (five-man) points, 22.

Handball: Singles championship held by Benton Ferguson, Kappa Alpha, for two consecutive years, 1929, 1930.

(a) Doubles championship held by Benton Ferguson and John McLean, Kappa Alpha, for two consecutive years, 1930, 1931.

Golf: Individual 18-hole low total, established in 1931 by Z. A. Neal, Independent, over Norman Country club course. Score 63 strokes.

(a) Individual 18-hole low total, established in 1930 by Z. A. Neal, Independent, over Cedar Crest country club course. Score 72 strokes.

(b) Twosome 36 hole low total, established in 1930 by Z. A. Neal and Morris Flynn, Independent; and Buddy Baptista and Al Mait, Sigma Chi, over Cedar Crest Country club course. Score 329 strokes.

Wrestling: High-team score held by Sigma Mu Sigma, 1930. Score 33 points.

Boxing: High-team score held by O. U. Sandwich shop, 1929. Score 25 points. (Five individual champions.)

Bowling: Individual, rolling three lines, established by Harold Mauber, Phi Beta Delta, 1929. Score 352 strokes.

(a) High game by team (two-man) four lines total established by Harold Mauber and Ernst Braunstein, Phi Beta Delta, 1929. Score 552 strokes.

(b) High game by team (two-man) two lines total, established by Bill Gender and Bill Kerr, Independents, 1931. Score 366 points.

Free throws: Of possible 100 successful attempts, Jade Potts, Kappa Sigma, established 1930. Score 83.

Track and Field: High-team score established by Pi Kappa Phi, 1926. Score 525 points.

In 1930 by Z. A. Neal and Morris Flynn, Independent; and Buddy Baptista and Al Mait, Sigma Chi, over Cedar Crest Country club course. Score 329 strokes.

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