

Report of Athletics for '50

It was a beautiful summer day last August 22, 1949, when the hard, grueling grind began for some fifty young football players. With two practices scheduled daily it did not take long to foretell that this would be one of the most successful football teams in the history of the school.

The season started off very well until over-confidence contributed to two losses. But realizing our mistakes and gaining by experience, we became serious once again and played some very fine games.

By diversified play on offense and defense and our bone-cracking tackling, we wound up the league schedule by surprising Lockland, the league champions, and holding them to one score in the first half. We finished in fourth place.

Among those of outstanding ability during the season were Bill Hopewell, Derek Hoxby, Joe Morgan, Ronald Klemme, Myron Austin, Jack Breslin, Harold DeCamp, and Jim Ferns.

Great things were looked for from the 1950 hoop squad. In the first week, however, two letter-men had to drop basketball for various reasons. This left us without too much reserve power which is essential in every game for winning.

We played some very outstanding basketball which enabled us to tie Lockland for the championship of the Millcreek Valley Interscholastic League during our first full year of league play. We ended our season in the quarter-finals of the district tournament having won eighteen and losing three. It was the most successful season we had in two or three years.

Ronald Klemme repeated his performance on the local newspaper all-star teams, while our center, Wes Damerow, also was included on several all-star squads. Guards Elmer Simons and Bob McEwan received honorable mention several times while Joe Morgan often helped in playing some very fine games. Myron Austin was our chief substitute and in a number of games was the deciding factor for our victory.

Graduation of these fine players makes a severe challenge to next year's team to equal such a fine record.

Chances for repeating our try for state track titles seemed very good at the beginning of the year, but after our star trackman, Phil Nunn, was injured, hopes of such glory vanished. We did very well at our Eleventh Annual Mariemont High School Invitational and the Third Ohio Wesleyan Relays, and have won three triangular track meets. Our great shot-put man, Joe Morgan, has set every record in every meet to date, and we have hopes that he will break the state shot-put record this year.

"Doc" Kusel

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL 1949-50

	Won	Lost		Won	Lost
Federle	9	2	Riley	3	6
Tull	7	3	Clemons	2	7
Preston	7	3	Weiglein	2	7
Leiman	7	3	Ellis	0	9
Dieckbrader	7	3			

CHAMPIONS: LeRoy Federle, Rodney Jonas, Terry Jones, Fred Hintze, Jim Brady, Denny Straley, and Don McGuire.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL TOP SCORERS

LeRoy Federle	92
Bernardino Fieno	81
Mickey Fieno	80
Larry Meyer	57
Jack Keown	56