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TABOR COLLEGE FROM 1908 TO 1960

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## CHAPTER I

### THE PROBLEM AND DEFINITION OF TERMS

Tabor College is a private, four-year liberal arts college located in Hillsboro, Kansas. It was established in 1908 by "The Tabor College Corporation," a group of men who were members of the Mennonite Brethren Church. Today, it is a fast-growing college supported by the Mennonite Brethren Conferences of the United States. The Mennonite Brethren Church is a small, conservative, protestant group which stemmed from the anabaptist movement of the Reformation.

Tabor College, as an institution, developed slowly. At its conception, Tabor was operated as a four-year college. However, it was reduced to a junior college during the early 1930's because of the general economic depression, decreased financial support and lack of students. Because of increasing difficulties, the school was closed for the academic year of 1934-35. In the fall of 1935 the college was re-opened as a four-year liberal arts college. After World War II, because of improved general economic conditions and an influx of veterans, Tabor experienced rapid growth until 1950. At that point student enrollment declined somewhat. In 1954, however, because of the increasing number of young people who graduated from high schools and the demand for higher education among the Mennonite Brethren young people, the conference reorganized its board of education. A new

five-year plan for the development of the program of higher education was developed. Tabor reached a milestone in 1959, when the college was granted accreditation by the Kansas Department of Education. It is now on its way as a four-year liberal arts college toward full accreditation by the North Central Association.

At the same time that Tabor was progressing as a liberal arts college, the history of its intercollegiate program was being formulated. This program has experienced rapid and phenomenal growth. For some time an intercollegiate athletic program was considered to be against the religious principles of the church. It was believed that such a program would have the tendency to create a "worldly" atmosphere among the students and young people of the Mennonite Brethren Church. The program became more acceptable through the years as the members of the constituency came to a better understanding of the purposes and values of an intercollegiate athletic program. As recently as the early 1940's, athletics were forbidden; but in less than twenty years, Tabor has developed a moderate program in intercollegiate athletics in the following: basketball, baseball, tennis, track and soccer.

## I. THE PROBLEM

Statement of the problem. It is the purpose of this study to trace the development of intercollegiate athletics

at Tabor College and to create a permanent record of this development. This record will include the scores of Tabor College teams and their opponents, as well as names of the coaches and the participants in these contests.

The intramural program will be traced up to 1944; at this date the intercollegiate program was begun. Data was gathered to show: (1) the scores of Tabor College contests in basketball, tennis, track, baseball and soccer from the time of the inception of each sport to the present year; and (2) the name of squad members and coaches of the various activities.

A comparison of Tabor College and similar church related colleges in the area of intercollegiate athletics will also be made.

Importance of the study. Someone has said that "one understands the future by knowing the past." A history of this kind is important in that it may serve as a guide and stimulus in the future development of the athletic program at Tabor College. Besides, it is valuable as a permanent record of the history of the school. This study is important because it reveals that the available records of intercollegiate athletics are very inadequate. A history of this kind is beneficial to those whom this study concerns, in this case, athletes at Tabor College, and others interested in the athletic program of Tabor College.



Delimitation of the problem. This study is concerned with the intercollegiate program at Tabor College which had its beginning in 1944. The background and philosophy which affected the development of the program is explained herein. For a permanent record of the athletic program at Tabor College, all available statistics were assembled. Those pertaining to intercollegiate athletics are included, but some of the data could not be found. If any names of participants in athletic events were left out, it is only because such information was not available in the original documents used for this research. The financial aspects of intercollegiate athletics will not be covered in this study.

Procedure to be followed. The procedure used in this study is based on a chronological approach. The material gathered is used to show the philosophy and development of the intercollegiate program, to compare it with other church related colleges and to record names of the coaches and participants. The study is therefore divided into the following chapters: (1) the problem and definition of terms; (2) the philosophy and development of intercollegiate athletics at Tabor College; (3) a comparison with church colleges similar to Tabor College; (4) the intercollegiate athletics from the winter of 1944 to the spring of 1960; and (5) a summary and conclusions.

Sources of data. The research for this study is mainly bibliographical. The primary source of material is from the athletic office of Tabor College. This material was studied, additional data was found in the Tabor College View (student newspaper), Tabor College Blue Jay (annual), The Taborite, Tabor College Bulletin (alumni news), The Tabor College Catalogue and the Questionnaire. Some scores were also found in daily and weekly newspapers, as well as in the files of the opponent colleges.

A further source of information was personal interviews with former presidents, their wives, the administrators, the faculty members and coaches. Many interesting conversations were held with them. These interviews are used in this study mainly for background material to ascertain how the intercollegiate athletic program commenced and progressed.

## II. DEFINITION OF TERMS

Intercollegiate Athletics. This term is used in this study to refer to contests which took place between Tabor College and other colleges.

The intercollegiate program at Tabor College began in 1944. The program of intercollegiate athletics includes the following sports: baseball, basketball, tennis track and soccer. Not all of these sports began at the same time. Basketball was inaugurated in the winter of 1944; tennis in

the spring of 1947; track and baseball in the spring of 1948; and soccer in the fall of 1957.

Intramural Athletics. This term refers to the contests of Tabor College which were held between teams within the school.

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## CHAPTER II

### PHILOSOPHY AND DEVELOPMENT OF ATHLETICS

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##### I. THE BEGINNING YEARS, 1908 TO 1920

The purpose of Tabor College since the beginning has been:

To benefit humanity in general and in particular the denomination, through the dissemination of general culture and biblical information and the development of character through the school atmosphere and influence. We attempt to live up to the conviction that the education of the children is the first duty of every generation and that no education is complete unless it makes provision for the development of body, soul, and spirit. Holding that religious training is essential to all. The school encourages the study of the Bible and the religious life among its students. We wish to propagate the Gospel of Peace and Good Will to Men and advance the Kingdom of Christ both intensively and extensively.<sup>1</sup>

Further statement from the catalogue:

Tabor College does not pose as an institution where young people may go in order to have "a good time" therefore, we are desirous of having only such students as are willing and anxious to work. Hours for recreation and exercise are from 12-1:30 at noon and from 4:30-7 o' clock at night.<sup>2</sup>

Mrs. H. W. Lohrenz, wife of the first president of Tabor College, made the following general comments: The administration of Tabor College in the early years had to

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<sup>1</sup>Tabor College Catalogue, 1921-22, p. 6.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., p. 8.

restrain the students from placing too much emphasis on athletics. Although the early administrators and faculty members were not opposed to athletics, they had to refrain from encouraging them because the school was being supported, in part, by a group of people who were not in favor of athletics. The administration looked for financial help from the church and was obliged to cater to its wishes. Many of the early supporters thought that school was only for the development of the mind and soul, and it was against their religious convictions to permit their children to take part in athletics. It was considered a waste of time to participate in any athletic activity during the school year.<sup>3</sup> Many were opposed to athletics in any form, and the Mennonite Brethren were not the only people to condemn various forms of play and amusements.<sup>4</sup>

Peter E. Schellenberg, an alumnus, teacher and former president, made these general comments during a personal interview: Since the students had a different outlook on the matter of athletics, they organized themselves into groups to take part in the various athletic events of the school. Some of the students came from high

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<sup>3</sup>Interview, Mrs. H. W. Eohrenz, March, 1960.

<sup>4</sup>Oscar T. Barck, Jr., and Hugh T. Leffler, Colonial, America (New York: The MacMillan Company, 1958), pp. 381, 443-446.

schools where they had participated in athletic activities, and these students spearheaded the program.<sup>5</sup> During the period from 1908 to 1916, the students participated in tennis, baseball, basketball and track. Emphasis was placed on one sport or another through these years. Many teams were formed, and the students enjoyed themselves. To illustrate what was taking place and what the students thought, the athletic summary for the years 1908 to 1916, according to the Tabor College Annual, the Blue Jay, was as follows:

The athletic activities have been quite prominent from the very start in the fall of 1908. Although the start was difficult, yet the students took a very active part in baseball and other games. Classes were organized and the drills were taken daily. In the year 1910, the Young Men's Christian Association took charge of the athletic work and ever since it has been under their supervision. The interest increased continually, until in 1910 when a gymnasium was built by joining two basement rooms. For two years this place was used considerably, especially for basketball, when on account of the lack of space for classes, this room was changed into the commercial hall.

Tennis was soon introduced and at present the three courts are occupied frequently. The racetrack east of the College was used considerably at first, but for sometime it lay quite dormant. This spring, however, more interest has been shown. The high jump, broad jump and pole vaulting are always interesting and this year all previous records have been broken. The new bamboo pole, especially, caused quite a sensation.

This winter we were very fortunate in obtaining a room for playing basketball. The eight teams that were organized played very regularly. During the first few years the City Athletic Association had their baseball diamond on the campus, but when they removed their

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<sup>5</sup>Interview, Peter E. Schellenberg, April, 1960.

place, we laid out our diamond, put up a back stop and erected a grandstand. The athletic interest is high and at the present rate a new gymnasium will soon beautify our campus grounds.<sup>6</sup>

The word, "athletics," had a different meaning during the period from 1908 to 1944 than it has today. It was usually referred to as intramural athletics and included such games as baseball, basketball, tennis and track. The term, "intercollegiate athletics," as such, was used for the first time in 1925; but an intercollegiate program did not begin until 1944. Tabor College engaged in contests with outside teams from the city of Hillsboro and other communities during the period from 1908 to 1944, but most games were played on an intramural basis.

Athletic games created considerable emotional reaction and loud cheering in close and highly competitive contests, and many people objected to this. Peter C. Hiebert, former teacher and president, related an interesting story about the loud and vigorous cheering:

Cheering at some of the games could be heard for blocks away, and many of the local residents complained about the noise to the administration, so the cheering of the students was curtailed.<sup>7</sup>

Peter E. Schellenberg made some comments about the students' attitudes toward participation in athletic contests:

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<sup>6</sup>Blue Jay, 1908-16, p. 134.

<sup>7</sup>Interview, Peter C. Hiebert, March, 1960.

For the students during this development period and for that matter, at the present time, it was not a matter of conscience for them to participate in athletic contests. They felt this was a way to express and also release some of their frustrations and that these contests would be good for those who participated in them. Many good things came from competition in athletic events and the students during this time were not different from those of today.<sup>8</sup>

The period from 1916 to 1920 can best be described by the statements as found in the Blue Jay of 1920:

The students of Tabor College have no gymnasium; nevertheless the athletic spirit is prevailing among the students and they take active part in the different departments.

Every year Tabor has had a well organized baseball team. Some outside games have been played as well as interclass games, and all proved to be of real interest.

The tennis department improved rapidly and every year a tournament was played, which was of interest to all. This department suffered much with the destruction of our old administration building and the year following very little tennis was played. This year the department is again getting back to its former place.

None of the departments, however, has gained as much as basketball. Every year teams have been played between high school, city, and other teams. The department has been able to rent the high school's gymnasium for the last three years and this has helped much in the development of basketball.<sup>9</sup>

Peter C. Hiebert brought out the idea that athletic contests were tolerated during this period. There still were those who objected to them.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>8</sup>Interview, Peter E. Schellenberg, April, 1960.

<sup>9</sup>Blue Jay, 1916-20, p. 154.

<sup>10</sup>Interview, Peter C. Hiebert, March, 1960.



## II. THE NEW SPIRIT 1920 TO 1930

In the 1920's a new spirit in favor of athletics began to make itself felt. This new spirit was a result of the completion of a new administration building to replace the former one, which had burned down a few years earlier, and a larger student body.<sup>11</sup> As early as 1916, an athletic board, composed of faculty members and several students, was formed to direct the various athletic events. The purpose of the Tabor College athletic board according to the Blue Jay of 1930, was as follows:

Its fundamental purpose is to provide for the necessary facilities to promote physical betterment through exercise. Besides this, the board also endeavors to urge our school on into participation in intercollegiate athletics. Owing to much opposition of our creed, we must most regretfully say, the latter has not yet been accomplished. It is, however, quite certain that the sectarian block to Tabor's athletic progress will soon be removed and the college will compete with neighboring institutions in football, basketball, and track. Another great difficulty in promoting athletics has been the lack of funds. Yet, despite this handicap, the board has provided a gymnasium with various equipment for physical training, basketball, volleyball, and two tennis courts and baseball, and track equipment.<sup>12</sup>

The term "intercollegiate athletics," was used for the first time during the late 1920's. This indicates that athletic events at Tabor College were gaining a foothold.

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<sup>11</sup>Loc. cit.

<sup>12</sup>Blue Jay, 1930, p. 78.

The Y. M. C. A., organized in 1910, was in charge of the athletic events of the students. The Y. M. C. A. athletic department performed the following functions as described in the 1930 annual:

The threefold purpose of the Y. M. C. A. is to develop the spirit, the mind and the body. It has been the aim of the athletic department to furnish and to control with the aid of the faculty, physical training, exercise and other wholesome athletic activities, each in its appropriate season, for the development of the body, for recreation, and for entertainment. The department uses its influence in promoting the athletic phase of college life, and by so doing creates a closer feeling of fellowship among the students of the school.

During the winter months the department secured the use of the High School gymnasium for two evenings a week. Here the students received their exercise in games of basketball. Furthermore, the students have been given the privilege of using a room in the basement floor of the college building for handball. In this way the needful exercise has been kept up even during the coldest season when outside activity was impossible.

Considering the handicapped condition of this department as to finances, physical training has by no means been neglected. It is hoped that in the future Tabor will have an Athletic Association with a competent staff of officers to carry on the work of financing a system of training for the students and faculty and also be instrumental in the erection of a gymnasium, which is so needed.<sup>13</sup>

The spirit of athletics was beginning to take hold during the 1920's. The following statements recorded in The Taborite summarize the athletic program for the years 1923 to 1925:

Believing as that terse Kansas editorialist W. A. White does, that interscholastic games "arouse combative,

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<sup>13</sup>Blue Jay, 1923, p. 110.

contentious and partisan instincts so deeply that other instincts and interests have a second place." Tabor College has not taken an interest in interscholastic athletics until now, but has maintained a policy in athletic activities which will enable a proper physical development, which will develop an amiable spirit of competition among the various classes, and which will give each individual a proper amount of recreation, without detracting from his real educational interests.

The three games receiving most attention are baseball, basketball, and tennis. In the opening months of school an interesting and closely contested series of interclass baseball games was scheduled in which the Freshman-Junior team proved to be superior. During the winter months intense interest was aroused by the interclass basketball tournament, which was held on the new gymnasium floor. Considerable dexterity and skill was developed among the individual players and the four classes all had very good teams. The Freshman proved to be the champions. In the spring months the ardor for the athletic activities is usually received, and very much interest is shown in the Arbor Day sports. The Seniors won the track meet on that day. The four tennis courts are usually occupied during nice weather. As a whole the athletics of Tabor College, while having been kept back somewhat by low finances, have been conducted satisfactorily and have been marked by a gradual progress both in interest shown by the students and in the facilities for exercise.<sup>14</sup>

During the 1920's, with a renewed spirit and interest among students and faculty in athletics, a gymnasium became a reality. Then Tabor College finally had its own gymnasium! It was built by the faculty and students. It was eighty-six feet long and forty-four feet wide. This was a great improvement to the campus; and, with some alteration, it has served the school up to the present day.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>14</sup>The Taborite, 1925, p. 107.

<sup>15</sup>Tabor College Catalogue, 1926-27, p. 13

Athletics at Tabor College began to take a different outlook as can be seen by the following comments from the 1927 Taborite:

With the hiring of a coach and physical director, Tabor College athletics are taking on new demensions and renewed life. The laissez faire in athletics of previous years had in the main been the cause of their improper functioning and the main source for the wide-spread dissatisfaction among our students.

It is true that the inauguration of a new system involves difficulties, nevertheless, coach Schellenberg's work has met with creditable success. He met with the men's physical training classes several times a week and a fine demonstration which they gave at the symposium was evidence of their extraordinary agility, and skill.

Besides gymnastics, an able, smooth working, basketball squad was also developed. Out of eight games played with outside teams, but two were won. For next year, however, prospects are favorable for an excellent team.<sup>16</sup>

During the early years of the school, physical training classes were held occasionally; but it was not a required subject in the course of study. However, since 1929, "physical training is required of all students during the freshman and sophomore years. If it is not taken, then it must be made up later."<sup>17</sup> If a student is enrolled in a physical training class, he may be permitted to substitute, at the recommendation of the coaches, the sport which is in season for his physical training requirement.<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>16</sup>The Taborite, 1927, p. 85

<sup>17</sup>Tabor College Catalogue, 1929-30, p. 32.

<sup>18</sup>Ibid., p. 48.

In the late 1920's great enthusiasm was aroused for Tabor teams to compete with other teams in the neighboring towns and schools. The period from 1925 to 1929 was the high point in the athletic program before the intercollegiate program came into being at Tabor College. However, something happened to dampen the spirit; and this can be seen in the following statement, as recorded in the 1930

Blue Jay: student body and program

In spite of the optimism evinced by our writers in recent years, the progress of athletics to higher standards has been greatly retarded and the condition at present is hardly all that could be desired. During the beginning of the school year, great enthusiasm was aroused temporarily by the resolve to innovate the playing of football, but unfortunately, perhaps for lack of the necessary organization and material, the enthusiasm died down as suddenly as it was aroused. Also the showing for the physical training classes at first was very inspiring, but gradually the interest has been declining and now the number that report regularly is very meager. In baseball also, although the material is exceptionally good and the equipment is all that is needed, the impetus seems to be lacking.

In spite, however, of those discouragements we can point with pride to the very creditable performance of our cagers considering the handicaps under which they have labored. Their courage and perseverance have enabled them to win five out of the nine games played, losing only to the best teams that the vicinity could put forth. Taking everything into consideration this showing reflected credit on the men who are vitally connected with these successes.<sup>19</sup>

### III. PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY AND FINALLY SUCCESS,

at Tabor, 1930 TO 1944

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<sup>19</sup>Blue Jay, 1930, p. 79

The years of the 1930's were a period of unexpected events. Tabor College closed down during the depression in 1933-34. The Mennonite Brethren Conference at its regular convention voted to take over the financial obligations and control of Tabor College and elected a new Board of Education.

Tabor College carried on its program as it had previously, although not as intensively. Abraham E. Janzen, former student, teacher and president, made this general comment:

Athletic contests during the 1930's and early 1940's were strictly on an intramural basis. Many interesting games of intramural basketball were played by teams representing the different states.<sup>20</sup>

In the early 1940's Tabor had a wonderful program of gymnastics, but there were some of the students who were pressing for the school to participate in intercollegiate athletics. The gymnastic program was very well organized as described in the 1942-43 Tabor College Catalogue:

A number of exhibitions and competitions in rhythmic exercises, and acrobatic stunts; handbalancing, box vaulting, high box, and parallel bar stunts, spring boards and mat tumbling, pyramids, and weight-lifting are staged each semester. Champion performers have been awarded trophies presented by Dr. G. S. Klassen of the City.<sup>21</sup>

Peter E. Schellenberg states that the two most influential reasons for the starting of intercollegiate athletics at Tabor College were:

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<sup>20</sup>Interview, Abraham E. Janzen, July, 1960.

<sup>21</sup>Tabor College Catalogue, 1942-43, p. 20.

(1) Pressure by the students, and (2) the fact that many of the students who were now attending Tabor had previously participated in high school athletics and were very anxious to continue in intercollegiate athletics.<sup>22</sup>

Although not any one fact can be said to be the most influential, these two factors did play a great part in the development of the intercollegiate athletic program at Tabor College. This agrees with the known fact that students were first to initiate intercollegiate athletics in the United States in 1863.<sup>23</sup>

Since the students came to Tabor College from various communities and backgrounds, the influence of the athletic activities of the high schools reflected in a changed attitude of the parents. This helped to change the attitudes regarding participation in athletics of many within the constituency of the Mennonite Brethren Church. As was stated before, many of the original supporters were farmers and rural people; and, through the years, this too has changed. As more people moved to the cities, the parents came to a better knowledge of why their children needed to take part in some athletic activity in school. Through the years it was assumed that the church members did not want any athletics; but, as was

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<sup>22</sup>Interview, Peter E. Schellenberg, April, 1960.

<sup>23</sup>Devbold Van Dalen, Elmer Mitchell, and Bruce Bennent, A World History of Physical Education (New York: Prentice Hall, Inc., 1953), p. 399.

pointed out, with urbanization there had to be something for their children to do. Athletics is now the accepted thing in most communities where the Mennonite Brethren people live, as well as in other communities.<sup>24</sup>

Those who wanted to take part in an intercollegiate program were mostly interested in basketball. Basketball, baseball and tennis had been the favorite sports in which there had been participation through the years. According to Abraham E. Janzen:

Some students took the initiative to petition the president of the school to allow the school to participate in basketball games with other colleges. A statement was finally given at the end of the year, 1941, permitting only intramural athletics. Although this was followed for a few years, some of the students on their own arranged games with other colleges and town teams.<sup>25</sup>

It was not until 1944 that the cry for intercollegiate athletics came to a high point. Vernon R. Wiebe, former student, coach and presently a teacher at Tabor College, made these general comments concerning the students action in 1944. Several of the students who were vitally interested in having a program of intercollegiate athletics asked the president of the school if they could have a hearing with a faculty committee concerning intercollegiate athletics. This was granted, and about ten students and the faculty committee met and discussed the various problems of intercollegiate

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<sup>24</sup>Interview, Peter E. Schellenberg, April, 1960.

<sup>25</sup>Interview, Abraham E. Janzen, July, 1960.



athletics at Tabor College.<sup>26</sup> Permission was granted, but the faculty committee said that this period would be one of experimentation and the report would have to go to the board of education for its approval. The faculty committee acted cautiously and deliberately in order not to create too much publicity concerning the intercollegiate athletic program at Tabor College. So it was in the winter of 1944 that Tabor College played its first intercollegiate basketball game.<sup>27</sup>

#### IV. SUMMARY

The intercollegiate program at Tabor College was slow in developing. From the beginning of Tabor, the students participated in some kind of athletic activity throughout the year. The Y. M. C. A. was the sponsor of the recreational life of the students for a number of years. In the 1920's an athletic council, made up of faculty and student members, was formed; and a better organized program of athletics was carried out. By 1928 it looked as if an intercollegiate athletic program would begin. But, mainly because of the lack of funds, the expected program could not be carried out. During the depression Tabor had to close because of the economic conditions, but it was soon reorganized. For a number of years, Tabor was operated on a junior college level

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<sup>26</sup>Interview, Vernon R. Wiebe, June, 1960.

<sup>27</sup>Peter E. Schellenberg, April, 1960.

because of financial problems. After operating again on a four-year level, some students in the early 1940's organized on their own and began to play teams from other towns. The students and the faculty had a hearing in 1943 concerning an intercollegiate athletic program at Tabor College, but a decision stating that a few games could be played was not reached until the end of the school year. In the winter of 1944, several games of basketball were played with other schools on a trial basis. This opened the door for an intercollegiate athletic program at Tabor College.

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## CHAPTER III

### COMPARISON OF CHURCH RELATED COLLEGES

A questionnaire was sent to four colleges to help supplement the material already gathered and to show specifically how church related colleges similar to Tabor College began their intercollegiate athletic program.

The following nine questions were asked the Athletic Directors of Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio; Bethel College, Newton, Kansas; Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana; and Hesston Junior College, Hesston, Kansas. The intercollegiate athletic program did not start until the 1950's at Goshen College and Hesston Junior College; therefore, some of the questions were left out.

### QUESTIONNAIRE

1. When did your intercollegiate athletic program begin?

Bethel: The first official intercollegiate athletic events occurred in the school year 1914-15. Although records indicate that unsponsored games were played in 1908 with the high schools in the area.

Bluffton: In 1922 we had our first full time Athletic Director, prior to that fragmentary, a local Dr. Steiner was coach for track. Various faculty members helped coach the intramural program.

Goshen: In 1957 our program began.

Hesston: In the fall of 1956, basketball and baseball, fall of 1962 soccer, spring of 1963 track, and spring of 1964 tennis and golf.

2. What were some factors that brought it about?

Bethel: Student pressure was the major factor in turning the tide in favor of an athletic program. Several faculty members sided with the students. Athletic events were sponsored by the high schools in the area and this created considerable interest. Also as the high school graduates came to college they applied pressure.

Bluffton: The growth in the student body brought it about.

Goshen: The two factors that brought it about were: (1) increased student body, with more men who had high school experience. (2) Recognition that physical education majors needed this experience.

Hesston: Interschool did not come from undue pressure from the students. The faculty felt that it was time to move into an interschool program. So the basic thrust came from faculty interest.

3. Did cultural changes in your city or state have a part in developing your program?

Bethel: The general attitude toward athletics changed, which had its impact.

Bluffton: I would say yes, in that students had been exposed to more games in high school, plus formation of a league to give composure and stability.

Goshen: Cultural changes in our city and state did not have a part in this.

Hesston: Our students come largely from 25-28 states. In most areas of our church our young people were becoming quite active and in interschool High School ball. We felt that since it was becoming an accepted idea in our constituent group, we would be able to move ahead in an intercollegiate program without too much opposition. We still have much more criticism from a "few" areas concerning shorts (basketball) than concerning interschool.

4. Were there any religious changes in your city, community or state which brought about your intercollegiate athletic program?

Bethel: None that I am aware of other than the general recognition that athletics were not as bad as pictured. Also, the fact that more and more sons became interested in athletics and took part. This had its effect on the fathers.

Bluffton: Our ministers did not give too much encouragement and at one time we had to discontinue football. Finances came from student fee and gate receipts. There was no college budget, as such.

Goshen: Cultural changes taking place in the Old Mennonite church, especially urbanization was a definite factor.

5. What type of activities were carried on before the intercollegiate athletic program began at your school?

Bethel: Records indicate that a football team had organized in 1896. They played intersquad games usually at twilight or even after dark. This was to avoid detection as much as possible and keep outside interest to a minimum. In 1901 the faculty set up rules to govern football at Bethel. Un-sponsored basketball and baseball games were played with the high schools in the area. These were the activities of the physical education program such as it was.

Bluffton: Before, and during the intercollegiate program, (early) Hiking Club-Women, Volleyball-Men and Women, Softball and Baseball, all forms of activity and Tumbling.

Goshen: Strong physical education and intramural program of a comprehensive nature.

Hesston: We had a strong physical education and intramural program, that was quite well accepted by the better athletes.

6. Were there any cultural or religious changes during the last 50 or 60 years which brought about a change in your intercollegiate program?

Bethel: The change to acceptance of the program was and still is a gradual one. We still have those people in the very conservative areas of Canada and smaller settlements of the United States that are reluctant in accepting the program. The founders looked at it with indifference and some opposition. As their sons participated, the movement to accept the program was started. As the third generation entered college, the program had little general opposition. With the fourth generation, we now face the problem of a program that would extend aid to athletics and in general more pressure on winning.

Bluffton: There was a bit more tolerance.

7. Was there any faction in your constituency which hindered the beginning of your intercollegiate program? If so, generally why? When?

Bethel: The major objection came from the church leaders who found it difficult to reconcile athletics with their religious views. Hard physical work was the order of the day and athletics was play, and therefore considered a waste of time.

Bluffton: To some extent yes, but it was present also in the field of Religion, we not only had to discontinue football for a while but a bunch of "Elders" swooped in one term to give an ultimatum to fire the teacher of Religion in the early 1920's.

Goshen: Yes, there was a faction, older board of education members who were over 50 years of age. From 1950 to 1957 during which time we had the facilities for an intercollegiate program, but not the permission to play other schools. Also, the eastern section of our church located in Pennsylvania and Virginia opposed participation in high schools as well as in college. The eastern section of our church frowned upon the mode of dress in basketball as well as considering participation before crowds as worldly.

Hesston: Interschool was frowned upon by our total constituency, due to the puritanical concept of play and worldly amusements. Several

small conservative groups resisted change (strongly). It was finally decided by the school that the small local minority, should not be the sole determiner of school policy.

8. What effect did World War I, the Depression and World War II, have on your program?

Bethel: War conditions made it necessary to discontinue football in 1918-22. The other activities were sponsored with a limited schedule. During World War II, the athletic program was carried on. The male enrollment did drop a little during the first World War, but this was not the case in 1943-45.

Bluffton: In World War I the boys were not around. World War II, there were 17 boys in College, all 4F, but we played football and doubled up playing our schools near by. We used men not in College for opponents to make games possible.

9. Did your intercollegiate program flourish during the 1920's?

Bethel: Our athletic program flourished during the 1920's. A Letter Club was organized in 1920. Bethel ranked high in Kansas Conference basketball, placing second in 1923-24. Football was revived in 1922. Homecoming was inaugurated in 1923. A number of athletics received conference recognition in both football and basketball.

Bluffton: The program was maintained. It had a unifying effect on the campus, but schedules were fragmentary. To maintain the program players had to furnish most of their equipment. During this period we built a track and added other improvements.

This questionnaire helps to point out many similar facts related to the Tabor-College situation as far as the development of the intercollegiate athletic program was concerned. The influence of the students was a definite factor in the beginning of the intercollegiate programs in

that many more were participating in high school athletics. Also, the change in American society, that is, the emigration from rural areas to the city, was a factor. The opposition to the programs in all the schools was quite similar.

It can be concluded that the beginning of the inter-collegiate program at Tabor College was similar to other church related colleges.

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## CHAPTER IV

### INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FROM THE WINTER OF 1944 TO THE SPRING OF 1960

In the fall of 1944, Tabor College finally achieved the goal which had been envisioned a number of years before. Although the first year was to be a period of experimentation, Tabor performed well in the events in which it participated. Basketball was the first intercollegiate sport. Tennis and track were added in the spring of 1947, and baseball entered the program in the spring of 1948. The year, 1948, also was distinguished by the hiring of Tabor's first coach, Abe Ediger. Previously, faculty members, upperclassman or older students served as supervisors of the athletic program.<sup>1</sup>

As the years went by, Tabor increased the number of games and colleges played. Several junior colleges were played through the years in basketball, but the scheduling of junior college teams was discontinued in 1955. Since then, only four-year colleges have been played. Interest varied with each sport over the years, with basketball and baseball creating the most interest.

Tabor made its first road trip to Nebraska during the 1950-51 season. Since then, it has become an annual affair.

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<sup>1</sup>Interview, Vernon R. Wiebe, June, 1960.

The constituency during this period became more understanding of an athletic program at Tabor College. The urbanization in the United States had been going on for quite some time, and the Mennonite Brethren constituency had followed this trend. Many of the parents in the late forties and early fifties were former students and alumni of Tabor College, and they sent their sons and daughters to Tabor College. These parents had a better understanding of the role of physical education in the over all educational program than their parents before them; thus, intercollegiate athletics was recognized as being a part of the school program. More students than before were coming from high schools where athletics was the accepted thing.

Coach Abe Ediger gave an outline of the program at the College:

The purpose of the athletic department at Tabor is to provide forms of activity within the school that will interest and appeal to the students and at the same time develop mental and physical coordination. If we are to contribute to the development of various activities and interests, our purpose is to do it in such a manner that the effects will be of use, not only in the school, but outside of the school as well. An understanding and a favorite attitude towards sports must then be developed and created. This has been done to a great extent here at Tabor in the last year or so. It is evident that more attention will be given to sports in the future. Those who seem to be in doubt should see the changes made in the gymnasium. (In fact everyone concerned should take time to visit the gym at least twice a week for his or her own good.) It is safe to predict that in the near future, the sports program here will be up to par with that of other schools.

Our purpose is to establish an intramural program that will be beneficial to all connected with the school; this includes the faculty. At the present time, prep-

arations are being made for a basketball tournament. To participate we will establish a basketball team which will compete with surrounding schools beginning in December and continuing through February. Since our purpose is to develop a friendly relationship with neighboring colleges, it is expected that favorable attitudes towards these colleges will be established through sports. It may interest some of you that surrounding schools have a desire to know us better. There is much to be done, but the trend seems to be in the right direction.

To educate, to correct habits and attitudes, and develop in skills and abilities, may serve as a foundation for other training as received at Tabor College.<sup>2</sup>

Another statement which showed the philosophy of Tabor College is found in the 1951 Blue Jay.

Athletics determine part of the development of Christian character. To fulfill its obligation towards the development of Christian character, Tabor College has adopted an intercollegiate as well as an intramural athletic program. Healthy bodies, strong characters and clean sportsmanship are developed in those who participate in clean competition. It has been said, "that a man's character can be determined by the way he participates in sports".

We hope that we have attained the goal set for Christian sportsmanship through the activities carried on this year.<sup>3</sup>

The program of intercollegiate athletics was firmly established by the end of 1955, and Tabor's program had been very satisfactory under the existing conditions.

#### THE YEAR OF 1944-45

Basketball. Since this was the first year Tabor was competing on an intercollegiate basis, the number of games

<sup>2</sup>Tabor College View, November 21, 1947, p. 4.

<sup>3</sup>Blue Jay, 1951, p. 64.

was limited because this was a period of experimentation. Two games with Sterling College, two with a town team and one with a high school team were played. Tabor won three of these games, while losing two. The upset of the year was the overtime victory over the Inman Wheatshockers. Most of the players were freshman and sophomores.

Professor John Fadenrecht, head of the Education Department, was the director of physical education; and Dick Neufeld, business manager, was coach and had charge of the team.

Basketball proved to be the most popular sport on the Tabor Campus this year. The material reporting for competitive basketball was ideal.....

Although the majority of the fellows coming out were inexperienced, their enthusiasm and good sportsmanship proved them worthy of carrying the Gold and Royal Blue Banner.<sup>4</sup>

#### THE YEAR OF 1945-46

Basketball. Tabor had several players back from last year's team, but several key players did not return. Under the leadership of the Reverend Isaac Willems, the Blue Jays did well for the season.

Tabor played five intercollegiate basketball games this year. The squad had a relatively good year; it won three and lost two games. It also played some independent team games, which gave some favorable publicity to one

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<sup>4</sup>Blue Jay, 1945, p. 63.

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### THE YEAR OF 1946-47

Several new things happened which were encouraging to the intercollegiate program. First of all, the Tabor College Athletic Club was formed to help promote the intercollegiate program. The gymnasium was to be enlarged to help better facilitate the participants, and track and tennis were introduced in the spring of 1947. Two new concrete tennis courts were being built, but these were not completed; although play on one of the new courts was possible.

Basketball proved to be one of the most popular sports on the campus this year. Although the Blue Jay varsity team did not come out on top in the "win and lose" column, they did exceptionally well considering that the majority of the fellows were inexperienced.

Despite a very good start, the Jays were defeated a number of times throughout the season. However, only one of these was a decisive loss, that handed the team by the Wichita U. Freshman, 54-33.

In actual competition, Tabor won two games out of a possible eight-- the first of the season: Tabor 58, Central 38; and the last scheduled tilt: Tabor 47, Sterling 45. The team suffered only one double loss, that to Friends University of Wichita.....<sup>5</sup>

Tennis. During its first year of tennis, Tabor won two matches over Sterling College. Undoubtedly, other matches were played; but the records of them could not be found. Most of the players on this year's team were from the freshman and sophomore classes.

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<sup>5</sup>Blue Jay, 1947, p. 70.

Track. In track, Tabor had one meet with Bethel, Friends and Sterling. Tabor placed third. The facilities which Tabor had were not very conducive to a good track program.<sup>6</sup>

Tabor College Hires First Coach. In the fall of 1947, Tabor College hired its first coach, Mr. Abe S. Ediger. The following comments about Mr. Ediger appeared in the Tabor View (student newspaper).

President Schellenberg has announced the appointment of Abe Ediger, Enid, Oklahoma, as head of the athletic department of Tabor College. Ediger will begin his work in that position at the beginning of the second half of the first semester.

Mr. Ediger, a graduate of Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, has been coaching in an Oklahoma high school since his release from the service.

The 1947-48 basketball schedule has not yet been completed, so the new coach will probably begin his work by completing the roster of games.<sup>7</sup>

In a later issue of the View, Mr. Ediger's background was explained more fully.

A. S. Ediger, recently appointed director of physical education at Tabor College, is a man well suited for his present position, because of his education, his time spent as coach and teacher in Oklahoma high schools, and his years as star basketball player.

Mr. Ediger graduated from Kremlin, Oklahoma, High School after which he attended and graduated from Phillip's University at Enid, majoring in physical education. While here he played three years of basketball and baseball. He later attended Northwestern State, and Oklahoma A. & M. Colleges. While at A. & M. he received special training from Hank Iba, famed basketball coach.

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<sup>6</sup>Blue Jay, 1947, p. 70; and Tabor College View, 1946-47, Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, p. 4.

<sup>7</sup>Tabor College View, November 7, 1947, p. 1.

Ediger taught in Oklahoma high school systems for three years, holding the position of principal of schools during the third year. During this period he also acted as Director of Athletics, coaching basketball, track, and baseball. He taught social science and general science courses, and performed administrative duties in the school.

He then was called to serve in the Air Corps, and received training in navigation and served as Celestial Navigation and instrument flying instructor. He coached a service basketball team composed of former college players for two years during which time he was selected to play on the Air Corps All-Star team at Reno, Nevada.

After his discharge, he was recalled by the U. S. Government as a vocational counsellor to interview personnel and assist them in the clarification and formulation of vocational and educational plans. In 1946 he was granted leave by request to return to Enid due to the illness of his father.<sup>8</sup>

Basketball. This was the first year Tabor was invited to the national A. A. U. tournament in Wichita, where the Blue Jays won one and lost one. The Blue Jays also played a team from Coach Ediger's home town, Kremlin, Oklahoma, winning by a wide margin.

The Tabor College Varsity Basketball team participated in 14 contests during the season, winning six losing eight. The team was composed of freshman and sophomores and was handicapped by inexperience and a late start in fall practice. Coach Abe Ediger found difficulty in arranging practice sessions without conflicting with classes, but the team showed improvement as the season progressed, displaying signs of promise for future seasons.

The Jays split two games series with Sterling and Friends and won two straight from Central College. Two other victories were scored over Freeman and Kremlin. On the losing side, the Jays dropped two each to St. John's of Winfield and Bethel College. Single losses were administered by the Wichita U. Freshman and Mt. Hope Nursery of Wichita in the opening round of the

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<sup>8</sup>Ibid., November 21, 1947, p. 1.

State A. A. U. Tournament.<sup>9</sup>

Tennis. Although the tennis courts were completed for this year's competition; the tennis team was not too successful, as the team did not win any matches. Again, the records did not show the complete season.

Track. Tabor had two track meets this year, with Willis Kleinsasser showing extraordinary ability in track and field. In the Friends and Tabor meet, the hurdles were not run; and Friends was awarded eight points, making the score Friends 65, Tabor 61.

Baseball. In the spring of 1948, Tabor fielded its first intercollegiate baseball team. The material for this season was inexperienced, and not a great deal could be expected of the team for the first year. The results showed that the team won one, lost three and tied one.<sup>10</sup>

THE YEAR OF 1948-49

New Coach Hired--Daniel Neufeld.

Coach Daniel Neufeld, who has received his A. B. at Whittier, California, has for the past two years, been head coach at Freeman Jr. College. Coach Neufeld says, "that one of his weaknesses is that he enjoys himself wherever he is and Tabor College is not an exception. Athletics, he believes should be a part of the Christian character building program." Mr. Neufeld intends not only to win in sports, but also to keep sportsmanship

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<sup>9</sup>Blue Jay, 1948, p. 68.

<sup>10</sup>Bethel College Athletic Record; Blue Jay, 1948, p. 68; and Tabor College Views, Issues of 1947-48, Nos. 4, 5, 11, 13, 14, p. 4.



on a high level.<sup>11</sup>

Basketball. The basketball season for 1948-49 was highlighted by the A. A. U. Tournament at Wichita. In this tournament Tabor was named the outstanding college team, with Bob Vogt being named to the all-tournament team. Tabor's second round victory over the Cessna Bobcats was a great upset and is recorded in the Wichita Eagle taken from the View.

"Wichita Cessna Bobcats, one of the top favorites for the Kansas A. A. U. crown, after winning Naismith and Oklahoma A. A. U. Invitational titles, were jolted rudely out of the running in the 1949 event late Wednesday night at the Forum.

"An unsung Mennonite College of junior rank, Tabor of Hillsboro, proved a gallant bunch of scrappers with an ace of the first rank in Bob Vogt to defeat the Wichita entry, 45-43.

"Vogt scored 25 points in the victory including the winning goal which came in the last few minutes of play. Tabor had a smaller team but was faster and Vogt's scoring of nine goals was downright sensational stuff.

"Tabor amazed the turnout of several hundred by leading Cessna all the first half to lead 26-21 at intermission. However, Cessna came back strong and tied it 29-29 and then forged ahead, holding a three-point lead several times.

"Tabor refused to quit and tied it up 41-41. Cy Sickles put Cessna ahead with three minutes to go, but Tabor quickly tied it and Vogt's winning shot came up a half minute later.

"The victory prevented a Cessna-Augusta rematch, Tabor meeting Augusta in tonight's quarter-finals."<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>11</sup>Tabor College View, October 8, 1948, p. 1.

<sup>12</sup>Tabor College View, March 18, 1949, p. 3.

This victory gave the college good publicity, as all of the games were aired on KFH of Wichita. Another upset earlier in the year was a victory over arch-rival, Bethel College. Tabor ended the season with eleven wins and seven losses.

Tennis. This year's tennis team was composed of several upperclassmen, as well as several freshmen. The tennis team won one and lost two matches according to the records available.

Track. Tabor had a few track meets this year, but no results could be found. Only two lettermen for that year were recorded, W. Kleinsasser and J. Vogt.

Baseball. Although the Tabor team was made up mostly of underclassmen, Tabor completed a successful season in baseball, winning seven, while losing only two.<sup>13</sup>

#### THE YEAR OF 1949-50

Basketball. The Mid-Kansas Conference was formed during the fall of 1949, with Friends University of Wichita, Sterling College and Tabor comprising the league. Tabor ended in a tie with Friends for second place. The team had several starters back from the year before; and the Blue Jays finished the season with eleven wins and six

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<sup>13</sup>Bethel College Athletic Record; and Tabor College View, Issues of 1948-49, Nos. 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, p. 4.

losses, the best record of the school up to this date.

Tennis. The tennis team's record was not too impressive. The squad won only two of the ten matches played.

Track. This season was highlighted by the fine performance turned in by senior Willis Kleinsasser. Tabor had only two meets; and, as yet, track has not the place of interest as does basketball or baseball.

Baseball. Although the baseball team did not win a majority of the games played, the Blue Jays did win the league tournament.<sup>14</sup>

#### THE YEAR OF 1950-51

##### Daniel Unruh Becomes Athletic Director

Son of a Baptist minister in Osceola, Illinois, Daniel W. Unruh of Peoria, Illinois, has been appointed chairman of the department of physical education and director of athletics at Tabor.

Mr. Unruh is completing his studies for the Master Science degree in physical education at Bradley University. During his undergraduate years he excelled as a student leader.<sup>15</sup>

Basketball. This year was the first year Tabor had taken any kind of road trip. A trip to Nebraska, where the team played Concordia Teachers College in basketball, was enjoyed very much.

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<sup>14</sup>Official Basketball Score Book, pp. 4-37; and Tabor College Views, Issues of 1949-50, Nos. 2, 13, 14, 15, 16, p. 4.

<sup>15</sup>Tabor College Bulletin, July, 1950, p. 2.

The Tabor Blue Jays piloted this year by Daniel Unruh were slow in getting started because of lack of experience and the large percentage of freshman on the squad. Although they met tougher competition than in previous years, the team maintained a good percentage of wins over losses.<sup>16</sup>

Tennis. No scores could be found for this year, but these teams were played: St. John's, Sterling, Bethany and Bethel.

Track. No track.

Baseball. The 1951 baseball season was successful as the Blue Jays won five and lost six.<sup>17</sup>

#### THE YEAR OF 1951-52

##### "Our Coach."

The Man chosen for coaching our athletics this year is one, who we feel will fill this position very well.

Coach Hostetter is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University where he completed requirements for his Master's degree last summer. However, he previously took under-graduate work at Messiah Jr. College for the first two years and Greenville College the next two. He was an active member of the Student Government and served as president of numerous organizations. He also was active in sports, lettering in basketball, baseball and track. During the past few years he has played various sports for his town team of Grantham, Pennsylvania. Although this is his first year of coaching we feel confident that he will be one of our best. Beside being head coach and athletic director Coach Hostetter and his wife are house parents at Elm Hall.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>16</sup>Blue Jay, 1951, p. 62.

<sup>17</sup>Official Basketball Score Book, pp. 1-41; and Tabor College View, Issues of 1950-51, Nos. 4, 12, 13, 14, p. 4.

<sup>18</sup>Tabor College View, October 5, 1951, p. 4.

Basketball. This year's squad had several players who had played all four years together and had done much during those four years. Tabor College had one of its most successful seasons, if not the most successful, by winning fifteen and losing only four. Tabor also won the Mid-Kansas Conference, winning four and losing none.

Tennis. Tabor played several matches, but the results of only one of them could be found. Tabor lost to McPherson.

Track. No track.

Baseball. Tabor almost came out with a five-hundred percentage winning five, while losing six for this season.<sup>19</sup>

#### THE YEAR OF 1952-53

##### Wiebe Returns to Alma Mater.

Vernon R. Wiebe an alumnus of Tabor College, will be the new instructor of physical education and director of athletics. Wiebe taught at the Freeman Junior College two years and then continued his studies at the State University of Iowa, where he received his M. A. degree.<sup>20</sup>

Mr. Wiebe is the first Tabor College graduate to return to his Alma Mater in the field of Athletics.

Basketball. Under the leadership of their new coach, Vernon Wiebe, the Blue Jays had a successful season. Most of the players were sophomores and juniors. A trip to Nebraska,

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<sup>19</sup>Official Basketball Score Book; McPherson College Athletic Records; and Tabor College View, Issues of 1951-52, Nos. 11, 12, 13, p. 4.

<sup>20</sup>Tabor College Bulletin, July 1952, p. 3.

where they played Doane and York, was a new and interesting experience for the members of the team.

Tabor's record for this year was a little over the five-hundred mark, with ten wins against nine losses. Tabor tied with Friends for second place in the Mid-Kansas Conference. Tabor was invited to the first annual Moundridge tournament this season and lost the two games the team played.

Tennis. No results or schedules could be found.

Track. Tabor had several meets this year, but records of only one could be found. Tabor did not participate in the Conference meet for this year.

Baseball. This year's team was composed mostly of underclassmen, and the team had only a few experienced players. Tabor finished the year with only three wins and eleven losses.<sup>21</sup>

#### THE YEAR OF 1953-54

Basketball. The Mid-Kansas Conference had a little reshuffling, as Friends withdrew and St. Mary's and Kansas Technical Institute were added to the conference. Tabor tied Sterling for the conference basketball title and lost in a playoff. Tabor took a trip to Arkansas, where the squad

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<sup>21</sup>Bethel College Athletic Record; Letter from Don Peters, July, 1960; Official Basketball Score Book. pp. 6-43; and Tabor College View, Issues of 1952-53, Nos. 12, 13, 14, p. 4.

played Philander Smith College. Tabor won seven and lost thirteen for this year.

Tennis. Tabor had a very successful tennis season. The team won five and lost two and placed second in the Mid-Kansas Conference meet. This year Tabor started an invitational tennis tournament. The G. S. Klassen Memorial Trophy is given each year, and the school which wins it three consecutive years, retains it. Medals are also given. Four teams participated in this year's tournament, and Tabor finished third.

Track. This year the track program was well organized, and Tabor had several meets. Several runners from last year's team returned, and several new men added strength to the team.

Baseball. Tabor finished in last place in the conference, although the team placed second in the conference tournament. During the season Tabor won three games, while losing eleven.<sup>22</sup>

#### THE YEAR OF 1954-55

Basketball. Tabor had a successful season, winning eleven while losing ten. Tabor won the Mid-Kansas Conference title, although losing two games at the Conference tourna-

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<sup>22</sup>Athletic Summary, p. 7; Bethel College Athletic Record; Official Basketball, Baseball, and Tennis Score Books; Tabor College View, Issues of 1953-54, Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, p. 4., and Tabor Invitational Tennis Scores.

ment during the Christmas holidays. Tabor won second place in the Moundridge tournament, losing to Bethel in the finals. Tabor was again invited to the A. A. U. tournament in Wichita, where the squad won the team sportsmanship award and was named the number one college team.

Tennis. Tabor had a successful season, winning four, losing two and tying one. The team was the runner-up in the conference. Tabor placed third in the four-team Tabor Invitational Tournament.

Track. Tabor participated in five meets this year, and the competition was very keen. This year's team was comprised mostly of underclassmen. Tabor placed second in the league meet scoring 52½ points. William Johnson, business manager, took charge of the track team for this year.

Baseball. Tabor split its games for the season, winning seven, while losing seven. Tabor tied Sterling for the conference championship, but won the conference tournament.<sup>23</sup>

#### THE YEAR OF 1955-56

Mid-Kansas Conference Dissolves. The Mid-Kansas Conference dissolved with the closing of Kansas Technical Institute. Since this date, Tabor College has been playing as an independent college team.

<sup>23</sup>Athletic Summary, pp. 1-7; Official Basketball and Baseball Score Books; and Tabor College View, Issues of 1954-55, Nos. 11, 12, 13, p. 4.



Basketball. Tabor had a successful season, winning twelve and losing nine. Tabor finished second in the Moundridge tournament, losing to Bethel in the finals. The Blue Jays were invited to the A. A. U. tournament at Wichita, where the team lost its only game. The season was highlighted by a trip to the East, where Tabor played its sister colleges in Indiana and Ohio. The Blue Jays also played Shimer College on this trip.

Tennis. This year's team was very inexperienced, having only one letterman returning. Tabor did not win any matches, but did give a good account of itself. Tabor finished last in the Tabor Invitational Tennis Tournament.

Track. Tabor performed well, although the squad did not win any meets. The weather was not very conducive to good track meets. In the meet with McPherson, Sterling and Friends, Tabor was defeated.

Baseball. The Blue Jays had several lettermen back from the previous season. Tabor finished with a record of four wins and nine losses, with several freshmen doing a good job during the season.<sup>24</sup>

#### THE YEAR OF 1956-57

Dr. Vernon Wiebe gave a brief philosophy of the athletics and physical education at Tabor College.

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<sup>24</sup>Official Basketball, and Baseball Score Books, Athletic Summary, 1955-56, pp. 1-8., Bethel College Athletic Record, Tabor College View, Issues of 1955-56, Nos. 11, 12, p. 4.

Physical education and athletics are means to an end, not the end themselves. Physical education and athletics are tools, not products; they are methods, not goals; they are servants, not master.

The ultimate end to which physical education and athletics seek to bring man is effective citizenship--in the "Kingdom of Man" while he is here on earth, and in the "Kingdom of God" in the life to come. This effective citizenship entails the best functioning of man's intellectual, social, physical and spiritual faculties--here and now.

Physical education and athletics make us more efficient physically because exercise develops organic vigor. They make us more alert intellectually, because relaxation and recreation rejuvenate the mind for further intellectual pursuits. Physical education and athletics make us more adept socially, because play-fellowship opportunities in a congenial environment produce lasting friendships. And by being physically efficient, intellectually alert, and socially adept we honor God by being the best possible abode for His Spirit.

Physical education and athletics are a force for either good or bad. They do not possess innate qualities for automatically producing moral strength, emotional balance and stability, honesty, courtesy, sportsmanship, et al. They become a force for good only as Christ becomes dynamic in them. The practical outworkings of Christ in physical education and athletics include:

- (a) a continual insistence that human personality is more important than anything else in the gym or on the athletic field,
- (b) a democratic approach to participation through an intramural program which receives as much time, equipment and publicity as the intercollegiate program; and
- (c) a sane intercollegiate program which includes a moderate number of athletic contests, maintains identical admission standards for athletes as for non-athletes, is faculty-controlled, and is dependent entirely upon finances from the regular educational budget of the school.<sup>25</sup>

Basketball. Tabor ended the season on a good note, but the

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<sup>25</sup>Tabor College Bulletin, November, 1957, p. 2.

Blue Jays managed to win only four out of twenty-one games. Tabor lost its two games at the Moundridge tournament and participated in the annual Kansas Conference tournament during the holidays, losing all three of its games. The season was highlighted by a trip to Minnesota. The team played Bethel College of St. Paul and Northwestern of Minneapolis. Tennis. This year's team returned two lettermen and several transfer students. This was a good season for Tabor. The team ended the season with three wins, three losses and one tie. The annual Tabor College Invitational Tournament was rained out.

Track. Tabor participated in three meets this year. Several of the other scheduled meets were rained out.

Baseball. The Blue Jays experienced a very poor season. With the return of only three lettermen, the squad was inexperienced. Tabor won only two games, while losing five. Other games were rained out during the season.<sup>26</sup>

#### Football at Tabor College

#### A Preliminary Study of the Faculty

#### Committee on Athletics

In recent years there has been some agitation for the inauguration of intercollegiate football. This agitation had been largely ignored until the fall of 1956 when it

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<sup>26</sup>Official Basketball, Baseball, and Tennis Score Books; Athletic Summary 1956-57, pp. 7., Tabor College View, 1956-57, Nos. 11, 12, p. 4.

became increasingly clear that a faculty study of football at Tabor should be made.

The need for this study was dictated by (1) increased evidence that Tabor is losing some students who choose other colleges so that they can play football; (2) faculty sentiment that a fall sport would "take off the pressure" which is felt on the campus until the beginning of the basketball season; (3) a continuing demand for intercollegiate football by some of the students; and (4) a growing interest in the constituency in bringing football to the campus.

The faculty committee of athletics then began a preliminary study on the advisability of beginning intercollegiate football at Tabor College.

#### Procedure

It was agreed that the preliminary investigation should center around the football experiences of colleges of Tabor's size and intent. Bethel, McPherson, Bethany, and Sterling Colleges were chosen.

A letter of information was sent to the president, director of athletics and business manager with the following queries:

#### President

1. Does football contribute to your educational program? If so, how?
2. Would you start football if you did not have it? If so, why?
3. Would you stop playing football if you had a chance? If so, why?

#### Director of Athletics

1. Does football contribute to your educational program? If so, how?
2. Would you start football if you did not have it? If so, why?
3. Would you stop playing football if you had a chance to do so? If so, why?
4. How many men reported for football this year?

5. How many were kept on the squad throughout the season?
6. Please list the types and number of major injuries as follows: Type of injury. Number of players.
7. In the event that we decided to play intercollegiate football would you be able to schedule a game with us?

#### Business Manager

1. Does football contribute to your educational program? If so, why?
2. Would you start football if you did not have it? If so, why?
3. Would you stop playing football if you had a chance to do so? If so, why?
4. What is the approximate annual cost of the football program?
5. What is the approximate total gate receipts in your institution?
6. What is the number of full-time men students in your institution?

A reply was received from all of the men to whom the inquiry was sent. The information was tabulated and interpreted to the situation at Tabor College. The following summary and recommendations were reached:

The committee feels that Tabor is not yet ready for football for two reasons:

1. The men student enrollment is too low.
2. The constituency sentiment needs to be studied.

The committee recommends that football be inaugurated at Tabor when there is a larger enrollment of male students, and favorable constituency sentiment.

May 14, 1957

Miss Nikkel  
Wm. Johnson  
M. Kroecker

V. Wiebe<sup>27</sup>

Because of the results of this study, regular football was not inaugurated; but, instead, soccer was instituted at Tabor College in the fall of 1957.

THE YEAR OF 1957-58

Delmar Reimer, Tabor Alumnus, Appointed to Coaching Position.

Mr. Delmar Reimer, A Tabor alumnus from Buhler, Kansas has been appointed to the staff of Tabor College as coach. He has accepted the position as head coach and instructor of physical education which will be vacated by Dr. Vernon R. Wiebe, who will serve as Tabor's dean of students, however, he will remain as head of the physical education department.

Mr. Reimer has been outstanding in basketball, track, and tennis, earning twelve letters in these sports. While attending Buhler High School, where he graduated in 1947, he was co-captain of the basketball team which won first place in the state in 1947. He was selected to the All-State Team. The same year he anchored Buhler's medley relay team in the Kansas University relays in which they placed second. He also took first place in the 880 yard run in the Mid-Kansas League Meet in 1947. While attending Tabor, he was captain of the tennis team during his senior year and co-captain of the basketball team which set Tabor's record of 18 wins and 3 losses.

Since his graduation from Tabor in 1952, Reimer has spent a summer in the University of Wichita, doing graduate work. He spent two years in government service after which he came to Buhler Junior High School where he has served as coach and physical education instructor since 1955<sup>28</sup>

<sup>27</sup>Football at Tabor College, A preliminary Study of the Faculty Committee on Athletics, (Hillsboro, Kansas, 1956-57), pp. 1-5.

<sup>28</sup>Tabor College View, March 1, 1957, p. 1

Soccer. The first season which Tabor participated in soccer on an intercollegiate level was 1957. The team did well by winning two, losing three and tying two games. The team had several students of missionary parents and foreign students as participants. These men proved to be the outstanding players on the team.

Basketball. Under the coaching and leadership of Belmar Reimer in his first year, the Blue Jays won nine games, while losing ten. With only two lettermen back, Coach Reimer had an inexperienced team with which to work; but, as the season developed, the freshman players proved themselves excellent basketball players.

Tennis. The 1958 season was very successful. Tabor lost only two matches, and those to Bethany, while winning four. The team tied for third in the annual Tabor Invitational Tournament. This year's squad had four returning lettermen.

Track. Tabor completed a successful track season in 1958. With Jerry Harder leading the way, the Blue Jays broke many school records. New records were established in all events except the high hurdles, pole vault and the discus throw.

Tabor scored 13 points in the Graceland Relays, and Jerry Harder placed fourth at the Emporia State Relays in the broad jump.

Baseball. Tabor had an inexperienced team with only two players returning from last year. For the season Tabor had a record of two wins and four losses. Several of the games

were rained out.<sup>29</sup>

### THE YEAR OF 1958-59

Soccer. Tabor had a soccer tournament at its home field this year, and the team lost in the finals to Tulsa University. The Blue Jays also went to a tournament in Kansas City, where they lost their first game to the Kansas City Soccer Club and won from Park College in the consolation finals. The season's record was four wins, four losses and two ties.

Basketball. This year Tabor won six, while losing fifteen. The season was highlighted by a trip to Illinois, Indiana and Iowa, where the team played two games, one with Grace-land College and the other with Goshen College. The team was to play another game with Grace College of Winona Lake, Indiana; but one of the cars had an accident on the icy roads and the game had to be cancelled.

Tennis. The Blue Jays placed third in the annual Tabor Invitational Tennis Tournament and finished the season with two wins and six losses. The team had three returning lettermen.

Track. This year's track team had several returning lettermen and several new additions to bolster the squad. Several

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<sup>29</sup>Official Basketball Score Book, Athletic Summary 1957-58, p. 9., Tabor College View, Issues of 1957-58, Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14, p. 4.



school records were established during the season. They were: high jump, javelin, discus, pole vault and the mile relay.

The Tabor mile relay team finished fifth at the Emporia State Relays. The squad tied for fourth at the Ottawa Relays with 16½ points, and Tabor also participated in the Doane Relays in Nebraska.

Baseball. A baseball league was formed with Friends, Bethany, Sterling and Tabor. Tabor finished in third place. The record for the year was five wins and six losses. The rain forced the cancellations of several games.

Tabor had a cross-country meet in the fall with Bethel College losing by a score of 31 to 26. However, this was not an official intercollegiate meet.<sup>30</sup>

#### THE YEAR OF 1959-60

Soccer. This year Coach Reimer looked forward to having a good season with the return of thirteen lettermen and several additional new men. Tabor had its most successful season in soccer by winning eight, losing one and tying one.

Along with the soccer program, Tabor also participated in five cross-country meets. The squad won two from Bethany, split with Friends, and lost to the Emporia State "B" team.

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<sup>30</sup>Athletic Summary 1958-59, pp. 9; Official Basketball Score Book; Tabor College View, Issues of 1958-59, Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, p. 4., Hillsboro Star Journal, April 30, May 7, 1959.

Basketball. The season was highlighted by a trip to South Dakota and Minnesota with Bethel College, where the teams played before members of both school's constituencies. This year's schedule was the heaviest ever played by a Tabor team. The Blue Jays won five games, while losing sixteen.

Tennis. Tabor had three returning lettermen on the squad. Tabor was not too successful; it won only one of the six matches played. The team finished last in the Tabor Invitational Tournament. Several matches were rained out.

Track. The Tabor cindermen of 1960 broke several school records. Those records which were broken were javelin, 880 and 440 yard dash, high jump and the discus. This was Tabor's biggest year in track, as it participated in ten meets. Some team members entered the Emporia State Relays. Tabor finished eighth at the Ottawa Relays this year.

Baseball. Baseball was dropped for this season for the following reasons: (1) financial, (2) too big a spring program and (3) lack of material.<sup>31</sup>

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<sup>31</sup>Athletic Summary 1959-60, p. 9.; Interviews, Marvin Kroeker, Delmar Reimer, and Vernon Wiebe, June, 1960; Official Basketball Score Book 1959-60; Official Tennis Tournament Records; Tabor College View, Issues of 1959-60, Nos. 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, p. 4.

## CHAPTER V

### SUMMARY

The program of intercollegiate athletics at Tabor College could not be started because of the feelings of many members of the constituency who believed that it was wrong for their children to participate in school athletic contests. As the years went by, these supporters came to a better understanding of the values and purposes of the intercollegiate program. Before 1944, the students and many of the faculty members were not against an intercollegiate program; but the constituency was. Before the program of intercollegiate athletics began, the school had a good intramural program; and, during the late 1920's, the program of intramurals reached a high point. Several outside teams were played. They came the closing of the school in the early 1930's; and, following this, the program was held strictly to intramurals.

In 1940 a group of students wanted to have an intercollegiate program; consequently they signed a petition stating their position and sent it to the president. After a delay, it was announced that Tabor College could compete only on an intramural basis, an announcement which was very disheartening to the students. The next few years they played some other colleges and town teams on their own.

In 1944 it was again the students who brought up the question of having an intercollegiate program at Tabor College. Some students asked for a hearing with the president of the school; and, after a meeting with a faculty committee and a few days of waiting, the verdict was that Tabor was to have a limited number of intercollegiate basketball games. The program, at first, was on an experimental basis; and it has subsequently developed into one of the important phases of the school program. A few contests were played at first, but the program has expanded over the years until the competition which Tabor now plays is far superior to those teams played in the beginning. The program began with basketball; then track and tennis came in the spring of 1947, baseball in the spring of 1948 and soccer in the fall of 1957. Although the Tabor teams are behind in the won-lost column, the Blue Jays have given a good account of themselves.

#### CONCLUSION

The program of intercollegiate athletics has added much to the school's scope of interest and has added to the unity of the school. The program at Tabor has given the school a good name, and this has proved to be a good method of furthering the cause of the school.

The development of the intercollegiate athletic program at Tabor College has been similar to other church

related colleges.

It has been pointed out from this study that the records of intercollegiate athletics at Tabor College have been inadequate. It is hoped that this study will be a stimulus for keeping better records of intercollegiate athletics at Tabor College in future years.

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1914-15  
1915-16

Members: A. Ernst  
Loren, V. Wiebe,

Coach -- Mr.  
Assistant --

Sterling  
Sterling  
Loren  
William  
Dennis

Members: E. Corro  
Loren, K. Schmidt,  
and A. Ewert

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Coach --

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Members: E. Corro  
Loren, E. Frans, W. Jensen,  
Gall, M. Fahnehake, H. Ni

Coach -- Eldo

Control  
Sterling  
Friends  
Friends  
Wiebe  
Sterling  
Loren  
Loren

1917-18

Members: M. Gertrud  
Loren, M. Krocker, W. Loren  
Fahnehake, H. Panner

## APPENDIX A

## ATHLETIC SUMMARY

## BASKETBALL

1944-45. Members: A. Ensz, H. Friesen, P. Penner, K. Schmidt, L. Johnson, V. Wiebe, A. Wiens, and P. Wohl-gemuth.

Coach -- Dick Neufeld  
Assistant Coach -- J. H. Fadenrecht

Tabor	59	Sterling	45
"	51	Sterling	34
"	50	Inman Wheatshockers	45 (ot)
"	24	Hillsboro High School	27
"	L	Inman Wheatshockers	W

1945-46. Members: E. Cornelsen, R. Dalke, V. Fast, D. Flaming, J. Klassen, K. Schmidt, H. Vogt, H. Wiebe, V. Wiege, A. Wiens, and A. Ewert manager.

Coach -- Isaac Willems

Tabor	41	Bethel	46
"	38	Sterling	36
"	37	Sterling	21
"	39	Bethel	36
"	40	Central	46

1946-47. Members: E. Cornelsen, R. Dalke, G. Eitzen, V. Fast, D. Flaming, R. Franz, W. Janzen, J. Klassen, M. Kroeker, E. Nachtigall, M. Pahcheka, H. Richert, G. Sawatzky, P. Wohl-gemuth.

Coach -- Eldo Ratzlaff

Tabor	58	Central	38
"	47	Sterling	45
"	29	Friends	37
"	30	Friends	39
"	33	Wichita U. Fr.	54
"	41	Sterling	45
"	36	Central	37
"	37	Luther	40

1947-48. Members: M. Gerbrandt, R. Gerbrandt, M. Janzen, W. Janzen, M. Kroeker, W. Kleinsasser, L. Lange, E. Nachtigall, M. Pahcheka, H. Penner, H. Richert, J. Sawatzky

R. Voth, V. Wiebe, and A. Wiens.

Coach -- Abe Ediger

Tabor	45	Sterling	41
"	28	Sterling	49
"	47	Friends	44
"	36	Friends	47
"	W	Central	L
"	65	Freeman Jr. College	41
"	41	St. John's	45
"	40	St. John's	80
"	43	Bethel	65
"	35	Bethel	51
"	W	Wichita U. Fr.	L
"	L	Mt. Hope Nursery	W

1948-49. Members: W. Kleinsasser, M. Kroeker, E. Regier, D. Reimer, H. Richert, G. Sawatzky, A. Stoez, R. Vogt, H. Wall, D. Warkentin, R. Wiebe, and A. Wiens.

Coach -- Daniel Neufeld

Tabor	80	Manhattan Bible College	49
"	50	Sterling	44
"	35	Bethel	34
"	56	Central	32
"	54	Manhattan Bible College	39
"	45	Friends	47
"	50	Luther	38
"	53	St. John's	44
"	63	Central	33
"	46	Wichita U. Fr.	61
"	59	Sterling	63
"	64	Friends	46
"	50	Bethel	63
"	43	St. John's	46
"	34	Chanute Independents	32
"	45	Cessna Bobcats	43
"	53	Augusta Merchants	60

1949-50. Members: R. Heinrichs, L. Janzen, J. Karber, E. Klassen, W. Kleinsasser, D. Kliever, M. Kroeker, E. Kunkel, A. Nikkel, D. Peters, E. Regier, D. Reimer, K. Unruh, R. Vogt, D. Warkentin, and R. Wiebe.

Coach -- Daniel Neufeld

Tabor	48	Bethany	56
Tabor	95	Kansas	

Tabor	40	Bethel	53
"	43	Sterling	37
"	77	Central	40
"	64	Friends	50
"	58	Sterling	60
"	49	St. John's	42
"	50	Wichita U. Fr.	63
"	43	Wichita U. Fr.	50
"	44	Friends	51
"	38	Bethel	45
"	65	Central	54
"	51	St. John's	37
"	41	Junction City	57
"	60	Bethany	63
"	66	Wichita U. All Stars	45
"	39	McPherson American Legion	53

1950-51. Members: R. Esau, R. Franz, R. Gerbrandt, A. Klassen, F. Klassen, E. Kunkel, D. Peters, E. Regier, D. Reimer, V. Reiswig, R. Schellenber, R. Thomas, R. Vogt, J. Voth, R. Voth, D. Winters, and L. Franz, manager.

Coach -- Dan Unruh

Tabor	42	Bethany	44
"	52	Wichita U. Fr.	70
"	39	Bethel	71
"	41	Northwestern of Alva, Okla.	52
"	42	Concordia	36
"	52	Central	47
"	62	Bethany	71
"	74	Central	52
"	51	Bethel	53
"	56	Concordia	61
"	54	St. John's	51
"	63	Friends	54
"	65	Sterling	72
"	57	Friends	55
"	59	St. John's	53
"	69	Moundridge Co-op	47
"	36	Kiowa Jewlers	49

1951-52. Members: O. Berg, L. Cornelsen, R. Esau, H. Franz, L. Hodel, E. Janzen, F. Klassen, D. Neufeld, D. Peters, H. Plett, D. Reimer, R. Reimer, V. Reiswig, M. Ratzlaff, R. Schellenberg, R. Vogt, D. Warkentin, and R. Winters.

Coach -- Ray Hostetter

Tabor	95	Kansas City Bible College	46
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Tabor	56	Bethany	105
"	63	Bethel	57
"	48	Sam Houston	65
"	79	College of Emporia	68
"	50	St. John's	54
"	77	Sterling	54
"	71	Kansas Tech.	56
"	62	Friends	51
"	53	Bethel	61
"	71	St. John's	56
"	72	Central	37
"	85	Friends	67
"	82	Central	35
"	97	Kansas Tech.	49
"	99	Sterling	72
"	108	Big Chiefs (Industrial team from Hutchinson)	72
"	119	York	71
"	57	Dana	46

1952-53. Members: L. Cornelsen, C. Dahl, H. Franz, G. Friesen, O. Friesen, D. Isaak, D. Janzen, E. Janzen, F. Klassen, A. Kroeker, D. Neufeld, D. Peters, H. Plett, R. Reimer P. Siemens, V. Wiens, C. Wohlgenuth, and N. Franz manager.

Coach -- Vernon Wiebe

Tabor	51	McPherson American Legion	55
"	59	St. John's	64
"	52	Bethel	60
"	67	Bethany	50
"	79	Doane	62
"	81	York	62
"	65	Bethel	70
"	73	Friends	67
"	56	Sterling	72
"	89	Sterling	64
"	100	Central	69
"	68	Luther	54
"	74	Doane	77
"	71	York	76
"	113	Friends	85
"	96	Central	80
"	61	Bethel	66
"	69	McPherson American Legion	80
"	82	St. John's	60

1953-54. Members: D. Derksen, F. Esau, O. Frantz, R. Franz, R. Grauman, R. Heinze, D. Isaak, E. Janzen, L. Kleinsasser, L. Penner, M. Plenert, E. Ortman, E. Suderman.

R. Thomas, J. Unruh, V. Wiens, C. Wohlgemuth, and R. Peters manager.

## Coach -- Vernon Wiebe

Tabor	70	Friends	66	(ot)
"	52	Philander Smith	53	
"	56	McPherson	76	
"	57	Bethany	76	
"	50	Bethel	73	
"	71	Friends	49	
"	46	Sterling	84	
"	68	Philander Smith	75	
"	58	Bethel	83	
"	62	St. John's	79	
"	106	Kansas Tech.	96	(ot)
"	76	St. Mary's	66	
"	65	St. John's	78	
"	56	Central	57	
"	88	Kansas Tech.	73	
"	69	Sterling	64	
"	82	St. Mary's	101	
"	71	St. Mary's	67	
"	54	Sterling	64	
"	41	Sterling	62	

1954-55. Members: J. Braun, W. Braun, W. Decker, F. Esau, J. Flaming, R. Franz, Roger Franz, A. Friesen, G. Gerbrandt, R. Grauman, E. Hagen, W. Issak, L. Kleinsasser, E. Karber, O. Kroeker, L. Penner, R. Schale, H. Seibel, E. Suderman, V. Wiens, K. Yoder, and J. Epp manager.

## Coach -- Vernon Wiebe

Tabor	95	Alumni	72	
"	65	College of Emporia	97	
"	67	Bethel	93	
"	60	McPherson	58	
"	57	Bethel	59	
"	64	Kansas Tech.	83	
"	42	Sterling	61	
"	60	Sterling	54	
"	79	Bethel	102	
"	70	St. John's	68	
"	75	St. Mary's	63	
"	68	Kansas Tech.	66	
"	78	Sterling	73	(ot)
"	64	Concordia	79	
"	64	Dana	78	
"	70	Kansas Tech.	78	



Tabor	71	St. Mary's	54
"	62	Brooks Farm Supply of Augusta	72
"	42	The Sports of Chanute	31
"	71	Boeing Bombers	98
"	67	Concordia	58

1955-56. Members: W. Braun, W. Decker, R. Franz, A. Friesen, R. Gaede, R. Grauman, D. Harms, W. Isaak, J. Klassen, L. Kleinsasser, D. Kornelsen, L. Ollenburger, R. Pankratz, L. Penner, L. Schultz, H. Seibel, L. Senner, G. Steinle, E. Suderman, L. Thiessen, J. Thomas, A. Wichert, R. Wähert, O. Kroeker, manager, and R. Gerbrandt manager.

Coach -- Vernon Wiebe

Tabor	72	Alumni	53
"	67	Concordia	58
"	41	Bethany	40
"	52	Bethel	68
"	68	Wichita U. Fr.	81
"	56	College of Emporia	69
"	93	St. Mary's	68
"	80	Kansas City U.	88
"	72	Sterling	49
"	58	Bethel	66 (ot)
"	70	Concordia	83
"	88	Central	54
"	86	Kansas City U.	67
"	69	Sterling	51
"	84	Shimer	58
"	63	Goshen	68
"	54	Bluffton	58
"	76	St. Mary's	74
"	83	Central U. Fr.	64
"	83	Northwestern, Minn.	64
"	48	Newton Holstine Chevrolets	61

1956-57. Members: E. Bartel, J. Balzer, W. Braun, D. Faul, R. Gaede, D. Harms, W. Isaak, D. Kornelsen, K. Kroeker, A. Kunkel, L. Kleinsasser, L. Ollenburger, R. Neufeld, L. Penner, J. Tschetter, D. Stahl, C. Unruh, J. Hofer, manager, A. Schultz manager, and D. Wiebe statistician.

Coach -- Vernon Wiebe  
Assistant Coach -- Marvin Kroeker

Tabor	55	Wichita U. Fr.	69
"	61	Bethel	72
"	55	Bethany	57

Tabor	60	Friends	77	
"	71	Bethany	73	
"	61	Goshen	90	
"	50	Goshen	76	
"	71	College of Emporia	79	
"	78	Friends	81	(ot)
"	62	Baker	96	
"	76	College of Emporia	87	
"	64	Sterling	81	
"	58	Concordia	64	
"	65	Bethel	89	
"	79	Sterling	60	
"	62	Kansas City U.	73	
"	85	Park	61	
"	69	St. Mary's	52	
"	70	Bethel, Minn.	86	
"	82	Northwestern, Minn.	87	
"	96	St. Mary's	70	

1957-58. Members: J. Balzer, F. Bergen, C. Dahl, W. Dalke, D. Faul, Jim Franz, John Franz, R. Gaede, D. Janzen, R. Johnson, G. Neufeld, J. Neufeld, R. Neufeld, L. Ollenburger, M. Plenert, C. Ratzlaff, C. Wichert, D. Wiebe, N. Willems, R. Funk, manager, L. Neufeld manager, and D. Wiebe statistician.

Coach -- Delmar Reimer  
Assistant Coach -- Marvin Kroeker

Tabor	42	Bethel	51	
"	43	McPherson	70	
"	59	Friends	58	
"	64	Bethel	70	
"	64	Bethany	86	
"	55	Wichita U. Fr.	90	
"	83	Park	75	
"	60	Bethel	74	
"	60	Grace, Ind.	58	
"	65	St. Mary's	58	
"	58	Sterling	61	
"	71	Sterling	63	(ot)
"	75	York	77	(ot)
"	53	Kansas City U.	65	
"	78	Park	61	
"	62	St. Mary's	60	
"	69	Kansas City U.	65	
"	67	Wichita U. Fr.	91	
"	75	York	49	

1958-59. Members: F. Bergen, C. Dahl, W. Dalke, J. Dick, Jim Franz, John Franz, E. Friesen, L. Friesen, R.

Gaede, H. Hiebert, L. Isaac, G. Neufeld, G. Nachtigall, L. Ollenburger, M. Schroeder, J. Thomas, D. Wiebe, N. Willems, R. Funk manager, and W. Neufeldt statistician.

Coach -- Delmar Reimer  
Assistant Coach -- Marvin Kroeker

Tabor	71	Alumni	48
"	59	Phillips U.	74
"	77	McPherson	88
"	50	Bethany	75
"	66	McPherson	92
"	71	Friends	73
"	49	Bethel	61
"	50	Bethany	81
"	49	Friends	59
"	79	St. Mary's	48
"	58	Sterling	65
"	78	Bethel	80
"	62	Graceland	73
"	60	Goshen	72
"	50	Phillips U.	60
"	76	McPherson	92
"	59	Sterling	64
"	85	York	56
"	73	St. Mary's	69
"	87	York	67
"	89	Park	70

1959-60. Members: E. Barkman, W. Dahl, W. Dalke, G. Enns, Jim Franz, John Franz, E. Friesen, L. Friesen, A. Hiebert, L. Isaac, L. Leppke, L. Klassen, G. Nachtigall, P. Plett, L. Regier, D. Schmatjen, D. Shewey, A. Suderman, N. Willems, D. Baltzer manager, and W. Neufeldt statistician.

Coach -- Delmar Reimer  
Assistant Coach -- Marvin Kroeker

Tabor	70	Alumni	56
"	57	Phillips U.	72
"	55	McPherson	74
"	32	Bethel	41
"	52	McPherson	67
"	54	Friends	62
"	73	National	50
"	49	Bethel	42
"	36	Bethel	42
"	78	Evangel	77
"	63	St. Mary's	79
"	57	Bethel	72

Tabor	52	College of Emporia	63
"	78	McPherson	89
"	64	Phillips U.	90
"	72	National	56
"	65	Evangel	79
"	63	St. Mary's	71
"	43	Southwestern	49
"	55	Kansas Wesleyan	57
"	84	Sterling	68

## TENNIS

1947. Members: V. Fast, W. Fast, A. Franz, J. Franz, H. Hildebrandt, J. Janzen, D. Hauffman, A. Kliever, M. Kliever, W. Kroeker, P. Lange, H. Richert, E. Sawatzky, J. Siemens, and H. Wall.

Coach -- Eldo Ratzlaff

Tabor	4	Sterling	3
"	5	Sterling	4

1948. Members: W. Bartel, W. Braun, D. Gaede, R. Hershey, M. Kroeker, D. Penner, B. Ratzlaff, G. Sawatzky, F. Ediger, and J. Vogt.

Coach -- Abe Ediger

Tabor	2	Friends	4
"	3	Bethel	6
"	2	Bethel	4

1949. Members: E. Boldt, L. Feil, R. Hershey, M. Kroeker, B. Ratzlaff, D. Reimer, J. Reimer, G. Sawatzky, and J. Vogt.

Coach -- Daniel Neufeld

Tabor	1	Friends	8
"	7	Bethel	2
"	2	Bethel	4

1950. Members: A. Ewert, L. Feil, R. Hershey, D. Penner, D. Reimer, and J. Vogt.

Coach -- Daniel Neufeld

Tabor	4	Sterling	3
"	0	Friends	9

Tabor 0

McPherson

9

1951. Members: A. Ewert, R. Hershey, D. Karber, D. Reimer, and R. Schellenberg.

Coach -- Dan Unruh

No scores could be found for this year, but these teams were played: St. John's, Sterling, Bethany, and Bethel.

1952. Members: H. Franz, D. Reimer, R. Reimer, and R. Schellenberg.

Coach -- Ray Hostetter

Tabor had the following teams scheduled: Bethany, Bethel, Friends, and McPherson; but no results have been found except one and in this contest Tabor lost to McPherson.

1953. Members: C. Dahl, J. Epp, H. Franz, and G. Herbel.

Coach -- Vernon Wiebe

No schedule or results could be found.

1954. Members: L. Braun, C. Dahl, J. Ebel, J. Epp, H. Franz, R. Franz, J. Gaede, and D. Kliewer.

Coach -- Vernon Wiebe

Tabor	9	Friends	0
"	6	McPherson	1
"	2	Bethany - Princes	6
"	5	McPherson	2
"	6	Friends	1
"	8	Bethel	0
"	3	Sterling	6

Tabor placed third in the Tabor Invitational Tournament.

1955. Members: J. Braun, L. Braun, J. Ediger, J. Epp, H. Friesen, R. Franz, J. Gaede, E. Klassen, D. Kliewer, and M. Wiebe.

Coach -- Vernon Wiebe

Tabor	5	McPherson (tie-darkness)	5
"	7	Bethel	2
"	1	Sterling	7

Tabor also played: Friends, Sterling, McPherson, and Bethany, but no results could be found.

1956. Members: J. Ebel, R. Gaede, R. Gerbrandt, R. Hamm, L. Ollenburger, and D. Kornelsen.

Coach -- Vernon Wiebe

Tabor	L	McPherson	W
"	L	Sterling	W
"	L	Bethany	W
"	4	Bethel	5
"	L	College of Emporia	W
"	L	Sterling	W
McPherson	9	Bethel	6
		Tabor	3

Tabor was last in this year's Invitational Tennis Tournament.

1957. Members: R. Gaede, L. Hamm, R. Hamm, J. Heidebrecht, T. Nickel, and R. Wall.

Coach -- Vernon Wiebe

Tabor	1	Bethel	6
"	2	Bethany	5
"	3	Sterling	2 (rain)
"	5	College of Emporia	2
"	0	McPherson	7
"	5	Bethel	4
"	3	Sterling	3 (rain)

1958. Members: L. Braun, M. Friesen, H. Dick, P. Dick, R. Gaede, R. Hamm, and T. Nickel.

Coach -- Delmar Reimer

Tabor	6	College of Emporia	3
"	0	Bethany	7
"	6	Bethel	3
"	W	McPherson	L
"	6	Sterling	3
"	0	Bethany	7

1959. Members: L. Balzer, J. Franz, R. Friesen, R. Gaede, R. Hamm, T. Nickel, and R. Stelting.

Coach -- Delmar Reimer

Tabor	6	Kansas Wesleyan	1
"	4	Sterling	5

Tabor	4	Bethel	3
"	3	College of Emporia	4
"	0	Sterling	7
"	1	College of Emporia	6
"	0	Bethany	7
"	0	McPherson	7

Tabor placed third in the annual Tabor Invitational Tennis Tournament.

1960. Members: J. Franz, R. Friesen, D. Gaede, A. Isaac, T. Nickel, G. Stelting, R. Stelting, and A. Suderman.

Coach -- Marvin Kroeker

Tabor	2	College of Emporia	5
"	2	Friends	5
"	3	McPherson	5
"	6	Friends	1
"	0	College of Emporia	7
"	2	Sterling	7

Tabor finished last in the Tabor Invitational Tournament.

#### TRACK

1947. Members: P. Klassen, M. Kroeker, B. Ratzlaff, E. Ratzlaff, J. Sawatzky, and A. Schmitt.

Coach -- Eldo Ratzlaff

Bethel 60 1/3 Friends 55 Tabor 39 Sterling 29 2/3

1948. Members: A. Friesen, R. Gerbrandt, M. Janzen, J. Klassen, H. Kleinsasser, W. Kleinsasser, P. Lange, E. Nachtigall, M. Pacheka, J. Siemens, B. Voth and H. Wall.

Coach -- Abe Ediger

Tabor had two meets this year. Friends defeated Tabor 65 to 61. The other results could not be found.

1949. Tabor had a few track meets this year, but no results could be found and only two lettermen for that year were recorded. They were: W. Kleinsasser, and J. Vogt.

1950. Members: W. Braun, W. Kleinsasser, P. Lange, W. Remple, R. Wiebe and A. Wiens.

Coach -- Daniel Neufeld

Friends	91	Hutchinson J. C.	100
Sterling	79	Friends	33 $\frac{2}{3}$
Tabor	45	Tabor	17 $\frac{1}{3}$

1951. No track.

1952. No track.

1953. Members: R. Epp, J. C. Kliever, A. Kroeker, D. Plett, R. Plett, J. Siemens, N. Schultz, O. Thiessen, V. Wiens and C. Wohlgemuth.

Coach -- Vernon Wiebe

McPherson	66	McPherson	71
Tabor	39	Bethel	53
Sterling	67	Tabor	10
Tabor	23		

Tabor had several meets this year, but only one could be found. Tabor did not participate in the Conference meet this year.

1954. Members: D. Derksen, R. Epp, R. Heinze, D. Isaak, J. C. Kliever, E. Regier, E. Rempel, J. Siemens, M. Wiebe, and C. Wohlgemuth.

Coach -- Vernon Wiebe

McPherson	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	Bethel	74 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tabor	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	Friends	46
		Tabor	41 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bethel	71		
Bethel	78	Sterling	88 $\frac{5}{6}$
Sterling	71	Tabor	57 $\frac{2}{3}$
Friends	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	St. Mary's	37
Tabor	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	Kansas Tech.	35 $\frac{1}{2}$

Tabor finished second in the Conference meet.

1955. Members: J. Braun, W. Braun, W. Decker, R. Dick, J. Enns, J. Flaming, H. Friesen, E. Hagen, W. Isaak, D. Klassen, L. Kleinsasser, J. C. Kliever, H. Nachtigall, L. Penner, O. Kroeker, E. Regier, A. Richert, R. Schale, and V. Wiens.

Coach -- William Johnson



McPherson	95	Tabor	65½
Tabor	36	Bethany	56½
Sterling	83½	Bethel	76½
Tabor	52½	Sterling	47

Sterling 75½ Tabor 55½ Kansas Tech. 49 St. Mary's 33

Tabor finished second in this year's Conference meet.

1956. Members: R. Dick, W. Decker, J. Flaming, A. Friesen, H. Friesen, R. Gaede, R. Gerbrandt, V. Klassen, L. Kleinsasser, O. Kroeker, R. Lauth, E. Regier, L. Thiessen, and J. Thomas.

Coach -- Vernon Wiebe

Bethel	66	Bethany	71
Tabor	59	Tabor	54
Sterling	67	Bethel	60
Tabor	23	Tabor	56

McPherson Sterling Friends Tabor

No points could be found for this last meet, but they finished in that order.

1957. Members: H. Dick, L. Ediger, M. Friesen, J. Franz, R. Freeman, R. Funk, L. Kleinsasser, T. Kliever, C. Knaak, G. Langhofer, E. Regier, and P. Wiebe.

Coach -- Vernon Wiebe

College of Emporia	100	Bethel	87½
Bethel	71½	Bethany	43
Friends	36	Tabor	27½
Bethany	74½	Tabor	56½

1958. Members: C. Dahl, W. Dalke, L. Ediger, Jim Franz, John Franz, R. Friesen, R. Funk, R. Gaede, J. Harder, A. Isaak, T. Kliever, D. Krause, P. Wiebe, and N. Willems.

Coach -- Delmar Reimer

South-western	68	Bethany	66 3/4
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Bethel	62	Tabor	64½
Kansas			
Wesleyan	49½		
Tabor	40		
McPherson	85 7/12	College of Emporia	71
Tabor	38 5/6	Southwestern	56½
Friends	37 7/12	Tabor	34½

Tabor completed a successful track season. All the school records were broken except, the high hurdles, pole vault, and the discus throw.

1959. Members: C. Dahl, W. Dalke, J. Dick, C. Fast, D. Flaming, Jim Franz, John Franz, R. Gaede, A. Isaac, D. Janzen, G. Nachtigall, D. Schmatjen, D. Schultz, J. Thomas, D. Wiebe, and P. Wiebe.

Coach -- Delmar Reimer

McPherson	86½	Bethel	77
Tabor	51½	Tabor	54
Bethany	46½		
Sterling	34½		
Baker	64 5/12	Bethel	75
College of Emporia	55 1/12	Southwestern	52
Tabor	49	Sterling	54

Tabor broke records in high jump, javelin, discus, pole vault, and the mile relay.

1960. Members: E. Barkman, W. Dahl, J. Dick, V. Epp, D. Flaming, Jim Franz, John Franz, D. Gerbrandt, A. Isaac, T. Kliever, R. Neufeld, H. Nikkel, E. Rempel, D. Schultz, J. Thomas, K. Avakian statistician, and L. Leppke manager.

Coach -- Delmar Reimer

Bethel	70½	Bethel	75½	Bethel	58 1/3
McPherson	46	Tabor	55½	Tabor	53½
Tabor	42½	Friends	27	McPherson	50 1/6
Kansas					
Wesleyan	70	Bethany	68		
Tabor	54	Tabor	63		
Kansas					
Wesleyan	70	McPherson	76		

Tabor	64	Tabor	48
Bethany	22	Sterling	35

Several school records were broken again. They were: the javelin, 880, 440, high jump and discus.

### BASEBALL

1948. Members: R. Franz, H. Richert, M. Janzen, M. Kroeker, S. Mirelles, E. Nachtigall, M. Pahcheka, R. Voth, and O. Wiebe.

Coach -- Abe Ediger

Tabor	1	Sterling	7
"	14	Bethel	13
"	0	Bethel	9
"	0	Manhattan Bible College	4
"	1	Bethany (5 innings rain)	1
No score found		McPherson	
		Manhattan Bible College	

1949. Members: W. Braun, L. Feil, R. Franz, R. Heinrichs, K. Just, M. Kroeker, A. Neufeld, A. R. Nickel, D. Warkentin, O. Wiebe, and T. Wiebe.

Coach -- Daniel Neufeld

Tabor	7	Bethel (10 innings)	6
"	16	Central	2
"	7	Bethel	1
"	6	Sterling	16
"	3	St. John's	2
"	15	St. John's	1
"	8	Central	0
"	9	Central	10
"	6	Central	0

1950. Members: R. Franz, R. Heinrichs, K. Just, J. Karber, M. Keihn, D. Kliever, P. Kliever, M. Kroeker, A. Nickel, E. Regier, H. Richert, K. Unruh, R. Vogt, R. Voth, D. Warkentin, and O. Wiebe.

Coach -- Daniel Neufeld

Tabor	1	Friends	0
"	2	Bethany (19 innings tie)	2
"	3	Bethany (13 innings)	4

Tabor	4	Bethany	1
"	8	Sterling	1
"	12	Central	1
"	7	McPherson	11
"	1	St. John's	6
"	0	Friends	10
"	5	Friends	7
"	3	St. John's	6
"	4	Central (13 innings)	5
No score found		Sterling	

1951. Members: R. Esau, L. Franz, R. Franz, L. Janzen, F. Klassen, D. Reimer, R. Smith, R. Thomas, K. Unruh, R. Vogt, J. Voth, and D. Warkentin.

Coach -- Daniel Unruh

Tabor	5	McPherson	11
"	11	Central (15 innings)	9
"	6	Friends	4
"	7	Bethel	6
"	3	St. John's	8
"	3	McPherson	9
"	W	Central	L
"	9	Friends	0
"	W	Bethel	L
"	L	St. John's	W

1952. Members: R. Esau, W. Heinrichs, J. Janzen, F. Klassen, J. C. Kliever, V. Kliever, W. Kroeker, C. Megert, D. Neufeld, H. Plett, J. Unruh, R. Vogt, D. Warkentin, and O. Wiebe.

Coach -- Ray Hostetter

Tabor	8	Central	0
"	2	College of Emporia	13
"	2	Friends	3
"	2	Bethany	6
"	5	Bethel (12 innings)	4
"	5	Bethel	1
"	3	Bethany	13
"	3	McPherson	13
"	7	Central	20

1953. Members: H. Goosen, F. Klassen, V. Kliever, A. Kroeker, C. Megert, D. Neufeld, P. Neufeld, E. Ortman, D. Plett, H. Plett, N. Schulz, C. Siebert, P. Siemens, O. Thiessen, J. Unruh and V. Wiens.

Coach -- Vernon Wiebe

Tabor	1	Bethel	0
"	4	McPherson	10
"	3	Friends	6
"	12	Bethany	18
"	0	Panhandle A. and M.	11
"	0	Panhandle A. and M.	15
"	0	College of Emporia	9
"	4	Bethany	9
"	0	College of Emporia	19
"	7	St. John's	9
"	1	McPherson	9
"	6	Friends	3
"	9	Bethel	4

1954. Members: F. Esau, H. Fast, O. Franz, G. Gerbrandt, H. Gossen, R. Grauman, W. Heinrichs, R. Heinze, W. Just, E. Karber, R. Klassen, L. Kleinsasser, M. Loewen, E. Ortman, L. Penner, M. Plenert, D. Plett, J. Unruh, R. Walters, and J. Wiebe.

Coach -- Vernon Wiebe

Tabor	3	Sterling	4
"	7	Sterling	13
"	8	St. Mary's	2
"	5	St. Mary's	6
"	7	Friends	13
"	8	Friends	10
"	2	St. Mary's	3
"	6	Kansas Tech.	5
"	3	St. Mary's	4
"	0	Kansas Tech.	4
"	2	Kansas Tech.	7
"	13	Central	8
"	4	Bethel	12
"	L	Bethel	W

1955. Members: J. Braun, R. Grauman, W. Heinrichs, E. Karber, R. Klassen, L. Kleinsasser, H. Langeman, L. Penner, H. Seibel, O. Thiessen, V. Wiens, and J. Reddekopp manager.

Coach -- Vernon Wiebe

Tabor	10	Friends Bible College	1
"	3	Friends Bible College	6
"	0	College of Emporia	15
"	9	Friends	6
"	6	College of Emporia	15
"	8	Kansas Tech.	13
"	16	Kansas Tech.	9

Tabor	3	Friends	9
"	5	Sterling	4
"	7	Sterling	2
"	6	St. Mary's	19
"	15	St. Mary's	5
"	5	Sterling	2
"	11	St. Mary's	8

1956. Members: J. Andres, A. Friesen, R. Grauman  
C. Hagen, D. Harms, J. Hofer, A. Klassen, L. Kleinsasser, E.  
Ortman, L. Penner, R. Schale, A. Schmidt, J. Thomas, and J.  
Wiebe.

Coach -- Vernon Wiebe

Tabor	10	Friends Bible College	14
"	3	Friends Bible College	4
"	1	Friends U.	3
"	2	Friends U.	14
"	5	Sterling	10
"	1	Sterling	7
"	12	Central	4
"	12	St. Mary's	5
"	4	St. Mary's	3
"	2	College of Emporia	15
"	2	Sterling	1
"	2	Sterling	3
"	6	College of Emporia	15

1957. Members: J. Balzer, L. Hamm, J. Hofer, L.  
Kleinsasser, C. Knaak, J. Pauls, L. Penner, M. Plenert,  
D. Neuman, D. Stahl, and A. Schultz.

Coach -- Marvin Kroeker

Tabor	10	Friends	15
"	5	Sterling	1
"	2	College of Emporia	16
"	3	Friends Bible College	2
"	0	Friends Bible College	1
"	3	Sterling	8
"	6	Sterling	7

1958. Members: J. Balzer, F. Bergen, R. Friesen, J.  
Franz, G. Neufeld, J. Neufeld, R. Neufeld, L. Ollenburger,  
M. Plenert, B. Ratzlaff, C. Wichert, R. Wiens, and N. Willems.

Coach -- Marvin Kroeker

Tabor	0	Sterling	15
"	4	St. Mary's (10 innings)	10

Tabor	7	Bethany	6
"	5	Bethany	23
"	13	Hesston	12
"	7	Hesston	9

1959. Members: J. Balzer, F. Bergen, J. Block, D. Deutschendorf, R. Eitzen, J. Franz, E. Friesen, L. Friesen, R. Friesen, E. Isaac, L. Isaac, L. Klassen, G. Neufeld, J. Neufeld, L. Reddekop, M. Schroeder, J. Unruh, and R. Wiens manager.

Coach -- Marvin Kroeker

Tabor	1	College of Emporia	7
"	4	Hesston	1
"	8	Sterling	4
"	9	Sterling	2
"	3	Friends	4
"	3	Friends	4
"	5	Sterling	4
"	13	Sterling	11
"	2	Bethany	4
"	2	Hesston	5
"	4	St. Mary's	5

1960. No Baseball.

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1957. Members: C. Dahl, W. Dalke, D. Deckert, H. Dick, P. Dick, D. Faul, Jim Franz, John Franz, R. Friesen, H. Goertz, L. Hamm, A. Isaak, D. Janzen, R. Johnson, L. Klassen, J. Neufeld, T. Nickel, J. Suderman, L. Theodossy, J. Thiessen, D. Wiebe, P. Wiebe, and N. Willems manager.

Coach -- Delmar Reimer

Tabor	1	Oklahoma U.	2
"	3	Kansas U. (tie)	3
"	0	Park	2
"	1	Park (tie)	1
"	3	Kansas U.	4
"	4	Wentworth Military Academy	3
"	4	Pratt Jr. College	1

1958. Members: W. Dalke, H. Dick, R. Eitzen, D. Flaming, Jim Franz, John Franz, R. Friesen, R. Johnson, L. Klassen, T. Kliever, G. Nachtigall, J. Neufeld, W. Neufeldt, T. Nickel, H. Panba, B. Ratzlaff, L. Reddekop,

D. Schmatjen, D. Schultz, J. Suderman, L. Theodossy, J. Thomas,  
J. Thiessen, P. Wiebe, R. Wiebe, and J. Block manager.

Coach -- Delmar Reimer

Tabor	2	Wichita Soccer Club	3
"	1	Wichita Soccer Club	7
"	5	Oklahoma U.	0
"	2	Kansas U.	0
"	2	Tulsa U.	4
"	1	Kansas U. (tie)	1
"	2	Park (tie)	2
"	2	Park	0
"	1	Kansas City Soccer Club	2
"	3	Park	0

1959. Members: K. Avakian, E. Barkman, W. Dahl, W. Dalke, P. Dick, R. Eitzen, V. Epp, Jim Franz, John Franz, R. Friesen, L. Leppke, W. Lichti, L. Klassen, J. Neufeld, W. Neufeldt, T. Nickel, H. Panba, E. Rempel, B. Ratzlaff, D. Schultz, T. Soyingbe, J. Thiessen, H. Thomas, D. Unruh, P. Wiebe, R. Wiebe, and H. Nikkel manager.

Coach -- Delmar Reimer

Tabor	2	Wichita Soccer Club	3
"	4	Wichita Soccer Club	3
"	4	Park	0
"	4	Wentworth Military Academy	0
"	2	Park	1
"	2	Wentworth Military Academy	1
"	5	Kansas U.	1
"	3	Kansas U. (tie)	3
"	2	Emporia State	1
"	3	Emporia State	2



## APPENDIX B

Composite record of Tabor College Varsity Basketball Competition  
1944-60

Name of Opponent	Tabor Wins	Tabor Losses
Baker University	0	1
Bethany College	2	10
Bethel College	3	26
Bethel College (Minn.)	0	1
Bluffton College (Ohio)	0	1
Central College	15	3
College of Emporia	1	5
Concordia Teachers College (Nebr.)	3	4
Dana College (Nebr.)	1	1
Doane College (Nebr.)	1	1
Evangel College (Mo.)	1	1
Freeman Jr. College (S. D.)	1	0
Friends University	12	9
Goshen College (Indiana)	0	4
Grace College (Indiana)	1	0
Graceland College (Iowa)	0	1
Kansas City Bible College	1	0
Kansas City University	2	3
Kansas Technical Institute	5	2
Kansas Wesleyan University	0	1
Luther College (Nebr.)	2	1
Manhattan Bible College	2	0
McPherson College	1	7
National College (Mo.)	2	0
Northwestern College (Minn.)	1	1
Northwestern State College (Okla.)	0	1
Park College (Mo.)	4	0
Philander Smith College (Ark.)	0	2
Phillips University (Okla.)	0	4
Sam Houston College (Texas)	0	1
Shimer College (Ill.)	1	0
Southwestern College	0	1
St. John's College	8	7
St. Mary's of the Plains College	12	3
Sterling College	20	12
Wichita University Freshmen	0	9
York College (Nebr.)	5	2
AAU, Seim-pro, Town and Alumni Teams	13	12
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Composite Record of Tabor College Varsity Soccer Competition  
1957-60

Name of Opponent	Tabor Wins	Tabor Losses	Ties
Kansas City Soccer Club	0	1	
Emporia State	2	0	
Kansas University	3	1	2
Oklahoma University	1	1	
Park College	4	1	2
Pratt Jr. College	1	0	
Tulsa University	0	1	
Wentworth Military Academy	3	0	
Wichita Soccer Club	1	3	
	<u>15</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>

Composite Record of Tabor Varsity Tennis Competition 1947-60

Name of Opponent	Tabor Wins	Tabor Losses	Ties
Bethany College	0	9	
Bethel College	6	7	
College of Emporia	2	5	
Friends University	4	5	
McPherson College	4	7 (Darkness)	1
Kansas Wesleyan University	1	0	
Sterling College	7	8 (rain)	1
	<u>24</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>2</u>

Composite Record of Tabor College Track Competition 1947-60

Name of Opponent	Tabor Wins	Tabor Losses	Ties
Bethany College	1	4	
Bethel College	0	3	
College of Emporia	1	0	
Friends University	0	1	
Kansas Wesleyan University	0	1	
McPherson College	0	3	
Sterling College	1	3	
	<u>3</u>	<u>15</u>	

Composite Record of Tabor College Varsity Baseball Competition  
1947-59

Name of Opponent	Tabor Wins	Tabor Losses	Ties
Bethany College	2	8	2
Bethel College	9	3	
Central College	10	2	
College of Emporia	0	9	
Friends Bible College	2	4	
Friends University	5	12	
Hesston Jr. College	2	2	
Kansas Technical Institute	2	3	
Manhattan Bible College	0	1	
McPherson College	0	6	
Panhandle A. & M. (Okla.)	0	2	
St. John's College	2	5	
St. Mary's College	5	6	
Sterling College	10	10	
	<u>49</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>2</u>