

Introducing...

Coach Barnes

Concordia's Athletic Director, Coach Bob Barnes, has been a great asset to our athletic program. A native of Minneapolis, Coach Barnes graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1947. He came to Concordia that fall. Prior to this time, Coach Barnes had served four and a half years in the Marine Corp during the Second World War. In 1946, he was released from Officers Training School as a 1st. Lieutenant.

The three most exciting events in Coach Barnes' career at Concordia are: the winning of the All-Concordia Tournament in '52, the winning of the football championship in '54, and the winning of the baseball championship in '55. It is a source of pleasure to all interested in Concordia that the number of sports has grown from baseball and basketball to include football, hockey, wrestling, tennis, track, and golf.

Coach's Corner by Bob Barnes



Team spirit is a "must" in football. A player can't expect to get anywhere without the help of teammates. In fact, he can get severely battered and bruised if he doesn't have their help. "If players don't hang together, they'll hang separately." Lack of team spirit usually stems from two sources. First the importance is discounted. Players are thinking of individual glory rather than team glory. Secondly, the value of team spirit is not fully understood. A boy fails to realize the value that he will receive from it. There is a lot in team spirit for him if he understands and practices the principles of team play. No athlete can really be great without it.



METEORS IN ACTION

Cretin Hands Meteors Loss

In an afternoon game at Cretin, the Concordia Meteors lost their second game of the season.

Although it was a hard fought game, Cretin just had too much drive and too big a line for the Meteors. The final score was forty to nothing, but you wouldn't have thought that if you would have seen the game. Many times Cretin had a man going for a touchdown only to be stopped by Mark Gully, Concordia's left halfback. Other standouts on Concordia's defense were Jim Blodell, Fred Schug, and Robert Jacobs.

It looked like Concordia was going to rally when Craig Dixon intercepted a pass, but the rally was soon stopped by a Meteor fumble. The fine kicking of Richard Koehler helped to keep the Meteors out of many jams. Although the Meteors didn't look too impressive at Cretin, they should do very well in their conference games, which will start very soon.

The words "team spirit" bring to my mind a story which I think will help to illustrate the value of team spirit.

A team was battling gamely against heavier opponents. The quarterback resorted to a passing game, but was smothered behind the line on every play. The coach sent in a sub with instructions to protect the passer. On the next play the passer was thrown for a greater loss.

Immediately the coach sent in a sub for a sub. When the first sub returned to the bench, the coach growled, "I thought I told you to protect the passer!" "Protect the passer," returned the battered sub, "I couldn't even protect myself against these big bruisers."

Amery Spoils Opener

In the first football game of the season on Sept. 8, the Concordia Meteors traveled to Amery, Wisconsin, and went down in defeat by the score of 21-6.

The Warriors scored early in the game when they took advantage of a Concordia fumble. Henrikson went over for the touchdown, and the extra point was good to give Amery a 7-0 lead at the end of the first period.

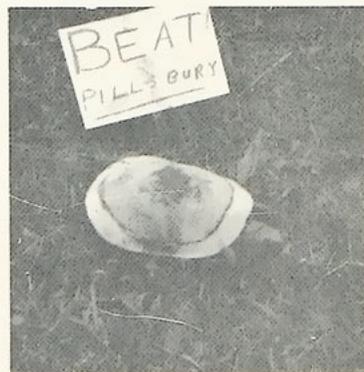
The Meteors scored their lone touchdown in the second quarter after Dave Henrichs intercepted an Amery pass. Bruce Boraas, the speedy and alert running junior, broke loose for a thrilling fifty yard run and the only Concordia score. Bloedel's attempt for the extra point was missed, and the half ended with the Meteors trailing 7-6.

The third quarter was highlighted by two touchdowns by Amery's Aksel Moen. Both of their attempts for extra points were good and the scoring in the game ended in the third quarter with the Meteors on the short end of a 21-6 score.

The last period was played in the midfield with both teams looking very good on passes. However, neither team was able to go the distance for another score.

The Meteors deserve a great deal of credit for playing a hard-fought game against a very big and powerful Amery squad.

The Meteors defense looked good with Staudacher and Reddel playing alert ball, along with fairly good defense by the rest of the team.



JUNIOR'S MASCOT