
INTRODUCTION



Greetings! After many years of research, I am pleased to offer The MAINE Book, an almanac (or perhaps more appropriately, an encyclopedia) of names and facts about University of Maine athletics, an activity that has involved more than 16,000 students, coaches, and support personnel for the past 126 years. The content begins with events of the spring of 1881, when Maine's first formal team, a baseball nine, took to the field, and includes activities of all sports through the 2006-07 college year.

At one time or another, the University sponsored teams in 30 sports. The current lineup is 19. But if you were a participant in one of the 11 that no longer exist, your sport has been covered.

Here is what you will find inside:

Full names of every man and woman who earned a varsity letter (and seasons of participation), as well as men who earned freshman numerals during the 50 years or so (early 1920s to mid 1970s) when freshmen were not eligible for varsity teams. Also, sadly, dates of passing of those who are no longer with us and have been so recorded in the files of the General Alumni Association.

Game and meet scores, including those of freshman teams in several sports.

Names of coaches, most assistant and freshman coaches, and team captains.

Seasonal statistical leaders in many sports.

Conference standings for every season, including America East, Maine State Series, ECAC, New England Conference, and Yankee Conference. And names of those selected to all-conference teams.

Individual team records in most sports.

Names of All-Americans and those who played at the highest professional level.

More than 400 photographs of teams and individuals.

And special sections on programs behind the scenes.

It is natural to ask if there are errors or omissions. That possibility certainly exists when one is dealing with nearly 45,000 names and facts garnered from a wide range of sources. However, checking and re-checking, I hope, has narrowed the possibility of mistakes to a low level. If a reader sees something questionable, I would appreciate hearing about it. Perhaps another such book will be published at some future date! Also, the most difficult aspect of the project was locating suitable team photographs. Unfortunately, many that were sought either never were taken, or have simply disappeared. Consequently, in order to come up with as many as possible, it was necessary to copy photos from other publications, primarily the Maine Prism. This, as one will note, had a detrimental effect on clarity. *It would be nice, even at this late date, if a program of taking photographs of every team in every season be re-established, and posted on the walls of Memorial Gymnasium, the home of the Black Bears.*

University of Maine athletics has a proud history. I hope this book is a worthy contributor.

Stu Haskell '56

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to
those who played the game
and the men and women who coached
those who played the game.

And especially to
Ted Curtis
Sam Sezak
Harold Westerman

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