

On other pages of this booklet, Helms Athletic Foundation has named an All-Time All-America Collegiate Basketball Team, and has selected ten coaches for "greatest" honors. All of those who have been named for such honors are most certainly worthy of places in Collegiate Basketball's Hall of Fame -- as conceived by Helms Athletic Foundation. In addition, there are others who are being named for places in the Helms Athletic Foundation - Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame. They are men who have contributed much to Collegiate Basketball, and to the progress which collegiate basketball has made during the past forty years.

Helms Athletic Foundation has not been generous in making selections for its Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame, in addition to the players and coaches who have been given highest honors. There are perhaps many who have contributed much to Collegiate Basketball, and are possibly worthy of Hall of Fame ranking. However, Helms Athletic Foundation has named but three -- the late Dr. James A. Naismith, founder of the game of Basketball; Ralph Morgan, noted basketball authority who was responsible for the formation of the Eastern Intercollegiate League; and Oswald Tower, noted Basketball Historian and Rules Committee executive.

DR. JAMES A. NAISMITH

Born at Almonte, Canada, November 6, 1861. Died at Lawrence, Kansas, November, 28, 1939.

Dr. Naismith was the creator of the game of Basketball; having originated the game while an instructor at Springfield Y.M.C.A. College, Massachusetts, in 1891. Dr. Naismith published the rules of Basketball in 1892, and published them for a number of years thereafter.

Dr. Naismith received degrees from McGill University, Canada, 1887; Presbyterian College, Montreal, 1890. Colorado University, 1898, and Springfield College, 1891. While at McGill, Naismith competed in football and track and field.

Dr. Naismith's coaching career extended over a period of 1891 to 1905, during which time he coached at Springfield, Denver Y.M.C.A. and University of Kansas. He devoted much of his time to the game of Basketball, and for many years served the game in an executive capacity. From 1909 to 1920, he was a member of the Rules Committee. In 1923, Dr. Naismith was made Honorary Member of the Rules Committee, for Life. He was many times honored by colleges, prep schools, and Basketball groups. He received one of the greatest thrills of his life in 1936, when he traveled to Europe to witness Basketball competition in the Olympic Games.

RALPH MORGAN

Born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1884. Educated at Friends School, and University of Pennsylvania. Competed in football, basketball and baseball while at Friends School.

Manager of the University of Pennsylvania Basketball team in 1905.

Founded the Collegiate Basketball Rules Committee, and acted as its Secretary 1908. (This committee was merged into the Joint Rules Committee in 1915.) Served as an executive of the Joint Rules Committee since its inception. Made an Honorary Member For Life of the National Basketball Committee. Chairman of the University of Pennsylvania Basketball Committee. Has served as Historian of the Eastern Intercollegiate League since he founded it.

Has probably given more effort and time to the game of Basketball, without thought of remuneration, than any man who ever lived.