

William Harold Browne

Head Basketball Coach, University of Nebraska

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Record crowds, improved team play and individual finesse and a Conference championship (shared by Kansas U.) were only a few of the accomplishments of W. H. Browne, head basketball coach at the University of Nebraska, during the 1936-37 season.

This year Coach Browne is starting his sixth season as coach of the Cornhusker basketball squad. Browne became associated with the University of Nebraska as freshman basketball and football and head varsity baseball coach in 1930-31.

In 1932 Browne became head basketball coach and assistant varsity football coach at Nebraska. In football he was a valuable assistant to Dana X. Bible for five years and last season performed the same duties for Major Lawrence "Biff" Jones. Browne's work dealt chiefly with the ends but he was of untold value to the team as head scout.

Coach Browne has been a member of the research and visual investigation committee of the National Association for Basketball Coaches and has written an untold number of technical articles on basketball and physical education activities for national publications.

Previous to 1930 Browne had headed the department of physical education at Lincoln high school for 10 years, and coaches the football and basketball teams.

His football teams lost only three games during that 10-year period, attracting national attention by defeating Lane Tech of Chicago and twice turning back the strong Waite high eleven of Toledo, Ohio.

Browne's high school basketball teams, playing difficult schedules, won better than 75 per cent of its games and three times were state champions.

He was born in Port William, Ohio, July 18, 1899. Browne graduated from Morton high school, Richmond, Indiana; attended Earlham College at Richmond and State Normal at LaCrosse, Wisconsin. He was graduated from the American Gymnastic School at Indianapolis, Indiana, with a Bachelor of Physical Education degree and received Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees at the University of Nebraska.

Browne is a captain in the Nebraska National Guard, commanding Headquarters Co., 110th Quartermaster Regiment. He is a member of the Phi Epsilon Kappa and Sigma Phi Epsilon, social fraternities, and Phi Delta Kappa, educational fraternity. He is a Mason, Shriner and Jester. Browne is married and has two children, Dorothy Jean and Billy.