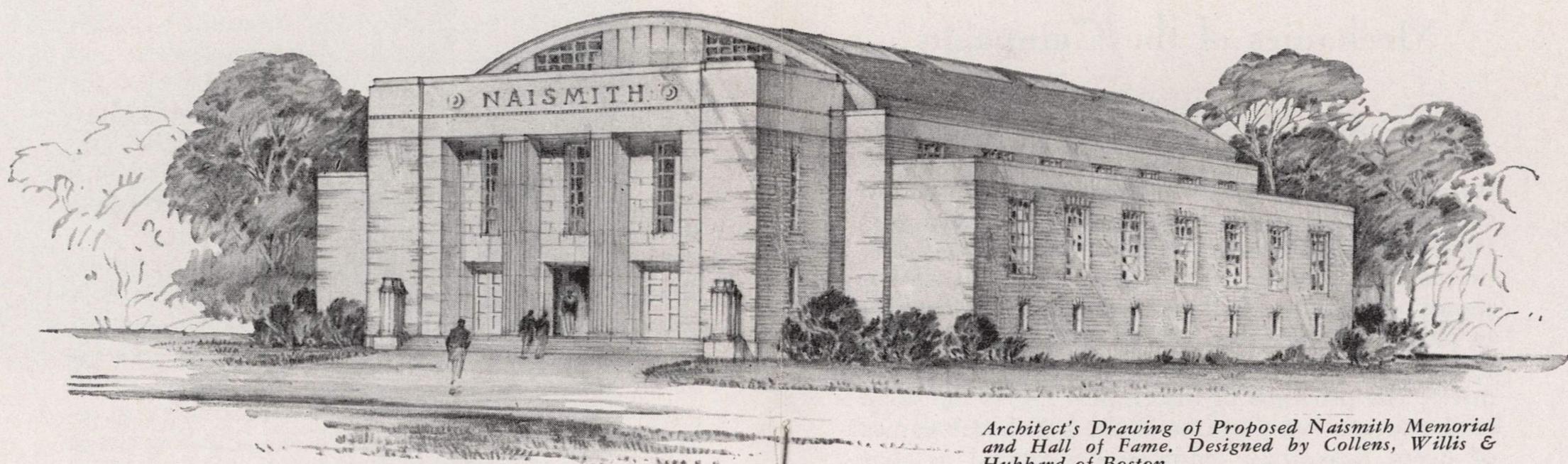


Basketball's Hall of Fame



Architect's Drawing of Proposed Naismith Memorial and Hall of Fame. Designed by Collens, Willis & Hubbard of Boston.

The purpose of the Naismith Memorial Committee is to raise funds to erect a suitable memorial to Dr. James A. Naismith.

This memorial will be known as the "TEMPLE OF BASKETBALL," and will include basketball's Hall of Fame, an historical museum, and a model basketball court.

This Temple of Basketball will bear the same relationship to the court game as baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, New York, bears to the diamond pastime. And it will have the same commemorative significance in regard to the founder of the game as the Walter Camp Memorial at New Haven has for the father of American football.

The Temple of Basketball will not only be a permanent monument to Dr. Naismith, but in its Hall of Fame will be perpetuated the names and accomplishments of the game's foremost players, past, present, and future. Deposited and safeguarded in the Temple of Basketball will be documents, curios, souvenirs, and records of the sport. And enshrined each year in a suitable manner will be the names of the recognized annual All-America basketball teams.

The Committee feels that it is fitting that a sport which has captured the imagination of millions of people, young and old, of both sexes, should pay united tribute to the man who was its founder. The Temple of Basketball will be more than merely a memorial to Dr. Naismith. It will be a permanent monument to the youth of the world, to American idealism, to the joy of sportsmanship, fair play, and a wholesome game.

Nothing will do as much for basketball, down through the years, as the HALL OF FAME. Not only will it tie up the loose ends of the sport, but it will lend form and substance to the All-America teams, which at present are merely mythical. Once the names and records of All-America players are listed in the Hall of Fame, they become permanent and significant.

A National Jury of qualified leaders in the sport will be appointed to pass judgment on all candidates for the Hall of Fame, and only those worthy of the honor will be nominated for the distinction. Players, past and present, will be given careful consideration.

The Hall of Fame committee will set up a list of qualifications which a player must have before he merits primary consideration. No area in the country will be overlooked in determining the names of the men who will be honored annually.

The enviable distinction of winning permanent recognition in basketball by being nominated to the Hall of Fame will prove a strong incentive to players throughout the country, and will be a boon to the sport. Mythical teams will take a more concrete form when enshrined in the Temple of Basketball, and what is now a passing interest, namely, the All-America team, will become an important reality each year.

The Hall of Fame a long-hoped-for dream of basketball authorities, will finally be realized. And in it the game will have a permanent home where the immortals of the game will be forever honored.