

excluding only the students out for that varsity sport. Competitive units in the various sports are determined by the age level. However, in boxing the determinant is weight. In tennis, track and horseshoes there is no classification.

Jim John, your intramural track meet is always very interesting.

John The intramural track meet is one of the outstanding school events. The two men's dormitories compete against each other. The results are usually very close. Last year the difference between the winner and loser was only 4 points!

Jim Yes, I remember that and all the enthusiastic schoolmates yelling for their dorm teams. John, I was rather interested in what you named the "open basketball tournament". Just how does it work and what is its purpose?

John In the fall, immediately after football season, we have what we call our "open elimination basketball tournament." All boys at Haskell Institute may compete with any team to determine a Haskell champion. A team is permitted to play as long as they lose only one game. After a loss they are automatically eliminated. The tournament serves a dual purpose; first, it gives the boys a chance to compete with a group of their own selection; secondly, it gives the basketball coach an opportunity to get a line on varsity material. Boys showing ability in this tournament are invited to check out for varsity basketball. If they accept this invitation then they may not compete in the regular intramural tournament.

Jim Sounds like a good idea. Are there any other sports that command a great deal of student interest?

John Yes. Boxing, both as an intramural and varsity sport, attracts not only a great deal of student interest, but also a high percentage of student participation. Usually before our varsity boxing season begins we conduct an intramural tournament to determine the champions in the various weight divisions. These champions usually form the nucleus for our varsity boxing team.

Jim I know the Haskell Indian boxing teams are generally regarded very highly. Does your intramural boxing tournament help you in selecting successful candidates for the boxing team?

John Yes. It gives the coach the opportunity to see the boys in action and know of their possibilities. We've been very fortunate at Haskell in having a coach who has been able to make use of and develop boys who were eliminated in the intramurals, to a degree of skill which surpassed that of the intramural champion.

Jim Well, what success does the Haskell boxing team enjoy?

John The boxing team has been more successful than our other teams.

Jim To what do you attribute their success, John?

John For one thing, the coaching has been good. Another reason for our success is that the competition in boxing is on a classified basis according to