

CHAPTER V

BETHEL ATHLETICS FROM 1931 TO 1940

The athletic program for the next decade had an air of optimism. The football program had received more emphasis of late. Soccer and baseball were dropped because of their conflict with major seasonal sports. The varsity program included football, basketball, track and tennis. Bethel had a well-located gridiron, surrounded by a modern cinder track. The gymnasium and tennis courts were not too far away.

To keep pace with the time and to put athletics on a firmer financial basis, the authorities of the college consented to the wishes of the student body and community by installing equipment for lighting the athletic field. Newton business men and interested persons supported the venture financially. The lights were to pay for themselves in four years or the business men were to make good their pledges. The Newton High School team and the AJH Club team were scheduled to play their games under the lights.¹

The 1930 football team broke a losing streak of several years by winning two of the ten games played. The first game under the lights was played on September 30 against the Chilocco Indians. New bleachers had been constructed to seat approximately 1500. Coach Unruh was named head football coach, replacing Cliff Morgan.

¹Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1931, p. 86.

Football Scores

Bethel	0	Friends	33	Bethel	0	Northwestern	27
Bethel	7	Chilocco	6	Bethel	33	Sante Fe	6
Bethel	6	Ottawa	13			Apprentices	
Bethel	6	Rockhurst	45	Bethel	7	McPherson	13
Bethel	0	Sterling	53	Bethel	0	K. Wesleyan	40

The following were granted letters: Eddie Becker, Wesley Cunningham, McConnel Douglas, Wilbert Duby, Albert Ewert, Henry Ewert, Karl Hilty, Lloyd Holle, Walter Jantzen, Clemens M. Kaufman, Harold R. Kuehny, Elmer A. Linscheid, Adam Mueller, Gervas Muse, Elmer Stucky, Arnold Unruh and Fred Watters.²

The 1931 Graymaroon basketball schedule included twenty-two games. Seven of these games were with non-school teams and included some of the best in the state. Bethel won eight and lost fourteen games.

Basketball Scores

Bethel	20	Wichita Henry's	58	Bethel	17	K. Wesleyan	25
Bethel	23	Northwestern	29	Bethel	18	St. Benedict	26
Bethel	27	K. Wesleyan	31	Bethel	25	St. Joseph	31
Bethel	34	Hillsboro A C	26			Advertisers	
Bethel	39	Buhler A C	33	Bethel	41	St. John's	21
Bethel	30	Burrton A C	14	Bethel	28	Sterling	33
Bethel	25	Larned A C	50	Bethel	20	Friends	30
Bethel	23	Wichita U.	22	Bethel	15	Bethany	40
Bethel	29	McPherson	18	Bethel	24	St. Benedict	26
Bethel	29	Sterling	25	Bethel	26	Friends	45
Bethel	25	Wichita Henry's	46	Bethel	21	Oklahoma City	33

Varsity awards went to Clarence Cook, Albert Gaeddert, Henry Gaeddert, Harold Claassen, Donald Kennison, Darwin Minnis and Arnold Unruh.³

²Ibid., p. 88.

³Ibid., p. 94.

The tennis team had a number of matches scheduled, but the results of only two were found. Bethel lost to McPherson 1 to 5 and to Friends 2 to 4. Lettermen were Gus Ediger, Marvin Goering and Elmer A. Linscheid.⁴

The track team was unsuccessful in its attempt to win a meet. Coach Unruh entered four men in the Kansas University Relays.

Track Season Record

Dual meet	McPherson 73, Bethel 58
Pentangular	Bethel finished 4th
Dual meet	Hays Teachers 85 1/2, Bethel 40 1/2
Dual meet	Friends 105, Bethel 30

Letter awards were granted to Eddie Becker, Henry Ewert, Harold Claassen, Donald Kennison, Clifford Pierce, Arnold Unruh and Rudolph Voth.⁵

1931-1932

The football team of 1931 tied the opening game but then went on to drop the next six games. This gave the team a record of no wins, six losses and one tie.

Football Scores

Bethel 12	St. Benedict 12	Bethel 0	Ottawa 27
Bethel 6	Chilocco 12	Bethel 0	Friends 13
Bethel 0	K. Wesleyan 51	Bethel 0	McPherson 13. ⁶
Bethel 6	Bethany 39		

⁴Athletic Department Files

⁵Bethel College Collegian, June 2, 1930, p. 6.

⁶Ibid., November 24, 1931.

The following received letter awards: Clarence Cook, Wesley Cunningham, Herbert Dirks, Gus Ediger, Kenneth Fergeson, Harold Fugit, J. Marc Jantzen, Walter Jantzen, Clemens M. Kaufman, John L. Krehbiel, Elmer A. Linscheid, Olin Richert, Floyd C. Roberts, Max Seger and Elmer Stucky.⁷

The 1932 Graymaroon basketball team had a twelve game schedule. Bethel defeated every team in the Kansas Conference at least once. The season record was seven wins and five defeats.

Basketball Scores

Bethel	42	Sterling	19	Bethel	18	Ottawa	20
Bethel	25	Ottawa	24	Bethel	16	Bethany	47
Bethel	44	K. Wesleyan	22	Bethel	32	Friends	25
Bethel	21	Wichita U.	42	Bethel	20	K. Wesleyan	28
Bethel	24	Bethany	23	Bethel	21	Friends	22. ⁸
Bethel	34	Baker	18				

Players awarded letters were the following: Clarence Cook, Albert Gaeddert, Henry Gaeddert, Donald Kennison, John L. Krehbiel, Clarence Schmidt, Adrian Shull and George O. Wise.⁹

The tennis team participated in a number of matches; however, the results of only two were found. Bethel defeated Friends 6 to 2 and lost to Hutchinson Jr. College 2 to 4. Varsity awards were given to Wesley Cunningham, Gus Ediger, Marvin Goering, Donald Kennison, Elmer A. Linscheid, Adrian Shull and Clayton Vogt.¹⁰

⁷Bethel College Collegian, June 1, 1932, p. 4.

⁸Ibid., March 8, 1932, p. 4.

⁹Ibid., June 1, 1932, p. 4.

¹⁰Ibid.

The 1932 track team was without a coach during the major portion of the season. Coach Unruh was sidelined with a rheumatic condition and went to the Mayo Clinic for an examination. Bethel lost dual matches to Wichita 11 to 115, to McPherson 35 to 91, to Friends 33 to 93 and to Hutchinson Jr. College $27\frac{1}{2}$ to $97\frac{1}{2}$.

Three received track awards: Wes Cunningham, Don Kennison and Rudolph Voth.¹¹

1932-1933

The football team won its opening game but then went on to lose the next five games. Captain Cunningham was lost for the season by an appendectomy. Only twenty-two were out for football.

Football Scores

Bethel 2	Bethany 0	Bethel 0	Hutchinson JC 19
Bethel 0	Ottawa 31	Bethel 6	McPherson 41
Bethel 0	St. Benedict 58	Bethel 0	Friends 39. ¹²

Letters were awarded to Arnold Buhler, Wesley Cunningham, Andrew Douglas, Wilbert Doby, Harold Fugit, J. Marc Jantzen, Donald Kennison, John L. Krehbiel, Arthur Landes, Gale Norris, Ted Pankratz, Fred Plante, Floyd Roberts and Walter Unruh.¹³

The 1933 basketball team under Coach Unruh won eight games and lost five. Don Kennison, captain and leading scorer, was lost to the

¹¹Bethel College Collegian, May 17, 1932, p. 6.

¹²Ibid., November 22, 1932, p. 4.

¹³Athletic Department Files.

team for three weeks due to severe burns which he suffered in an explosion.

Basketball Scores

Bethel	48	Friends	14	Bethel	36	Friends	11
Bethel	14	Wichita Henry's	57	Bethel	38	McPherson	33
Bethel	20	Southwestern	43	Bethel	39	Chillico	25
Bethel	21	Southwestern	38	Bethel	25	McPherson	26
Bethel	60	Chillico	22	Bethel	17	Bethany	16
Bethel	38	Friends	22	Bethel	33	Bethany	24
Bethel	20	Wichita U.	51				

Varsity awards were made to Ernest Bartel, Wesley Cunningham, Donald Kennison, John L. Krehbiel and David C. Wedel.¹⁴

Bethel College fielded her first golf team in 1933. Bethel lost a two-man team match with Bethany 256 to 263. Thomas Devlin and Francis Dotson played on the Bethel team.¹⁵

The tennis team participated in several matches. However, the results of two matches were all that could be found. McPherson defeated Bethel 0 to 6 and Bethel placed third in a round robin tournament with McPherson and Bethany. Bethany was the winner. Kenneth Sparrow and Ted Pankratz received varsity awards.¹⁶

The track team, led by Don Kennison and Art Landis, was not successful in winning meets but did give the opposition a good contest. Landis did not lose a two-mile race during the season. Kennison set new school marks in the high jump (5' 11") and in the pole vault (11' 7 3/4"). Letters were granted to Dave Bergen, Wesley Cunningham,

¹⁴Bethel College Collegian, May 31, 1933, p. 4.

¹⁵Ibid., May 9, 1933, p. 4.

¹⁶Ibid., p. 4.

Donald Kennison, Arthur Landes, Floyd C. Roberts and Clarence Unrau.¹⁷

Track Season Record

Dual meet	Wichita U. 107 1/2, Bethel 23 1/2
Dual meet	Hutchinson J.C. 96 1/2, Bethel 33 1/2
Dual meet	McPherson 67, Bethel 64
Triangular	McPherson 68 1/6, Bethel 43 1/2
	Bethany 19 1/3
Dual meet	Friends 70, Bethel 50
Triangular	Friends 58, McPherson 40 1/3, Bethel 32 2/3

1933-1934

First winning football season. The Graymaroons posted their first winning football season with a season record of four wins, two losses and a tie. Bethel ranked second in the state among the independents. Floyd Roberts and Wes Cunningham (captain) led in the scoring with 54 and 50 points respectively.

Football Scores

Bethel 19	Chilocco	0	Bethel 14	Olathe Deaf-Mutes	0
Bethel 9	Hutchinson JC	12	Bethel 35	Wichita U. "B"	0
Bethel 0	McPherson	26	Bethel 20	Bethany	7
Bethel 19	Friends	19			

Those receiving their letters were the following: Arnold Buhler, Norman Burkett, Wesley Cunningham, Thomas Devlin, Andrew Douglas, John Eitel, Giles Elmore, Murray Hawley, J. Marc Jantzen, Peter R. Kaufman, John L. Krehbiel, Harrison Krider, Arthur Landes, Ted Pankratz, Floyd C. Roberts, Herman Ruff, John Schroeder, Max Seger, Mose Stucky and Neil Vosburgh.¹⁸

¹⁷Ibid., May 31, 1933, p. 4.

¹⁸Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1934, p. 43.

The 1934 basketball team ranked No. 1 among the independent schools of the state. The Graymaroons won ten of seventeen games played. Don Kennison was captain.

Basketball Scores

Bethel	47	Eldorado JC	30	Bethel	32	Friends	22
Bethel	16	Eldorado JC	24	Bethel	25	McPherson	30
Bethel	26	Alumni	18	Bethel	44	Friends	18
Bethel	29	Alva Teachers	47	Bethel	17	Hays Teachers	23
Bethel	26	C. of Emporia	31	Bethel	35	Bethany	10
Bethel	55	Sterling	17	Bethel	36	Friends	21
Bethel	29	Bethany	22	Bethel	24	Friends	27
Bethel	22	McPherson	30	Bethel	33	Sterling	10
Bethel	38	Haskell	30				

The following were granted awards: Ernest Bartel, Wesley Cunningham, Thomas Devlin, Murray Hawley, Donald Kennison, John L. Krehbiel, Arthur Landes and Floyd C. Roberts.¹⁹

The Bethel tennis team of 1934 participated in seven matches, winning three, losing two and tying two. Kenneth Sparrow was team captain.

Tennis Scores

Bethel	1	Hutchinson JC	5	Bethel	6	Friends	0
Bethel	3	Hutchinson JC	3	Bethel	5	Sterling	1
Bethel	2	McPherson	4	Bethel	3	Tabor	1
Bethel	5	Newton City	5				

Eight awards were granted in tennis. Receiving awards were Louis Carmouche, Eugene Enns, Ted Pankratz, Roland Richert, Kenneth Sparrow, Earl Unruh, Ted Voth and Venard Yust.²⁰

¹⁹Ibid., p. 44.

²⁰Ibid., p. 45.

Track Season Record

Dual	Bethel 63, Hutchinson 63 (tie)
Triangular	McPherson 50 1/2, Hutchinson 44 1/2, Bethel 27
Triangular	Friends 67, Bethel 49 1/2, McPherson 46 1/2
Dual	Friends 70 1/2, Bethel 60 1/2

Don Kennison broke marks he set a year earlier. In the pole vault his new record was 11' 10" and 6' 2" in the high jump.²¹

Letters were awarded to Harold Claassen, Donald Kennison, Arthur Landes, Herbert Miller, Dan Richert, Floyd C. Roberts, Erwin Schmidt and Ralph Schrag.²²

1934-1935

Bethel holds opponents to one touchdown. Shutting out opponents in eight successive games was the outstanding record compiled by the 1934 Bethel eleven. This was an unusual accomplishment in Graymaroon gridiron history. In an evenly fought opener, McPherson scored the only touchdown scored against Bethel all season. Bethel lost the opener and then went on to defeat eight opponents. These opponents were held scoreless while the Graymaroons amassed a total of 115 points, recognized as the best record of any college team in Kansas.

Football Scores

Bethel 0	McPherson 6	Bethel 6	Friends 0
Bethel 50	Sterling 0	Bethel 13	Olathe 0
Bethel 2	Chilocco 0	Bethel 12	Sterling 0
Bethel 12	Bethany 0	Bethel 6	Hutchinson JC 0. ²³

²¹Ibid., p. 45.

²²Athletic Department Files

²³Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1936, p. 48.

The Topeka Daily Capital selected Andy Douglass, Pete Kaufman and Floyd Roberts for honorable mention recognition on the All-Kansas football team.²⁴

Varsity awards were granted to Frank Buhler, Bert Buller, Norman Burkett, Andrew Douglass, Murray Hawley, Clemens M. Kaufman, Peter R. Kaufman, Harrison Krider, Carl Lohmeyer, Ted Pankratz, Floyd C. Roberts, Erwin Schmidt, John Schrag, John Schroeder, Glenn Stevenson, Mose Stucky, Charlie Tubbs and Bruce Zink.²⁵

Thrashing stone adopted as official symbol of Bethel. It was a chilly morning on November 16, 1934, when the student body gathered around the Science Hall steps to adopt the new emblem. Mose Stucky, student council president, spoke these words as the student body dedicated the emblem: "This thrashing stone, hewn out of solid rock, has been chosen as the emblem of Bethel College. It symbolizes certain fundamental characteristics of this school: the pioneering spirit, simplicity of life, faith and stability, solidarity of character."²⁶

Sunflower Conference organized. The Sunflower Conference was organized with Bethel, Friends and Sterling as charter members. Championships were awarded in football, basketball, track and tennis. An annual Play Day was held each spring with the student bodies of the member schools participating in various recreational activities. A picnic lunch was served at noon and the track meet and tennis tourna-

²⁴Bethel College Collegian, December 5, 1934, p. 6.

²⁵Athletic Department Files

²⁶Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1936, p. 4.

ment followed.²⁷

The 1935 basketball team tied with Friends for the newly organized Sunflower Championship. The season record was eight wins and six defeats.

Basketball Scores

Bethel 13	Phillips U.	26	Bethel 41	Sioux Indians	16
Bethel 45	Hebron	16	Bethel 43	*Sterling	15
Bethel 21	McPherson	32	Bethel 25	*Friends	15
Bethel 24	*Friends	26	Bethel 23	Phillips	31
Bethel 43	Chilocco	19	Bethel 39	Bethany	23
Bethel 55	Chilocco	19	Bethel 26	*Sterling	16
Bethel 27	Bethany	14	Bethel 33	McPherson	38. ²⁸

*Conference games

The following received varsity awards: Bert Buller, Norman Burkett, Eugene Enns, Murray Hawley, Harold Claassen, Dan Richert, and Floyd C. Roberts.²⁹

After losing its first match to McPherson 1 to 5, the 1935 tennis team went on to win over Friends 5 to 1 and defeated Sterling 6 to 0. Only one match was won in the McPherson Relay tournament. Varsity awards went to Louis Carmouche, Eugene Enns, Ted Pankratz, Roland Richert, Earl Unruh, Ted Voth and Venard Yust.³⁰

Dan Richert set a new school mark in the mile with a time of 4:43.³¹ The lettermen in track were: Alfred Berg, Marvin Dirks, Harold

²⁷ Ibid., p. 61.

²⁸ Ibid., p. 52.

²⁹ Athletic Department Files

³⁰ Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1936, p. 55.

³¹ Ibid., p. 54.

Claassen (captain), Elmer Munroe, Dan Richert, Floyd C. Roberts, Ralph Schrag and Glenn Stevenson.³²

Track Season Record

Dual meet	Southwestern 89 1/2, Bethel 41 1/2
Dual meet	Bethel 70, Friends 60
Triangular	Friends McPherson Bethel
Dual meet	McPherson 49 1/2, Bethel 81 1/2
McPherson Relays	Bethel placed 3rd
Sunflower	Bethel won the championship with 73 points
	Friends had 71 and Sterling 21 points

A well-rounded program. The program inaugurated by Otto Unruh, director of athletics, was a well-rounded program of sane athletics. Each student had a place in the athletic program that included football, basketball, track, tennis and intramurals. In addition to the two years of required physical training, the physical education department sponsored a program of athletics within the school. The Sunflower Conference Play Day was another feature of the athletic program. In this whole day of playing, every student had the opportunity of participation in some form of physical exercise.³³

1935-1936

One-third of Bethel's men in football uniform. The largest squad in the history of Bethel reported to Coaches Unruh and Morgan in the fall of 1935. One-third of the men enrolled were issued uniforms which numbered fifty-four. Andy Douglass was captain of the Graymaroons

³²Athletic Department Files

³³Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1936, p. 48.

that won four, lost one and tied two games. Bethel tied Friends for the Sunflower championship. The victory over McPherson was Bethel's first in history. The Topeka Daily Capital gave Andy Douglass and Charlie Tubbs honorable mention on their All-Kansas football team.

Football Scores

Bethel	0	Bethany	12	Bethel	0	*Friends	0
Bethel	24	Chilocco	0	Bethel	13	Panhandle AM	13
Bethel	19	*Sterling	0	Bethel	19	Sterling	0

*Conference games

The following were given athletic awards: Frank Buhler, Bert Buller, Leonard Buller, Andrew Douglass, Joe Goering, Sam Hayden, Paul Jackson, Clemens M. Kaufman, Peter R. Kaufman, Ralph McCarty, George Musselman, Ted Pankratz, Herold Regier, Edward Reusser, John Schrag, Glenn Stevenson, Charlie Tubbs, Merle Van Horn and Bruce Zink.³⁴

The 1936 Graymaroon basketball team won the Sunflower title by defeating Friends and Sterling twice. The season record was eight victories and nine defeats. The games were played in Lindley Hall, the Newton High School gymnasium which had just recently been completed.

The men who lettered in basketball were: Anton Banman, Bert Buller, Leonard Buller, Harold Claassen, James Clark, Wilbur Uhrh and Edward Voth.³⁵

Basketball Scores

Bethel	23	Fort Hays St.	33	Bethel	23	*Sterling	22
Bethel	21	Baker	46	Bethel	16	Baker	46
Bethel	13	Phillips	18	Bethel	39	Chilocco	28

³⁴Athletic Department Files

³⁵Ibid.

Basketball Scores, continued

Bethel	33	*Friends	24	Bethel	21	Ottawa	37
Bethel	15	McPherson	44	Bethel	20	*Friends	16
Bethel	33	Chilocco	25	Bethel	34	Bethany	26
Bethel	25	Ottawa	31	Bethel	26	McPherson	37
Bethel	49	*Sterling	29	Bethel	29	Phillips	41.36
Bethel	30	Bethany	24				

*Conference games

The tennis team had four returning lettermen. New members were chosen from an all-school tournament set up by the athletic department. In Bethel's first tennis match Bethel defeated McPherson 6 to 0. Other dual matches were scheduled but not recorded. Bethel retained the Sunflower championship by winning eleven matches in the tournament. Friends was second with three wins and Sterling third with one. Darrel Mayer placed second in the singles tournament of the McPherson Relays.³⁷ The following lettered in tennis: Louis Carmouche, William Dreese, Darrel Mayer, Ted Pankratz, Roland Richert, Earl Unruh and Ted Voth.³⁸

The track team opened the season with three dual meet victories and went on to win the Sunflower Conference meet. The annual Play Day, associated with the Conference meet, attracted 400 students. Some 125 students from Bethel motored to Sterling for the occasion.

New school marks were set in the following events:

880 yard run	2:04.4	Dan Richert
One mile run	4:37.5	Waldo Leisy
Low hurdles	:25.6	Ed Voth ³⁹

³⁶Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1936, p. 53.

³⁷Bethel College Collegian, May 13, 1936, p. 6.

³⁸Athletic Department Files.

³⁹Bethel College Collegian, May 13, 1936, p. 6.

Track Season Record

Dual meet	Bethel 72, McPherson 54
Dual meet	Bethel 81 1/3, Sterling 49 2/3
Dual meet	Bethel 90 1/2, Friends 40 1/2
Sunflower meet	Won by Bethel with 70 1/4 points Sterling had 51 and Friends 41 3/4
McPherson Relays	Bethel placed 3rd with 30 1/2 points

Athletic awards were presented to : Alfred Berg, Bert Buller, James Clark, Andrew Douglass, Morris Flory, Eric Friesen, Paul Hall, Waldo Leisy, Dan Richert, Ralph Schrag and Edward Voth.⁴⁰

First annual buffalo barbecue inaugurated. The Bethel College Letter Club sponsored a buffalo barbecue on May 1, 1936. A buffalo was obtained for the occasion. Dr. Naismith, the inventor of the game of basketball, was the guest speaker. The state championship basketball teams from Pretty Prairie and Newton were invited as honored guests for the all-men outdoor barbecue. The purpose of the event was four-fold: (1) to tie together the alumni lettermen, constituency and those interested in Bethel College, with the athletic program; (2) to promote better Newton-Bethel relationships; (3) to bring the alumni Letter Club and the campus Letter Club closer together; and (4) to have a project for the campus Letter Club. This was set up to be an annual event sponsored by the Letter Club.^{41,42}

⁴⁰Athletic Department Files.

⁴¹Bethel College Collegian, April 29, 1936.

⁴²Personal Interview with Otto Unruh, July 31, 1962.

1936-1937

First homecoming queen. The election of Miss Ruth Haury as homecoming queen established a precedent. Homecoming activities became more elaborate and brought about a closer tie between the alumni and the student body.

The Graymaroon football season was an even affair in that four games were won and a like number lost. Herold Regier and Glenn Stevenson were elected co-captains of the '36 eleven, coached by Otto Unruh and Cliff Morgan. Charles Tubbs was selected All-Kansas fullback on the third team by the Topeka Daily Capital.

Football Scores

Bethel	0	C. of Emporia	7	Bethel	26	Sterling	6
Bethel	7	Panhandle A&M	0	Bethel	0	Ottawa	7
Bethel	6	Bethany	13	Bethel	7	Chillico	0
Bethel	12	McPherson	21	Bethel	33	Hebron	9. ⁴³

Letters were granted to Frank Buhler, Arnold Buhler, Bert Buller, Leonard Buller, Gilbert Galle, Richard Galle, Clarence Graber, Joe Goering, Sam Hayden, Roy Hoff, Amos Jackson, Ralph Ray, Herold Regier, John Schrag, Glenn Stevenson, Charlie Tubbs, Chester Unruh, Wilbur Unruh and Waldo Wedel.⁴⁴

The basketball team in 1937 won eight and lost seven. Bethel retained the Sunflower Conference title with a four win and no loss record in Conference play.

⁴³Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1938, p. 87.

⁴⁴From the Registrar's Files.

Basketball Scores

Bethel 16	Fort Hays	40	Bethel 15	Chilocco	21
Bethel 21	Bethany	16	Bethel 34	C. of Emporia	36
Bethel 31	McPherson	25	Bethel 31	*Friends	20
Bethel 27	Okla. City	48	Bethel 44	*Sterling	24
Bethel 38	Ottawa	18	Bethel 35	Bethany	25
Bethel 20	McPherson	47	Bethel 40	*Friends	20
Bethel 30	U. of Mexico	37	Bethel 30	*Sterling	25. ⁴⁵
Bethel 21	C. of Emporia	34			

*Conference games

The following received awards: Ed Buller, Anton Banman, Wayne Catlin, James Clark, Gilbert Galle, Roy Hoff, Myron Stucky, Wilbur Unruh, Chester Unruh and Ed Voth.⁴⁶

The Bethel tennis team won two dual matches and lost one to Hays 1 to 2. The victories were against Friends, 6 to 0 and Sterling 6 to 0. Bethel won the third consecutive Sunflower Conference title in tennis by defeating Friends and Sterling. No match results were given. Varsity letters were awarded to Kenneth Mangels, Darrel Mayer, Earl Unruh, Chester Unruh and Eldon Voth.⁴⁷

The track season saw Bethel win four of the five dual matches scheduled, and retain the Sunflower Conference title.

Track Season Record

Dual meet	Bethel 112 1/4, Friends 18 3/4
Dual meet	Hays 117 1/2, Bethel 13 1/2
Dual meet	Bethel 90 1/2, Southwestern 40 1/2
Dual meet	Bethel 81, Sterling 50
Dual meet	Bethel 91, McPherson 40
Conference meet	Bethel 89 1/2, Sterling 62 1/2, Friends 13
Sterling Relays	Bethel placed third

⁴⁵Official Scorebooks, 1936-1937. ⁴⁶From the Registrar's Files.

⁴⁷Bethel College Collegian, May 6, 1937, p. 6.

The annual Play Day was another success. Bethel students went to Wichita on a Sante Fe special train. About 150 made the trip.

Awards were granted to: Alfred Berg, James Clark, Eric Friesen, Art Friesen, Robert Guy, Roy Hoff, John Isaak, Amos Jackson, Waldo Leisy, Ralph Schrag, Glenn Stevenson, Charlie Tubbs, Wilbur Unruh, Chester Unruh, Ed Voth, Waldo Voth and Earl Wagner.⁴⁸

New Bethel Records

Two mile run	10:04.9	Waldo Leisy
Javelin	160' 10"	Eric Friesen
Broad jump	22' 7 3/4"	Eric Friesen
High hurdles	:15.5	Ed Voth ⁴⁹

1937-1938

Wheat Bowl classic. Homecoming in 1937 was honored with the inauguration of the first annual Wheat Bowl Festival. This was to commemorate the fact that it was the Mennonite forefathers who introduced the Turkey red wheat into America. The Wheat Bowl football game was to be an annual event.

The football team of 1937 set a new record in the number of squad members. Sixty-one men reported to Coaches Unruh and Morgan. John Schrag and Charles Tubbs were elected co-captains. The season record was four wins and three defeats. The Topeka Daily Capital recognized Charlie Tubbs for the third consecutive year. He was given honor-

⁴⁸From the Registrar's Files.

⁴⁹Bethel College Collegian, May 21, 1937, p. 6.

able mention on the All-Kansas football team.⁵⁰

Football Scores

Bethel	13	C. of Emporia	0	Bethel	12	McPherson	13
Bethel	7	Panhandle A&M	0	Bethel	21	Sterling	13
Bethel	12	Bethany	34	Bethel	0	Ottawa	13
Bethel	26	Chilocco	0				

Those awarded letters were the following: Arnold Buhler, Edward Buller, Leonard Buller, Gilbert Galle, Richard Galle, Joe Goering, Orlo Goering, Donald Haury, Sam Hayden, Roy Hoff, Ralph Kuehny, George Musselman, Everett Potter, Ralph Ray, John Schrag, Edwin Suderman, Charles Tubbs, Chester Unruh, Wilbur Unruh, Edward Voth, Tommy Walker and Paul Zerger.⁵¹

The Kansas Conference invited Coach Unruh to attend its fall meeting to draw up the next year's athletic schedules. It was on this occasion that Coach Unruh applied for readmission to the Conference. Bethel was playing most of the member schools in football and basketball. Most member schools wanted Bethel back in the Conference, but two opposing votes kept Bethel out.⁵²

The basketball season ended with a record of ten wins and eight defeats. The Graymaroons won their fourth Sunflower Conference Championship with a four and zero record. Roy Hoff was given honorable mention on the All-Kansas team selected by the Topeka Daily Capital.

⁵⁰Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1938, p. 87.

⁵¹From the Registrar's Files.

⁵²Bethel College Collegian, December 9, 1937, p. 3.

Hoff led the team in scoring with 186 points.⁵³

Basketball Scores

Bethel	25	Ottawa	24	Bethel	37	Okla. City U.	35
Bethel	28	C. of Emporia	52	Bethel	39	Baker	41
Bethel	34	Chilocco	20	Bethel	40	McPherson	43
Bethel	39	C. of Emporia	40	Bethel	43	*Sterling	23
Bethel	40	Bethany	28	Bethel	52	*Friends	30
Bethel	31	Bethany	34	Bethel	46	*Friends	35
Bethel	40	Chilocco	22	Bethel	22	Okla. City U.	34
Bethel	28	McPherson	36	Bethel	37	*Sterling	25
Bethel	31	C. of Emporia	45	Bethel	28	Bethany	26

*Conference games

Awards were presented to: Edward Buller, Wayne Catlin, Gilbert Galle, Roy Hoff, Orville Horst, Gene Miller, Charles Rousell, Chester Unruh and Wilbur Unruh.⁵⁴

The 1938 tennis team turned in the best record of the season by winning all their matches. The results of three were available. Bethel defeated Southwestern 5 to 1 and McPherson 4 to 2, and Bethany was defeated by a score of 5 to 1.⁵⁵

Six men received their varsity awards. They were Lander Claassen, Quentin Daniels, Darrell Mayer, James Moore, Eldon Voth and Hugo Voth.⁵⁶

The track team had a successful season. Bethel won two dual matches and lost two. In the Sunflower Conference meet Bethel was successful in defending its title by winning the fourth championship.

⁵³Ibid., March 10, 1938, p. 3.

⁵⁴From the Registrar's Files.

⁵⁵Bethel College Collegian, May 27, 1938, p. 5.

⁵⁶From the Registrar's Files.

Track Season Record

Dual meet	Bethel 82, Friends 44
Dual meet	Bethel 36, Ottawa 95
Dual meet	Bethel 74, Southwestern 57
Dual meet	Bethel 58, McPherson 73
Sunflower Conference	Bethel 69 7/10, Sterling 55 1/2, Friends 37 4/5
Sterling Relays	Bethel placed fifth

New school records were set by Eric Friesen. He had a leap of 23' 3/4" in the broad jump and threw the javelin 177' 8".⁵⁷

Letter awards in track were granted to Henry Brown, Arthur Friesen, Eric Friesen, Henry Guhr, Robert Guy, Roy Hoff, Roland Leisy, Everett Potter, Charles Rousell, Chester Unruh, Wilbur Unruh and Wayne Wagner.⁵⁸

1938-1939

Some forty-seven athletes reported to Coaches Unruh and Morgan for the 1938 football season. Joe Goering, a three year letterman, was elected captain. The backfield that year was rated by Unruh to be the best in his nine years at Bethel. The "dream backfield" was composed of "Gib" Galle, left half; Bill Unruh, fullback; Chester Unruh, quarterback and Richard Galle, right half. "Gib" Galle received honorable mention on the Topeka Daily Capital All-State football team. The team posted a five won and three loss record.

⁵⁷Bethel College Collegian, April and May, 1938.

⁵⁸From the Registrar's Files.

Football Scores

Bethel 14	Northwestern St. 0	Bethel 19	McPherson 16
Bethel 18	Bethany 0	Bethel 0	Ottawa 20
Bethel 6	C. of Emporia 7	Bethel 25	Haskel Ind. 3
Bethel 14	Doane (Neb.) 0	Bethel 0	Sterling 13. ⁵⁹

The twenty-one football players who received awards are the following: Henry Brown, Leonard Buller, Wayne Catlin, Dan Epp, Gilbert Galle, Richard Galle, Joe Goering, Orlo Goering, Sam Hayden, Roy Hoff, Darrell Mayer, Ralph Ray, Frank Rayburn, Kenneth Rupp, Bill Staerkel, Phil Tolbert, Louis Turner, Chester Unruh, Wilbur Unruh, Rex Youngquist and Eric Friesen.⁶⁰

Bethel admitted to Kansas Conference. Bethel College was unanimously elected to immediate membership in the Kansas College Athletic Conference at a meeting held December 2, 1938. Bethel's membership brought the total to seven member schools. A major factor in the unanimous election was that Bethel had been playing all the member schools in one or more sport.⁶¹

The Graymaroons played twenty-two games during the 1938-1939 basketball season. Twelve games were won and ten lost. In Kansas Conference play Bethel placed fifth with a four and eight record. Roy Hoff was third leading scorer in the Conference with 313 points and an average of 14.2 points per game. He was elected to the All-Conference second team. Wayne Catlin and Chester Unruh received honorable mention

⁵⁹Bethel College Collegian, November and December, 1938.

⁶⁰From the Registrar's Files.

⁶¹Bethel College Collegian, December 8, 1938, p. 1.

recognition. Roy Hoff was captain of the team.

Basketball Scores

Bethel	24	*Ottawa	40	Bethel	27	*Bethany	31
Bethel	47	Henderson (Neb)	21	Bethel	39	*C. of Emporia	44
Bethel	76	Freeman (S.D.)	16	Bethel	38	*McPherson	28
Bethel	40	Nettleton (S.D)	32	Bethel	38	*C. of Emporia	33
Bethel	26	Bethany	25	Bethel	41	*Baker	42
Bethel	38	Friends	14	Bethel	38	Friends	25
Bethel	34	C. of Emporia	21	Bethel	43	*Baker	55
Bethel	50	K. Wesleyan	44	Bethel	27	*Ottawa	35
Bethel	41	*McPherson	28	Bethel	48	*K. Wesleyan	49
Bethel	34	Okla. City U.	41	Bethel	35	*K. Wesleyan	36
Bethel	24	Okla City U.	46	Bethel	52	*Bethany	33. ⁶²

*KCAC games

Varsity awards were granted to Edward Buller, Wayne Catlin, Eric Friesen, Gilbert Galle, Richard Galle, Roy Hoff, Orville Horst, Charles Rousell, Chester Unruh and Wilbur Unruh.⁶³

The tennis team won two of three dual matches played. Harold Ensiz won the western division Conference play-off in the singles and teamed up with Darrel Mayer in taking the doubles tournament. They were defeated in the Conference finals. In dual matches Southwestern defeated Bethel 6 to 0; Bethel won over Friends 6 to 0 and defeated Kansas Wesleyan 6 to 0.⁶⁴

Four athletes received awards in tennis: Harold Ensiz, Maurice Gephardt, Darrell Mayer and Chester Unruh.⁶⁵

Eric Friesen establishes new track records. The 1939 track team

⁶²Ibid., March 9, 1939, p. 3.

⁶³From the Registrar's Files

⁶⁴Bethel College Collegian, April and May, 1939

⁶⁵From the Registrar's Files

was built around Eric Friesen, the holder of three Bethel track records. This season he broke the javelin record for the fourth time and the high hurdles for the third time. Friesen entered the decathlon at the Kansas University Relays where he placed sixth with 6164 points. In the final meet of his college career, the Conference meet, Friesen placed Bethel fifth by scoring all her points. He placed first in the broad jump, second in the high hurdles, third in the javelin (new Bethel record) and fourth in the low hurdles. He was high point man of the meet.

New School Track Records

Javelin	178' 0"	Eric Friesen
High hurdles (tied)	:15.5	Eric Friesen
Low hurdles (tied)	:25.6	Bill Unruh ⁶⁶

Track Season Record

Dual meet	Bethel 94, Friends 22
Dual meet	Bethel 68 2/3, K. Wesleyan 56 1/3
Dual meet	Bethel 73, McPherson 55
Dual meet	Bethel 99, Southwestern 32
Triangular	Wichita U. 80 1/3, Bethel 38 1/3 Southwestern 15 1/3
Sterling Relays	Bethel placed 4th
Kansas Conference	Bethel placed 5th

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Twelve men received track awards. They were: Roy Bartel, Orlando Epp, Eric Friesen, Marvin Funk, Gilbert Galle, Henry Guhr, Roy Hoff, Harold Lowe, Charles Rousell, Bill Staerkel, Henry Unruh and Wilbur Unruh.⁶⁸

⁶⁶Ibid.

⁶⁷Ibid.

⁶⁸From the Registrar's Files,

1939-1940

Galle Brothers rate KCAC First Eleven. The 1939 football team found it difficult to push across the winning touchdown. Three games were lost by a touchdown and one by an extra point. The record was three victories, four losses and a tie. Bethel placed last in the KCAC standings with a one--four--one season. The co-captains Gilbert and Richard Galle were given All-Conference halfback positions on the first team. Chester Uhruh was selected second team quarterback and Roy Hoff second team end.

Football Scores

Bethel 26	Hebron (Neb.)	7	Bethel 6	*Ottawa	13
Bethel 13	*K. Wesleyan	14	Bethel 6	Sterling	0
Bethel 0	*C. of Emporia	6	Bethel 6	*Bethany	13
Bethel 16	*McPherson	6	Bethel 13	*Baker	13. ⁶⁹

*KCAC games

Twenty team members received awards: Wayne Catlin, Roy Hoff, Gilbert Galle, Richard Galle, Roy Bartel, Willard Gaeddert, Marvin Des-ter, Eldon Flickner, William Spangler, Frank Rayburn, Orle Goering, Bill Staerkel, Martin Schrag, Charles Stevenson, Donald Guy, Willard Jantz, Ralph Ray, Ralph Kushny, Louis Turner, Chester Uhruh and George Hanna (manager).⁷⁰

Coach Uhruh selected an All-Time Football Team. Coach Otto Uhruh selected an all-time Bethel football team from the teams that he

⁶⁹Bethel College Collegian, December 7, 1939. p. 3.

⁷⁰From the Registrar's Files.

had coached since coming to Bethel. The team is as follows:

First Team

John Krehbiel '34
 Andy Douglass '36
 Ralph McCarty
 Pete Kaufman '36
 Clem Kaufman '36
 Lindy Buller '39
 Sam Hayden '39
 Wes Cunningham '34
 Floyd Roberts '35
 Charlie Tubbs '36
 Ted Pankratz '36

Second Team

Center
 Guard
 Guard
 Tackle
 Tackle
 End
 End
 Back
 Back
 Back
 Back
 Wilbert Daby '32
 Walt Jantzen '39
 Joe Goering '39
 Marc Jantzen '34
 Arnie Buhler '38
 Ikey Kreider '31
 Norman Burkett '32
 John Schrag '36
 Hank Ewert '39
 Bert Buller '39
 Bill Unruh '39.⁷¹

Bethel defeats Drake University. The highlight of the 1939-1940 basketball season was the win over Drake University, 44 to 43. The previous year Drake was co-champion of the Missouri Valley Conference. Bethel finished fifth in the Conference standing. The season record was six wins and ten losses. Roy Hoff repeated his performance of a year earlier. He ranked third in KCAC scoring and was again placed on the All-Conference second team.

Basketball Scores

Bethel 38	Northwestern	47	Bethel 30	*C. of Emporia	27
Bethel 44	Drake U.	43	Bethel 42	*K. Wesleyan	64
Bethel 33	*McPherson	22	Bethel 32	*C. of Emporia	29
Bethel 26	*Baker	32	Bethel 24	*Ottawa	52
Bethel 47	Mexico City	27	Bethel 46	*McPherson	29
Bethel 41	Sterling	50	Bethel 40	*Bethany	48
Bethel 34	*Bethany	45	Bethel 32	*Baker	50
Bethel 52	*K. Wesleyan	75	Bethel 25	*Ottawa	35. ⁷²

*KCAC games

⁷¹Bethel College Collegian, March 8, 1940, p. 3.

⁷²Ibid., March 8, 1940, p. 3.

Awards were presented to: Gilbert Galle, Richard Galle, Chester Unruh, Wayne Catlin, Roy Hoff, Orville Horst, Charles Rousell and Duane Grove.⁷³

The most outstanding record of the year was made in tennis. Four dual matches were played. Bethel won over Bethany twice and McPherson once and lost to Kansas Wesleyan. Harold Ensz won the singles in the western division Conference play-off and teamed with Chester Unruh to win the doubles. In the Conference meet Ensz and Unruh lost in the semi-finals, and in the singles Ensz lost in the finals.⁷⁴

Varsity awards were granted to: Harold Ensz, Chester Unruh, Kenneth Mangels and Carl Voth.⁷⁵

The track team did not have the success that teams in preceding years had. The squad was young and inexperienced.

Track Season Record

Triangular	K. Wesleyan 88, Bethany 29, Bethel 18
Dual meet	Southwestern 83, Bethel 48
Dual meet	Bethany 70 1/2, Bethel 60 1/2
Dual meet	K. Wesleyan 90, Bethel 26
Triangular	Bethel 60, Bethany 49, Friends 22
Dual meet	McPherson 85, Bethel 47
Kansas Conference	Bethel placed 7th

No track members won the required number of points to meet the standards for an award.⁷⁶

⁷³From the Registrar's Files.

⁷⁴Bethel College Collegian, May 29, 1940, p. 2.

⁷⁵From the Registrar's Files.

⁷⁶Bethel College Collegian, April and May, 1940.