

MIKE AUGUSTINE

MEMORIES OF A GREAT ATHLETE

Mike launched his athletic career in 1910 when he enrolled at Orient High. The school competed in 'foot racing' only then. Since there wasn't a cinder track Mike was compelled to do his training by jogging to and from school, a mere 12 miles.

Harry E. (Mike) Augustine was known as a Quiet, Successful Coach in the 20 years he coached at East High in Des Moines. As coach of all sports, Mike's teams won seven city football titles, East's first basketball title in more than two decades, 10 state outdoor and four indoor track championships.

Hundreds of top athletes passed through Augustine's hands. There wasn't a single one who ever had a beef against his coach. Mike never raised his voice to chastise an East performer. Even in later years, he was able to perform the things he wanted his athletes to do.

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Mike Augustine, Greatest of Grinnell's Athletes of Recent Years

Little Known in High School

Although Augustine occupies the center of the state athletic arena at present, such fortune was not always his. In his high school days he was scarcely known outside of the hamlet of Orient. The high school did not boast a football team, but the town did and it was upon this eleven that Mike picked up his first football knowledge and he became the bulk of the team's strength. He was pitcher for the baseball team and captured points in numerous track meets.

Mike attended Orient High School and made the round trip from his father's home, a mere matter of twelve miles, on foot the year around. When asked why he preferred walking to riding, he always answered that he was in a hurry. This early training was without doubt a prominent factor in the building of the great athlete's splendid physique.



Mike coached 20 years at East High in Des Moines. Prior to launching his coaching career at East, Mike served for five years as athletic director at Greenfield.

MIKE KNEW HOW TO HANDLE HIS MEN.
He never bawled a boy out. The athletes respected Mike and his word and that was all there was to it.

MIKE AUGUSTINE COACHING RECORD

FOOTBALL	WON 101	LOST 41
BASKETBALL	WON 109	LOST 48
TRACK – Teams never lost a Big-six Conference Track title 1941-55		
CROSS COUNTRY – Teams won the State Title 4 times		

TRIBUTE TO

HARRY EMMETT "MIKE" AUGUSTINE

Graduated from Orient High School in 1915
As Star Fullback on the Football Team

Graduated from Grinnell College in 1918
All-State Fullback, 3 years
All-State Basketball Center, 3 years
440 & 880 yards Track Runner
Baseball team Pitcher