

# Athletics in North Dakota

North Dakota has a rich athletic history. This pathfinder will lead researchers to several resources available at the North Dakota State Archives highlighting the careers and accomplishments of North Dakota athletes and athletic competition.

## Archival Collections

### 10343 Prairie Public Television Records

Records consists of completed programs, series, raw footage, and supplemental materials for productions aired on Prairie Public Television.

### 10646 KTHI-TV (Fargo, N.D.) Broadcast News Video

Consists of mainly 3/4" videotapes and shot sheets of file tapes from 1989-1999 of the Fargo and surrounding Red River Valley.

### 10736 KXMB TV (Bismarck, N.D.) Collection

Consists of completed segments and raw footage produced by KXMB-TV (Bismarck, N.D.). The footage covers many social, political, and current event topics from central and western North Dakota. Also features both regional and national sports coverage.

### 10958 William E. "Bill" Shemorry Papers

The collection consists of office files (research, newspaper and magazine clippings, article drafts, and published articles), slides, photographs, negatives, and glass plate negatives related to Shemorry's career as a newspaper publisher, photographer, reporter, historian, researcher and author in Williston, N.D.

### 10983 Meyer Broadcasting Company Records

Consists of completed segments, raw footage, and full length programs produced by the various Meyer Broadcasting stations. The news film covers many social, political, and current event topics from central and western North Dakota. Also includes regional sports coverage.

### 11085 Fletcher Poling Oral Histories - Amateur Baseball in Northwest North Dakota and Northeast Montana

Interviews of former amateur baseball players from the region by Fletcher Poling in June 2011. Interviewees are Lyle Nelson, Duane Hought, Ed Smith, Gene Emery, Walter "Herbie" Oyen, Ken Oyen, Les Olson, Roy Trogstad, Gordon Hegge, Irwin Quarne, Winfred Smith, Howard Ross, Jr., Clarence "Chip" Poling, and Mary Christine Larson.

## Useful Search Guidance

### Subjects

- Ski jumping
- National Hockey League
- National Basketball Association
- USA Women's National Hockey
- National Football League
- Baseball

### People

- Roger Maris, 1934-1985
- Casper Oimoen, 1906-1995
- Clifford "Fido" Purpur, 1912-2001
- Phil Jackson, 1945-
- Monique Lamoureux-Morando, 1989-
- Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson, 1989-
- Carson Wentz, 1992-

### Locations

- Fargo, North Dakota
- Minot, North Dakota
- Grand Forks, North Dakota
- Williston, North Dakota
- Bismarck, North Dakota

## Journal Articles

*Farm Boys, Crackerbox Gyms, and Hometown Referees: Coaching Basketball at Hurdsfield, North Dakota in 1953-1954*

Lawrence H. Larsen – *North Dakota History*  
Vol. 55 Issue 4

*Growing Up on Bald Hill Creek*

Harvey M. Sletten – *North Dakota History*  
Vol. 30 Issue 4

**11151 Divide County High School Event Audio and Videos**

Video and audio tapes of Divide County athletic events, including boys and girls basketball. Some video is home video and some are games taped off television broadcasts. Audiocassette tapes are recordings of radio broadcasts.

**11220 2002 World Curling Championship, Bismarck (N.D.) Records**

Consists of materials created during the planning of the event, including correspondence and facility information, photographs and written material compiled for inclusion in the souvenir program, published articles documenting the event and miscellaneous curling printed material. The Ford World Curling Championships were held in Bismarck (ND) from April 5-14, 2002.

**11478 Boyd Christenson Collection**

16mm, video, 1/4" open reel, and ephemera of sports broadcaster Boyd Christenson.

**20589 Casper Oimoen Papers**

Scrapbook containing photographs and newspaper clippings concerning Oimoen's skiing career and nomination for the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award, a biographical sketch, and a diary.

## Books

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### *Boyd Christenson Interviews*

1983 - Boyd Christenson

Original videotapes of the interviews are maintained as part of the reference collection of the State Historical Society at the Heritage Center in Bismarck. -- Intimate portraits of North Dakota's best-known personalities, Louis L'Amour, Lawrence Welk, Milton Young, Harold Schafer, Roger Maris, Quentin Burdick, Dr. Anne Carlsen, Bobby Vee, Mike Morley, Jim Adelson, Lenus Carlson, Agnes Geelan, Fritz Scholder, Ida Prokop Lee, Cliff "Fido" Purpur. --Televised, copyrighted interviews originally appeared on Prairie Public Television, 1980-1983.

Call Number: 078.4 C463b

### *Roger Maris: A Title to Fame*

1991 – Harvey Rosenfeld

Call Number: 796.357092 M342r

### *Phil Jackson: Lord of the Rings*

2013 – Peter Richmond

Hidatsa folklore texts with English translation

Call Number: 796.323092 J124p 2013

### *Horns Up: Inside the Greatest College Football Dynasty*

2016 – Jeff Kolpack

"Horns Up" is a story of a football program that came out of nowhere. It's a story nobody could have predicted.

Call Number: 796.33263 K81h 2016

### *Roger Maris: Baseball's Reluctant Hero*

2010 – Tom Clavin and Danny Peary

Call Number: 796.357092 C617r 2010

### *Phil Jackson: The Man With the Longest Reach*

1992 – Bill Shemorry

Highlights the basketball career of Phil Jackson, a Williston native named to the N.D. Sports Hall of Fame and in 1992 presented with the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award

Call Number: 796.323092 J13s

### *Getting to Roger*

William Loizeaux

Call Number: 796.357092 M342L

## Online Resources

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### [New Hockey Coach Named at UND](#)

The Pierce County Tribune—May 12, 1949

### [SHSND Photobook](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota's Online Search Portal for all digitized photographs

### [Digital Horizons](#)

Online consortium of historic photographs from the collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota

### [WorldCat](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota's publication search portal

## External Resources

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### [Lamoureux Twins](#)

Current website for Monique and Jocelyne Lamoureux

### [Rough Rider Award: Casper Oimoen](#)

Short description of Casper Omimoen's accomplishments on the North Dakota governor's website

## State Archives

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For more information related to the collections and resources available at the North Dakota State Archives, please email [archives@nd.gov](mailto:archives@nd.gov) or call (701) 328-2668.



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