

## H. I. (IGGY) MULCAHY

If H.I. (Iggy) Mulcahy had a reason to achieve success as an athlete, an official and a humanitarian, it may have been because he walked among the giants. That included the legendary Knute Rockne at Notre Dame. He never played football for Rockne, but he twice earned letters in track for the Irish during the Rockne era.

In 1922, Mulcahy returned to his parents' farm in Delaven, Ill. after two years to earn money to return to college. Three years later, Mulcahy and a friend headed west and enrolled at the University of New Mexico. At UNM he played under Roy W. Johnson, the toughest of coaches, where he lettered three years in basketball, three in track and two in football.

A 1927 graduate, Mulcahy was UNM student body president as a senior. As captain and leading scorer of the basketball team, he also earned all-Southwest honors. He excelled in track in the high jump, broad jump, discus and the high hurdles and played

end for the football team.

Mulcahy opened the first sporting goods store in New Mexico (The Sport Shop) in 1928. He helped underwrite the first North-South All-Star Games in 1941 with UNM and the Downtown Lions Club. He also helped organize the New Mexico AAU in 1946.

Mulcahy operated the Sport Shop from 1928 until the early 1940s when he supplied the sporting goods expertise for New Mexico School Supply Co. He and Roy Wilke formed M&W Sporting Goods in 1954, a firm he operated until he retired in 1980. Joe Zeni was his partner the last five years. Mulcahy died in 1982.

He was an outstanding official in football, basketball and track for more than 30 years. Many of the 2,000-plus games he officiated for smaller schools were free of charge.

Mulcahy was a confidant for many rising young athletes at UNM and for aspiring high school coaches.