Teams of the 1950s
Contributed by Dave Koch

Football 1951-57

George Blankley, still substituting as head coach while Lyle Smith served in the military, led the 1951 Broncos to a 9-1 season and a second Potato Bowl appearance in football. An 18-6 loss to Olympic Junior College was the Broncos' first regular season defeat since the 1946 season. Thirty-four Broncos, led by quarterback John Curran, traveled to California for the 34-14 drubbing of Bakersfield before 12,000 fans at the Potato Bowl. Merlin Howard and Dwight Winslow combined for an overwhelming ground attack of 445 yards and five touchdowns. The Broncos threw only five passes in the game. Standouts for the Broncos were Bert Crooks, Ernest Pyne, Nolan Ford, James Petruzzi, Darrell Fike, Keith Howell, James Oliver, Bob Hall, Homer Smith, John Milani and Harold Simmons. Joe Fulwyler and Everett Fowler took care of the kicking chores.

The repeated success of BJC in the Intermountain Collegiate Athletic Conference caused discontent among the member schools. By the fall of 1952, only three member schools would play the Broncos. Two of the three alternated every year, but Weber remained a staunch opponent.
With Smith back as head coach after his military tour, the 1952 Bronco football team went 8-1 on the season. The Broncos' only loss — 28-13 — came in their own Bronco Bowl in the final game of the year against the Pasadena City College Bulldogs. The "Big Orange" Bronco team had beaten Ricks the previous week 57-0 behind the powerful running of Rex Miller, the arm of Wayne Patrick and the receiving of Frank Teverbaugh.

Teverbaugh's end-around running also aided the Bronco cause throughout the season. The Broncos were held to under 30 points only twice during the season. Other Broncos on the 1952 team included Paul Giles, Leland "Red" Fowler, Don White, Bill Butler, Dick Fisk, George Avant and Dick Newby.

The Broncos experienced another successful season in 1953 as they took the ICAC championship for the fifth time and posted an 8-1 record. A highlight of the season was the November 14 game in Bronco Stadium against the Bacone College Indians from Oklahoma. The Broncos trounced the Indians 36-14 in the second Bronco Bowl.

The 1953 team's only loss came at the hands of the Pasadena City College in a close 6-0 contest. The game was played in the Rose Bowl before 10,000 fans. The Broncos' defensive power suffered when guards Wally Brown and Butler were injured six minutes into the game. The Pasadena Quarterback Club had Coach Smith to a luncheon following the game and named
the entire Bronco squad their Player of the Week. Quarterback Merle Eden and center Lyle Buhler accepted the award for the Broncos. Weber College offered a wooden Indian head as a trophy to the winner of the annual BJC-Weber game. The Broncos claimed the trophy with a 22-6 win over the Wildcats the first year. (The trophy was retired in 1973 following protests from the Native American students on the BSU campus.) Despite winning their fifth consecutive ICAC title, the Broncos did not get a bowl bid.


In 1954, the year that R.C. Owens of the College of Idaho became an All-American end, the Broncos enjoyed another successful football season. Behind the brilliant play of “Mr. Swift and Mr. Strong,” the Broncos destroyed one opponent after another. Oregon Tech fell 35-7, Olympic College 28-6, Weber College 47-6, Snow College 45-0, Southern Utah 40-7 and Centralia, Washington 34-14. Ricks College played the Broncos to a 26-26 tie, and in the Bronco Homecoming game the Broncos destroyed the Pasadena Lancers 20-7 before 8,500 cheering fans. BJC was 9-0-1 on the season, and accepted a bid to the Potato Bowl in Bakersfield to meet the Compton Tartars.

The Bronco squad selected “Mr. Swift,” high-stepping halfback Lodge, and “Mr. Strong,” fullback Fred Miklancic, as captains for the game. In addition, the squad featured Bruce Brenn, Dallas Cross, Jack Newman, Dale Chatterton, Pete Call, Ron Zarbnisky, Roque Maravilla, Ken Pope, Ralph Maxwell, Nick Rudge, George Merritt, Bill Tarrow and Pocock. Bob Fulwyler quarterbacked the club.

Radio station KIDO did the Potato Bowl broadcast. The game, a thriller, was won 7-6 by Compton when the Tartans scored late in the game and then intercepted a pass to preserve the win. Lodge, later named an All-American, ran 60 yards over right guard for the Broncos’ only score. Instant replay might have helped the Bronco cause in the game because Miklancic cracked the line twice from two inches away from the goal and the referees called no score. The statistics show that the Broncos outplayed Compton, with 245 yards to Compton’s 180, and 12 first downs to Compton’s seven in the game.

Zarbnisky opened the 1955 Bronco football sea-
"Campus Parade" Fashion Show Deemed Successful

By Nancy Grange
Staff Reporter

The "Campus Parade," a fashion show sponsored by the Golden Z, a girls' organization of Boise Junior College, was held last Wednesday evening in the ballroom of the Student Union building.

The show was well attended with an approximate audience of 175, reported Mrs. Lee, advisor to the Golden Z's.

Bea Dorman and Morgan Manzer were masters-of-ceremonies. Fashions were modeled in couples with 14 models taking part. Twenty-one fashions for each sex were modeled.

season by scoring three touchdowns against Carbon. Led by runners Jim Warner and Dale Chatterton, and aided by the play of George Kom, Jim Warner, Larry Elliot, Forrest Hymas, Grady Moore and Joe Chuba, the Broncos won seven of nine games. The two losses, the most by a Bronco team since 1946, came at the end of the season to Everett Junior College and Pasadena Junior College. The 45-19 Pasadena loss was the worst since 1941.

In 1956, the Bronco team, bolstered by five outstanding Hawaiian players, Dan Chun, George Naukana, Paul Han, Ben Crable and Tony Maunakea, ran up an 8-0-1 season and ended as the second ranked JC team in the nation. The Broncos unleashed a powerful offensive team that was held to under 30 points only twice. Their largest victory was a 61-0 shellacking of Ricks College and the tie came against Hartnell JC from Salinas, California. Sixteen Broncos scored throughout the season. They were led by Han with 12 TDs. Other Bronco stars included Bob Johnson, Bob Behr, Luis "Babe" Anduiza, Leroy Garland, Stan Oliver and Ron Heffner. De Pankratz, Naukana, Joe Schaffeld, John Elliott and Jerry Johnson maintained the line. Naukana and Schaffeld received NJCAA Junior All-American honors.

The Broncos went through the 1957 season undefeated and brought a 17-game winning streak into the Potato Bowl against the Bakersfield Renegades, who had lost only one game in regular-season play. Twelve thousand fans attended the game and a large delegation from Boise was among them. The Boise group included 40 men from the El Korah Shrine Temple and a 35-piece El Korah band and color guard that performed in the pregame and halftime activities.

Although the Renegades ended the Broncos' undefeated season by beating them 28-13, the Broncos played a tough game. Tackle John Wilcox and back Herb Halliwell were named All-American at the end of the season. Also outstanding for the Broncos were ends Wes Jones and Dick Woods and quarterback Tyree Kiser.

Boise Junior College is going to the Potato Bowl! That's what Mr. W. L. Goldenberg, vice president of BJC, announced Tuesday shortly before noon, when the chairman of the event called him long-distance from Bakersfield.

"Clashes will be dismissed Friday, Dec. 6, and Monday, Dec. 9, to allow students and faculty to attend the clash, to be played Dec. 7," he said. Buses will be made at the band, will leave, buses, faculty.

Above: Headline from 1957 Roundup article about Potato Bowl. Below: visiting the Shrine Hospital prior to the bowl game.

Gee, Thanks

Coaches Lyle Smith and George Blankley were given 1955 automobiles at a junior chamber of commerce luncheon honoring them and the Bronco football team. Funds for the two cars were obtained from a Jaycee committee headed by Glenn Lundgren from BJC boosters who wished to express their appreciation.

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More football on page 115.
Basketball 1951-59

The Broncos played some exciting basketball in the 1950s, appearing three times in the National Junior College Basketball Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas. The Broncos, however, had a rare losing season in 1950-51, finishing 8-16. They improved to 10-8 the next year. Both seasons C.W. Totten led the team in scoring.

The 1952-53 Broncos went 15-8 on the season and reached the finals of the National Junior College Athletic Association's Region IV playoffs. The tournament, held at Snow College in Ephriam, Utah, included junior college teams from Idaho, Utah, Montana, Wyoming and Arizona.

BJC defeated Snow College 59-48 and then lost a heartbreaker to Eastern Arizona, 69-68, narrowly missing a chance to play in the national tournament. Members of the squad included Ron Beals, Dick Newby, Paul Giles, Frank Teverbaugh, William Campbell, Abbie Uriguen, Francis Garro, Steven Emerine, Bill Kramer, Tom Gooding, Dave Kallas, Bob Garrison and Mel Markus.

The 1953-54 hoopsters finished at 18-18, capturing a second-place finish in the northern ICAC and second at the Region IV finals. This team, with Ron Ehlers, Jerry Hill, Jim Hill, Mel Pfost, Don Archer, Ben Bradshaw, Rich Gillespie, Fred Baines, Walt Peterson and Jerry Henggler, played the Harlem Globetrotters tough before losing 65-60 in the last game of the year.

After coming close the previous two seasons, the 1954-55 Broncos finally qualified for the NJCAA national tournament by winning the Region IV playoffs. The team posted a 23-8 season, the most wins since 1947. In the playoffs, the Broncos defeated the College of Southern Utah 65-59 and Weber College 77-74. Dick Hartley and Don Moore made the all-regional first team, and for the first time the Broncos were on their way to the NJCAA tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas. The team, including Hartley, Moore, Henggler, Art Bedard, Paul Spereduk, Ernie Keyes, Bob Nelson, Fred Baines, Max Goin, Jim Hardin, Ron Ehlers, Dick Cooper and manager LeRoy Walters, traveled with Coach Blankley to Kansas by bus, with stops in Cheyenne.

Success on the Snow

In March 1954, the Bronco ski team won the Intermountain Collegiate Athletic Conference championship. The Broncos earned 552.1 points to take the title, followed by Weber College with 550.4 points. Jim Brandon of BJC took first in the slalom with a time of 80.8 seconds for two runs. He also captured second in the downhill. Fred Allen was fourth in the downhill, and sixth in the slalom. George Allen took third in the downhill.

Right: Jerry Henggler scores against the Harlem Globetrotters in 1954. Far right: The tall and short of it. Jerry Hill, 6 ft. 6 in. forward, and Max Goin, 5 ft. 8 in. guard, were on the 1953 team.
Wyoming, and Kearney, Nebraska. Despite winning three of four games, the Broncos finished in fifth place because they lost their opener to Coffeyville, Kansas, 78-70. The team then pulled itself together and defeated Howard County, Texas, 70-63, Pueblo, Colorado, 74-61, and Tyler, Texas, 60-54. Moore was named to the all-tournament team.

Averaging 18.9 points per game in his two years at BJC, Nick Panico led the Broncos to one more ICAC championship and appearances in 1956 and 1957 at the NJCAA basketball tournament in Hutchinson. The George Blankley-coached teams finished the 1955-56 season at 18-7, and in 1956-57 they improved to 25-6 on the season, the most wins ever recorded by a Bronco basketball team.

BJC finished second in the 1955-56 ICAC race, but won the playoffs and their second trip to the NJCAA tournament. At the Hutchinson tournament, the Broncos were third in fewest points allowed with 56.3 yielded per game and ended in tenth place after winning the opener against Arkansas State before losing to Moberly and Graceland. Panico was named to the second-team All-American squad.

The 1956-57 team started the season hoping to reach the same heights as the previous year's team. The Broncos lost only Hartley and Moore from the starting lineup, although Coach Blankley also felt the loss of backups Daryle Hill and Jim Fitzsimmons.

Returning lettermen in 1956-57 included Panico, Jim Nall, Ron Fitzgerald and Dick Hobbs. Leon Henderson became the fifth starter. Paul Loughrey and Dale James became great shooters by midseason and Jerry Jester, Corky Hill, Oliver McCord and Dave Shelby rounded out the team.

The beginning of the season looked bleak as the Broncos lost their first two conference games. But the two games marked the last of the losses, and subsequent opponents fell before the Broncos' expert shooting. Panico led the league in scoring with 204 points.

BJC went on to clinch its first ICAC championship and won the regional playoffs over Ricks when Loughrey's last second tip-in led to a 54-53 win. The Broncos were ranked third in the nation and were the second-best defensive team when they made their third straight trip to the NJCAA tournament in Hutchinson. The Broncos defeated Arkansas, Kansas and Greenville, South Carolina, but a loss to Pueblo, Colorado, put them in the consolation bracket, where they defeated Brewerton-Parker of Georgia for fourth place in the tournament. Panico scored 29 points in the final game to earn All-American honors. Three players from that team wrote a poem about their coach, George Blankley.
Blank Verse for Blankley

There was a guy named Blankley
Who was tall and lanky,
He had a team that came from Boise;
They were very loud and noisy.
In his hand he carried a towel
Which he would wave and beat upon each foul.
Old George is not a bad old guy,
He is just kind of shy.
Sometimes we may go beserky
And our plays they no worky.
The reason for our lousy play
Was because we didn’t listen to his say.
In the hotel lobby he sat;
Upon his head was that darned old hat.

The 1957-58 season was another success — 17 wins and only 5 losses. But the Broncos lost the ICAC title to Weber. Forward Dean Baxter led the team in rebounding and was named all-conference and all-region. Bronco fortunes took a turn for the worse the next year. The 1958-59 team won 6 and lost 13, the worst season since 1948.

More basketball on page 121.
Baseball 1950-59

The 1950 baseball team got off to slow start and finished at 9-12 in its first year in the Intermountain Collegiate Athletic Conference. A highlight of the season was a game against the Boise Pilots minor league team that was en route home from spring training. The game was played in Payette, and the BJC team held the professionals even for five innings before going down 13-6. The team featured one freshman pitcher who would later go on to major league fame — Larry Jackson, who pitched for the Chicago Cubs, St. Louis Cardinals and Philadelphia Phillies.

The Broncos put together one of their best baseball teams in history in 1951 under Coach Laune Erickson. Playing almost all of their games against four-year schools, the Broncos won 17 and lost only two. Jackson was overpowering on the mound, winning six games without a loss. He pitched both ends of a doubleheader against Eastern Oregon, giving up five hits in the first game and coming back with a no-hitter in the second game. The Broncos won the ICAC title, with heavy hitting from George Donaldson, Bob Bakes and Wes Gates.

The success continued in 1952 with Wayne Patrick and Frank Teverbaugh leading the way to an 11-0 season. The next season Lyle Smith returned as the Bronco skipper after Navy duty. The team, led by pitchers Don Newbill and Leroy Weber and catcher Lavonte Hockstrasser, broke even at 11-11 but was 2-4 in ICAC play.

In 1954, Jack Newman and Dave McFadden pitched the Broncos to a second ICAC championship. An all-time great on the 1954 Bronco team was first baseman Jim Sprague. Mel Pfost, Hochstrasser, Max Goin, Wally Brown, Wally Winegar and Chic Brown were leading hitters.

The Broncos were undefeated at home in 1955 and 16-4 overall. Newman and McFadden were again tough on the mound while Ron Zarbinsky and Sprague led the hitters. The squad played for the ICAC northern division title against Weber, but lost both ends of a doubleheader to end at 5-2 in the conference.

The Broncos' fortunes slipped slightly the next year when the team finished with an 11-8 record. Pitchers Dick Hartley and Ken Hopper and outfielder Ed Norquist were the on-field leaders in 1956. The 1957 team fell to 5-11 and finished in the cellar of the conference with a 2-5 mark. The Broncos rebounded with a 10-8 mark and a second place finish in the ICAC's northern division in 1958. Hitter Doug Jory and pitcher Ray Martinez were among the standouts during the improved season. BJC lost only two games in the northern division in 1959, but finished second to undefeated Weber. Freshman Pat House led the pitching corps by throwing a no-hitter against Ricks on May 1. More baseball on page 118.

Track 1957-59

Coach George Blankley put together track teams in the early 1950s. Usually the turnout was low, but the Broncos competed in several meets each year. The Broncos rarely did well at the ICAC meet, but individual athletes had good results. Sprinter Don White won the 100- and 200-yard dashes in 1954, Bob Haufman won the pole vault in 1955 and George Kom took the discus title in 1956. But things changed in 1957 when Ray Lewis became coach.

Lewis, a member of the 1950-51 Bronco track squad and Bronco football great, led the Broncos to their first victory in the ICAC. Although ignored by the intermountain sportswriters, and competing with only 11 men, BJC won the conference title over favored Weber College by 25 points.

Standout hurdler and relay runner Lewis Thorne led the Broncos. Thorne won the low hurdles and would have set a new record in the high
hurdles with a time of 15.1 seconds, but his effort was wind-aided. Other athletes who helped the Broncos to their first-place 70-point finish were Hawaiian territorial champion, George Naukana, with a first place in the shot put, and Dean Castle, who won the discus throw. Teams from BJC also won the 880-yard and mile relays. Thorne tallied four first-place finishes.

BJC hosted the 1958 ICAC championship meet for the first time since joining the conference ten years earlier. Although Thorne set conference records in the high and low hurdles and was named most valuable athlete at the meet, the Broncos placed second behind the Weber Wildcats. The small, well-balanced 1959 Bronco team established three new records in winning the ICAC championship. Bill Young took 3.4 seconds off the half-mile record. Bob Hobart set a new shot put mark with 47' 8 1/2". Gary Bonar eclipsed the discus record by five feet with a toss of 141' 4 1/2". Other Bronco winners included Curt Flisher in the 220 and 440, Dean Orr in the 100, Young in the 880 and Lyle Munger in the low hurdles. Leo Wasco and Ron Wilkes tied in the high hurdles. The team went on to take 11th place in the national meet in Coffeyville, Kansas.

Other Sports 1950-59

BJC fielded a boxing team in 1950-51 under the tutelage of Laune Erickson, a champion boxer from the University of Idaho. Fred Bowen was BJC's most successful boxer, winning tournaments in Arco and Rupert and receiving an invitation to the National Invitational Tournament in Pocatello. Other members of the team were Bert Crooks, Don Lowrey, Carroll Rowell and Dean Ingraham.

The ICAC began holding conference ski meets in the 1950s. In 1953, Jim Brandon's win in the slalom and second in downhill led the Broncos to the league championship. The next year Brandon won the slalom and downhill, but the team fell to second behind Weber. During the decade the Broncos had several coaches — Arriaga, Gene Gillis and Jack Numbers — but the ski club could always count on Don Obee as its adviser. Obee, an avid outdoorsman who came to BJC in 1946, was head of the school's life science division. He also advised the tennis team for several years.

The 1951 tennis team, led by returning lettermen Bob Hall, George Betebenner and Bill Hattabaugh, reached the conference playoffs for the second consecutive year. The Broncos occasionally sponsored a golf team in the 1950s. The 1952 team, with Keith Stanwood and Ed Hedges, almost beat the Idaho Vandals.

BJC women continued to compete on the intramural level. Teams for intercollegiate competition were put together when enough women showed an interest. During the '50s, field hockey teams made trips to play in Moscow and Eugene, Oregon. Some volleyball matches were held with local schools and in 1951 teacher Jean Catherin took the women to Pocatello for a "sports day" at Idaho State.
Broncos Blast Tyler 22-0 to Win NJCAA

Mahoney, Han Pace Attack In 10th Straight Victory

By DICK EARDLEY

Boise Junior college's rock-ribbed Broncos pushed an already fabulous football record to a new all-time high mark Thursday, crashing to a 22-0 victory over Tyler, Texas in the third annual National Junior College Athletic association championship game. The victory is emblematic of the national championship for teams under the scope of NJCAA rule, which includes all states but California and Washington.

Playing before an estimated 8500 frost-bitten Bronco Stadium fans, BJC copped a 2-0 lead in the first 38 seconds of play on a Tyler safety and was never headed in marching to its 10th straight victory. Sparked by the flashing running of Hawaiian halfbacks Paul Han and Herb Halliwell and the all-around brilliance of fullback Jerry Mahoney, who was voted the game's outstanding player, the Broncos went on to score touchdowns in each of the first three quarters and put the game beyond reach of the Apaches.

TYLER LOSES FIRST STRING QUARTERBACK

Although the early safety, a BJC touchdown only minutes; immediate loss of ace quarterback Richard for not back in the game, although twice; November 27, 1958, Idaho Statesman headline

Football 1958-59

Over the years Coach Lyle Smith had assembled football teams that routinely were rated among the best in the country. In 1958, the Broncos proved they were the best by winning the national junior college championship.

In typical fashion, the Broncos had a powerful offense that three times scored more than 50 points. On the season, the Broncos outscored their opponents 411-67. A 51-0 win over Carbon and a 75-6 win over Dixie were bookends to a perfect 10-0 season during which the Broncos defeated the Oakland Thunderbirds 40-0 and the Trinidad, Colorado, Trojans, 55-0. A crowd of 8,500 watched the Broncos vanquish their former Potato Bowl rival, Compton, California, by a score of 21-8.

Herb Halliwell sparked the Broncos at quarterback, and Paul Han, Charlie Wilson, Jerry Mahoney, Gary Yates, James McCaffery and Herman Noblisse were key players. Eight Hawaiians, led by Harry Kealoha and Halliwell, were on the varsity.

Following the 9-0 regular season, Boise Junior College was selected to host the third annual National Junior College Athletic Association football championship game. BJC, which finished first in the northern division, played the Tyler, Texas, team that finished first in the southern division. The Thanksgiving Day afternoon game, played November 27, 1958, marked the sixth postseason appearance for the Broncos in ten years.

The NJCAA championship game was an easy victory for the Broncos. The Tyler quarterback fumbled the snap from center on the team's first possession, and the Broncos scored a safety. Then, Halliwell scored on a 4-yard run, making the score 8-0 after a missed conversion. The Bronco defense performed superbly. BJC intercepted four passes and did not permit
Tyler to score. In the second quarter, the Broncos scored twice. Han scored the first touchdown on a 4-yard run. Just before the half, BJC capitalized on a Tyler turnover, with Han scoring again on a 17-yard run.

Neither team scored in the second half. Mahoney, who ran extremely well and had a pass interception, was named the most valuable player of the game. Others who played well were running back Han and lineman Kealoha. The victory brought Boise Junior College its first national title and Halliwell and Kealoha were named All-Americans.

Following the NJCAA title playoff, Bronco fans anxiously awaited a bid to the Junior Rose Bowl. When the Broncos did not receive an invitation, tempers flared. *Idaho Statesman* sportswriter Dick Eardley wrote the following lament:

**Sideline Banter**

*By Dick Eardley*  
*Idaho Statesman*

Explosive words came thick and fast a week ago when USC and UCLA cut the props from under Washington State College's postseason bowl hopes with a Russian-type veto. The situation was varied somewhat this week, but the words came even thicker and faster on the local level when Boise Junior College was passed over by Junior Rose Bowl officials in favor of Northeastern Oklahoma.

We can think of plenty of words to use, but very few would be appropriate. They'd be the same words hurled by hundreds of Bronco fans who flooded the office with calls Sunday and Monday and who gathered in small and large clusters to discuss the dastardly deed.

If ever the Broncos rated the Junior Rose Bowl nod, this was the year. Probably the finest club ever put together on the BJC campus by Lyle Smith, the Broncos had more than earned the right to a bowl berth.

They played what many felt was the toughest schedule ever arranged for a Bronco team ... and surely the finest intersectional slate in the school's history. They won 10 in a row and were seldom pressed ... but when they were, they proved they had the stuff of which great teams are made. They whipped a fine Tyler team to win the NJCAA championship ... just five days after knocking over a talented Olympic team that until that time was also being prominently mentioned for the Junior Rose Bowl. Topping it all, they earned No. 1 ranking in both of the major junior college rating services—the All-American Gridiron Index and the NJCAA ratings.

And when it was all over, they were ignored, slighted and left out in the cold by the 15-man selection committee of the Pasadena Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the JRB. Through that group's action of delaying the announcement and because of a strong feeling and rumor that the Broncos were "in," they also missed the Potato Bowl.

Bakersfield officials, in a call Saturday, had indicated they wanted BJC for the Potato Bowl for a second straight year. Smith left it up to a vote of the team whether to accept the Potato Bowl bid immediately or wait on the possibility of the Junior Rose Bowl. Partly because they felt they would surely get the JRB and partly because they were almost assured of the Potato Bowl in case the JRB didn't come through, they voted to wait it out.

The rest is history.

The Junior Rose Bowl committee stabbed them good. In the meantime, the Potato Bowl group, hearing a rumor that BJC had received the other bid and having no reason to doubt it (for the obvious reason that BJC should have had it) went ahead and invited Riverside to oppose Bakersfield before learning the Broncos were still open.

A lousy turn of events and the bitterly disappointed Broncos tucked away the pads and cleats for another year ...
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Lyle Smith, Head Coach  
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Ray Lewis, End Coach
In the 1959 season the Broncos had a 7-2-1 record and suffered their first conference loss in 48 games when they fell to Carbon 13-7 early in the season. That loss ended BJC's long string of ICAC conference titles. The Broncos' tie came in the longest road trip ever taken by a BJC team up to that time — a 20-20 draw at Grand Rapids Junior College in Michigan.

The '59 Broncos were led by quarterbacks Jim McCaffery and Grant Hall, with Allen Dougal and Charlie Wilson at center. They had an outstanding backfield, consisting of Jim Lynch, Bob Kincaid, Bill Young, Dick Ho and Mahoney. The line was bolstered by Paul Brunty, Doug York, Dave Eagle, Larry Lundin, Gary Comstock, Roger Nelson, Delmar Lee Hudson, Jim Cassan, Dick Ruhl, Deloy Meppan and Jim Pritchard. Five Hawaiian players rounded out the team, including Ho, Len Chow, Jim Alvohi, Norman Lau, and Gerald Young.

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Teams in the 1960s
Baseball 1960-65

BJC fielded some of the best baseball teams in history during the early 1960s, making two appearances at the junior college national tournament and winning the league title twice. Behind the strong pitching of Patrick House, the Broncos went 12-0 in conference play in 1960 and earned a berth in the NJCAA tournament. House, who was 7-2, became the first Bronco to earn All-American honors in baseball and was named the best left-handed junior college pitcher in the nation. Other players, including catcher Jim McCaffery, infielder Don Payne and outfielder John Aschenbrenner had good seasons.

Coach Lyle Smith could not attend the playoffs due to family illness, and Dwight Dickey coached the Broncos in the tournament in Grand Junction, Colorado. The Broncos opened on May 19 against Northeastern Oklahoma A & M, losing 8-0. Although House and his relief, Ricky Smith, held the Golden Norsemen to only five hits, a series of errors put the Broncos away.

The Broncos won their second game by defeating Long Island, New York Junior College 11-1. Jim Vopat worked the mound for the Broncos. Bob Bates got the only Bronco hit of the afternoon, but walks, stolen bases, and errors gave the BJC team plenty of scoring opportunities. In their third and final game, the Broncos lost a grueling 10-inning contest 4-3 to Tarleton JC from Stephensville, Texas. House suffered his second loss of the tournament but turned in a six-hitter, striking out 12 batters. House ended the season with a 3-1 record and later went on to pitch professionally for the Houston Astros. The Broncos placed fifth in the tournament and ended the season at 19-7.

In 1961, the Broncos notched a 24-2 regular season record. Led by pitchers Dave Sewright and Mike Glenn, the Broncos put together a 15-game win streak in April. After winning the ICAC title, the Broncos were back at the NJCAA baseball championships in Grand Junction. The Broncos twice tied the score in their opening game with Wilmington, North Carolina, but lost 6-5 in 12 innings. Left-fielder Bernard Bisho paced the attack with three doubles, which tied the tournament record for most doubles in one game.

The Broncos kept their hopes alive by winning their second game over Northeastern Oklahoma 5-4, on first baseman Bates' ninth inning bloop single to centerfield that scored Bisho from second base. Glenn pitched eight innings for the Broncos, but the win went to relief pitcher Claude Henry. The win put the Broncos in the semifinal game against Manatee, Florida.

Manatee erupted for five runs in the first inning and went on to