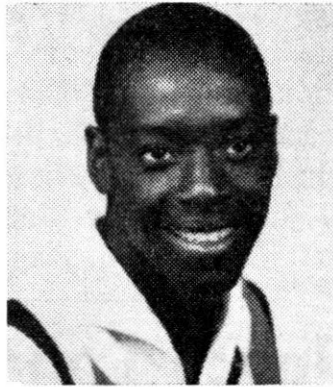


McKnight Selected For All- Star Team

*John Adams Tower
Friday, May 20, 1960*

Lee "Buddy" McKnight, possibly one of the greatest players ever to put on an Adams uniform, has been selected to play in the North-South All-Star series to take place next month. The 1st game will be played in Evansville on June 21, and another contest will be held in Fort Wayne on June 25. McKnight is one of eight players already named to the



Buddy McKnight

North squad. Ten players will be picked from the twenty on the squads of both the North and the South to represent Indiana in a summer series against a group of all-stars from the state of Ohio. McKnight is the first player from Adams High School to participate in this series.

Hoopsters Gain First Title

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The Adams basketball team of Coach Warren Seaborg, center, won the first cage ENIHSC title in the school's history with an 8-1 loop record. Flanking Seaborg are managers Bruce Jurgovan and Mike Kreuger. Members of the squad are Paul Levy Dick Clemmons Buddy McKnight Terry Miller Dave Stout, Ed Butler, Jack Johnson, Larry Moore, Sam Dairyko, Mickey Stricklen, and Dave Sink.

To say that the 1959-60 basketball team at John Adams was the greatest in the school's history would be the understatement of the year. This team broke almost every existing team record at Adams, and individuals on it did the same. The cagers, coached brilliantly by Warren Seaborg, finished with a 19-4 record for the season and the first ENIHSC title in the history of Adams. In league play the Eagle five boasted an 8-1 ledger.

According to all pre-season predictions, the Eagles were supposed to be nothing more than an inexperienced ball club. Only Lee McKnight remained from the season before.

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Eagles Start Fast

However, Seaborg brought the Eagles away from the starting gate with amazing speed. With McKnight leading the way, the Eagles opened with a 64-48 win over Sheridan. Then Center Ed Butler came into his own and led the Eagles to a 75-50 triumph over highly touted Lew Wallace of Gary.

As the season rolled along each of the other three starters Dick Clemmons, Larry Moore, and Sam Dairyko found himself, and by the middle of December the Adams cagers had posted a 6-0 mark with additional wins over Washington-Clay, Terre Haute Gerstmeyer, Nappanee, and Goshen. The Goshen win was their first in conference play.

Then the streak ended. Michigan City's powerful Red Devils knocked off the Eagles and seemed a cinch to repeat as loop titlist.

In the Mishawaka Holiday Tournament the Eagles were upset by Middlebury, and many thought this to be the end of what could have been a successful season. But the Eagles bounced back to whip Peru in the consolation game of the tourney and were beaten only once more during the regular season.

After defeating LaGrange, Illinois, the Eagles resumed their ENIHSC play by beating rugged Mishawaka to begin a seven-game conference win streak. A win over Penn Township followed on the day.

By this time the Eagles were carrying along an impressive 10-2 mark and were rated among the best teams in the state.

The highlight of the season, up to that point, came on January 14, when the Eagles conquered Central's Bears for the first time since 1953 by a 63-56 count. In this game McKnight played the greatest game of his brilliant four-year varsity career as he tallied 35 points.

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Eagles Win Six Straight

After being soundly thrashed by powerful Gary Roosevelt, the Eagles began a six-game winning streak which was to carry them to their first loop championship. LaPorte was the first victim, and this win coupled with Mishawaka's upset of Michigan City vaulted the Eagles into a first-place tie in the conference. In succession the Adams five knocked off league adversaries Riley, Washington, Elkhart, and Fort Wayne North, in addition to a non-conference rout of St. Joe. When Fort Wayne North nicked Michigan City, Adams had itself its first ENIHSC title.

Thus, the Eagles completed the regular campaign with a brilliant 17-3 slate.

They extended their win streak to eight games with wins over Lakeville and Mishawaka in sectional play. Then the Eagles had their first bad game in half a season and fell to St. Joe 53-51.

The 19-4 record was an Adams record as was the eight-game win streak. In addition the Eagles whipped all their twin-city rivals, another first.

McKnight set the individual scoring record for a career and won the conference scoring title. In addition he was selected for the North All-Star team which plays the South later this month.

Butler also set an individual record. He hit on 55% of his field goal attempts for a new standard.

At the winter sports assembly, nine Eagles, McKnight, Butler, Clemmons, Moore, Dairyko, Jack Johnson, Paul Levy, Mickey Stricklen, and Dave Stout won monograms. In addition McKnight won the free throw award, and Butler the rebound trophy. Clemmons received the captain's star. The most valuable player award went to McKnight, while Butler took home the coveted Kiwanis Award for mental attitude and scholarship.

