

September 9, 2022

Dear Katherine,

When I last spoke with you I indicated that I would get you a history of Edinboro's athletic nicknames. Sorry it's taken so long to get back to you but this will most likely be the "only" exact listing of the nickname origins and mascot renderings as they occurred over the years.

Here is the chronology:

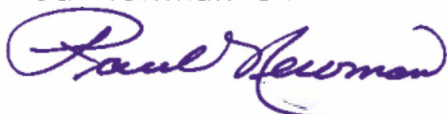
**1965:** Until 1965 the Edinboro athletic program was known as the "Red Raiders." I have enclosed a copy of that logo. At the time a rather informal poll was taken by the student newspaper, then called the Guardian, for a more appropriate nickname. The popular choice was "Highlanders" which was a step in the right direction with respect to the Scottish motif. A new logo was adopted that featured the British Guard bearskin hat which is part of the uniform the British soldiers wear in the Changing of the Guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace (see pictured sample).

**1968:** After a year on the job ( I started as Edinboro's and The Pennsylvania Conference's first full-time SID in July of 1967) with the blessing of the President, Dr. Chester T. McNerney, I changed the name to "Fighting Scots" which seemed a better action-type name associated with sports. Hank Mariotti, the Athletic Director at the time, as well as all the coaches overwhelmingly favored the change. The first official use of the nickname came with the advent of the 1968 football season where I used it on the cover of the football media guide I sneaked in a little alliteration with "Follow the Fighting Scots". By the way, the local media also eagerly endorsed and supported the change (see enclosed copy of the cover).

**1969:** In June of 1969 I sought to find a mascot that would serve as a logo for the nickname and I contacted Mickey Sego, a sports illustrator in Cleveland, Ohio. After listing mascots of the teams we were playing he not only produced an excellent rendering of the Fighting Scot but one who was warding off mascots representing our opponents (see sample). I have also enclosed a copy of the correspondence with Sego which served as the genesis of the Fighting Scot mascot. The figure changed somewhat after Jim Prokell's bronze statue rendition. I was pleased that at least the general characterization and "Fighting Scot" nickname stayed in tact. By the way, I knew Jim Prokell well when he starred for us as a basketball player from 1968-69 through 1970-72.

I left Mickey Sego's ink-drawn originals in the SID files when I left in 1985. This should provide you with a very accurate history of Edinboro's athletic mascots.

Respectfully,  
Paul Newman '64



# EDINBORO



# RED RAIDERS

# EDINBORO STATE COLLEGE

1968



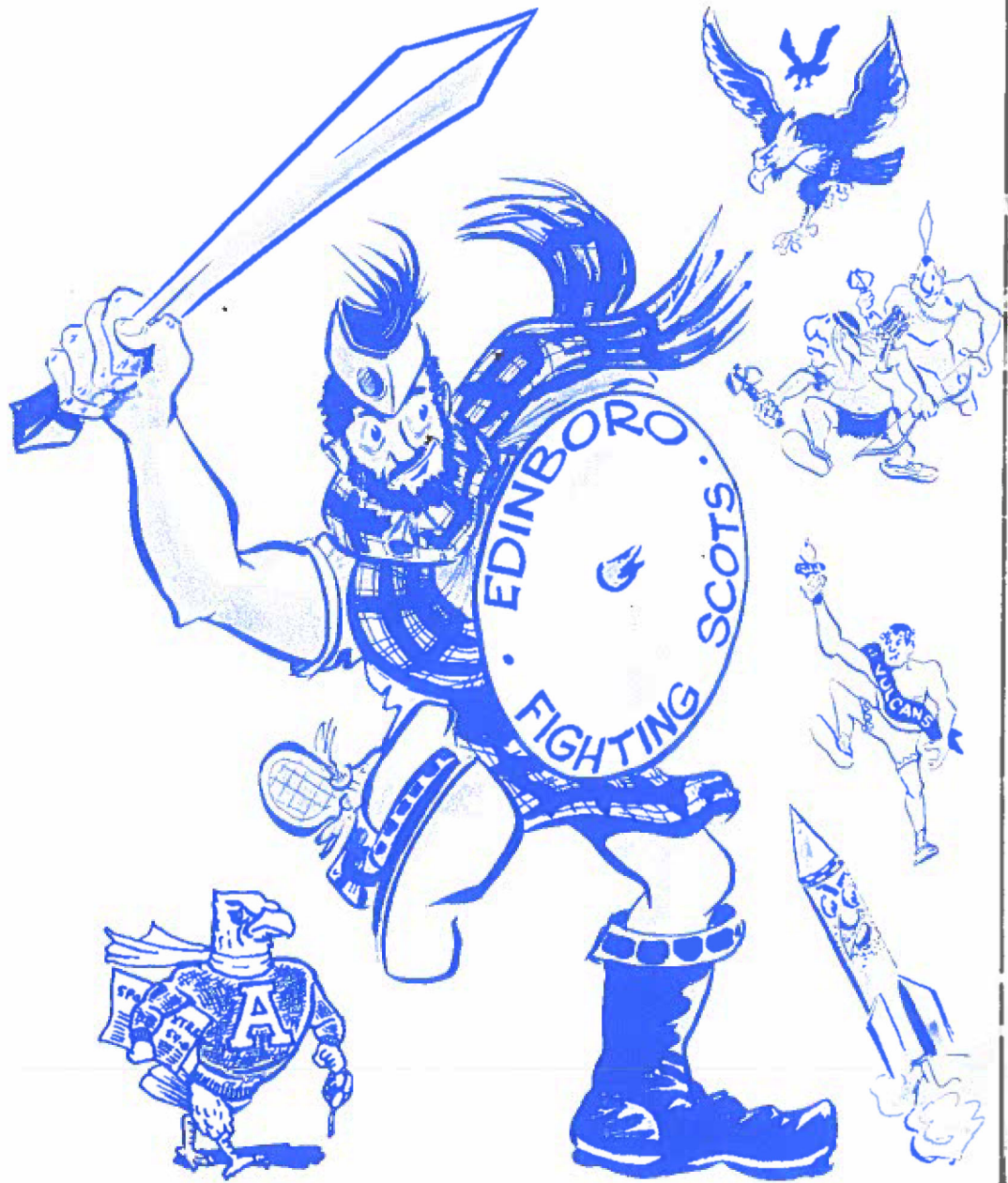
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FOLLOW THE

*"Fighting Scots"*

# CHALLENGING THE SCOTS . . .



-Mickey Sego-

Personalized  
Portraits

*Sir, Tell this  
under "figures" in  
general or  
somewhere  
where you can  
find it quickly &  
when you need it.*

June 20, 1969

Mr. Paul W. Newman  
Sports Information Director  
Edinboro State College  
Edinboro, Pa. 16412

Dear Paul Newman:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning Specialty Art for the cover of your 1969 pressbook. Using a stylized version of your Scot mascot warding off the attacking mascots you have listed for your opponent would run \$30. in black and white (with shading) suitable for a line engraving. Or the same price could be for an india ink 'wash' drawing with which two things could be done: (1) you could have your engraver or printer make a highlight dropout copy or (2) we could make either a dropout half-tone negative for offset printing to the exact size (\$4.00 extra) or we could furnish you with a print on glossy stock for \$6.00 extra (this figure would include the \$4.00 for the negative). Our halftones would be 110 line. In any case, please state the size of your book so that I can draw in the correct proportion to what you desire. All lettering is your responsibility (eg, Edinboro Football Guide, etc.).

I need a hint on two of the mascots -- Red Raiders and Vulcans as to their idea of a fire god. And, don't forget... you can use this same art inside your football program too with a rundown on the season. Looking forward to helping you this fall. I remain,

Sincerely yours, *MICKEY SEGO*

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## SCOT SKETCHES



Jim Prokell

Fred Riley

Jim Romaniszyn

Rich Sulka

### **JIM PROKELL (30-31) F, 6-0, 185, JR., PITTSBURGH, PA.**

The workhorse of the Scots' offense underneath the boards . . . Named to numerous all star teams last year after finishing as the Clans' leading scorer with a 15.1 points a game average . . . An aggressive ball player . . . Finished second in rebounding with 218 grabs . . . Proved to have the best "shooting eye" with a torrid 55.1 percentage from the floor . . . His leaping ability gives him an edge inside where he is a proficient scorer . . . Will be a regular starter.

### **FRED RILEY (20-21) G, 5-10, 150, JR., CLEARFIELD, PA.**

Probably the best outside shooting guard in Edinboro's basketball history . . . Won a starting berth as a sophomore and finished third in the scoring parade with his 13.7 average . . . Blistered the nets for 329 points to average 20.5 points a contest in his freshman year . . . Averaged 25.8 points a game at Clearfield and was selected Outstanding Player in District 9, unanimously named to the Coaches and Sports-writers District 9 All-Star Team, named Fourth Team All-State by UPI and made the AP'S Honorable Mention All-State list.

### **JIM ROMANISZYN (40-41) G-F, 6-1, 195, SO., TITUSVILLE, PA.**

Any time Jim is on the court you can expect to see 110% effort . . . Muscled his way into the top spot in the frosh scoring figures last year with 388 points and a 22.8 scoring average . . . Scored a season high of 46 points in one game . . . Will be late getting started because of a broken hand . . . Starred as a sophomore starter on the Scots' football team . . . Was an All-State Honorable Mention winner after averaging 19 points a game and leading the Titusville Rockets to a 19-3 mark.

### **RICH SULKA (52-53) C, 6-6, 210, SO., PITTSBURGH, PA.**

Could easily win a regular assignment as a sophomore . . . Noted for his strength underneath where he can rebound with anyone on the club . . . Cleared the glass 252 times in a freshman starting role to lead the squad with a 14.8 average while dumping through 207 points . . . Was the top rebounder in 10 of 17 frosh contests . . . Averaged 25 points a game and 17 rebounds a game at Central Catholic and played in the Dapper Dan Roundball Classic.