

Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame

Mabel Smith Lott

Class of 1939

MABEL SMITH LOTT, Class of 1939. The champion basketball team was outstanding because Mabel was there to guide her team mates to victory. The relay team in track was a winner because Mabel was there to add her speed to make it possible for them to make and break records.

It was in high jumping, however, that Tuskegees realized that Mabel was an outstanding athlete when they watched the beauty and ease with which she cleared the bar. The nation realized one day that this young woman was a champion. Mabel Smith set a record, emerged National High Jump Champion, and continues to be a record holder in the High Jump.

After graduating from Tuskegee Institute, the champion was not content to place second or third and she has devoted approximately 25 years of service to Texas Southern University. She has risen from teacher, head of the Secondary Education Department, Associate Dean of Students, to chairperson of the area of guidance and counseling in the School of Education.

Mabel has not neglected her urge to serve all people as exemplified by her service to the City of Houston, Texas.

As a mother of two sons and three daughters, four of whom have receive college degrees, in addition to her professional activities, you can consider our champion as having led a well rounded life.

One official at Texas Southern University states, "In all of these (activities), she has run as swiftly for us as she did for Tuskegee Institute."