





Athletics

One Splash = 1500 Wet Heads



Boys exercise in gym classes to keep healthy bodies.

Picture yourself several times a week in a brightly tiled seventy-five foot regulation sized swimming pool. This dream is realized by 1500 students at Memorial High School, who this year are participating in swimming classes 90 or more hours during the present school term. Instructors Connie Ulrich and Norm Bussel give the students an extensive course in swimming fundamentals as well as instruction in diving. Students in future years will have the opportunity to take part in swimming meets which will take place with schools of our surrounding area.



Others wait their turn, while Barb Burr prepares to dive.



One of the new sports taught this year was field hockey. Shown above are girls learning to serve the ball.

The curriculum was changed this year in the Physical Education Department to include such new sports as bowling, tennis, and golf which have never been undertaken before by high school students.

G.A.A. And Tumbling



PHYSICAL EDUCATION FACULTY: Norman Bussell, Connie Ulrich, Pauline Buxton, John Gallagher.

NORMAN BUSSELL

B.E.
La Crosse State College

CONNIE ULRICH

B.S.
La Crosse State College

PAULINE BUXTON

B.E.
Cornell College
Mount Vernon, Iowa

JOHN GALLAGHER

B.S., M.S.
University of Wisconsin

Year after year "Norm" Bussell's tumblers have provided the basketball fans with breathtaking stunts during the halves at games. Tumblers, while working for coordination and striving for medals and trophies, take part in tournaments and variety shows.

Although tumbling was made an extracurricular activity this year, many tumblers use their own time to perfect their various routines.

Swimming and bowling lead the number of activities which the G.A.A. girls undertake. Pictured at the right are girls at Wagner's 36 Lanes. Twice a week for six weeks, Wagner's provided bowling instruction and reduced rates for G.A.A. bowlers. Miss Ulrich and Miss Buxton supervise all G.A.A. activities.



Pictured above is one of the many formations perfected by the tumblers and G.A.A. members.

Don Young executes a "neat" handstand in full Indian regalia for the Variety Show.



'57 Memorial High Grind Out 4-



Mike Tietge, L.E.



Skip Van Gorden, R.E.



Kirk Clark, L.G.



Al Perry, L.H.



Brad Easterson, L.T.



Bruce Neuman, Q.B.



Bob McQuillan, R.T.



Jack Hoard, L.G.



Jan Bliss, R.H.



Bob Nicolai, L.H.



John Anderson, L.E.



Jack Hanson, L.H.

'57 SCHEDULE

Eau Claire	7	Marinette	21
Eau Claire	13	La Crosse Central	7
Eau Claire	20	Stevens Point	13
Eau Claire	0	Menominee	7

"Purple And White"

4-0 Record



Dick Hove, F.B.



Chuck Kuhnert, R.E.



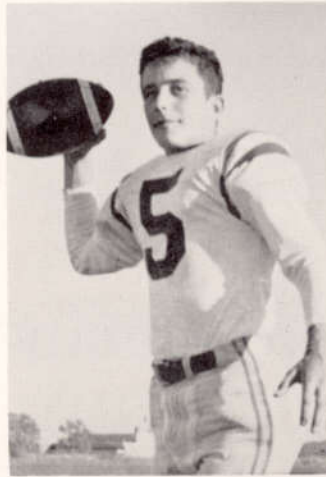
John Coggins, Q.B.



Vern Schellfeffer, R.H.



Pat Soley, R.T.



Jim Van Gorden, R.H.



John Zurbuchen, F.B.



Ken Stetzer, L.G.



Tom Garnett, C.



Curt Hutchens, R.G.



Steve Dennis, R.G.



Jim Aeby, C.

'57 SCHEDULE

Eau Claire	26	Chippewa Falls	0
Eau Claire	19	Wisconsin Rapids	26
Eau Claire	40	Duluth Denfeld	0
Eau Claire	6	Wausau	19



VARSITY — *Row One:* A. Perry, J. Coggins, T. Garnett, J. Aeby, F. Turk, J. VanGorden. *Row Two:* J. Hanson, S. Dennis, B. Neuman, C. Clark, M. Soley. *Row Three:* Coach John Gallagher, B. Easterson, M. Curtis, J. Anderson, J. Hoard, M. Tietge, R. Hove, C. Kuhnert.

Stellar Grid Performances

The '57 Old Abe Varsity was one of the lightest and fastest units in the school's history.

Speed, however, was not enough to compensate for the lack of weight in the backfield and offensive line. This fact glaringly arose in the season opener against Marinette. The Purple were unable to move the ball against the huge and capable Marine line and were downed 21 to 7. Coggins scored the TD on a seventy-five yard runback of an intercepted pass.

The highly touted backfield came to life against a vastly improved LaCrosse Central team to score and win in the last minute of play 13 to 7. Bruce Neuman guided the Abes ninety-six yards in eleven plays to add the clinching touchdown.

The '57 season looked much brighter as the Purple and White squad extended its winning streak by skinning the Stevens Point Panthers 20 to 13.

The last hopes of capturing the Big Rivers Conference title were crushed as the Purple dominated the Menominee Maroons in all departments but were defeated 7 to 0. Tietge blocked three punts and Clark, Skip VanGorden, and McQuillan led the hard charging line that stopped the Maroons cold.

In the annual home-coming game the Old Abes with an all around attack completely devastated the Chippewa Cards. Coggins threw two touchdown passes, one to Tietge and one to Schellfeffer, that put the game on ice.



VARSITY — *Row One:* V. Schellfeffer, J. Bliss, K. Stetzer, B. Nicolai.
Row Two: B. McQuillan, P. Soley, C. Hutchens. *Row Three:* S. VanGorden,
 D. Roscoe, J. Zurbauchen, Coach Cy Burg.



Manager Jim Anderson and Trainer Mike Coffman work together for the benefit of the team.

Gain State Wide Recognition

Although again outplaying their foes in the statistical column, the Abes couldn't do the same score-wise and were defeated by Wisconsin Rapids 26 to 19. Costly injuries proved to be the downfall of Eau Claire as the sidelining of Al "Jet" Perry and Capt. Brad Easterson dulled the sharpness of the Purple attack.

Duluth Denfield, Minnesota's 10th ranked team, was crushed by the Purple 40 to 0. Combining an unstoppable running and passing attack, the team ran up its highest total of the season. Tietge caught three TD passes to pace the squad in scoring.

Wausau shocked the Abes by scoring on the first play of the game and went on to take the win 19 to 6. Perry scored on an end sweep for the Abes' lone score.

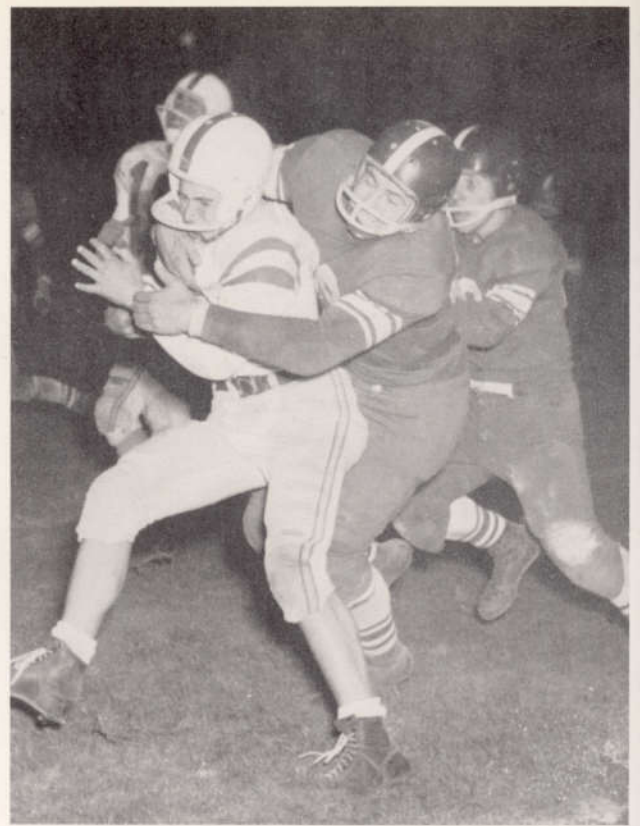
Tough defensive and offensive play won Mike Tietge, who also set a new conference record in pass receiving, a position on the '57 All Big Rivers Conference team. Al "Jet" Perry, the Purple's leading ground gainer and scorer, also made the squad at right half. The varsity award for the best blocker went to Kirk Clark the Abe's defensive signal caller.

Mike Tietge became the second player in Eau Claire history to make the All State first team. Al Perry, the squad's "work horse" was named to the third team.

No finer example of sportsmanship could have been established by Memorial High's first football varsity.



Slashing through a big hole, Jim VanGorden rips off a nice gain.

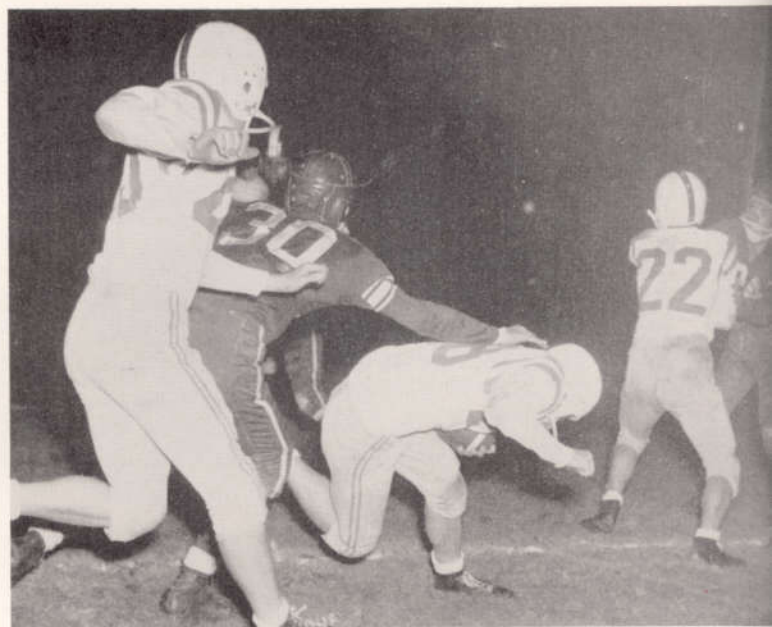


"Ughh!" groans Coggins as he struggles in the grasp of an affectionate but burly opponent.

Speaking Of Action



A determined "Jet" Perry breaks into the clear against Chippewa.



Blasting into the end zone is Eau Claire's youthful fullback, John Zurbauchen.



B SQUAD — Row One: H. Kildahl, P. O'Mara, B. Luchsinger, J. Kent, B. Gelein, P. Dennis, L. Leskinen, P. Blom, D. Zeck, E. Benedict, R. Smith, J. Hibbard, *Manager*. Row Two: Coach Gordon Poquette, B. Schreiber, B. Lind, C. Hadt, A. Block, K. Garton, G. Weber, R. Carl-

son, L. Creviston, D. Lokken, S. Cardinel, D. Kurger, Bernie Nelson, *Coach*. Row Three: D. Winrich, B. Walker, M. Campbell, J. Dale, J. Woletz, B. Kinderman, L. Arnold, D. Nelson, L. Hoepner, D. Goepfinger, R. Kruger, D. Hugdahl.

B-Squad Grit Yields Winning Record

Destined to bring future fame to Memorial High, the B squad under the competent pilotage of Coaches Gordie Poquette and Bernie Nelson showed a considerable amount of potential varsity prospects.

The *Young Abes*, consisting mostly of sophomores, played a rugged schedule with other B squads and smaller school varsities. The Poquettemen came out on the short end of the score by one touchdown in games with Elewa-Strum and Greenwood. The acid test came when the B squad met the Wausau B team and handed them a thorough beat-

ing. Other victories during the season came over Blair and the LaCrosse Central B squad. In other action throughout the season, the *Young Eagles* scrimmaged such teams as Mondovi, Cornell, and Osseo.

Along with the completion of a successful season, many boys received their varsity spurs. Jerry Kent, Bob Gelein, and Ed Benedict were some of the bright spots in the backfield. Rugged line play was turned in by "Ace" Quella, Larry Hoepner, Louie Arnold, and Dennis Hugdahl.



The inauguration of cross-country as a school sport brought out an enthusiastic array of harriers.



Tom Partlow
Forward
Captain



Harry Gibbs
Coach



John Haig
Assistant Coach



Dick Tornowski
Guard
Captain

MHS Old Abe



Mike Tietge
Forward



Bruce Neuman
Guard



"Hud" Gelein
Center



Jack Taves
Forward

Tom Stelter
Center



John Coggins
Guard



Varsity Cagers

Skip VanGorden
Forward



Mike Coffman
Forward



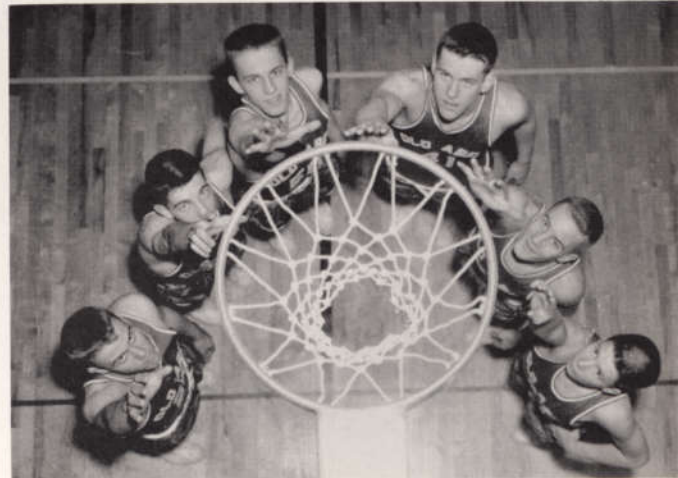
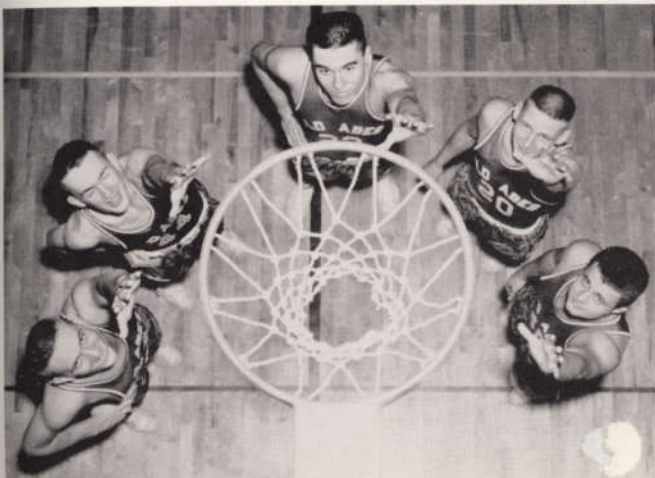
Abes Post 15-3 Season Mark -



VARSITY — Coach H. Gibbs, B. Neuman, J. Schaff, T. Partlow, D. Tornowski, J. Coggins, J. Van Gorden, Coach J. Haig. SECOND ROW: J. Harsh, M. Tietge, J. Taves, H. Gelein, T. Stelter, J. Haag, R. Steidtmann, S. Van Gorden, M. Coffman, Manager E. Engelbretson.

Score Board

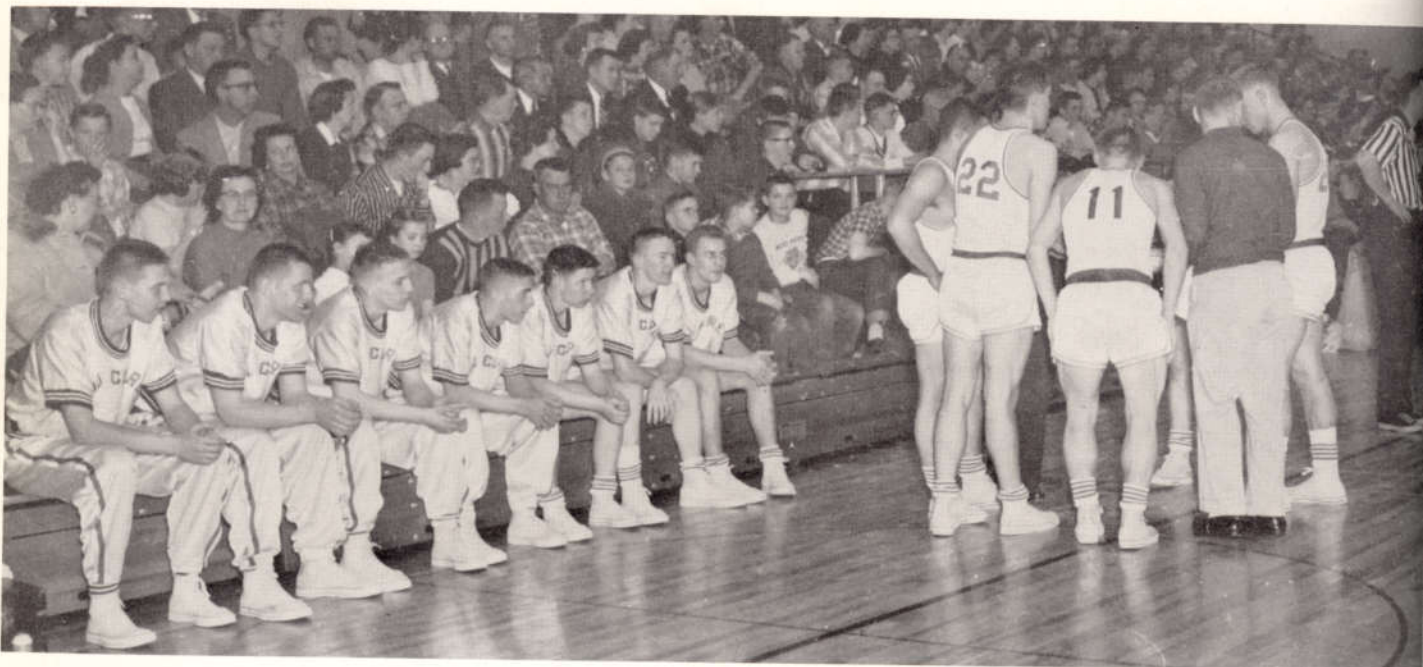
Old Abes	68	Rhineland	44	Old Abes	66	Menominee, Mich.	54
Old Abes	56	La Crosse Central	51	Old Abes	105	Tomah	63
Old Abes	61	Chippewa Falls	62	Old Abes	87	Wisconsin Rapids	83
Old Abes	71	Marinette	52	Old Abes	72	Chippewa Falls	49
Old Abes	85	Menominee, Mich.	51	Old Abes	74	Menominee, Wis.	58
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Old Abes	60	La Crosse Logan	54	Old Abes	60	Wisconsin Rapids	50
Old Abes	56	Wausau	57	Old Abes	71	Wausau	68
Old Abes	59	Marinette	47	Old Abes	69	La Crosse Logan	76



VARSITY REGULARS: T. Partlow, J. Taves, H. Gelein, B. Neuman, and D. Tornowski eye the hoop.

Reaching for a tournament birth are: M. Tietge, M. Coffman, R. Steidtmann, T. Stelter, S. Van Gorden, and J. Coggins.

Cagers Share Big Rivers Title



"Words of wisdom" pass from Coach Harry Gibbs during a time out, while the bench listens in on the conversation.

Rank 4TH In State

Coming back to win was the patented trademark of the '57 Varsity. Losing only two games, each by one point, the team proved itself to be of championship caliber. Using a moderate fast break attack at every opportunity and a pressing defense when behind, the Abes continued to improve with each contest.

Opening the first season in Memorial High, the unit buried Rhineland. The following win over Central was only a taste of the exciting action yet to come. Underdog Chippewa shocked Eau Claire by winning in the last three seconds of play. The game was protested by Eau Claire to the W.I.A.A., when the referee apparently changed his decision and gave the game to the Cards. Eau Claire did not get the nod from the committee and was handed the loss. Marinette and Menominee, (Mich.) were the next to topple in the path of the angry eagle. Bouncing back from the face of defeat to score ten straight points in the last two minutes, the squad avenged its last season loss to the Indians of Menomonie. The hand of fate yanked the tail feathers from a haughty bird, as once again the Abes were defeated in the last three seconds of play by a strong Wausau five. Following the loss the team rolled over nine straight opponents without defeat. The scoring record fell at Tomah as the Abes poured in one hundred and five points.

By swamping Chippewa and Menomonie (Wis.) the team gained sweet revenge for a previous loss and an ulcer-producing win. The big game with Wausau saw the Purple and White trailing by fifteen points and one foot in the grave as far as the title hopes were concerned. Again, the press, the reserves, and guts proved to be the deciding factor as the Abes came from behind to snare the win and share in the Big Rivers Conference Championship.



"Lefty" Gelein wheels and deals for two points against the Marines.

Hoop Highlights



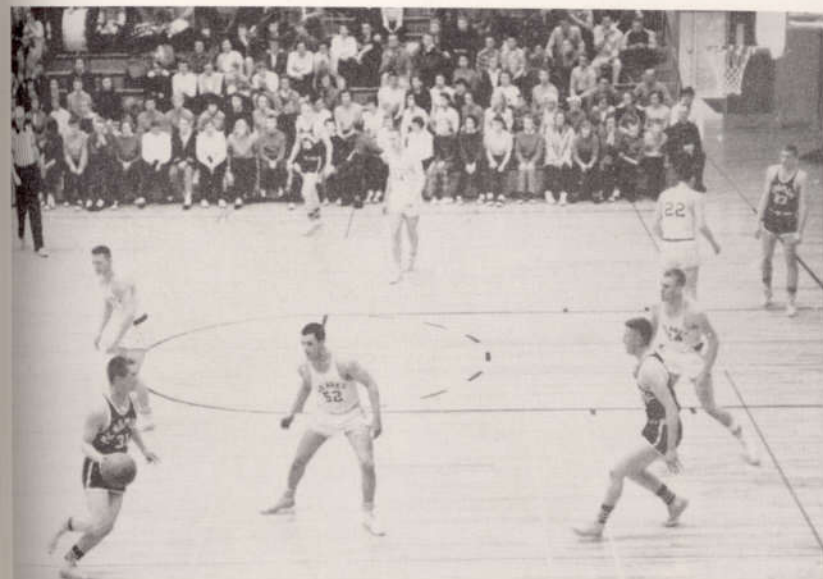
Wausau's Cronk ties up Gelein on an attempted "hook."



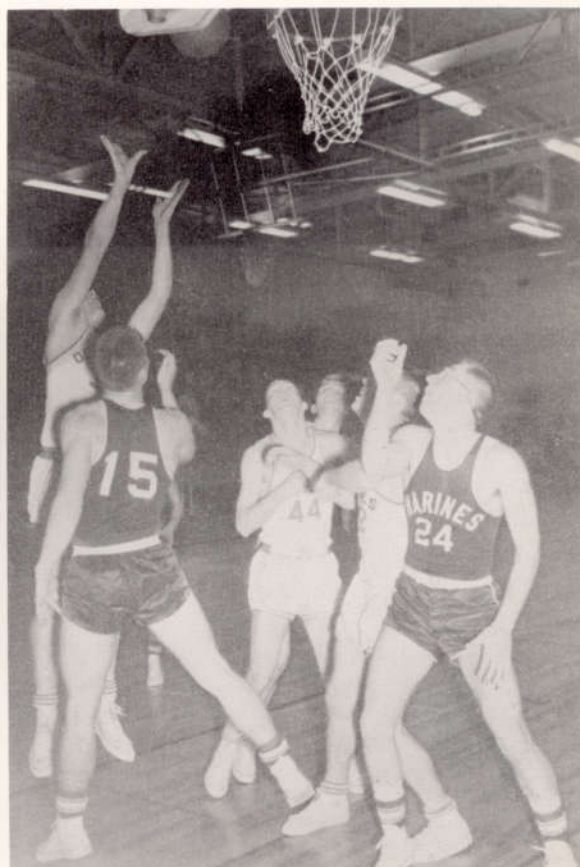
The Abes fast break clicks for an easy bucket, as "Moose" Partlow lays one in.



The bucket, and the mouth of Al Cronk, offer equally opportune targets for "Porkey" Tornowski's jump shot.



The tough Abe defense stymies the Indian attack.



Elbows fly under the bucket as Jack Taves and "Hud" Gelein battle for position.

B-Squad Romps Through Grueling Schedule

RECORD

B Squad

51	Rhineland
52	La Crosse Central
37	Chippewa Falls
67	Gilmanton
66	Junior Varsity
40	Menomonie
46	La Crosse Logan
58	Wausau

B Squad

50	75	Gilmanton	59
31	64	Wisconsin Rapids	66
54	53	Chippewa Falls	21
51	65	Menomonie	45
47	58	La Crosse Central	43
43	55	Wisconsin Rapids	42
37	51	Wausau	55
50	X	La Crosse Logan	X-Y

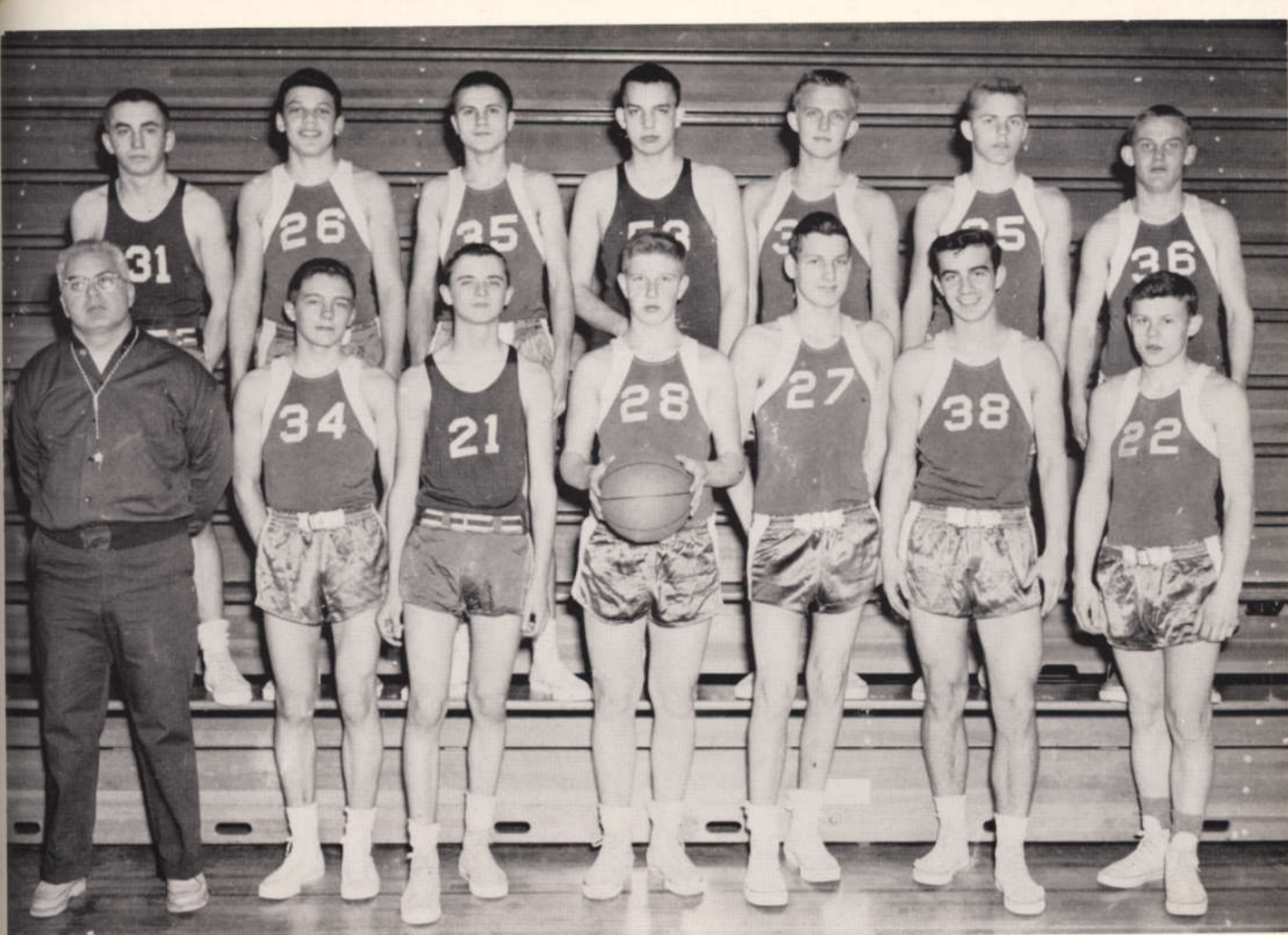


B SQUAD — *Front Row:* Coach McGinnis, R. Smith, J. Schaaf, D. Hoff, G. Weber, J. McGrath, Manager E. Wahl. *Row Two:* Manager W. Boehlke, D. Putney, J. Quella, J. Bussell, G. Weldon, J. Haag, D. Hulett, J. Harsh, R. Mackenzie.



Capacity crowds cheered the Old Abes on to victory in the new Memorial High Gym.

Another impressive season was turned in by the Old Abe B Squad. Thus far this season the B Team has compiled a 12 and 3 record with one tough game remaining with a scrappy La Crosse Logan team. Some of the highlights of the season include double victories over La Crosse Central, Gilmanton, and Wausau. Though being beaten three times, each defeat was later avenged. Judging from the outstanding play of the "Bees," the prospect for many future cage victories for Memorial High seems to be bright, indeed.



JUNIOR VARSITY — *Front Row:* Coach Gordie Poquette, J. Childs, B. Kopplin, C. Felton, R. Curtis, L. Hoepner, R. Lokken. *Back Row:* C. Carlson, B. Anderson, J. Smith, M. Berkvam, J. Hanson, E. Benedict, L. Brown.

Memorial High Junior Varsity



The Junior Varsity, a sophomore squad, is the beginning of the Old Abe production line for varsity material. The J.V.'s, under the direction of Gordie Poquette, developed rapidly and received valuable training and experience. Competing with the Junior High, Gilmanton, the B Squad, and various intramural teams, the Junior Varsity finished with a moderately successful season. Lowell Brown, John Smith, Larry Hoepner, and Charles Felton were a few of the standouts on the squad.

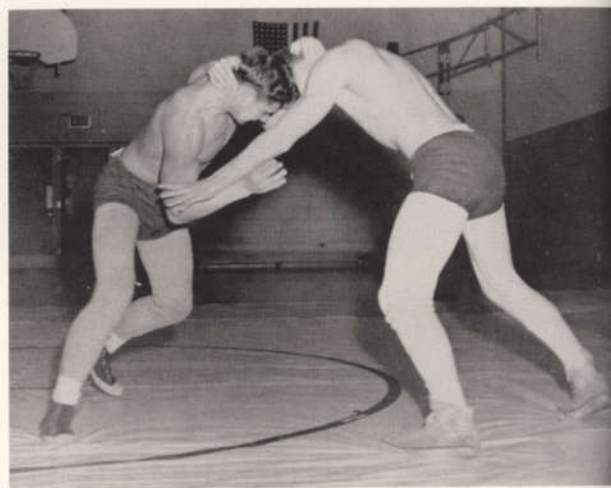
Preparing Old Abe Varsity material is the principal task for Junior Varsity coach Gordie Poquette.

Gallagher's Grunters Grapple Aggressively



WRESTLING SQUAD — *Front Row:* G. Brumberg, S. Surguy, R. Nicolai, N. Kohlhepp, W. Perry, L. Schaefer, F. Mooney, H. Kildahl. *Back Row:* Coach John Gallagher, S. Dennis, C. Hutchens, C. Johnson, L. Bennett, J. Tollefson, L. Sorenson, J. Aeby, P. O'Mara.

The Memorial High matmen completed their 1957-58 wrestling season with a respectable 4 and 5 team record. Battling Bill Perry had a 10 and 1 record, which was the best on the team. Other standouts on the squad were: Steve Surguy, Bob Nicolai, Larry Schaefer, Curt Hutchens, Jim Aeby, and Lloyd "Smokey" Sorenson.



Bob Nicolai strains for a commanding hold in a vital bout.



"Smokey" Sorenson finds himself in a perilous hold.

The Old Abes qualified five men to travel to Madison for the state meet. Bill Perry, Larry Schaefer, and Bob Turk are repeaters from last year's state tournament team. Lloyd Sorenson and Bob Nicolai are making "the trip" for the first time.



HOCKEY SQUAD—*Front Row:* T. McMahon, J. MacLaren, D. Nelson, C. Welker, P. Soley, N. Rickey, R. Rablin, T. Garnett. *Second Row:* N. Decker, B. Burns, C. Pitt, J. McCrady, M. McCurdy, M. Soley, J. Thoreen, R. Hove, G. Dale, B. Larson, J. Anderson, T. Bernicke, T. Grip, R. Flatland, K. Jorgensen, Coach Marshall Barnes.

Hickory, Stickery, Sock We Never Were Far From Top



Although the Ski Team failed to repeat as state champs, they placed first and second in virtually all other meets entered. Pictured above are: D. Winrich, G. Hanson, R. Culver, L. Scott, W. McIntyre, J. MacKove, L. Błock, R. Carlson, R. Haunschild, D. Hanson, R. Feirn, J. Bliss, S. Meyer, T. Ager, P. Anderson. Absent from picture is Coach Bernie Nelson.

Cooties, Snatchers Dominate Intramural Loop

The Cooties, Junior-Senior League Champions, proved their right to the title by dumping all but one of their opponents by wide margins. Led by Frank Copp and Gene Park, the Cooties "toyed" with the opposition. During the annual Faculty-Senior game, the Cooties played a cool, deliberate brand of ball to win 60 to 50. However, the championship game with the Sputnicks found the Cooties trailing at the half. Drive-in shots in the second half by Park and close buckets by Kopp gave the Cooties the lead and the title.

Paced by Co-Captain Fred Belden and Jerry Kent, the Snatchers ruled supreme in the Sophomore loop. In their tightest game the Snatchers drubbed the opponents by twenty points. The intramural program provides the majority of boys a chance to participate actively in the sport of their choice.



COOTIES — *Front Row:* Bill Mousel, Frank Kopp, Tom Bernicke. *Row Two:* Terry Shepler, Fred Rusch, Roger Haldorson, Larry Berg.



SNATCHERS — *Front Row:* Bob Gelein, Bill Lind, Larry Leskenin, Jerry Kent. *Row Two:* Bob Running Bill Hess, Fred Belden, Pat Dennis.

P. M. O'Brien



With the emphasis on style and grace, Mr. O'Brien pots a free throw during the Faculty-Senior game.