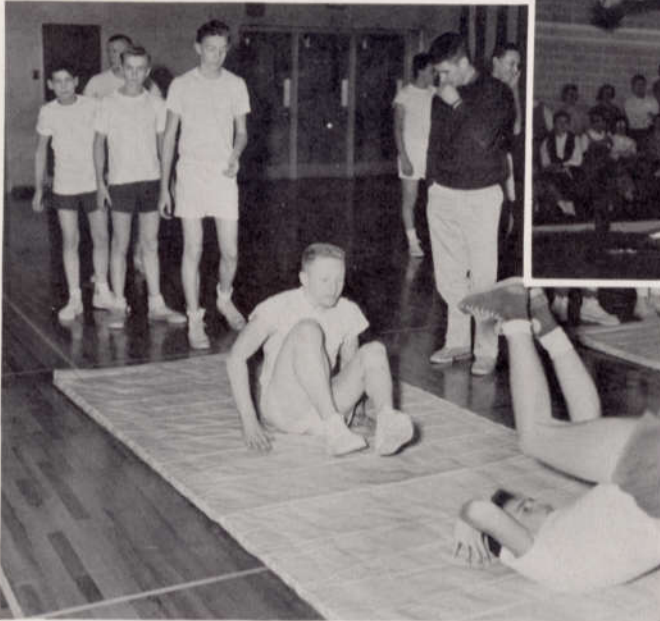




Dana Soden shows the form and co-ordination essential for a perfect dive.



Typical tumbling talent is demonstrated during half time by the advanced tumbling class.

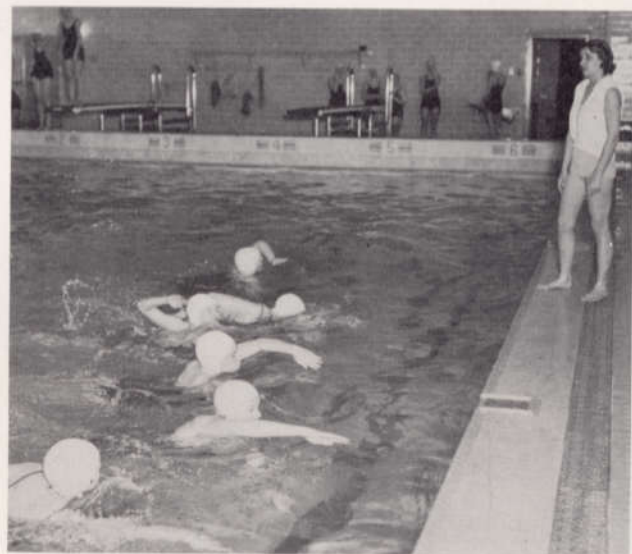


John Coggins probably hopes these sophomore boys are not as clumsy when they get to be seniors.



Paul Kopp and Barb Anderson exhibit their skill as divers in the highly successful water show, "Musical Splash."

Land Ahoy



"Lift your elbows and look straight ahead," advises Miss Ulrich.

"Off he goes into the wild, blue yonder" — Ron Nelson, that is.



DOROTHY PRATT
B.E.
Phys. Ed., Tumbling

JOHN GALLAGHER
B.S., M.S.
*Phys. Ed., Swimming,
Football coach*

CONNIE ULRICH
B.S.
Phys. Ed., Swimming

NORMAN BUSSELL
B.E.
Phys. Ed., Tumbling



Herding 1600 students through physical education exercises, and, ultimately, showers, fills up the day of a phys. ed. instructor — and then some!

This gruelling schedule more than pays off in providing health building activities, for every student enrolled at Memorial High. Learning to swim is also one of the requirements our instructors accomplish.



Phy. Ed. Faculty And G.A.A.

You don't really think there is any other way to start a G.A.A. basketball game, do you?



It sure would be interesting to know what they are aiming at!



Vern Schellfeffer (HB)



Jim Hanson (C)



John Quella (E)



George Bowman (HB)



John Zurbachen (FB)



Tom Garnett (C)
Co-Cap.

A Senior Studded Varsity



Ken Stetzer (G)

MENOMINEE TOPPLES ABES 34-19

The Purple lost 34-19 to a strong conference rival, Menominee, Mich.

The Abes, trailing 27-0 in the third quarter, attempted a comeback which fell one TD short late in the fourth quarter. Jim Van Gorden tossed a 35 yard scoring pass to George Bowman to start the Abes off. Minutes later Van Gorden went over from the one yard line to make it 27-13 after Zurbachen's conversion.

"Joltin" John Zurbachen charged seven yards for a score late in the fourth quarter to complete Abe scoring.

Tom Garnett and Dan Roscoe did a bang-up job of defending the fleet Maroon backs.

ABES TRIUMPH OVER LACROSSE 19-6

Quarterback John Coggins, back in action after more than a month on the sidelines, piloted the Purple to their third win in four starts. As John entered the game in the third quarter the Abes led 6-0 on account of George Bowman's shifting 50 yard TD romp.

A Coggins to Van Gorden handoff netted 43 yards and an Abe tally. The last Abe score came late in the fourth quarter as Zurbachen charged up the middle and went 40 yards for six points.

Steve Dennis, John Quella and Mel Curtiss turned in good defensive performances.



Larry Hoepner (E)

ABES LICK MARINETTE JINX 20-19

Coach John Gallagher's Old Abes won over their long-time nemesis, Marinette, a foe which seemed to have a jinx on Eau Claire since 1941.

The Purple went out in front in the first quarter as Jerry Kent scampered three yards for the score, John Zurbachen converting. Jim Van Gorden scored again for the Abes in the third quarter as he scooped up a Maroon fumble and outran pursuers for 67 yards and an Abe tally. Late in the same quarter Jerry Kent went over from the two to climax a long Abe TD drive.

Stellar defensive play was turned in by Dan Roscoe, Tom Garnett and Steve Dennis.

ABES BLANK STEVENS POINT 19-0

The Old Abes held Stevens Point to only 49 yards rushing in winning 19-0.

The first Abe tally came early in the second quarter as "Joltin" John Zurbachen cracked the Point defense for 35 yards and an Abe score, also making the extra point. In the third quarter Jerry Kent skirted end for fourteen yards and six points and moments later he went in again from the one yard line to climax the Abe's longest scoring offensive.



Fred Turk (G)



Jim Aeby (C)



Jim Van Gorden (HB)



Dan Roscoe (G)



Larry Leskinen (FB)



Steve Dennis (T)



Jerry Kent (HB)



Mike Bell (E)

Reached Its Peak Against Wausan

ABES DOWN WISCONSIN RAPIDS 14-0

Eau Claire beat the Raiders of Wisconsin Rapids 14-0, winning their fourth game in five starts.

With John Zurbachen driving for 167 yards and one TD, Purple power was evident from the opening kickoff. Eau Claire took the ball and crossed the goal line 11 plays later with John Zurbachen carrying 28 yards for the score and Van Gorden converting.

Early in the third quarter Jim Van Gorden tossed a long aerial to Bowman, who went into the end zone ahead of several Rapid's tacklers. Jim "Moving" Van Gorden again converted.

Defensive standouts included Curt Hutchens, Jim Hanson and Ken Stetzer.

ABE'S AERIAL POWER RIPS "CARDS", 45-0

Eau Claire's aerial power dazzled the Chippewa Falls Cardinals, 45-0, with John Coggins completing eight passes for 167 yards and three TD's.

Five Abes crossed the goal line as Eau Claire swamped the bewildered hosts. John Zurbachen and Bob Gelein each contributed two, while Vic Rebeck, George Bowman and Dick Loen had one apiece. Tom Garnett led the Abes in holding the "Cards" to a net 67 yards.

ABES SHARE CONFERENCE TITLE WITH 6-0 WIN

The Abes outlasted a tough Wausau team for a part of the Big Rivers Conference title they shared with Wausau and Menominee.

The 6-0 win was largely determined by stout line play. Defensive workhorse for the Abes was Dan Roscoe.

The only Abe TD came late in the third quarter as speedy halfback George Bowman went off his tackle slot for 36 yards.

The Jubilant Abes carried coaches Gallagher and Berg off the field to climax a superb effort.



Rod Smith (QB)



Curt Hutchens (T)

WON — LOST RECORD

Eau Claire	Opponent	
20	Marinette	19
19	Stevens Point	0
19	Menominee, Mich.	34
19	LaCrosse	6
14	Wisconsin Rapids	0
45	Chippewa Falls	0
6	Wausau	0
7	Sioux Falls, S.D.	25



Co. Cap. John Coggins (QB)



Pat Soley (T)



Vic Rebeck (E)



Dennis Hugdahl (T)



Paul Blom (C)



Mel Curtiss (E)



VARSITY — *Front Row:* F. Turk, J. Aeby, B. Kinderman, K. Stetzer, *Co-Captain*; T. Garnett. *Row Two:* K. Hugdahl, V. Rebeck, J. Hanson, P. O'Mara, P. Blom. *Row Three:* Coach J. Gallagher, G. Bowman, S. Dennis, J. VanGorden, C. Hutchens, M. Curtiss.

'58 Varsity Footballers' Share

Despite injuries to key players such as Jerry Kent, John Coggins, and Curt Hutchens, the '59 Abe gridders still managed to compile an impressive 6-2 record.

The first game of the season saw the Purple defeat Marinette for the first time since 1941, 20-19.

This kicked off a season which was to bring them a share of the Big Rivers Conference title and many all-conference and individual honors.

After the Marinette game, the Abes went on to win six of their eight games, losing only to Upper Michigan's top-ranked Menominee team and to Sioux Falls, the No. 1 team in S. Dakota.

The game with inter-city rival Chippewa Falls saw John Coggins unleash his deadly passing arm for the first time this season as he broke the school aerial record, passing for 167 yards and three TD's.

Vic Rebeck, voted all-conference second team end, was the pet receiver for the Abe's three quarterbacks, John Coggins, Dick Lokken, and Jim Van Gorden, snaring eight aerials for 116 yards during the year.

Jim Van Gorden, nominated as first-string half-back on the all-conference first team, was the team's leading passer as he connected for 292 yards. Jim also ranked second in rushing only to junior full-back John Zurbachen who had 544 yards, all on the ground.



VARSITY — *Front Row:* M. Bell, R. Smith, V. Schellfeffer, L. Leskinen. *Row Two:* A. Soley, B. Gelein, J. Kent. *Row Three:* L. Hoepfner, J. Quella, D. Roscoe, J. Zurbachen.



Coach Gallagher offers sage advice to his brood as they battle Sioux Falls.

Big River's Conference Crown

John, also a defensive stand-out, was selected to the All-conference second team. In addition to this rushing record, John led the team in scoring with 40 points and yards per carry, with an average of six yards every time he lugged the leather.

Tom Garnett, unanimous choice for All-conference guard, paced the rugged Abe defense with 61 tackles from his defensive linebacker spot. Tom, a three year letterman and co-captain this year, was voted to a first string berth on the mythical All-state team. He thus became the third Abe griddier to win this highly selective honor.

Behind Garnett, on the other side of the well-balanced Abe forward wall, was senior tackle Dan Roscoe. Dan got 56 tackles this year in addition to an honorable mention on the All-conference squad. Close behind him came rugged junior center Jim Hanson with 42 tackles. Jim also won a berth on the All-conference first team.

The '58 Abe Football season offered many exciting moments for Memorial High football fans. The win over "jinx" rival Marinette in the season opener was only one of the many highlights of a long-to-be-remembered grid season.



Tom Garnett's (15) alert blocking paves the way for Bob Gelein in this scene from the LaCrosse Central game.



The Abe's leading pass receiver, Vic Rebeck, reaches in vain for this one.

Crunching Runs And Rugged Line Play Highlighted The '58 Season



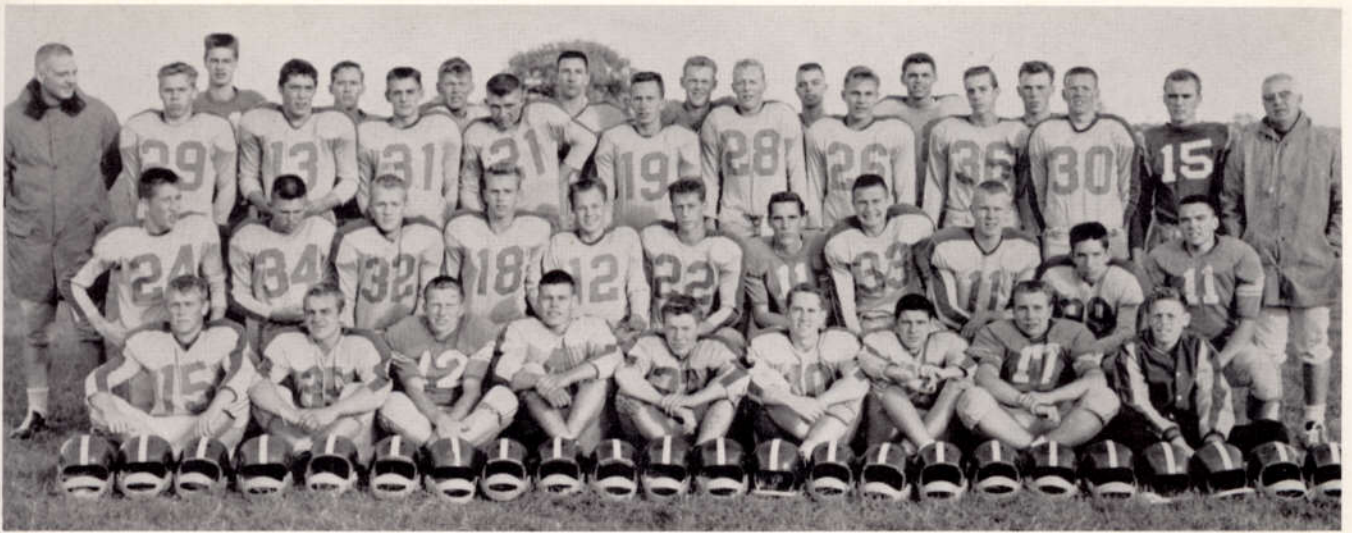
Sophomore George Bowman's open field running broke up several games.



Jim "Moving" Van Gorden seems to be looking toward the bench for advice while in the grasp of a burly LaCrosse foe.

The team's leading ground gainer, "Joltin" John Zurbachen, chews off another hunk of real estate over his favorite tackle slot.





B-SQUAD — *Front Row:* D. Kruger, T. Johnson, B. Hanson, A. Christianson, S. Stetzer, B. Rowlett, L. Shepler, B. Hanson, J. Novak. *Row Two:* K. Garton, A. Arbs, R. Kruger, N. Benedict, C. Solberg, R. Warren, J. Close, G. Weber, L. Domer, M. Kohnen. *Row Three:* Coach B. Nelson, D. Minto, W. Dohms, T. Peterson, M. Soley B. Denson B. Matson, B. Thompson, J. Johnson, D. Carlson, B. Crookman, Coach G. Poquette. *Row Four:* R. Veleke, D. Horstick, M. Loomis, B. Schreiber, B. Saxe, D. Schattie, R. Resha, D. Winrich.

“Bees” End Season With Five 4-2-1 Record

The '58 Old Abe B squad ended the season with a 4-2-1 record. The JV's four wins were registered over Greenwood (36-19), Blair (36-12), and Cornell (24-0). In addition to their tie with LaCrosse Central (12-12) the young Abes dropped games to a tough Wausau B team (24-19) and to Eleva-Strum (20-13).

The “BEES” played many scrimmages against the Old Abes in addition to their regular slate of season games. These intra-squad games benefit both teams, and help

sharpen their play. Several B team members are in line for Varsity berths next season. Among these are juniors, Bill Lind, Bill Schreiber, Pat O'Mara, Mike Soley; sophomores, Bruce Emberson, Arlie Christianson, Andy Arbs, Larry Domer and Ron Veleke.

Under the guidance of Gordie Poquette and Bernie Nelson, the B squad blossomed into a smoothly functioning unit that will make its mark in Abe grid history in years to come.

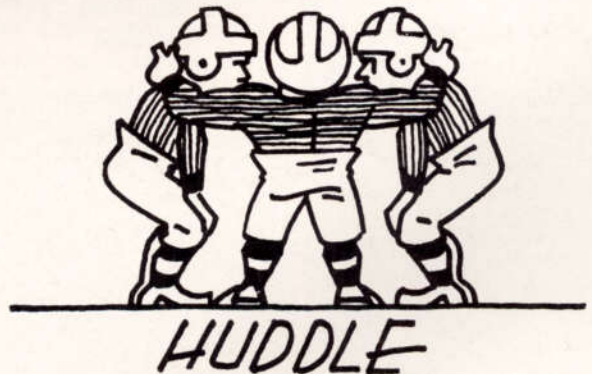
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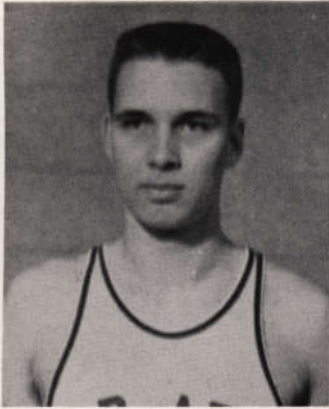
ABES BEATEN BY OUTSTATE POWER 25-7

Homecoming festivities were marred by the Old Abe's loss to top-ranked Sioux Falls. Although the Abes were rated ninth in the state they could not cope with the bruising ground game of the faster South Dakota team.

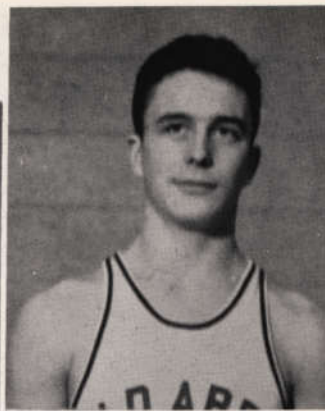
The Abes woke up in the third quarter after a listless first half to march 60 yards for their only TD.

John Coggins alternated passes and running for five first downs and 83 yards during the game, providing the only offensive spark for the Abes .

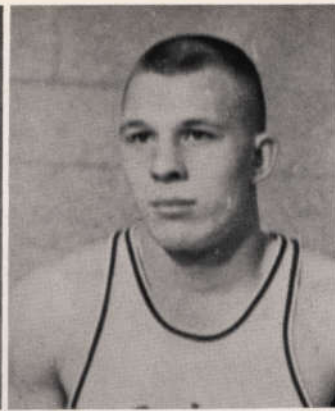




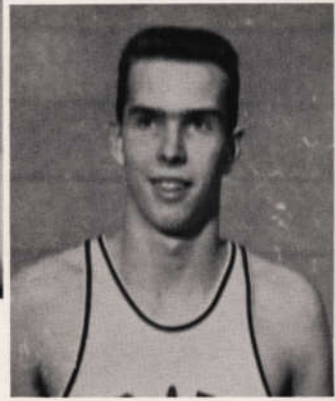
Jon Haag
Center



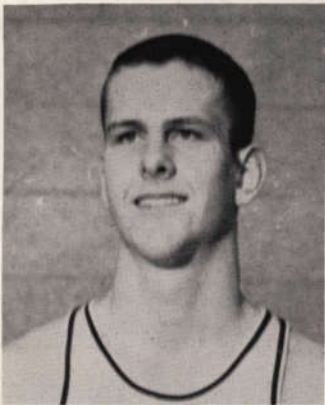
Jim Van Gordon
Guard



Tom Garnett
Guard



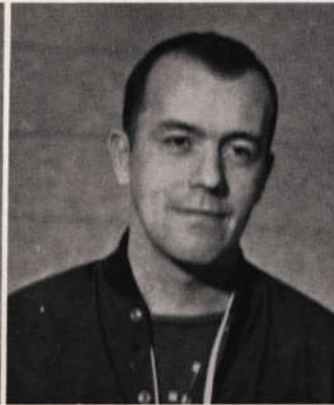
Dave Hulett
Forward



Tom Stelter
Center



John Coggins
Guard (Capt.)



Head Coach
Harry Gibbs



Bob Steidtmann
Forward

Purple And White For '59

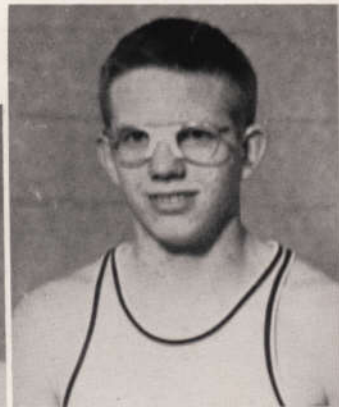
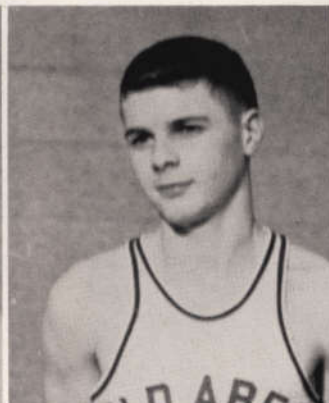


John Quella
Forward

John Harsh
Forward



John Schaaf
Guard



Dave Putney
Forward



VARSIITY — *Front Row:* Manager E. Wahl, G. Weber, R. Smith, J. Coggins, J. Schaaf, T. Garnett, J. VanGorden, Manager E. Engelbretson. *Second Row:* Coach Gibbs, J. Quella, D. Putney, R. MacKenzie, J. Harsh, T. Stelter, J. Haag, D. Hulett, B. Steidtmann, J. Bowman, Coach McGinnis.

Purple Cagers Rack Up 14-5 Season Record

After an opening game defeat at the hands of the Rhinelander Hodags, 77-72, the Old Abes won their next eight games in a row. A win over conference rival LaCrosse Central, and double victories over Marinette and Menominee, Mich., threw the Abes into a mid-season tie with Wausau for first place in the Big Rivers Conference. Non-conference wins over Tomah, Chippewa Falls, Menomonie, Wis., Wisconsin Rapids, and a non-conference loss to LaCrosse Logan, accounted for the Abes' 9-2 season mark at the time of the crucial Wausau Conference game.

This Wausau game, thought by many to be the deciding factor in the Big Rivers title race, provided many moments of thrilling prep ball; the Abes finally lost to a fast, well co-ordinated Wausau five. Although the Abes played good, smoothly co-ordinated team ball with every starter scoring well, the sharpshooting and rebounding of the Lumberjacks proved too much for them.

The rest of the season seemed destined to be anti-climactic. Certainly the next three games were. Winona, Minn. met defeat at the hands of the tall, hot-shooting Abes. 75-46, with two juniors, Putney and Harsh, leading the way. In the next two games, head coach Gibbs substituted frequently, and Chippewa Falls and Menomonie, Wis., were handed decisive losses by the Purple and White.

The next two games changed the whole season for the Abes. The disciplinary suspension following the Chippewa Falls game resulted in depletion of both the A and B squads. Despite the valiant efforts of the eight remaining Abes, LaCrosse won the crucial conference game, thus making it imperative that the Abes beat Wausau. The weakened Abes triumphed over Wis. Rapids the next evening, playing on their home court at the Memorial Field House.



Haag (44) executes an involuntary "highland fling" as he pursues that elusive ball.

The following week brought the Abe's reserve power to full strength again with the lifting of the suspension. The crucial conference game between the Abes and the Wausau Lumberjacks saw two junior pivotmen divide 36 points between them. John Harsh contributed twenty points while Jon Haag added 16. The Purple cinched at least a share of the Conference crown as they triumphed over the Lumberjacks, 80-63.

The last game of the season with tough, non-conference rival, LaCrosse Logan, turned out to be almost a repeat of the defeat dealt Eau Claire earlier in the season. Eight points again separated the teams with Logan winning 65-57. The Abes thereby split the conference title with LaCrosse Central as they triumphed over Wausau the same evening.

Purple Share Conference Title

This was Eau Claire's third conference title in as many years, showing Eau Claire to be the cage power that it really is. The Purple season record of 14-5 was one to be envied, particularly as the Big Rivers League is acknowledged as one of the toughest conferences in the state. Memorial High can be truly proud of the Abes.



Haag pots a free toss against Menominee (Mich).



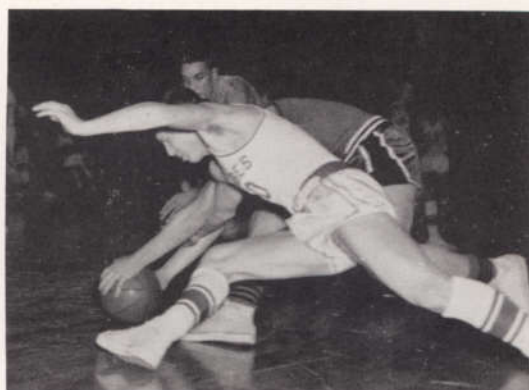
Coggins (11) watches as the loftier Abe's Haag (44) and Putney reach for a rebound in the Chippewa game.

Seasonal Won

Rhineland	77	EC	72
Tomah	58	EC	83
LaCrosse Cent.	59	EC	69
Marinette	46	EC	61
Menominee, Mich.	48	EC	66
Chippewa Falls	50	EC	62
Menominee, Mich.	49	EC	53
Marinette	57	EC	79
Menomonie, Wis.	59	EC	61
LaCrosse Logan	68	EC	60



John Coggins (11), scrappy senior guard, seems to be tackling an unidentified rival player as Harsh (12) stands by as if to finish him.



John Schaaf does neat "splits" as he grapples with an opponent for possession of the ball in the Rapids game.



Sophomore Gene Haag drives in under the bucket as John Bussell (15) and a Rapids player look on, mouths agape.

Abes Close

Season Ranking

14th In State

And Lost Record

Wis. Rapids	60	EC	73
Wausau	80	EC	63
Winona (Minn.)	46	EC	75
Chippewa Falls	75	EC	88
Menomonie (Wis.)	61	EC	76
LaCrosse Central	83	EC	72
Wis. Rapids	73	EC	84
Wausau	63	EC	80
LaCrosse Logan	65	EC	57



Dave "Red" Putney displays the driving form that netted him many points throughout the season.



B SQUAD — *Front Row:* Coach McGinnis, J. Beede, B. Mattson, E. Snoeyenbos, D. Allen, D. Peterson, B. Bergman. *Second Row:* R. Curtis, J. Quella, R. MacKenzie, G. Weber, J. Bussell, B. Emberson, R. Saxe, C. Mortimer, R. Veleke, G. Haag.

B Squad Attains Near-Perfect Record

The BEE team record of 12 straight wins bettered even the A squad's fine seasonal standing. Their final won-loss record of 14-2-ranks with the best in the state despite their late season slump. With Dave Putney's 17 point average per game leading them for the first four games, the "BEES" won over Stanley, Rhinelander, Gilmanton and LaCrosse Central. With Putney's advance to the A squad, the scoring was balanced evenly between four boys for the next eight games: Gary Weber, 7.5, Gene Hang, 7.2, Bob Saxe, 6.5 and John Quella, 5.4 points per game.

The next eight games saw the young Abes move into the top rank of high school B teams with double wins over Chippewa Falls, and Menominee, and single wins over LaCrosse Logan, Wisconsin Rapids, Wausau and Winona.

The disciplinary action following the Chippewa game resulted in suspension for several B team members. The "BEES" were further depleted as three members were temporarily advanced to the A squad. The two following games resulted in disastrous losses for the "BEES" at the hands of LaCrosse Central and Wisconsin Rapids. After the suspension was lifted the "Young Abes" resumed their winnings ways, but the damage was done. Even two wins, over Wausau and LaCrosse Logan, could not wholly repair the damage. Although the B team finished well up in the B squad rankings, their chances for an undefeated season went down the drain.

However, the season as a whole was a success, and we may be assured of excellent Varsities in the years to come.

Stanley	56	EC	63
Rhinelander	39	EC	62
Gilmanton	39	EC	56
LaCrosse Cent.	34	EC	61
Chippewa Falls	26	EC	58
Menomonie, Wis.	27	EC	32
LaCrosse Logan	46	EC	56
Wisconsin Rapids	43	EC	53
Wausau	38	EC	41
Winona	51	EC	60
Chippewa Falls	47	EC	56
Menomonie, Wis.	38	EC	60
LaCrosse Cent.	56	EC	39
Wisconsin Rapids	47	EC	45
Wausau		EC	
LaCrosse Logan		EC	



JUNIOR VARSITY: *Front Row:* Coach Poquette, R. Warren, B. Rowlett, J. Gageby, L. Raskin. *Second Row:* L. Shepler, J. Johnson, L. Staberg, B. Getten, D. Johnson, J. Begalke. *Third Row:* A. Arbs, B. Hanson, J. Novak, L. Donais, D. Ebert, D. Schattie, J. Johnson.

The "J.V.'s"- Tomorrow's Varsity

The Junior Varsity Team is made up entirely of sophomores, who, under the direction of Gordy Poquette, practice the fundamental plays and double-pivot formation that they will use in later years as members of the varsity. They also play several games, including two very hard-fought ones with the B squad. They also played games with all-sophomore teams from LaCrosse Central and Winona.

The common goal of all "JV's" is to be advanced to the B squad. This year this was accomplished, at least in part, by many sophomores. Several made such impressive showings that they were perman-

ently placed on the B team. The season ended on a successful note as the "JV's" triumphed over Wally Lehman's Junior High five.

Commented Coach Poquette, "Several boys are developing fast enough to be on the varsity next year, and three or four others are certain to be starting on the B team. I think that the next few years will bring excellent varsity teams."

It is apparent that the varsity, in years to come, will benefit from the experience acquired by these sophomores.



WRESTLING TEAM — *Front Row:* J. Hadden, R. Kinder, G. Gaard, N. Kohlepp, L. Schaefer, R. Turk, C. Hutchins, L. Sorenson, K. Stetzer, W. Perry, S. Peterson, and H. Kildahl. *Back Row:* Mr. Fried, G. Johnson, E. Decker, S. Stetzer, R. White, P. O'Mara, W. Dohms, C. Johnson, D. Zeck, T. Clark, W. Tibbets, F. Mooney, G. Sturgis, and D. Horstick.

Varsity Wrestling Squad

Pins Down 4-6 Record



"Battling" Bill Perry and "Dynamite" Dick White fought an interesting match for the public at the annual wrestling show.

Although the "A" squad wrestling team won four games out of ten, they were unable to match last year's record. In the first match, Memorial High defeated Menomonie by a margin of twelve points 25-13. The Abe "Grapplers" also won two matches over Wausau. In the last match, played, Eau Claire romped over Ladysmith, thirty-eight to ten. The losing efforts were against Amery and Tomah (twice), Winona, and Menomonie.

Bob Turk, the captain of our wrestling team, maintained a perfect record this year. Other outstanding wrestlers were "Smokey" Sorenson, and "Battling" Bill Perry.



Ski enthusiasm was dampened this year by lack of snow. The only meet our ski team participated in was at Wausau on January 25, where they placed second. All of the first team members will return next year the the exception of Tryg Ager, the only senior on the first team. The boys who participated at Wausau were, *Seated*: C. Westphal, (foreign exchange student from Germany), D. Hanson, J. MacKove. *Standing*: J. Allen, T. Ager, R. Carlson, J. Campen. *Missing*: B. Culver.



Arnie Domer instructs Sandra Gelein in the use of the tow.



Sno-bunny
Or Pro-You
Can't Ski
Without Sno

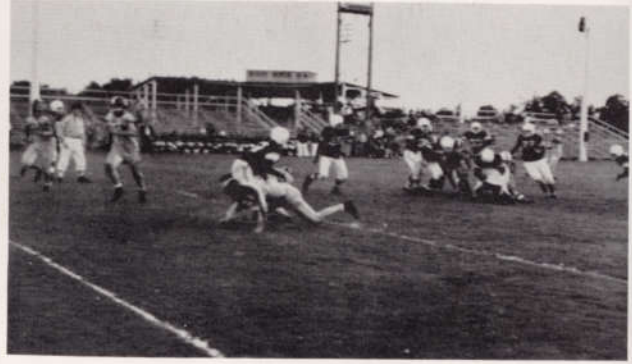


The Memorial High Ski Club with their advisor, Mr. Bernie Nelson.

Intramural Sports



Tension mounts as these bowlers indicate in a match at nearby Wagner's Bowling Alley.



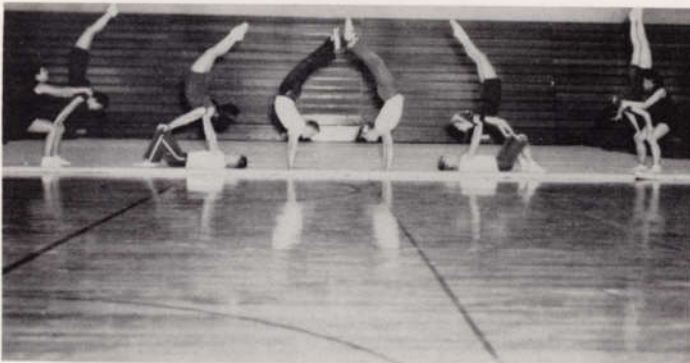
Not all football is of the varsity brand, but it is equally spirited.



Here is one place where raising a racquet is not frowned upon by a teacher.



Up in the air with the greatest of ease, the energetic tumblers do a first class job at the basketball games and other exhibitions.



With form and muscles the tumblers practice timing and accuracy.