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### REVIEW OF THE BASKET BALL SEASON 1918-'19

Once more Presque Isle High School has closed the basket ball season and we have good reason to say that it has been one of the most successful in the history of the school.

In 1913 a league was formed between Caribou, Fort Fairfield and Presque Isle High Schools, called the Northern Aroostook League. Thus for the last six years these schools have competed with each other for the championships in basket ball and baseball. And, during this time P. I. H. S. has managed to hold down the basket ball championship five, out of the six years. Caribou won from us in 1915, but only by a small margin.

At the beginning of the 1915-16 season H. B. Holmes offered a large cup to the team winning the championship three years in succession. This cup, on account of the three former basket ball teams, has never left P. I. H. S.

For the sake of those who would be interested in former years' records, we have compiled the following total scores for the last six years.

	Total points for P. I. H. S.	Total points for opponents
1913-14	228	145
1914-15	323	324
1915-16	456	405
1916-17	439	257
1917-18	536	212
1918-19	524	333

It was about the middle of December when the first practice was held this year. As everybody wanted to see us again get the banner, a goodly number was present. Every boy was interested. After two or three practices the squad was picked. Then the real hard work began.

Manager Taylor soon secured the first game with Ashland High School, December 20. This team was easily trimmed, by a 43-14 score.

However, difficulties now began to arise concerning practice. The Presque Isle Opera House had burned and as pictures were being shown in the Perry, afternoon and evening, there seemed to be very little time that we could have the hall. We managed to get this between the hours of 4.30 and 6.30 in the afternoon for \$2.00 a practice, with three practices a week, whereas we had been using it from 7 to 9 in the evening. This alone should give one an idea why we need a gymnasium at the High School. Aside from this \$2.00 per

practice, \$35.00 had to be paid when games were played.

The second game was a return game with Ashland. In this we were defeated by 4 points. The Ashland boys had practiced hard since their first game and were in their best trim. The trip was made by team through a blinding snowstorm. When a basket ball

though they put up a stiff fight. This is their first year in the league, however, and they will probably be heard from later.

After another week's hard practice we went to Caribou for the second league game. As usual, a large crowd of rooters went over, and two special cars were packed to their utmost capacity. Having already heard that Caribou was supporting a fast team, we wondered by just what score they could be beaten. All reports were

this game, which was the only one in the league that was lost. We had won five out of the six played.

All the basket ball fans had been for the preceding four or five weeks eagerly watching the accounts of down-State games. When it was learned that the Dover-Foxcroft A. A., the team that claimed the State Championship, would play here, tickets went like hot cakes. The game was played March 16, and at the time we believed would be the last of the season.

The Dover-Foxcroft men were heavy. Their lightest man weighed in the vicinity of one hundred and sixty five pounds. At shooting, they excelled, but in passing and team work the home team was more clever. We were defeated by a 56-22 score, but we have since read that this team was beaten only by about fifteen points by the Champions of New England, so we believe that this defeat was certainly no discredit to the team.

As has been mentioned, we believed this would be the last game of the season, and the team stopped training. Houlton High School set up her claim for the County championship, which was immediately disputed by P. I. H. S. and to prove this claim, a game was arranged between the two teams for April 4, at Mars Hill. With only three real practices, our team went down and won from the Houlton boys by the close score of 19-15.

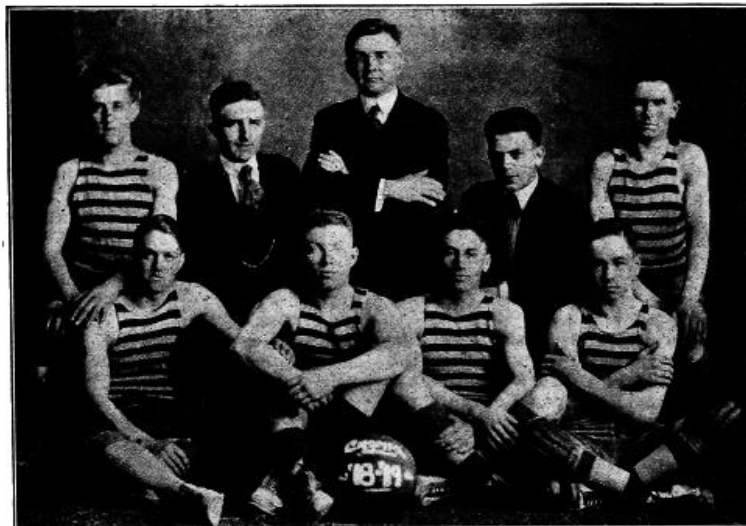
Each team had many supporters, but the boasting crowd of townspeople who came from Houlton quieted down considerably during the latter part of the game, when the tables had been turned.

This one really did complete the season of fifteen games, of which only four were lost.

The highest individual score for the year, and best all round man, was Floyd Mooers, who held down the position at right guard the most of the time, though in two or three games he played forward. He has played in every game except one, and rolled up a total of 150 points, 140 of which were made from field goals. His game average was 105.7 points. "Cap," as he is usually called, could always be relied upon to do his share of the scoring.

Harold Johnston was next in line, making 116 points, 50 field goals and 16 foul. Johnston is surely light on his feet and as he has one more year in High School, we are sure that the team will not be found wanting next season. He played both halves in all of

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P. I. H. S. BASKET BALL TEAM

team does anything like this, the players show the public that they play not only for their own interests but for those of the school also.

Our next game was played at home January 10, with St. Mary's College. They brought down a husky looking bunch, and before the game was called, there were some in the hall who believed they would win, but the result was that the P. I. H. S. Five made a clean sweep of the Van Buren boys, and beat them with a score of 50-24.

In playing these first two home games we had lost money under the heavy expense. The townspeople had not supported us. In devising an idea to remedy this, the scheme of allowing the pupils to take out tickets to sell was thought of. It worked out well, and the next game, in which Houlton High School was so badly defeated, was attended by a large crowd.

January 24, the first game in the league was played at Mars Hill, with the five representing the Aroostook Central Institute. They were easily defeated, al-

though they put up a stiff fight. This is their first year in the league, however, and they will probably be heard from later.

In two weeks the team went to Houlton to play two games. One was against Houlton High School, and the other against Ricker Classical Institute.

The High School team turned the tables on us and in this play P. I. H. S. went down to defeat by a small margin. The score was 38-34.

However, the lid was soon nailed over the Ricker bunch, to whom was given a 37-17 trimming.

February 21st, C. H. S. played the return game. Coming down with fire in their eyes, they had to go home a sadder but wiser crowd for they again tasted defeat by a larger margin than before—score 39-31. Everybody knew that this would be a fast game, and long before the game began the hall was packed.

Our next out of town game was at Fort Fairfield. Mooers was unable to play that night and Rich took his place. We were beaten

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**EDITORIAL**

We have heard a great deal about our basket ball team lately. We realize that it is a team to be proud of, and that the championship of Aroostook County is a victory which reflects much honor on the team, and also upon the school. But aside from the winning victories over our opponents, the fun of watching games and the promotion of school spirit there is another phase which is probably the most important of all, and that is the value of athletics to us as individuals.

We already know that an athlete has more muscle and greater endurance where tests of physical ability are made than the boy who does nothing at all to develop his body. We know that the training which the athlete has received has improved his body, and that he is stronger and better for it. I wonder, however, how many of us ever think of the relation between the body and the mind. It is an absolute fact that a strong body ordinarily gives a strong mind, other things being equal. In other words, if we develop our bodies, this development has a favorable effect on our minds also, and the result is a clear head and increased reasoning power.

The value of athletic training has recently been emphasized in a very forceful way. The United States raised an army of 4,000,000 men almost overnight. The rapid progress of the military program was due to the fact that the average American was to a degree already trained. This partial training was the result of athletic training which had been received in their school days. Athletics had given many civilians strong bodies, clear minds, steady eyes and the ability to think. Hence into the new army came thousands of men who had had just such training, and consequently we soon had a highly efficient army.

Here in high school we want to keep up our studies and obtain what knowledge we can, of course. However, let us not overlook the fact that if we train our bodies

at the same time that we are developing our minds, the latter process will be much easier. Do something for your body. Go out for the baseball team, or the track team, if you are a boy. Maybe you'll make the team. If you don't, you've done something for yourself, anyhow, and you've also given the captain a bigger squad to choose from. If you're a girl, join the Walking Club. Walking is one of the best means of exercise known. Do something to make yourself physically fit, and if you have a sound body, you will have a clean mind, and lessons will require less study and school work will lose many of its horrors.

**To the Flyer**

As I have been in very close contact with a small representation of the student body it has made me feel that I am one of that body, although, of course, I am not.

When the basket ball squad came out for practice last December the manager solicited my services as coach, which position, as an alumnus of old P. I. H. S., I was glad to take, realizing the work and pleasure of a long season.

To give you an idea of the way this championship team was moulded, I will follow along the periods as I saw them.

The first call for practice brought out three or four of the old players and about thirty pieces of raw material, light and skinny looking, yet we knew that these were the men out of 130 who had the greatest amount of grit and school spirit.

We formed four separate teams and put them through the sifter until our squad numbered fifteen. During these weeks of hard training, scrimmages and study, our stars came to the front and a team was picked which defeated Ashland High School.

Here came the hard part for the coach; that was driving the boys until they were mad clear through and then driving them still farther to keep that fighting spirit alive that never knows defeat.

No one knows the knocks and bumps a team gets until they have gone through the mill themselves. These men came through with the Northern Aroostook-Championship with five straight victories and one defeat.

Two weeks lay-off and another call to arms, when Houlton High School disputed our claim as Aroostook Champions. A shift in the line-up at this stage of the game seemed necessary to bring out the heaviest and fastest combination. Our boys won a hard fought victory at Mars Hill over Houlton High.

In my four years with the basket ball teams of P. I. H. S., there are few boys worked the hardest, stood the most, and played the fastest of all the teams. These boys, with the help of the second team, deserve all the credit for this year's splendid record.

If anyone wishes to know a dozen fine fellows, get acquainted with the boys of this team, for their moral and physical example is a good one.

With all due respect for our former championship teams, this 1919 combination is the fastest high school team ever produced in this County.

Yours for victory,  
"Ike" Graves.

**LITERARY**

**The Experience of a Walking Club Member**

"Who is going walking with me?" asked a clear young voice. Ruth was standing in the hall of the home of Jeanne, her friend. In the den were seated in more or less picturesque attitudes, the remaining seven of the "Heavenly Eight." At Ruth's question each girl looked up from a book, paper or sewing. "Oh, Ruthie, I am just too lazy for words," drawled Kate, the lover of books. She had in her hand now "That's Me All Over, Mable," and Ruth knew that it would be useless to ask her to go.

"Don't all speak at once," said Ruth gaily.

"You see, dear, we have all finished our hundred miles but you," said Gladys. "Why don't you walk a couple of miles and come back here for tea?" I'll see that Virginia doesn't eat all the brownies and Helen, I think, can be persuaded to leave you one olive."

"All right, you lazy ones. I shall live me hence alone. Farewell forever!" Ruth left the house while the other girls returned to their various occupations and consumed unnumbered pieces of fudge.

The air was beautiful that May day and Ruth set out with a light heart and light feet. "It is odd," she reflected, "but two months ago I should have looked on a two mile walk as a feat for boys." And she wondered at the eagerness with which she was looking forward to her little expedition into the country.

She walked quickly and in a very short time she was two miles from town.

"I may as well go out to the haunted wood," she said to herself, "and make six miles altogether." Thus decided she kept on, with apparently no effort. The sun was sinking, and as Ruth looked toward the west, she quickened her pace.

"I shall be late for tea if I do not hurry," she thought.

She soon reached the haunted wood, so called because an evil spirit was supposed to walk there on stormy nights. Arrived at the edge of the wood, the girl stopped a moment to rest before her homeward walk, and to admire the beauty of the trees, covered with their tiny green leaves. Her glance rested on a stately elm. The quiet and peace of it all made her long to stay. Above her head a bird twittered.

Suddenly on the still air was borne a faint cry. Ruth listened. There it was again! and it seemed like a call for help, clear at first and then dying away.

It was not a pleasant prospect to go into the haunted wood alone, especially as the sun was sinking rapidly. Ruth was Irish and had the superstitious nature of the race. She hesitated but a moment, however, then entered the wood and walked quickly, jumping over fallen trees and avoiding sharp, low hanging branches with care, having had experience in walking through the woods, on the many trips taken by members of the walking club. She had gone in the direction from which the sound had come, but now she stopped.

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puzzled. As if in answer to her thought the cry came again, this time near by. She went straight ahead and in a few moments she came upon a broken down cabin which she remembered having seen some years before. The door, which was still intact, was closed and, upon trying it, Ruth found it to be locked on the outside. She paused a moment and then went around to the tiny window at the side. The pane was out, and peering into the tiny dark room, Ruth saw in a far corner, the figure of a boy, not more than fourteen years of age. He wore the uniform of a Boy Scout.

"What's the matter?" called Ruth.

"I am a captive here. This afternoon, when I was walking thru' the woods I came upon this cabin. Looking in at the window I saw three men, talking in a language which I recognized as German. Before them on that table was spread a chart, over which they were poring. Suddenly one of the men looked up and saw me. I knew they must be spies and I broke away from the window and started to run. The three of them rushed out of the cabin and started after me. I could have won the race too, but I tripped on a root and sprained my ankle. They rushed upon me and carried me in here and tied me to this old bed and went out, locking the door with a padlock. They may be back any time, and goodness only knows what they intend to do. From the little German that I know, I recognized the word "bridge" in their talk. Go back and get help. Leave me here. It is impossible to get through the window, and the door is fast."

"Have courage," said Ruth, "and I will do my best."

With these words she left the window and turned her face in the direction of the road. It was now quite dark in the wood, and there was fear in her heart that she would lose her way. Before long, however, she breathed a sigh of relief as the road came into view. Now the way would be easier. That was well, because Ruth was slightly out of breath with excitement and fatigue. However, the training which she had received in the walking club stood her in good stead now, and she thought she could get to town in her average time. She started off briskly, and, using the heel and toe stride, which she had learned in the club, she covered the ground quickly. As the lights of the town came into view, she was getting pretty tired. The long walk and nervous strain were beginning to tell upon her. The thought of the boy in the cabin and the three men who had taken him there, spurred her on, and she arrived at the city hall in five minutes more. She went directly to the sheriff's office and told her story.

"Do hurry!" she said, "there is not a minute to spare."

A car was quickly secured and the sheriff and Ruth, accompanied by three armed policemen, entered it, after informing Ruth's parents of the situation.

The run back to the wood was made in a few minutes. The men descended from the car and Ruth led the way to the old cabin. She had a good memory, fortunately, and remembered the way she had taken in the afternoon.

When they came in sight of the cabin a feeble ray of light shone from the tiny window.

"They have returned," whis-

pered Ruth. The party crept cautiously nearer and nearer until they could surround the place. The sheriff, standing at the window with his gun pointed toward the room, shouted.

"Put up your hands!"

The effect upon the occupants of the room was electrical. Three pairs of hands shot up and three shaking voices cried,

"Kamerad!"

"Open the door!" commanded the officer. The door was opened by two shaking hands and the owner, of the hands gazed into the muzzle of a shining black Colt revolver, which was held by a grimly smiling young Irishman.

The three men were hustled into the waiting automobile and the boy was released from his bonds. The party was soon back in town, where the prisoners were put in a safe place.

"My dear," said the sheriff, looking kindly at Ruth a few minutes later, "you have done a great service to your city and your country. There," indicating the papers found on the Germans, "are the plans of the city and the railroad bridge just outside. We have every reason to believe that there was a conspiracy to blow up the bridge tonight."

Ruth blushed. "I guess it is time for me to go home," she said.

A week later, she received her school letters for walking a hundred miles, and, pinned to them, was a medal of gold. The whole was presented to her by the mayor of the city.

"In closing," said the mayor, "I would say that in a way, we have to thank the Walking Club, for Miss Ruth was doing her required walking when she discovered the hiding place of the spies."

Elizabeth Haynes, '19.

#### LEADING CHEERS

It would seem to most people who have never had any experience at leading cheers that it is an easy job. It is far from that.

When a new leader or an assistant is chosen, he has to get up before the school and demonstrate his ability to create noise. This is very hard because the first time the new man is green and makes many mistakes and funny motions, and of course the students will laugh at him. After the first practice he receives all kinds of advice.

Sometime, before the next practice, he has an opportunity to think over all this advice, and perhaps puts in a few minutes at practicing by himself. When the practice does come he is better able to lead than before.

The cheer leader must if possible work up new cheers and also get the old ones going smoothly.

It is the cheering that helps a team to win. When the cheering is good, the team then knows that the entire body of students is backing them, and giving them their support until the end, no matter what the outcome may be. On the other hand, if the cheering is poor, of course the team cannot be expected to do as good work.

This year the cheering for the most part has been fine. O'Donnell has made a "peach" of a leader and Rich filled his position well while he was able to hold it.

There were a few new cheers worked up but not many. The old ones were used to good advantage. Several songs were practiced and were sometimes sung at the games.

W. A. Laffin, '19.

#### ALUMNI

When we ask for opinions on athletic or physical training in our schools, we very often find some people who think this part of the school life very much interferes with the regular school work and is more of a hindrance than a help to the student, as he can not study and do athletics at the same time. In fact, we find many points both for and against having athletics in the public schools.

In just a few words, I wish to outline a few points in favor of a systematic course of physical and athletic training. I say physical as well as athletic, because no person can become proficient along athletic lines unless he has had proper physical training. On the other hand mere physical training becomes a drudgery unless it can be coupled and worked in with such athletics as baseball, basketball, tennis, track, etc.

First, why are we paying more attention to physical training today than we were a few years ago? The reason is that thorough study of the mind and body has brought out the fact that these are dependent on each other and therefore must be in good condition to produce the most perfect harmony.

Scientists tell us that a great mind coupled with a weak or unhealthy body is seriously hampered in every way. The only way that a body can be made healthy is through systematic physical training. Of course this can be overestimated only in so far as too strenuous exercise may be imposed upon a weak body, and serious results may occur.

I was very much interested the other day in the aged gentleman who came to the school and demonstrated his ability as a penman. I wondered how at his advanced age he could be so steady and full of life. The answer to this must be a healthy body, kept so by proper physical training.

Besides being a benefit to the body, this training can be made a great help to the mind, especially in accuracy. For in athletics we put accuracy first, and speed second. Anything which gives keenness of perception to the mind, and agility to the body, should be coveted in any walk of life.

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**A** 's for athletic sports; basket ball's one,  
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**S** is for speed and also for sleep;  
The boys of the last a record must keep.

**K** is for "kan't;" we kan't be be beat,  
And if we could, 'twould be a feat.

**E** is for eats; the boys have to diet;  
If you think that's fun, why don't you try it?

**T** is for treats which the boys must decline;  
When it comes to that, they must surely shine.

**B** is for best, and means our team,  
The subject of many a glorious theme.

**A** is for able to play clean and to win.  
You appreciate this if at the games you've been.

**L** is for lightning which our boys resemble.  
That is why people to see them, assemble.

**L** 's for long record as basket-ball champions.  
'Tis neither time nor change that our power dampens.

**T** is for team. We sure are proud of ours.  
To give them just dues is not within our powers.

**E** is for everything earned by endeavor  
To emulate excellence our end forever.

**A** is for after the championship's won,  
The boys are rewarded, their work is well done.

**M** is for mastering the art of basket ball.  
Let's give them a cheer for one and for all.

What is Ray Gooding's favorite breakfast food?  
Ans. Wild oats.

Extract from the Diary of one of the Basket Ball Boys

Monday—Ike told us we should have eight hours sleep every night. Practiced to-night. Staved to pictures, during which I slept 10 minutes. Went to bed at 11.45. Got up at 7.30. 11.40 to 7.30 equals 7 hours, 50 minutes. 7 hours plus 50 minutes plus 10 minutes in pictures equals 8 hours exactly.

Tuesday—Don't just remember the exact time but guess I got 8 hours all right.

Wednesday—Went down town. Forgot about my studies. Came home and studied until 12.30. Had to or would have flunked. Got 6 hours sleep anyway.

Thursday—Went to dance. In at 1.30. Don't just remember what time I got up, so can't tell exactly how much sleep I got.

Friday—Had a fast game with Caribou. Got one black eye, one skinned elbow and a head ache. Had to go to dance after game. Got to bed 12. Up at 7. Result—7 hours.

Sat.—Went to bed at 11.30. Woke up at 12 at noon. Thought I would make up some sleep so went back to sleep, got up at 2 P. M. 11.30 to 2 equals 13 hours, 30 minutes. I can't see what "Ike" has to kick about when I sleep like that.

Sunday—To bed at 9.30, got up at 6.45. Result: 9 hours, 15 minutes.

Summary for week:

Mon.—8 hours

Tues.—Don't just remember.

Wed.—6.

Thurs.—Didn't keep a record that night.

Fri.—7.

Sat.—13 hours 30 minutes.

Sun.—9 hours 15 minutes.

Total: 42 hours, 45 minutes.

Average: 8 hours, 3 minutes.

## LOCALS

Friday morning, April 4, a special chapel for the boys was held. Dr. Hitchcock, who is a member of the United States Health Commission detailed to work in Maine, gave an address.

We enjoyed a piano solo by Alma Beaulieu in chapel Monday. Mr. George B. Smith, who for many years wrote the Bates College diplomas, gave a talk on penmanship Tuesday noon, illustrating his subject on the blackboard. Mr. Smith has been writing name cards for the students.

**Supt. Preble Speaks in Chapel**  
Mr. Preble spoke in chapel Wednesday morning. He said that we should try to stop the circulation of rumors about the school by the townspeople, giving three ways to stop them. First, by conducting ourselves so that there can be no criticism. Second, by learning the facts of a rumor. Third, by not spreading such reports. Barton Akeley played a selection on the Victrola.

**New Program Committee Elected**  
The retiring Program Committee elected Laura Whittaker, Louis Horsman, Mamie Corbett, Phyllis Wilkins and Mrs. Howe to serve for the next and last ten weeks of school.

A rally for the First Annual Banquet of the A. A. was held Thursday noon. Mr. Perkins, Mr. Jenkins, Miss Cooper, Charlotte Seely and Barton Akeley were called on for speeches. They all gave good reasons for attending the banquet, and urged all that could go to be present.

#### A Meeting of the Tennis Tournament

The Tennis Association held a meeting Wednesday for all who are interested in tennis. Committees were appointed to get the courts ready for playing, to keep people off the courts, and to get new members of the association.

Friday morning Mrs. White spoke in chapel on the solving of the problem of the Americanization of foreigners. Florence Sherard reported on an article about the designer of the W. S. S. poster in the lower hall. The girl who designed it was a student in the Practical Arts High School, Boston.

The A. A. Banquet, which everyone enjoyed so much, will be reported on next week.

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### REVIEW OF BASKET BALL SEASON

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the fifteen games and his game average was 711-15 points.

Horsman, who played right forward, has made a record to be proud of. This is his first year on the team, though one would think that it was his third or fourth. He scored fourteen games.

Raymond Kierstead scored a total of 97 points. 94 of these were made from the field. Though his second year on the team, it is his first year at center, and he has certainly come up to all expectations, and not only has done the share of scoring allotted, but has distinguished himself as a guard, which position was filled by him at the last game with Houlton at Mars Hill.

Captain White, who has filled his left guard position so well, and has played every game, should be congratulated on the success of his team. No small part is due to his playing. His total score was 69 points. Though he has not shot so much as the others on the team, he has hindered our opponents in such a way as to make it practically impossible for them to make any.

Deasy O'Donnell has only played one game this year, but this was for the County championship, and he ably filled the center position and made two goals.

Rich has acted as substitute during the year, and has played only one whole game. His playing was consistent at all times, and is surely a good prospect for next year.

Following is a list of the games played this year:

P. I. H. S. 43	Ashland H. S. 14
P. I. H. S. 17	Ashland H. S. 21
P. I. H. S. 50	St. Mary's College 24
P. I. H. S. 43	A. C. I. 23
P. I. H. S. 43	Houlton H. S. 13
P. I. H. S. 24	Caribou H. S. 20
P. I. H. S. 45	Ft. Fairfield H. S. 21
P. I. H. S. 34	Houlton H. S. 38
P. I. H. S. 37	R. C. I. 17
P. I. H. S. 45	R. C. I. 14
P. I. H. S. 39	Caribou H. S. 31
P. I. H. S. 41	A. C. I. 2
P. I. H. S. 22	Ft. Fairfield H. S. 27
P. I. H. S. 22	Dover-Foxcroft A. A. 56
P. I. H. S. 19	Houlton H. S. 15
Totals: P. I. H. S. 524; opponents 336.	

There is one thing that a team cannot do. That is, coach itself, with success. P. I. H. S. has been fortunate enough to secure "Ike" Graves for a basket ball coach for the last three years, and it is to him that we attribute a goodly part of our success, and we sincerely hope that it will be possible to have him again next year.

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