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Successful Until The End

The 1997 football season was impressive from the very start. The players and coaches put forth their greatest efforts, bringing about an outstanding record of 8-1. Each team member contributed to attaining the goals which were achieved throughout the season.

A major accomplishment brought about by the team was winning the Big North Conference Championship. Coach Farris said that the highlight of the season "was beating Cheboygan." It was through tough practices which began in August and the strong-willed dedication which each member possessed, that this year's football team was able to break numerous records. As a team, the players broke the yards rushing record and were also able to break many other records. "Overall we had a great year. We broke several records, and had fun doing it" said Jeff Wilkerson ('98). Faced with many new and skilled teams, the mighty Northmen were still able to pull through with an incredible number of victories. "This was a great season and a great way for us Seniors to end our careers. We're very proud that we represented our program so well this year" said Joel Manthei ('98).

In the end the team was not able to participate in the playoffs. They missed this exciting experience by a very short margin. Despite this disappointing factor, the players have many reasons to look back upon the 1997 football season as a successful and exciting accomplishment in itself. Senior Christian Buss summed up the experience by stating, "The football season was extremely fun. Our team broke numerous records and accomplished many goals. Our only regret is that we never got the chance to prove ourselves in the state playoffs."

Rushing toward the end zone: At a Friday night football game against Ogemaw Heights, receiver Adam Foltz (2) heads for a touchdown, while his opponent (79) is ready to stop him dead in his tracks.
Shuman (21) breaks through the line with the help of record for single season rushing with 1,444 yards. with touchdowns for a single season.

Congratulations to the Class of 1998!

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An aggressive quarterback: As the Sault Saint Marie defender (20) rushes toward the ball, quarterback Kyle Swenor puts his hand out as if to stop the defensive tackle. "I was proud to be the quarterback of such a great team, I could not have done it without the linemen." (Kyle Swenor '98)
The varsity girl's basketball season was a rollercoaster of a year. The first 10 games began a win-loss pattern before they finally won three in a row. As the season looked as though it were headed in the right direction, they closed out the year losing the last three out of four games. Despite their tough season, they played hard in every game and lost by a mere five points or less in seven out of 10 losses.

This year's varsity squad was a young team, consisting of only two seniors, seven juniors, and four sophomores. This made the transition into the new Big North Conference that much more difficult. "It was a lot more challenging than before, especially having to play tough class A teams like Alpena, Cadillac, T.C. Central and West," added Sara Corneillie, one of the two seniors on the team. The following years should be much more promising with the abundance of young talent, considering the top scorers were juniors and sophomores. This season should serve as a great learning experience for the underclassmen and prepare them well for the seasons to come.

D Up: Tightly guarding a Gaylord opponent, Nicole Del Lyon ('00), moves across the center court line. Nicole was a key defender and often faced the assignment of guarding the opposing team's best player.

LooseBall: Battling for a rebound, #34 Sara Corneillie ('98), #4 Jennica Webster ('00), and Michelle Welch ('00) fight for the loose ball against Cadillac opponents. The game resulted in a crushing overtime loss to a tough Cadillac team.

Opponent | Northmen | Opponent
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Charlevoix | 42 | 35
Harbor Springs | 57 | 62
Boyne City | 44 | 41
T.C. Central | 44 | 47
Cheboygan | 51 | 40
Sault | 48 | 56
Alpena | 65 | 51
Gaylord | 44 | 46
T.C. West | 53 | 34
Cadillac | 44 | 49
T.C. Central | 58 | 57
Cheboygan | 52 | 47
Boyne City | 69 | 61
Sault | 49 | 68
Charlevoix | 69 | 54
Elk Rapids | 67 | 33
Alpena | 47 | 53
Gaylord | 62 | 37
Cadillac | 53 | 56
T.C. West | 41 | 43
Roscommon | 61 | 66

Two Points With Style:
Soaring through the air, Sara Norton ('00), finger roles the ball into the basket in an overtime loss to Cadillac at Central School Gym. Sara started every game this year at center and led the team in scoring.
Desire In The “Pit”

From the moment that the varsity crew assembled in the Central School gym, Dan Hoffman new that the team was, “destined to meet with success.” Although no one had a clue of all the records that the team would break or of the numerous times Central School would be sold out, everyone knew this would be “the season.” Watching Johnny and Trevor throw down their first dunks and witnessing Adam knock down several three’s is something every true fan will keep imbedded in their mind, occasionally playing back these spectacular plays like good scenes from a movie. But a spectacle almost as great as these plays on the court was watching the community gather to support their team. As Lucas Brill said, “nothing was better than winning the loyalty and support of our fans, if anyone made us popular, it was them.” Perhaps the fans did make the team popular, but their success stemmed from each individual’s work ethic and competitiveness. Also, excluding the best back court in the state, the level of ability on this team did not descend. Rather, it could be considered as a plateau continuing to the 15th man. Fans could ramble on about individual statistics and team records, but that would be rather foolish and trite. Instead, simply remember the spectacular plays and victories that made this team a truly elite caste.

Defense: Boyne City’s Jason Rozycki attempts to push through the impenetrable trapping defense of Mitch Shuman and Jon Schwall. The Northmen defense reduced attempts by Boyne City, a trend that was to continue with other teams throughout the season.

Shot: Trevor Huffman shoots over a Bridgeport defender in the quarter final game. Huffman contributed several points offensively during the game in Big Rapids and held his defensive counterpart to only two points.

Fan Comments

Nick White: “It was a great experience to accompany the basketball team on their road to imminent glory.”

Mrs. Bollinger: “I was happy that Chad (Bollinger) got Trevor and Johnny started on the right foot in their sophomore year and taught them all they know.”

Chris Chandler: “Just being part of all the excitement involved with this years basketball team was one of the best experiences of my life.”

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Three in a row: The Northmen team are shown at the Gaylord gym after they defeated Menominee in the regional final game. This year’s victory marks the third straight regional title for the Northmen.
Secret to Success

The teachers of Petoskey High School are one of a kind. Most teachers arrive early in the morning and are willing to answer questions that students may have. Teachers are also available after school for help. Besides being in class and teaching, teachers develop friendships with students. The teacher, student relationship is important to everybody. It helps in the students education and can add to a wonderful experience in class. The teacher student relationship is important, it allows the students to feel important and successful in the classroom.

The smile of success: Even during an important phone call in her office, Mrs. Bost still has time to flash a smile. Bost was assigned as an assistant principal this year. She will return to teaching next year.

And He’s a Coach: With Mr. Starkey’s help, Stephanie Maginnis and Sarah O’Brien are able to finish their work. Maginnis stated, “Mr. Starkey is a great teacher. He has a unique way of teaching. I can learn a lot from him.”

Art Armfield
George Armstrong
William Arthur
Susan Baker

Scott Batchelor
Diann Bedrick
Julie Biddick
Sandy Bollinger
In addition to having some of the best teachers around, we also have some of the best coaches. Excellence, combined with experience, make our coaches unique. Through each season, the coaches give their all for their team. Coach Arthur’s discipline and initiative make the wrestling team one of the best in the state year after year. Jeff Wilkerson commented, “His ability to push and motivate us is a big reason why I respect him so much.” Coach Batchelor combines personality with experience of the game to help make his teams shine. Coach Dickmann can be seen at the school until 2am, putting together workouts and strategies to make the cross country team the best they can be. Coach Starkey’s love for the game and work ethic build a winning team. He may demand a lot at times, but this is why his players respect him so much.

The coaches of this school are one of the main reasons our athletic department is so successful. “The coaches always make time for their athletes, no matter how small the problem. Their dedication and diligent work always impresses me,” said Katie Thurman.

Hard at work: Outside of school, Mary Czarnecki works as a Wal-Mart greeter. Mary cheerfully welcomes everyone as they walk into the store.
Get the Phone: In the Career Resource Center, Mrs. Clark works on telephone and computer to make sure students have the right amount of classes.

Hard Work Pays Off: Like many other students, Mike Shelton diligently works on a paper during his free hour. With the new computers in the Media Center, working is a breeze.

Kieth Danforth
James Daunter
Don Dickmann
Julie Flynn

Katie Derrohn
David Farris
Mary Beth Fischer
Dirk Esterline
Party Time: Dressed to perfection at Mrs. Hoffman's retirement tea party are Mrs. Biddick, Ms. Pawley, Mrs. Flynn, Ms. Janish, Mrs. Okerlund, Mrs. Simon, Mrs. Self, Marge Nelson, Mr. Wiles and Mrs. VanTreese making a grand entrance.

Free Hour: During their conference period, Mrs. Simon can often be seen popping through the dividing wall to have a conversation with Mrs. Okerlund.

Concentration is the Key to Success: Mr. Dickmann uses his free hour to get caught up on correcting papers. Dickmann can often be found working many long hours.

Jane Howard
Larry Gunderson
Claudia Harrington
Brent Hewitt

Gary Hice
Louis Fochtman
Donald Honaker
Patricia Hoffman
Regardless of the endless activities and social pressures of high school, academics always take precedence. Whether cramming for a Friday test, conducting labs, or rewriting an English paper 27 times, many students take pride in a job well done. The teachers take a big part in assisting students with what seem to be impossible assignments.

After hours, one can find teachers helping lost and troubled students, correcting assignments, or filling out lesson plans. Some of these students are seen in the math department, before school getting help on a homework assignment or extra help before a big test.

The students appreciate all that the teachers do to make the learning experience more joyful. The teachers and students have different perspectives on academics and work ethics.

Preparation for the Future:
During his Mythology class, Andy Denoyer concentrates on his studies. While studying, Denoyer thinks only one more marking period left.

Lecturing All Hour: Mrs. Flynn pulls an all hour lecture during her advanced composition class. Flynn has been at PHS for 30 years.

Karen Janish
Chris Jorgensen
Barbara Kennedy
Mark Lancaster

Jeannette Lewis
Larry Liebler
Gretchen Lucky
Richard Lynch
An important part of Petoskey High School is the vocational area. The vocational area is when students from other schools come to PHS and students from our school take some classes such as, Auto, Building Trades, Business Tech, Commercial Foods, Marketing and Medical Occupations. These are just a few vocational classes offered at PHS. All of these classes are offered as a great experience towards the future for each student involved. The vocational classes are a chance to prepare a high school student for the real world. These classes give students hands on learning experiences, for example, Building Trades builds a house that is sold at the end of the school year. The second year Medical Occupation students are allowed out in the work field. This allows them to gain a hands on learning experience, while preparing for college. The experiences gained through the vocational classes allows students to walk away with confidence.

Co-operative learning: Co-op instructor, Mrs. Lewis, works quietly at her desk during sixth hour. Lewis said, "This is one of the free moments I have during the day. It's nice to work for a solid hour in peace."
Something Old, Something New, ...

Many new faces could be found around PHS as the school year began. These new staff members may have been learning new faces and their place in the building on the first day, but they quickly adjusted. The new faces around PHS include: Mr. Gafney, Ms. Glenn, Ms. Janish, Mr. Lynch, Ms. Pawley, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Snyder and Mrs. Weston. The staff members were a great addition to PHS, bringing with them a mixture of youth and energy. They have new and creative styles of teaching, which helped the students learn the material at hand. Mr. Snyder commented on being new to the district. "All together, it was a good year. This was a great learning experience and it taught me that I am still learning, that I don't know as much as I thought I did. The one thing I missed out on was being able to know the senior class. With it being my first year, I didn't get to know them as much as I wanted to."

Another effective way to help students to learn is experience. Teachers can often leave a lasting impression on many young people's lives. The PHS faculty are no exception. We have many experienced teachers under this roof. Some have been here since, what seems like, the beginning of time. Their experience and dedication give hope to the new generation of teachers. Regrettfully, some teachers are leaving the halls of PHS to settle down and relax. This year the following staff members are retiring: Mr. Keith Danforth, Mr. James Daunter, Mrs. Patricia Hoffman, Mr. Mark Smolinski, and Mr. David Stolt. They will be missed by all.

Robin Pawley
Cathy Richardson
William Rivest
Karen Robinson

Steve Ross
Christopher Schmoke
Becky Scholl-Stauffer
Lisa Self

Stasha Simon
Donald Smith
Mark Smolinski
Dave Snyder

Dennis Starkey
David Stolt
Matt Tamm
Christopher Thomas
Mr. Snyder, our new principal, throws his feet up after a long day's work. Mr. Snyder has done an outstanding job as the leader of our school.
Amanda Anderson
Aaron Aulgur
Abbie Batog
Jason Beer
Sara Bennett
Allison Berry
Chris Bester

Jeremy Bester
Mary Nelle Biggs
Elizabeth Bleyaert
Amanda Blomberg
Kevin Borowski
Jennifer Borths
John Boyer

Katie Bradley
Nicolle Bricker
Lucas Brill
Kandie Brooks
Haley Brown
Rachel Brown
Nathan Bryan

Nick Burek
Christian Buss
Pat Carolan
Chris Chandler
Connie Clacko
Bryan Clever
Elaine Cole
Lee Cole
Alex Collias
Tracey Conant
Stephanie Connell
Lyndsay Connelly
Erin Cormican
Sara Corniellie

Angie Craig
Dustin Cross
Peter Dabrowski
Rebecca Deckinga
Woody Deloria
Andy Denoyer
Mark Drinkall

Scott Drinkall
Jacky Dunkel
Joy Eaton
Damon Engler
John Evans
Eric Everson
Matt Farnsworth

Paul Farrugia
Nancy Faust
Rebekah Fenlon
Donna Fettig
Heather Fettig
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Steve Fettig
Vanessa Fettig
Ryan Fisher
Sam Floate
John Flynn
Ryan Flynn
Nick Foltz
Adam Foltz

Nick Foltz
Joe Foster
Jeff Friske
Rebecca Furgeson
Gretchen Gilbert
Brianne Graham
Katie Greyerbiehl

Matt Grubaugh
Kari Gustman
Chris Hahn
Mike Hance
Ashley Harris
Darby Harris
Gabe Hausler

Josh Hayes
Monica Haynes
Jeremy Helton
Ronnie Hibbler
Dan Hoffman
Tim Hoffman
Liz Holowasko
Spooky: The Halloween dance was fun for all. Lucas Brill and Mike Hance took part by painting their faces.
Rappers Delight: At a dance sponsored by the baseball team, Chris Buss and Charlie Matz entertain dancers with their rapping talent.