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SPORTS





First Row, left to right: Earl Shappee, Clarence Smith, Bruce Cook, Don Stillson, LeRoy Groeters, Kurt Wipperfurth, Jim Bolthouse, David Robertson, Rich Purcell, Jim Bruhn, Mike Waldo, and Jack Parcheta.
 Second Row: Coach Gene Rothl, Dave Seaver, Al DeHaan, Dave Klausen, Roger Merz, Bob Van Opynen, Len Kanouse, Gary Cook, Dan Wierenga, Bob Scanlon, Tom Parker, Jerry Van Cura, Gord Graenevelt, Line Coach Dan Constant.
 Third Row: Manager Brent Boyink, Tom Rudder, Ron Riemersma, Dennis Shaw, Al Medendorp, Leon Wildey, Mike Bizany, Dale Waldo, Tom Kool, Karl Van Asselt, Tim Bottje, Dan Bigler, Denny Dickover, Louie Draeger, and Manager Russ Charter. Jerry Nieuwma, Gary VerPlank, and Terry Bessemer are missing from the picture.

VARSITY FOOTBALL



Our two fine coaches, Mr. Rothl and Mr. Constant, talk over strategy with the co-captains. Both coaches are a real tribute to the school.

Varsity Team Scores

G. H.		Opp.
7	Muskogon Catholic	46
20	Benton Harbor	0
26	St. Joseph	13
20	Holland	7
21	Buchanan	6
7	Heights	19
26	Niles	0
15	East	0
38	South	20
180	Total Points	111



John Helmers. This boy, who was out for football for the first time this year, gave us a valuable depth at the guard position.



David Seaver. Dave turned in some mighty fine games this year. He was a good outside linebacker where his quickness proved to be very valuable.



Jim Bolthouse. A real versatile player who went both ways. Jim was a fine blocker on offense and played the difficult middle guard position on defense. He was also mentioned on several all-state teams.

Bigler scoots across

This year the Varsity Football Team turned in a respectable season of seven wins and two losses. Competing for the first time in Class A, the Blue and Gold gridmen lost both times to State powerhouses.

The first half of competition played by the 57-58 football forces pointed to nothing but a dismal season as Muskegon Catholic Central chalked up a 39 to 0 lead before intermission. In the second half, Grand



Haven came back, looking like the team they later showed they were, and fought Catholic on even terms but still came out on the bottom half of a 46 to 7 score.

The next week was filled with rough and long practice sessions for our boys in preparation for our annual game with the Tigers of Benton Harbor. We got off on the right foot with the help of some fine defensive line play and surprised all the home team followers by upsetting the Tigers 20 to 0 in their homecoming.



The season's under way



Gary VerPlank. This boy was particularly valuable in scrimmage sessions where he showed improvement all year.



Mike Waldo. Mike showed improvement this year and, when called upon, did a good job. His attitude and spirit left nothing to be desired.



Terry Bessemer. This lad showed lots of grit and determination in his first year of football.



Jerry Van Cura. A rugged, fiery, and aggressive defensive player who was usually on the bottom of the pile. Making hard tackles was his specialty.



Earl Shappes. This junior really came along in his last year of eligibility. He was very aggressive and at his best when the going was the toughest.



Ron Riemersma. A rugged two-way player who really came into his own this year. The "Big Bear" made his weight felt all season by turning in a steady game.

I'll give you a lift

Saint Joseph, looking for revenge for defeat suffered at the hands of Grand Haven in 1956, came here with high hopes of upsetting us. Our forces had no plans of losing to the Bears; so, with the help of three passes from quarterback Robertson, we gave them a 26 to 13 shellacking.

The annual classic with Holland for the wooden shoes set the stage for our own homecoming game. This was the night for junior halfback Bob Van Opynen, who scored two touchdowns, one from a 53-



Bazany goes for a touchdown

yard run after intercepting a Holland pass. Grand Haven's defensive team held the line at opportune times, and the shoes came back, after a two-year lapse, with the score, Grand Haven 20, Holland 7.

On October 18, the squad made the trip to Buchanan, Michigan, for the first time in 38 years, to meet the Bucks in their homecoming game. Grand Haven, led by Don Bigler who came up with three touchdowns, came out on the top with a 21 to 6 score.



Lee Groters. This rugged player, who acted as co-captain throughout the year, was truly a fine center and linebacker. He did a good job kicking extra points, he was also mentioned on several all-state teams.



Lou Draeger. A player used mainly on the offensive team this season. A good blocker, he could really stick with an opponent.



Karl VanAsselt. This kid always turned in a good performance when called upon to do so. He was a good team man and really knew how to lead calisthenics.



Don Sigler. Three year letter winner at full-back. Gained recognition for the school and the team as well as himself by being named on several all-state selections. A fine defensive and offensive player with a tremendous love for football. A fine team attitude. Team co-captain.



Dave Robertson. Quarterback. Dave came into his own this year and caliber of play and confidence grew with each game. He threw several touchdown passes when the pressure was on, and his offensive leadership set a fine pattern for the rest of the team to follow. Honor student and gentleman.



Len Kanevse. Fullback "Mouse" would have played regular on most high school teams. Provided real depth for important fullback position. Never a complaint nor an alibi and always willing to do what would help the team. Sorry he graduates.

VanOpynen breaks away

The next week we met the Muskegon Heights Tigers for the traditional bout with our northern neighbors. The Tigers took the lead in the first quarter, but Grand Haven made the most of a pass interception in the third quarter to stay on top until midway in the fourth period when we let a Tiger half-back go 92 yards for the score. This and another T.D. later in the same quarter left Grand Haven with a 7 to 19 defeat.



The following Friday Grand Haven took out their loss to the Heights on a rugged Niles crew. Capitalizing on every break, we came home with another homecoming win under our belt; this time by a 26 to 0 margin.

A driving snowstorm set the scene for the last home game for 23 seniors. East Grand Rapids, trying to revenge their only defeat last year, came here as the underdog—but, hoping for an upset. Grand



Wierenga on the run



Jack Percheta. Left half-back. Played mostly on defense, but also was very capable on offense. A "smart" player and clever on defense. Does his job in a quiet, unassuming manner. Fine student and gentleman and a real credit to his school and team.



Don Wierengu. "Cowboy" left-half-back. Not very big but a real competitor. Ended his two years on varsity in a blaze of glory against Grand Rapids South. Quick reactions plus plenty of determination.



Mike Szany. Right half-back. Mike saw considerable action both on offense and defense. Showed tremendous improvement over his junior year. Good pass receiver and capable runner and punter. Mike is also good with the books which makes him all the more of a team asset.



Dennis Shaw. A boy who played end last year and learned the difficult running guard position this year. He was also used on occasion as a defensive end.



Dale Waldo. Although hampered by an early season injury that left him very weak, Dale still gave a good account of himself later in the season. He was a good blocker and team man.



Al DeHoon. Al improved this season to a point where he was battling for a starting position on offense. He played in most of the games and gave a good account of himself.



Our first casualty

As students, we can be proud of the comeback of our Varsity Football Team after their dismal start. A record of the kind we had this year is a real tribute to the coaches, Gene Roth and Don Constant, and the players themselves. The school was also honored to have Don Bigler named on several all state first teams. Lee Groters and Jim Bolthouse also received honorable mention.

Haven wanted no such thing to happen, and with the help of our fullback's two touchdowns, and a safety, we left the field triumphant in a 15 to 0 game.

The last game of the season was played at Grand Rapids when South played host in their homecoming game. The seniors gave the fans a thrilling first quarter and led South 26 to 7 at the end of this period. Don Wierenga came into his own with two touchdowns and a pass interception to do his share in a 39 to 20 rout of South.

Grand Haven in hot pursuit



Tom Koal. This lad developed into a fine pass-catching end as the season progressed. Always rough on defense, he played a really great game in the Benton Harbor contest.



Larry Prelesnik. Back for his second year as our faithful water-boy. Did a real good job and was always there when needed.



Jerry Nieuwma. A capable performance was always turned in. A boy who got things done without much fanfare.



A hard fought touchdown

Everybody's smiling



Gary Cook, Right halfback. Gary provided good insurance at the important right halfback position until an injury sidelined him. Proved a willing worker for two seasons.

Brent Boyink and Russell Charter, Managers. Two years of experience with fellows who really accept responsibility provided for an orderly and efficient handling of equipment. No one appreciates the job they did more than the coaches. They will be sorely missed next year as their familiarity with equipment and needs of the players will be hard to replace.



Defensive team: Groters, Kool, Van Cura, Bigler, Bolthouse, Riemersma, Stillson, Waldo.



Offensive team: Bottje, VanOpynen, Riemersma, Stillson, Bigler, Draeger, Robertson, Groters, Parcbeta, Bolthouse, Waldo.



First Row, left to right: Gary VerBerkmoes, Joe King, Jul Scheffers, Rick Schiefelbein, Dave Foutz, Mike Secory, Bill Rypkema, Mike Riolo, Tom Peel.

Second Row: Mr. Lowell, Jarvis Post, Mike Fortino, Tom Fischer, Joe Wipperfurth, Gordy VanderLinde, Bob Cleveland, Bill Swingle, Ron Wierongo, Cal Newton, Carl Lake, George Peck, Dan Coulson, Mr. Margan.

Third Row: Mr. VanOpynen, Jerry Parcheta, Paul Heidel, Joe Strait, Bill McMahan, Eddie Brown, Frank Whitman, Dan Busman, Rick Martin, Garry Kieft, Larry Winslow, Carl Reuterdahl, Phil Vannoy, George Zysk, Ed Bennett, Mgr.

LITTLE BUCS

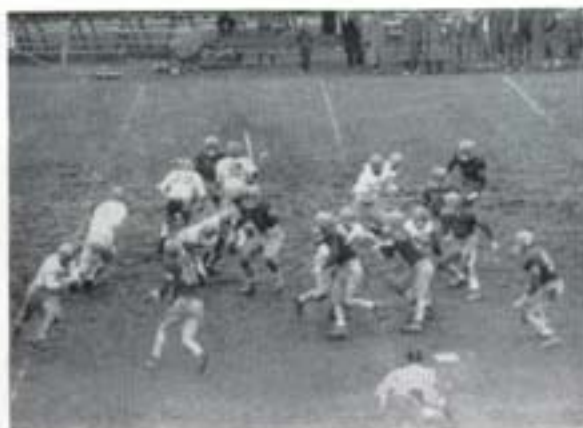
Reserve Football Scores

We		They
12	Catholic	0
6	Benton Harbor	7
27	Holland	6
13	Muskegon	15
13	Muskegon Heights	19
20	Reeths-Puffer	7
39	East Grand Rapids	0
34	Capac	6

Gary VerBerkmoes goes through a big hole in the line

The Reserves posted their seventh straight winning season this year with a record of five wins in eight starts.

The Reserves took to the air in their opener and beat the Muskegon Catholic reserves 12 to 0. They lost a tough one to Benton Harbor 7 to 6 as they bogged down at the most inopportune time. The



Another T.D. for Grand Haven



The defense move in on Capac

next week the Little Bucs whipped Holland 27 to 6 to get up over the .500 mark with two wins, one loss.

The Little Bucs dropped the next two in a row, the first one to the Muskegon eleven by two points, 15 to 13 on a safety near the end of the first half. The Muskegon Heights reserves turned to trick and maintained its mastery over our reserves when they beat us 19 to 13.

The reserves won their last three straight by beating Reeths Puffer of Muskegon 20 to 7 to bring their record to 3 wins, 3 losses. The Little Buc gridmen walloped East Grand Rapids 39 to 0 in what proved to be their best game of the season. In the last game, the reserves played host to class C, Capac, from the other side of the state and sunk them 34 to 6 to end the season with a 5 win, 3 loss record. This year's reserves proved to be a rough team and as juniors ought to offer keen competition for the seniors next year.



First row, left to right: Bob Fautz, Roger Prelesnik, Don Stillson, Gary Ten Hagen.
 Second Row: Coach Walt Lowell, Rich Swiftney, Dale Waldo, Tom Story.
 Third Row: Carl Erickson, Mgr.; Brent Boylark, LeRoy Groeters, Rick Wildt, Dave Fautz, Ron Elenbaas, Mgr.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Varsity Basketball Team Scores

Coach Lowell guided his team to their first class A District Championship.



We		They
44	Saint Joseph	61
44	Niles	34
52	Benton Harbor	76
44	Coopersville	41
31	Muskegon	57
53	Niles	49
44	Muskegon Heights	56
61	Holland	52
41	Benton Harbor	64
50	Muskegon	60
33	East Grand Rapids	48
53	Saint Joseph	72
37	Muskegon Heights	51
45	Holland	62
45	Ludington	68
	District Tournament	
53	Traverse City	51
	Regional	
47	Muskogon Heights	50



Roger Prelesnik. A real ball hawker. He developed a good one-hand jump shot.



Dale Waldo, co-captain. Jump at one basket, run the length of the floor and jump again! Our leading scorer and defensive defense.



Bob Foutz. The team's long shot artist, and a fine dribbler when pressed by the defense.

This year the team again found that fifth win hard to get as they ended the regular season with a record of 4 wins, 11 losses. In the first encounter of the season, the Cagers were defeated by the Bears of St. Joe. The team bounced back to take Niles but lost by 24 points to Benton Harbor. The next week we played two games winning the first one from Coopersville and losing on Friday to Muskegon.

The team evened their record as they took Niles in their second meeting of the season. Muskegon Heights had to come back in the second half to give the Bucs their fourth defeat. Our annual game with Holland was considered the best team effort as we downed the Dutch 61 to 52. The Bucs lost the seven remaining games. We went down to Benton Harbor, then to Muskegon, before meeting East Grand

Rapids in the roughest game of the season. St. Joe, hitting an 40% of their field shots, beat the Bucs 72 to 53. The team was badly beaten in the last three games of the season by Muskegon Heights, Holland, and Ludington in that order.

The Varsity pulled themselves out of the dumps in the district game and took the championship in defeating Traverse City 53 to 51. However, the first game of the regionals proved to be a different story, when the Bucs met Muskegon Heights for the third time, and lost in the last minute by three points.

With increased improvement of the juniors and a good crop of sophomores coming up from the Reserves, the Varsity of next year should improve on this year's record.



Brent Boyink, co-captain. A very steady influence on the team. Was very deft at faking his opponent in the pivot.

LeRoy Graters. The best ball handler on the squad. He could always get the ball into the pivot.





Stillson takes the jump.

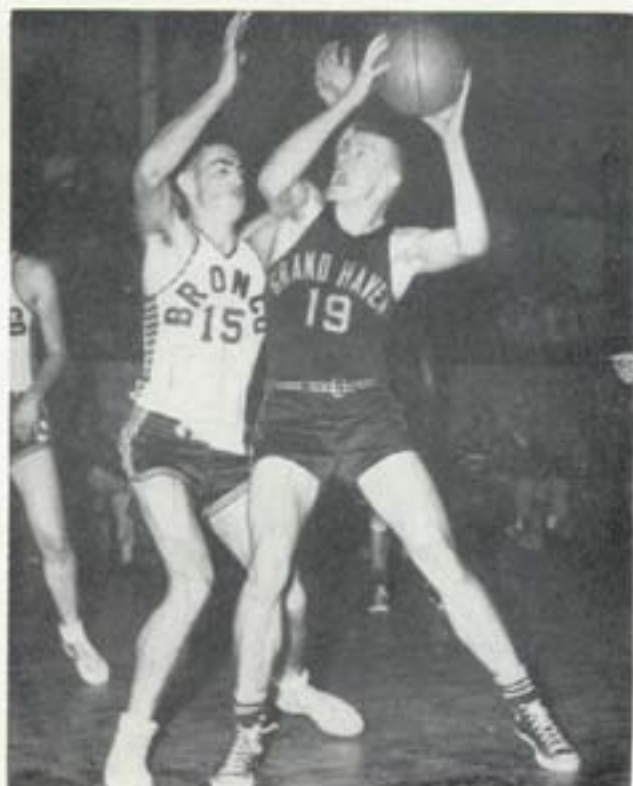


In the locker room during halftime.

Which Basket?



Scram!





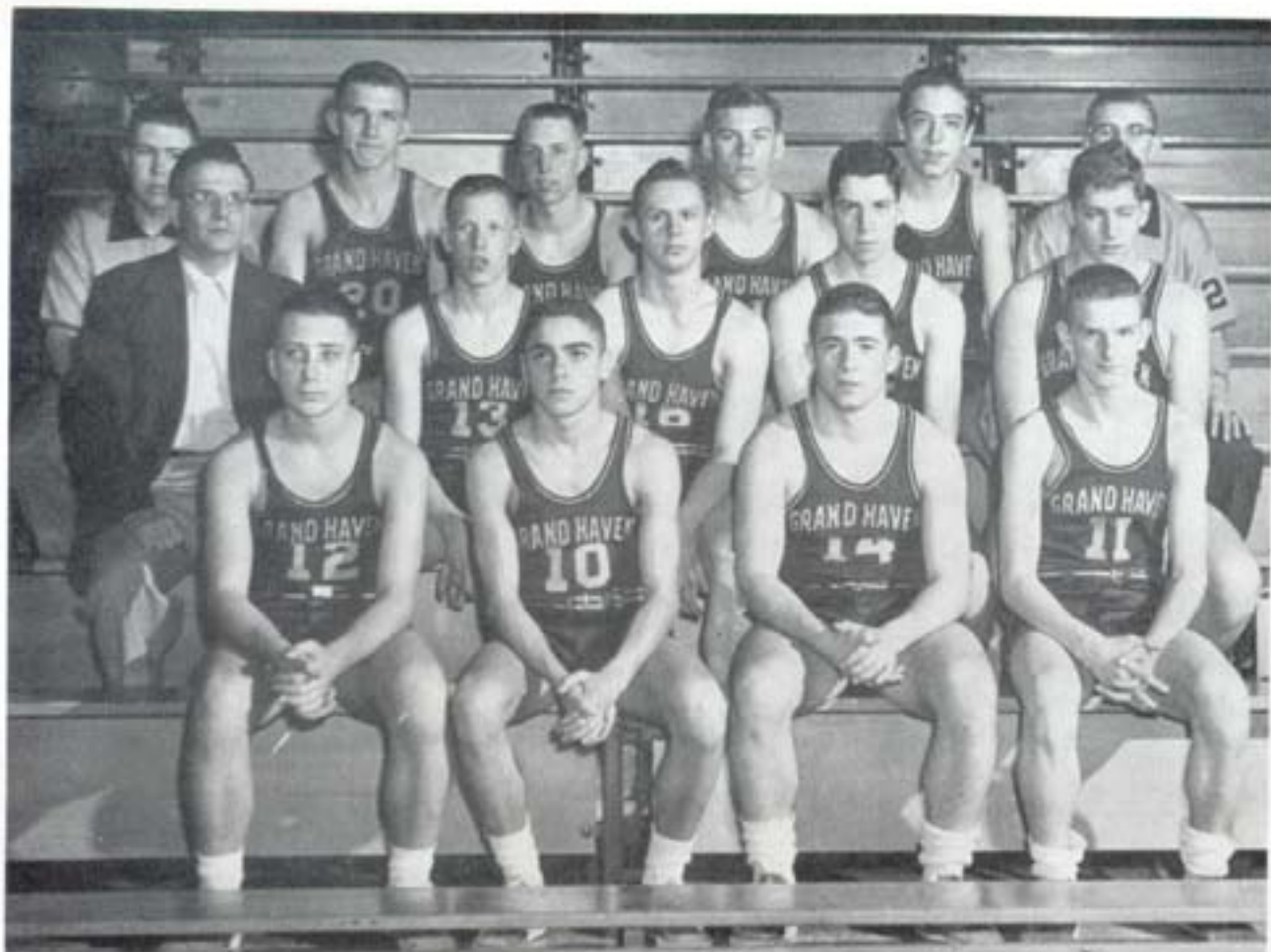
Waldo takes a pass under the basket.

Something Wrong?

Ballhead.

Go, Go, Boyink!!!





First Row, left to right: Ricky Schiefelbein, Phil Vannoy, Bob VanOpynen, LeRoy Hodges.
 Second Row: Coach Don Constant, Jim Correll, Gary VerBerkmoes, Mike Secory, Bill Swingle.
 Third Row: Carl Erickson, Mgr.; Jul Scheffers, Gary Kieft, Frank Whitman, Pat Hayes, Ron Elenbaas, Mgr.

LITTLE BUCS

Reserve Basketball Team Scores

We		They	We		They
38	St. Joseph	16	33	Benton Harbor	36
24	Niles	47	27	Muskegon	23
41	Benton Harbor	57	54	East Grand Rapids	45
51	Coopersville	16	46	St. Joseph	37
57	Muskegon	35	32	Muskegon Heights	35
29	Niles	24	42	Holland	55
53	Muskegon Heights	34	47	Ludington	52
39	Holland	29			

Our reserves in action.

The Grand Haven Little Bucs came up with their third winning season in a row when they finished with a 9 win, 6 loss record. The reserves won their first game against Saint Joseph but dropped two in a row, one to Niles and one to Benton Harbor. The team showed good form in beating Coopersville and a taller Muskegon five in the same week. The Little Bucs squeezed by Niles in a lock-luster game, then drubbed the reserves from Muskegon Heights. The reserves added their fifth win in a row as they swept by Holland before losing a hard one to Benton Harbor. The team beat Muskegon, a low-scoring game, and at the 2/3 mark had a 7 win, 3 loss, record.



Correll stops two points.



The bench during a winning game.

The reserves beat East Grand Rapids and Saint Joseph before losing the last three in a row to Muskegon Heights, Holland, and Ludington to compile a 9 win, 6 loss record. With more improvement, this year's reserves ought to give the seniors of next year a rough battle for starting positions.



First Row, left to right: Pat O'Brien, Steve Chaffee, Don Bos, Dennis Gankama, Doug Barney, Bill Kendall, John Atherton.
 Second Row: Gary VerPlank, Kurt Wipperfurth, Steve Platt, Don Bulkema, Bill Tripp, Cy Stewart, Jarvis Post.
 Third Row: Mgr. Jack Fase, Jim Otley, Tom Rudder, Ray Shields, Bill Rowell, Don Bigler, Rusty Schaubel, Dave Robertson, Steve Myers, and Coach Dick Dart.

SWIMMING

Swimming Team Record

We		They	We		They
49	Grand Rapids Christian	38	45	Midland	51
66	Grand Rapids Union	30	60	Saint Joseph Catholic	25
57	Grand Rapids Central	38	28	East Grand Rapids	68
34	Battle Creek Central	62	60	Grand Rapids South	36
54	Grand Rapids Catholic	42	69	Grand Rapids Creston	27
42	Kalamazoo Central	50	39	Midland	57
45	Midland	51	25	East Grand Rapids	71



Coach Dart goes for a swim after being assured of the first winning season.



A good racing dive.

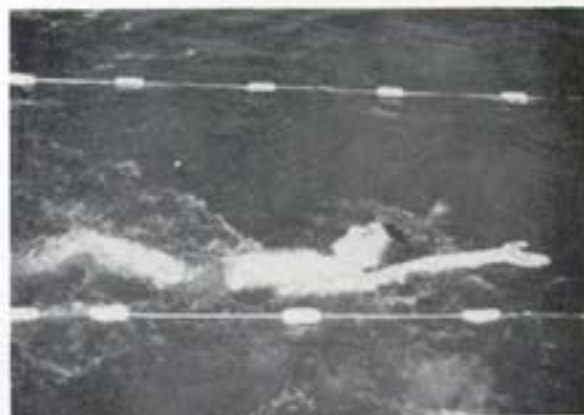


They're off to the races.

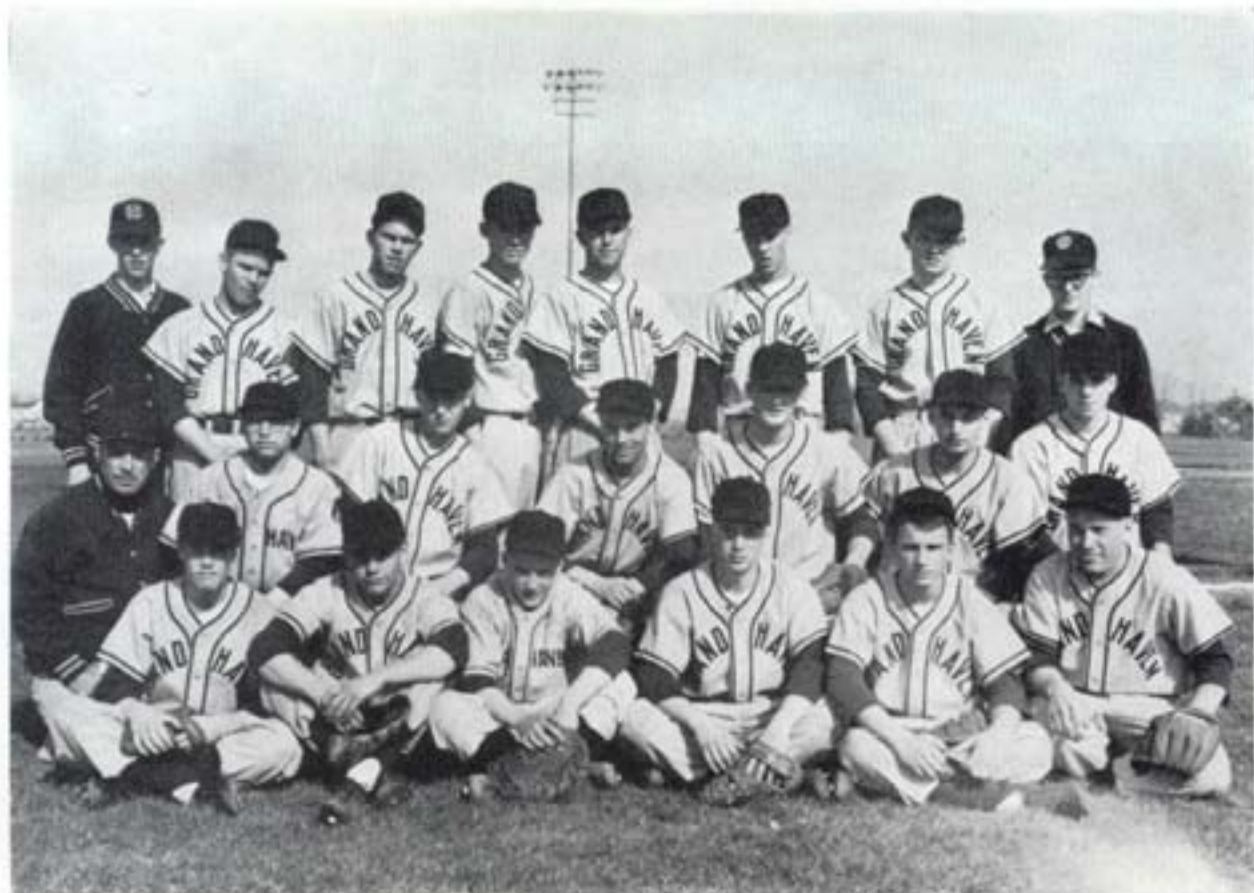
The Grand Haven Swimming team got off to its first winning season by downing Grand Rapids Christian, Grand Rapids Union, then Grand Rapids Central before losing their first one to Battle Creek Central. We took one from Grand Rapids Catholic, then went down to the tankers from Kalamazoo and Midland for our second and third defeats. However, the Bucs bounced back to take Saint Joseph Catholic with their best showing of the season. East Grand Rapids gave the Bucs a shellacking, but the team assured themselves of their first winning season as they took Grand Rapids South and Grand Rapids Creston in successive weeks. The tankers dropped their last two meets against Midland and East Grand Rapids. In compiling their 7 win 6 loss record, the team lowered all the school records, and with the improvement of some underclassmen, ought to have a good season in years to come.



A close breaststroke race.



Steve Chaffee shows backstroke form.



Top Row, left to right: Bob Chaffee, Mgr.; George Peck, Tim Buttje, Rick Wilds, Mike Bazony, Jerry Nieuwma, Al Medendorp, Cecil Clark, Mgr.
 Second Row: Coach Steve Sluka, Rich Valencourt, Rog Kieft, Ron Schroeder, Ray Vollmer, Bruce Kiebach, Mike Secary.
 Third Row: Pete Lilly, Ron King, Mike Fortina, Brooks Wheeler, Bob Glavich, Bill Dreese.

BASEBALL

With only a few returning lettermen the outlook for the 1958 baseball season is rather bleak. The team's main asset will be the strong returning pitcher crop. In their first eight games, the team has broken even; but if the baseballers use the same aggressiveness which has been shown by Sluka-coached teams in the past, they will come out a winner.

Coach Sluka is looking forward to another winning season.





Wheeler tags one.

Bazany delivers.



Nieuwma slides in.



The dugout during a tense moment.



Top Row: Coach Don Anderson, Rog Reister, Jim Brook, Dick Matzen, Dean Anderson, Bill Swingle, Gordon VanderLinde, Tom Peel, Glen Sperling, Ralph Abraham, Bill McMahon, Jerry Parcheta, Bill Nieuwma.
 Second Row: Steve Lillyblad, Dave Dahlstrom, Cal Newton, Mike Riola, Dave Fisher, Jim Weigerink, Roy Daugavietis, Jack Parcheta, Chuck Blackmer, Dan Coulson.
 Third Row: John Martin, Don Stillson, Karl Van Asselt, Dale Waldo, Don Bigler, Tim McMahon, Frank Whitman, Bob Hamm, Bob Garrett, Don Wierenga, Ron Elmersma.
 Front Row: Rog Merz, Curtie Foreman, Bob VanOpynen, Dave Seavers, Bob Cleveland, Leon Wildey, Jim Balthouse, Rusty Schaubel, and Tom Story are missing from the picture.

TRACK

The track team, bolstered by five returning lettermen, faced the new season intent upon snapping a two-year losing streak. This was accomplished with a victory over Allegan. The cindermen have continued to improve their times and are looking ahead for new heights to conquer. By working largely with a fine turnout of underclassmen, Coach Anderson is looking forward to better years ahead. With a newly constructed track this year's team looks to be the start of a new era in track for Grand Haven.

Don Anderson in his second year as track coach has been credited with much of the success of the team.





*VanOpynen, Renterdahl,
Martin and Cleveland
come off the blocks.*



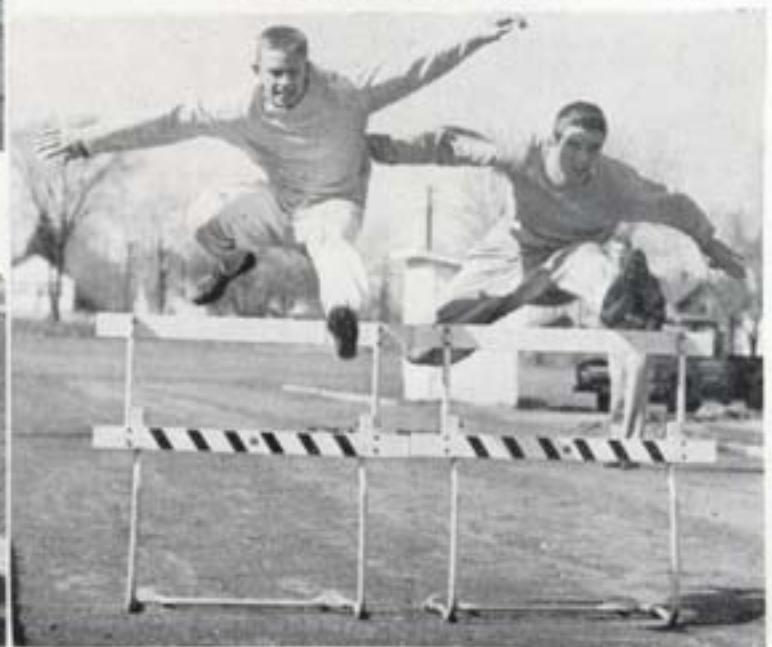
Merz heads for the broad jump pit.

Swingle practices his form.



Riemerma goes up and over.

Van Asselt and Renterdahl take the biggs.





Left to right — Coach Dan VanderKolk, Dave Robertson, Bruce Cleveland, Don Miller, Pat O'Brien; Rich Baldwin and Tom Rudder not pictured.

GOLF

The linksters hope to start to duplicate their previous winning streak which was snapped last year at 27 dual meets. They hope to accomplish this with the help of four lettermen, three seniors, and one junior.



Miller putts one in as O'Brien holds the pin



Don VanderKolk in his first year of coaching hopes to continue the record of winning seasons.



Back Row, left to right: Don McMaster, Lee Groeters, Cy Stewart, Bob Fautz, Tom Parker, Coach Gene Roth.
 Front Row: Dave Fautz, Ron Elenboas, Rog Prelesnik, Dave Doran, Larry Kieft, Gary VerPlank.
 Tom Otley and Dan Harten are missing from the picture.

TENNIS



The tennis team with seven returning lettermen including last year's No. 1 player, Rog Prelesnik, could be headed for a banner season. They have proven this to date by taking five out of their first six matches. With this team, "The Netters" should represent Grand Haven well at the Class A tournaments in May.

*Coach Gene Roth
 hopes to continue
 his winning ways
 with a good season*



*Prelesnik warms
 up with a serve.*