



Second Row: Mr. Horton, Patton, Vogels, Colt, Friedman
Front Row: Nangle, Tyler, Hoagland, Spencer, Pihlerantz

Basketball

Nobles 32—Dedham High 52

Nobles 17—Brown and Nichols 50

Nobles 27—Rivers 13

Nobles 43—Dedham High 31

Nobles 20—Belmont Hill 42

Nobles 19—Belmont Hill 26

Nobles 23—Rivers 18

Nobles 16—Brown and Nichols 38

During the time that the basketball season was going on it seemed fairly unimpressive. Now, however, on reviewing the difficulties which confronted us, the task which was accomplished can be fully appreciated.

Mr. Putnam was agreeable when several of the boys promoted the forming of a basketball squad at Nobles. He gave his final consent after the close of the football season and appointed Mr. Horton coach and chief organizer.

Mr. Horton proved himself adept at each. Immediately he put out the call for candidates, and later about sixteen boys mostly from the lower school shuffled aimlessly into the cage. The project appeared hopeless at first, but over the course of a week or two, older boys dropped in one by one, and a quintet was gradually worked into shape. Coach Horton procured uniforms, arranged a schedule, and we were on our way.

When in a practice scrimmage Dedham High defeated us 52 to 32, the student body grew skeptical about the new sport. On the heels of that defeat came another

from Brown and Nichols. In our opening game they overwhelmed us 50 to 17. We found their tight zone defense hard to crack, while they overran our inexperienced guarding. Nangle sparked our offense with ten points.

Finally the Nobles five, Hoagland Nangle, Pihlcrantz, Spencer and Tyler began to click as a team. We went next to Brookline where we beat Rivers, 27 to 13. Pihlcrantz and Hoagland led the attack with five and nine points respectively, while good teamplay by Tyler kept the game moving.

The next game, although unscheduled, was perhaps the best of the season. We defeated an overconfident Dedham High, 43 to 31, in a return match. We fought hard and everyone scored; Pihlcrantz had 14 points, Hoagland 12, Tyler eight, Spencer six and Nangle three.

Soon after that we went to Belmont Hill, where their tall squad crushed us 42 to 20. In the first half they ran circles around us, but after half-time instructions, we went in to score twelve points on deceptive plays. In a return game we lost again to Belmont by the close score of 26 to 19, showing great improvement.

Despite poor playing on our part we again defeated Rivers, 23 to 18.

The season ended in an unfortunate way when we lost again to Brown and Nichols, 38 to 16, in their gym. While Pihlcrantz and Hoagland, who were under the basket, got most of the points, Tyler's good teamwork held up our offense.

Next year, with five experienced players to build on, four of whom will be seniors, we are looking toward a much more successful season under Mr. Horton's leadership.

BASKETBALL STATISTICS

<i>Player</i>	<i>Baskets</i>	<i>Foul Shots</i>	<i>Total Points</i>
Hoagland, f	54	8	62
Pihlcrantz, c	52	6	58
Tyler, g	32	3	35
Nangle, f	26	3	29
Spencer, g	18	10	28
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Totals	182	30	212

