

# Sports on the Loose

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Attention all juniors and seniors! Enjoy the success that the winter sports program is having this year, as in the future the outlook is not too bright.

Take basketball for instance. In the game against Henry, Coach Hutton started an entire all-senior lineup, and although a limited number of juniors saw action, the bulk of the burden was carried by the seniors. Last year, if you may remember, John Blomlie and Ralph Hall started the majority of the games and gained enough experience to help carry the team this year.

On the hockey front, according to Jack Behrendt, North will definitely be down in the next few years. This year Paul Carlson has dominated the position vacated by the excellent Tom Hastert, and Louie Roehl definitely has made the difference in the nets. This year they both will graduate leaving a tremendous gap that will be hard to fill.

The same thing is true with the swimming team, who this year had Bob Johnson to replace John Konkol. Bill Larsen and Doug Sacre, two excellent swimmers, will also be gone from the scene next year, leaving Clive Cleary with a big job of rebuilding. The same thing is true with wrestling and apparatus.

Unlike the professionals, college and high school coaches have to sit up many a night worrying over the problem of graduation losses. However, this is one problem that is universal and usually balances off in the long run for all schools. It will be interesting to see how the coaches at North tackle this obstacle next year. Perhaps more and harder work is the answer. Maybe a bigger extension and endorsement of sophomore athletics will be the factor that will turn the tide.

Impossible is a word never spoken in athletics—improbable, yes, but never impossible. The immediate athletic situation is not too serious, but next year, look out!