



## The Sports Program

As the 1945-46 school year came 'round, we found Van Hornesville Central School beginning its first peace-time year since the start of the war.

As was expected, certain gas and travel regulations were removed and it was possible to resume a much more extensive sports program. The football season got well under way with the team again under the direction of Principal Robert Woodruff. Of the six games played, they won three proud victories. An eleven man squad made up of high school boys, and a junior varsity six-man squad made up of junior high boys comprised the teams. Frederick Price, social studies teacher, coached the six-man team, which played junior varsity teams from area schools.

Turning to wrestling, the vicinity mat men turned in a much better record for out of the six meets five victories were scored. In the annual wrestling tournament held at Norwich, VHS wrestlers captured second place with three championship honors won by the following individuals: James Nestle, 112-lb. class; Cal Mead, 127-lb. class; and William Sywetz, 175-lb. class.

Skiing was also a prominent winter sport and luckily enough the services of Waldemar Romeling, art and ski instructor, were again available. At the annual winter carnival staged in February skiing races were one of the main events.

When warmer weather prevailed the high school classes were busy practicing track and baseball as their spring sports. In baseball the local sluggers competed with the boys of the Cherry Valley baseball league. Track, as usual, was emphasized and meets with surrounding schools were held and the team participated in the annual sectional meet.

Throughout the last year athletic activities were under the direction of "Coach" Prof. Woodruff, assisted by other men of the faculty. We believe the school athletes turned in an acceptable season, but as we are now adjusting ourselves to the task of trying to help keep a permanent peace, we should expect even bigger and better seasons in the future.

Early last fall we found Miss Edna Austin, language instructor, coaching girls' sports. The girls participated in soccer and were successful in winning five out of seven play day games and tying one. Spring sports for the girls included softball as a major, and the team competed in playdays in the Cherry Valley league. Volley ball and badminton were also played.

Sports have again held a most important and vital part in the life of the students of VHS.



Van Hornesville Blue Devils  
1945-1946 Wrestling

## Wrestling

*Left to right, first row—Robert Collins, Gordon Ostrander, Milan Kucerak, Carl Adamka, Louis Richvalsky, Frederick Herron, Paul Kucerak, Russell Roof. Second row—Lewis VanValkenburg, Stanley Witkowski, Thomas Puskarenko, John Elwood, William Sywetz, Carlton Dingman, Alan Hoke, Steven Richvalsky.*



## Ski Group

*Left to right, first row—Harvey Tennant, Stanley Austin, Jarlath Perkins, Jay Walrath, Ellis Elwood, Helen Wichowsky, Lorene Fikes, William Homiack, Lucius Hardy, Mr. Romeling.*

