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COMPARING THE SUCCESS OF FORMER CLASS
"C" BASKETBALL TEAMS IN NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE AND AFTER RECLASSIFICATION TO "B"

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Schools in North Dakota are classified as either "A" or "B" schools according to their enrollments in grades 9-12. This classification is done by the North Dakota High School Activities Association for the purpose of post-season tournament drawings in basketball. Prior to the 1963-64 school year there were three classes of schools in North Dakota. This third class included schools with enrollments below 75 students in grades 9-12 and these schools were designated as class "C" schools.

Statement of the Problem

The purpose of this study was to show the success and/or failure in post-season basketball competition of the smaller schools in North Dakota since reclassification in 1963-64. The periods covered for this study were the years 1955-63--before reclassification, and the years 1964-72--after the schools were reclassified. On the basis of points awarded for various place finishes in post-season tournaments, an attempt was made to show the success or failure of the smaller school districts against schools of near equal size (years 1955-63) as compared to competition against schools of larger size (years 1964-72).

Need for the Study

There existed in North Dakota an unevenness of school population which has been a problem for many years as pertained to interscholastic competition. In 1908, the North Dakota High School League was

formed. This League was formed by the Classified schools only and automatically eliminated about one-third of the smaller schools in North Dakota. These smaller schools formed their own league in 1922 known as the Consolidated League. From 1922 to 1950, there were two leagues in existence. At that time, the two merged, inviting all high schools of the state under one organization. From 1950-63 there were three classes of schools in the state based on school enrollment in grades 9-12. These were known as class "A", "B" and "C" with class "C" being those schools with enrollments under 75 students in grades 9-12. In 1964, the schools were reclassified as either "A" or "B" with 300 students in grades 9-12 being the maximum amount allowable for class "B" designation. Schools with enrollments under 75 students had to compete against schools with enrollments up to 300 students in post-season basketball tournaments. Under the former method of three classes for sports competition, the smaller school districts had an opportunity to compete against schools very close to their own size (under 75 students) (1).

Definition of Terms

1. Class "C" Schools: Those schools that were so classed for 1961-62 and were in operation as class "B" schools at the time of the study.
2. Post-Season Tournaments: Tournaments such as district, region, and state competition in basketball which are held at the end of the regular season for the purpose of recognizing an eventual state champion in basketball.
3. Reclassification: The process of placing the schools of North Dakota into one of two categories based on enrollment in grades 9-12.

4. NDHSAA: North Dakota High School Activities Association hereafter referred to as the NDHSAA.

5. School Enrollment: Enrollment in grades 9-12.

Limitations of the Study

The study was limited to former class "C" schools that were still in operation as high schools in 1971-72. The study pertained to the sport of basketball and the post-season tournaments in that sport. The year 1961-62 was used from which to form a population, since in 1962-63 many of the class "C" schools had petitioned into class "B" already and this would have limited the size of the population. A random sample of five former class "C" schools was used for this study. Two of the subjects changed to class "B" competition for the school year 1962-63 and therefore their post-season play for that year was not included in this study. For the years before reclassification, consecutive years 1955-63 were used. For the years after reclassification, consecutive years 1964-72 were used.

Related Literature

If high school athletic teams are to contest on a basis of equality, it is necessary, above all other considerations to hold the players of the contesting teams to the same standards in regard to their amateur standing, enrollment requirements, scholarship, age, duration of eligibility, residence and character (2).

One of the functions of the High School Associations was commonly assumed to be the promotion of equitable competition. This was attained to a degree by the classification system used in North Dakota.

Under Article II, Section I of the North Dakota High School Activities Association Constitution and By-Laws it was stated: (3)

Should a school rise above 249 in enrollment in grades 9-12, inclusive, and continue above that figure for two consecutive years, this school must be classified as an "A" school.

Under Section II of the same Article it further reads:

All member high schools, other than those designated class "A" shall be classified as class "B" schools.

Section III reads:

Class "A" and class "B" schools shall compete in separate classes to determine state basketball championships.

These By-Laws were adopted to go in effect for the 1963-64 school year, thus eliminating class "C" schools as they were known.

According to Jamerson and Shepard (1953) the two-classification scheme hardly appeared to provide for equitable competition. They stated:

Since no definite trend toward the elimination of state championships is evident, the practice of providing more classifications of schools for competition and determining champions within each classification is more defensible than the practice of declaring only one championship in each sport. One of the glaring weaknesses in many of the state associations is the failure to provide more classification of schools for competitive purposes (2).

CHAPTER II

PROCEDURE OF THE STUDY

WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS BEFORE

A tabulation of each sample school's post-season play was recorded (see tables 1 - 18). Tables 1-9 indicate the number of wins and losses each year, while the schools were still in class "C". Tables 10-18 indicate the number of wins and losses each year, after the schools were reclassified to class "B". The NDHSAA handbooks for 1955 through 1972 were used for the compilation of this information.

A point system was devised by this writer for the purpose of measuring a degree of success in post-season play by the schools. This system was based on the place a team finished in the post-season tournaments during a given year (see tables 19 and 20).

The point values were assigned as follows:

District

1st place	=	4 pts.
2nd "	=	3 pts.
3rd "	=	2 pts.
4th "	=	1 pts.

Region

1st place	=	8 pts.
2nd "	=	7 pts.
3rd "	=	6 pts.
4th "	=	5 pts.

State

1st place	=	14 pts.
2nd "	=	13 pts.
3rd "	=	12 pts.
4th "	=	11 pts.
5th "	=	10 pts.
6th "	=	9 pts.

TABLE I

WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS BEFORE
RECLASSIFICATION TO CLASS B

Year 1955						
<u>School</u>	<u>District</u>		<u>Region</u>		<u>State</u>	
	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>
Lignite	Noonan	L				
	Bergen	W				
Surrey	Sawyer	W				
	Balfour	L				
	Bowdon	L				
Hurds- field	Denhoff	W				
	Mercer	W				
	Dunn					
Dodge	Center	L				
	Werner	L				
	Newburg	W				
Souris	Willow					
	City	L				

Surrey placed 2nd in the District tournament. Hurdsfield placed 5th in the District tournament and the other schools didn't place any higher.

TABLE 2

WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS BEFORE
RECLASSIFICATION TO CLASS B

Year 1956						
School	District		Region		State	
	School	Result	School	Result	School	Result
Lignite	Noonan	W				
	Flaxton	L				
	Powers-Lake	L				
Surrey	Balfour	W				
	Butte	W				
	Sawyer	L				
Hurdsfield	Mercer	L				
	Denhoff	L				
Dodge	Zap	L				
	Dunn	L				
	Center	L				
Souris	Notre Dame	W				
	Antler	L				
	Gardena	W				

Lignite placed 2nd and Hurdsfield placed 3rd in their respective District tournaments, Lignite placed 4th in the District tournament, Surrey placed 2nd in their District tournament and Souris placed 3rd in their District tournament.

TABLE III

WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS BEFORE
RECLASSIFICATION TO CLASS B

Year 1957						
School	District		Region		State	
	School	Result	School	Result	School	Result
Lignite	Ambrose	W				
	Flaxton	W				
	Portal	L				
Surrey	Martin	W				
	Sawyer	L				
	Butte	L				
Hurdsfield	Cathay	W				
	Bowdon	L				
	Denhoff	W				
Dodge	Mandana	L				
	Golden	L				
	Valley	L				
Souris	Zap	L				
	Kramer	W				
	Berwick	W	Berthold	L		
Souris	Antler	W	Bergen	No Report		
	Deering	W				
	Kramer	W				

Lignite placed 2nd in their District tournament. Berthold placed 1st in the District tournament and 4th in the Region tournament. Although Lignite placed 2nd and Hurdsfield placed 3rd in their respective District tournaments, none of the other schools placed higher than either of those two schools.

TABLE 4

WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS BEFORE
RECLASSIFICATION TO CLASS B

Year 1958						
School	District		Region		State	
	School	Result	School	Result	School	Result
Lignite	Flaxton	W				
	Ambrose	W				
	Portal	L				
	Ambrose	L				
Surrey	Bye					
	Bergen	L				
	Butte	L				
Hurdsfield	Goodrich	L				
	Cathay	L				
Dodge	Mandaree	L				
	Werner	L				
	Golden Valley	L				
Souris	Kramer	W				
	Berwick	W	Berthold	L		
	Newburg	W	Bergen	No Report	St.	
Souris	Kramer	W	Bergen	W	Anthony	W
	Newburg	W	Newburg	W	Buffalo	W
					Plaza	L

Lignite placed 2nd in their District tournament. Souris placed 1st in the District tournament and 4th in the Region tournament, although a final score was not reported. None of the other schools placed higher than those two schools. None of the other schools advanced from their District tournaments.

TABLE 5
 WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS BEFORE
 RECLASSIFICATION TO CLASS B

Year 1959						
School	District		Region		State	
	School	Result	School	Result	School	Result
Lignite	Carpis	W				
	Flaxton	W				
	Berthold	L				
	Portal	W				
Surrey	Ambrose	L				
	Newburg	L				
Hurdsfield	Deering	L				
	Butte	L				
	Georgetown	W				
	Cathay	L				
Dodge	Denhoff	W				
	Mercer	L				
	Zap	L				
Souris	Dunn					
	Center	L				
	Golden Valley	L	Newburg	W		
Souris	Berwick	W			St.	
	Kramer	W	Bergen	W	Anthony	W
	Newburg	W	Newburg	W	Buffalo	W
					Plaza	L

Lignite placed 4th in the District tournament. Souris placed 1st in the District, and under the rules in force by the N.S.A.A. at that time Souris placed 1st in the District tournament, 1st in the Region tournament and 2nd in the State tournament. None of the other schools advanced from their District tournaments.

TABLE 6

WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS BEFORE
RECLASSIFICATION TO CLASS B

Year 1960						
School	District		Region		State	
	School	Result	School	Result	School	Result
Lignite	Carpio	W				
	Flaxton	L				
	Noonan	L				
Surrey	Newburg	L				
	Deering	L				
Hurdsfield	Goodrich	W				
	Martin	L				
Dodge	Zap	L				
Souris	Antler	W				
	Gardena	W	Bergen	W		
	Newburg	L	Newburg	L		
	Deering	W				
	Surrey	W				
	Newburg					

Lignite placed 4th in the District tournament. Souris placed 2nd in the District, and under the rules in force by the NDHSAA at that time, advanced to the Region tournament, where they placed 3rd. Surrey placed 4th in the District tournament. Dodge placed 3rd in their District tournament. Souris placed 2nd in the District tournament and 4th in the Region tournament, although a final score was not reported.

TABLE 7

WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS BEFORE
RECLASSIFICATION TO CLASS B

School	Year 1961					
	District		Region		State	
	School	Result	School	Result	School	Result
Lignite	Noonan	W	Makoti	W		
	Ambrose	W	Arne-			
	Flaxton	L	gard	L		
Surrey	Kramer	W				
	Souris	L				
	Maxbass	L				
Hurds- field	Mercer	L				
Dodge	Dunn					
	Center	W				
	Zap	L				
	Golden Valley	W				
Souris	Newburg					
	Deering	W	Butte	L		
	Surrey Newburg	W	Newburg	No Report		

Lignite placed 2nd in the District and Region tournaments. Surrey placed 4th in the District tournament. Dodge placed 3rd in their District tournament. Souris placed 2nd in the District tournament and 4th in the Region tournament, although a final score was not reported.

TABLE 8

WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS BEFORE
RECLASSIFICATION TO CLASS B

Year 1962						
School	District		Region		State	
	School	Result	School	Result	School	Result
Lignite	Ambrose	L				
Lignite	Alkabo	W				
	Fortuna	L				
	Deering	W				
Surrey	Kramer	L				
	Souris	WL				
Surrey	Deering	W				
	Antler	W				
Hurds- field	Bergen	L				
Hurds- field		No Report				
Dodge	Solen	L				
Dodge						
Souris		won Class B				
	Surrey	W	Bergen	L		
Souris	Kramer	W	Newburg	No Report		
	Newburg	L				

Surrey placed 3rd in the District tournament for the best finish by any Souris placed 1st in the District tournament and 4th in the Region tournament, although a final score was not reported. None of the other schools placed in their respective District tournaments.

TABLE 9

WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS BEFORE
RECLASSIFICATION TO CLASS B

Year 1963						
<u>School</u>	<u>District</u>		<u>Region</u>		<u>State</u>	
	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>
Lignite	Went Class B					
Surrey	Deering	W				
	Kramer	L				
	Maxbass	W				
Hurds- field	Bergen	L				
Dodge	Stanton	L				
Souris	Went Class B					

Surrey placed 3rd in the District tournament for the best finish by any of the schools still in Class C. Lignite and Souris competed in Class B tournaments and their results were not calculated.

Souris placed 4th in the District tournament for the highest finish of the schools.

TABLE 10

WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS AFTER

RECLASSIFICATION TO CLASS B

Year 1964						
<u>School</u>	<u>District</u>		<u>Region</u>		<u>State</u>	
	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>
Lignite	Tolley	L				
Surrey	Dakota Lutheran	W				
	Lansford	L				
Hurds- field	Wilton	L				
	Wilton	L				
Dodge	Hazen	L				
Dodge	Beulah	L				
	Antler	W				
Souris	Antler	W				
	Westhope	L				
	Newburg	L				

Souris placed 1st in the District tournament and 4th in the Region tournament. Some of the other schools placed higher in the District tournament. Souris placed 4th in the District tournament for the highest finish of the schools.

TABLE 11
 WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS AFTER
 RECLASSIFICATION TO CLASS B

Year 1965						
<u>School</u>	<u>District</u>		<u>Region</u>		<u>State</u>	
	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>
Lignite	Noonan	W				
	Columbus	L				
Surrey	Lansford	L				
Hurds- field	Wilton	L				
Dodge	Hazen	L				
Souris	Antler	W	Velva	L		
	Newburg	W	Minot			
	Westhope	W	Model	L		
Souris	Westhope	L				

Souris placed 1st in the District tournament and 4th in the Region tournament. None of the other schools placed higher.

TABLE 12

WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS AFTER
RECLASSIFICATION TO CLASS B

Year 1966						
<u>School</u>	<u>District</u>		<u>Region</u>		<u>State</u>	
	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>
Lignite	Tolley	W				
Lignite	Mohall	L				
	Fowers					
	Lake	W				
Surrey	Donney- brook	L				
Surrey	Laastford	L				
	Wood- worth	W				
Hurds- field	Steele	L				
	Driscoll	W				
Dodge	Zap	L				
Dodge	Beulah	L				
	Madras	W				
Souris	Deering	W				
Souris	Westhope	L				
	Kramer	W				

Lignite placed 1st in the district tournament and 2nd in the 2nd in their district tournaments. None of the other schools placed higher. Hurdsfield and Souris each placed 3rd in their respective District tournaments. None of the other schools placed higher.

TABLE 13

WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS AFTER
RECLASSIFICATION TO CLASS B

Year 1967						
<u>School</u>	<u>District</u>		<u>Region</u>		<u>State</u>	
	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>
Lignite	Noonan	W				
	Mohall	L				
	Powers	L				
	Lake	W				
Surrey	No Report					
	Lansford	L				
Hurds- field	Tappen	L				
	Tappen	L				
Dodge	Berlin	L				
	Zap	L				
Souris	Maxbass	W				
	Upham	W				
	Newburg	L				

Lignite placed 3rd in the District tournament and Souris placed 2nd in their District tournament. None of the other schools placed higher. their District tournament. None of the other schools placed

TABLE 14

WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS AFTER
RECLASSIFICATION TO CLASS B

Year 1968						
School	District		Region		State	
	School	Result	School	Result	School	Result
Lignite	Sherwood	W				
	Kenmare	L				
	Columbus	L				
Surrey	No Report					
Surrey	No Report					
Hurdsfield	Tappan	L				
Hurdsfield	Tappan	L				
	Dodge					
	Dodge					
Dodge	Beulah	L				
	Mandaree	L				
Dodge	Beulah	L				
	Antler	W				
	Souris					
Souris	Westhope	W				
	Upham	L				
	Upham	L				
Souris	Antler	W				
	Beulah	W				
	Beulah	W				

Lignite placed 4th in the District tournament and Souris placed 2nd in their District tournament. None of the other schools placed higher. In tournament where they placed 2nd. None of the other schools placed higher.

TABLE 15
 WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS AFTER
 RECLASSIFICATION TO CLASS B

Year 1969						
School	District		Region		State	
	School	Result	School	Result	School	Result
Lignite	Mohall	W				
	Columbus	L				
	Kenmare	L				
Surrey	Des Lacs	L				
	Donney- brook	W				
	Lansford	W				
Hurds- field	Tappen	L				
Dodge	Beulah	L				
	Mandaree	L				
Souris	Deering	W				
	Antler	W	Sherwood	W		
	Newburg	W	Berthold	L		

Souris placed 1st in the District tournament and advanced to the Region tournament where they placed 2nd. None of the other schools placed higher.

TABLE 16

WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS AFTER
RECLASSIFICATION TO CLASS B

Year 1970						
School	District		Region		State	
	School	Result	School	Result	School	Result
Lignite	Tolley	W				
	Columbus	L				
	Bowbells	L				
Surrey	Des Lacs	W				
	Palermo	L				
	Carpio	L				
Hurds- field	Robinson	L				
Dodge	Beulah	L				
	Zap	W				
	Hazen	L				
Souris	Deering	W				
	Newburg	L				
	Westhope	L				

None of the schools placed higher than 5th in their respective District tournaments. Some of the other schools placed higher.

TABLE 17

WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS AFTER
RECLASSIFICATION TO CLASS B

Year 1971						
School	District		Region		State	
	School	Result	School	Result	School	Result
Lignite	Palermo	L				
	Flaxton	W				
	Noonan	L				
Surrey	Gran-	W				
	ville	W				
	Velva	W				
	Berthold	L				
Hurds-	Fess-	L				
field	enden	L				
Dodge	Stanton	L				
	Golden	L				
	Valley	L				
Souris	Antler	L				

Surrey placed 2nd in the District tournament. None of the other schools placed higher.

TABLE 18

WINS AND LOSSES OF SCHOOLS AFTER
RECLASSIFICATION TO CLASS B

Year 1972						
<u>School</u>	<u>District</u>		<u>Region</u>		<u>State</u>	
	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Result</u>
*Lignite	Powers					
	Lake	L				
	Flaxton	L				
Surrey	Sawyer	W				
	Des Lacs	L				
	Gran- ville	L				
Hurds- field	McClusky	L				
Dodge	Killdeer	L				
	Hazen	L				
Souris	Antler	L				

None of the schools placed higher than 5th in their respective District tournaments.

*Lignite had competed in Class B competition.

CHAPTER III

FINDINGS

On the basis of the point system devised by this writer, all sample schools scored some points in post-season tournaments (see tables 19 and 20). The sample schools scored 94 points while competing against schools of class "C" size (table 19) and scored 37 points while competing against schools of class "B" size (table 20). This would seem to verify the contention that if high school athletic teams are to compete on an equal basis, the players of the contesting teams should be held to the same standards in regard to their enrollment requirements, among other standards (2).

The team that scored the most points was Souris, N.D., with 63 points being earned against class "C" schools and 29 points being earned while playing against class "B" schools. Dodge, N.D. scored two points during post-season play for the years of the study. The Dodge team scored the lowest total of the sample schools and they were earned while playing against class "C" schools. Hurdsfield, N.D. earned points while playing against both class "B" and "C" schools--a total of four points. Lignite, N.D. earned 18 points while playing against class "C" schools and three points while playing against class "B" schools. Surrey, N.D. earned nine points while playing against class "C" schools and three points while playing against class "B" schools.

One of the sample schools, Souris, N.D. was successful enough to advance to the State Basketball Tournament, in 1959, while still

in class "C". The team finished second that year in the state tournament to Plaza, N.D.

POINTS WON ACCORDING TO PLACE OF
FINISH IN POST-SEASON PLAY
BEFORE RECLASSIFICATION
CHAPTER IV
DISCUSSION

The three class system of interscholastic athletic competition has worked in North Dakota. However, with reorganization and consolidation of many school districts since the late 1950's, many school rivalries have disappeared.

It would appear to this writer that a return to the three class system of competition would be economically unfeasible in North Dakota. The distances the schools would have to travel in order to compete against schools of near equal size would seem prohibitive. It appears the schools, districts, of 75 students or less, will have to continue playing schools two or three times larger during post-season basketball competition, because of the travel involved. The hypothesis is that more reorganizations and consolidations of school districts in North Dakota will eventually solve the problem of unequal size of school districts as pertained to interscholastic athletics.

1st	1st	District	1958	1
2nd	2nd	District	1959	1
3rd	3rd	District	1960	1
4th	4th	District	1961	1
5th	5th	District	1962	1
6th	6th	District	1963	1
7th	7th	District	1964	1
8th	8th	District	1965	1
9th	9th	District	1966	1
10th	10th	District	1967	1
11th	11th	District	1968	1
12th	12th	District	1969	1
13th	13th	District	1970	1
14th	14th	District	1971	1
15th	15th	District	1972	1
16th	16th	District	1973	1
17th	17th	District	1974	1
18th	18th	District	1975	1
19th	19th	District	1976	1
20th	20th	District	1977	1
21st	21st	District	1978	1
22nd	22nd	District	1979	1
23rd	23rd	District	1980	1
24th	24th	District	1981	1
25th	25th	District	1982	1
26th	26th	District	1983	1
27th	27th	District	1984	1
28th	28th	District	1985	1
29th	29th	District	1986	1
30th	30th	District	1987	1
31st	31st	District	1988	1
32nd	32nd	District	1989	1
33rd	33rd	District	1990	1
34th	34th	District	1991	1
35th	35th	District	1992	1
36th	36th	District	1993	1
37th	37th	District	1994	1
38th	38th	District	1995	1
39th	39th	District	1996	1
40th	40th	District	1997	1
41st	41st	District	1998	1
42nd	42nd	District	1999	1
43rd	43rd	District	2000	1
44th	44th	District	2001	1
45th	45th	District	2002	1
46th	46th	District	2003	1
47th	47th	District	2004	1
48th	48th	District	2005	1
49th	49th	District	2006	1
50th	50th	District	2007	1
51st	51st	District	2008	1
52nd	52nd	District	2009	1
53rd	53rd	District	2010	1
54th	54th	District	2011	1
55th	55th	District	2012	1
56th	56th	District	2013	1
57th	57th	District	2014	1
58th	58th	District	2015	1
59th	59th	District	2016	1
60th	60th	District	2017	1
61st	61st	District	2018	1
62nd	62nd	District	2019	1
63rd	63rd	District	2020	1
64th	64th	District	2021	1
65th	65th	District	2022	1
66th	66th	District	2023	1
67th	67th	District	2024	1
68th	68th	District	2025	1

TABLE 19
TABLE 20POINTS WON ACCORDING TO PLACE OF
FINISH IN POST-SEASON PLAY
BEFORE RECLASSIFICATION
AFTER RECLASSIFICATION

School	Place Won	Tournament	Year	Points
Surrey	2nd	District	1955	3
Lignite	4th	District	1956	1
Surrey	2nd	District	1956	3
Souris	3rd	District	1956	2
Lignite	2nd	District	1957	3
Hurdsfield	3rd	District	1957	2
Lignite	2nd	District	1958	3
Souris	1st	District	1958	4
Souris	4th	Region	1958	5
Souris	2nd	District	1958	
Souris	1st	District	1959	4
Souris	1st	Region	1959	8
Souris	2nd	State	1959	13
Lignite	4th	District	1960	1
Souris	2nd	District	1960	3
Souris	2nd	Region	1960	7
Lignite	2nd	District	1961	3
Lignite	2nd	Region	1961	7
Surrey	4th	District	1961	1
Dodge	3rd	District	1961	2
Souris	2nd	District	1961	3
Souris	4th	Region	1961	5
Souris	1st	District	1962	4
Souris	4th	Region	1962	5
Surrey	3rd	District	1963	2
TOTAL				94

TABLE 20

POINTS WON ACCORDING TO PLACE OF
FINISH IN POST-SEASON PLAY
AFTER RECLASSIFICATION

<u>School</u>	<u>Place Won</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Points</u>
Souris	4th	District	1964	1
Souris	1st	District	1965	4
Souris	4th	Region	1965	5
Hurdsfield	3rd	District	1966	2
Souris	3rd	District	1966	2
Lignite	3rd	District	1967	2
Souris	2nd	District	1967	3
Lignite	4th	District	1968	1
Souris	2nd	District	1968	3
Souris	1st	District	1969	4
Souris	2nd	Region	1969	7
			*1970	
Surrey	2nd	District	1971	3
			*1972	
TOTAL				37

*None of the teams placed higher than 5th in the District tournaments for the years 1970 and 1972.

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusions

Based on the data collected and within the limits of this study, the following conclusion was drawn: The schools seemed to do better during post-season play when they were competing against schools of nearly equal size. This would seem to be verified by the number of points the sample schools earned while competing at the two levels.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that in any further study similar to this that a larger sample be used.
2. A study using only schools that have had an enrollment under 55 students, before and after reclassification to class "B", would be worthwhile from the standpoint of the very small school.
3. A study comparing school enrollments of each opponent, might show interesting results.

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