

A New Game

Basket Ball Had a 3 Point Goal Back In 1895

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Basket ball is a game that is the rage now. The end aim of the game is to toss a ball, which is the size of a small football, into one of the two larger baskets suspended at either end of the field. The winning side is the one which lands the ball in the opponent's basket. The basket is placed about ten feet high. When the game is played in a gymnasium, the basket is bracketed to the side of the wall. No pushing, tripping, shouldering, is allowed. The score is counted by points. A majority of points decides the game. A goal counts 3 points, a foul one point.

Delphos St. Johns vs Ottoville in 1919

First game remembered between these two schools

by Beatrice Edwards Moore of Delphos St. Johns

Four girls from St. John's drove by horse and buggy from St. John's to Ottoville to see a basketball game. We returned the next day, full of excitement and enthusiasm. We talked to our classmates, teachers and then to our Pastor Reverend Father Rupert for permission. At first it was an emphatic NO!!!! Later he agreed providing we did all the work. Ricker's Lumber Yard furnished the lumber and helped build the backboards. High school students melted paraffin and spread it on the auditorium floor. We then wrapped rags around our shoes and skated around to polish it. This was Delphos St. John's first basketball court. Does anyone remember? Members of that class were as follows: Loretta Bockey, Beatrice Edwards, Carl Imber, Olivia Jettinghoff, Martha King, Herman Korb, Raymond McKowen, Florence Ricker, Lawrence Stippich, Philip Summer, Albert Weisgerber and John Wulforth.