

**COUGHLIN HIGH SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL TEAM OF 50 YEARS AGO**



Going through his files to get information for Coughlin's opener with Plains at Artillery Park tonight in a Wyoming Valley Conference game starting at 8, Faculty Manager Bob West of Coughlin discovered a picture of the school's 1896 team, which is shown above. It was Wilkes-Barre High School at the time. With many members of the squad unidentified, West took the photo to Albert Breakstone who had no trouble recognizing his old mates on that team. Breakstone lives in South Wilkes-Barre now and most of his sons have played on teams at Meyers High School, which was named in honor of Dr. E. L. Meyers, manager of the 1896 team and Latin teacher at the school.

Shown above, left to right, are: On ground, Albert Newton, Charles Barnum, Archie Hughes, Dr. Houser and Dr. Kosek; second row (seated), Louis Harrower, F. Gibbons, Arthur Durant, George O'Brien and Warren Fenner; third row (standing), Charles Beers, Charles Taggart, Dr. E. L. Meyers, manager; Ham Farnum, coach; George Hand; two in rear, Paul Butler and Albert Breakstone, who had received a haircut on day picture was taken.

Team played such schools as Harry Hillman Academy, Wyoming Seminary, Keystone Academy and Nanticoke in those days and Breakstone said the 1896 made a good record.