

# Time

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roups of former high school athletes began to get together to talk about those great victories and bittersweet loses. For many, sports had been an important part of their high school years. They had devoted much of their free time to practices and games.

The conversation among these groups seemed to revolve around how much they had enjoyed the time they spent trying to work as a team. Football players reminisced about the rebuilding season they had but also remembered the highlights of the season — wins over Beaufort and Middleton and their participation in the filming of a movie in the Stratford game. The volleyball players also remembered their disappointing season, yet they had enjoyed playing the sport and being with their friends. The basketball players, too, recalled the unity the teams had. For the varsity girls' team, this unity took them all the way to the conference championship. No WHS girls' team had reached this level in over twenty years. The soccer team gathered in one corner to recall how much they had enjoyed playing despite the strenuous schedules they endured. Former baseball and softball team members remembered late night games under the lights, sometimes returning to even later nights spent studying for tests for the next day. Track team members discussed a particular meet in which they felt they had pushed themselves to a physical peak, while tennis players recounted spending hours of practice with team members during the week and with other friends on the weekends in order to improve their skills. Golf team members recalled the hours of practice spent at the golf course, often into the early hours of dusk. All of the athletes seemed to remember the times they spent with their friends at practices and games.