

BASKETBALL HISTORY



Hoonah School Team

Basketball is by far the most popular sport in Hoonah. No other activity can compete with it. The first basketball team was the Hoonah Athletic Club (H.A.C.) in 1916 and 1917. The starting five were, Frank O. Williams, Leslie Johnson, Jim Mckinley, Eli Sharclane, and Jack Brown. Some of the other players were, George Carteeti, Jim Wright, and coach Albert Judson. There were no planes in those days so the team traveled by boat. It took about two days to get to Juneau. The teams that H.A.C. played were Kake, the Kake A.N.B., Angoon, Juneau, Haines, and the Sitka A.N.B..

There were many teams after the H.A.C., but the next good team was in 1924 and 1925, which was the Hoonah School Team (H.S.T.). The players on this team were, Jack Brown, David Morgan, Oscar Osborne, Willie Mills, and Andrew Jackson. Their coach was Mr. Stancefield.

One of the rules back in those days was that after every basket the ball was brought back to the center and thrown for a jump ball. Basketball has progressed in Hoonah. Today there is a school team and many town teams in Hoonah.