

NWOAL Adds Four Members

As expected, Ohio's oldest interscholastic athletic league — the Northwest Ohio Athletic League (NWOAL) — will expand in the next two years.

With Napoleon leaving the predominantly small-school league to join the Great Lakes League in the 1978-79 season, the NWOAL was faced with only a five-member league. But when talk had cropped up over the years concerning the possibility of Napoleon leaving the loop, reports had it non-NWOAL members of the Northern Border League would be invited into the NWOAL.

THAT WILL BE the case during the 1978-79 season, according to NWOAL-NBL commissioner Bob Baker.

Patrick Henry, Swanton, Delta and Evergreen, of the NBL, will join Archbold, Liberty Center, Montpelier and Wauseon, members of both loops, and NWOAL charter member Bryan to form a nine-member NWOAL in two years. The NWOAL was chartered in 1926.

The announcement came after reorganizational meetings of school administrators who laid the ground work for the new setup of the league.

There's also the possibility of Paulding joining the league since that school has made an official application to join the NWOAL as the 10th member. Consideration of the Paulding request will be discussed at the next meeting of the administrators of the member schools later this spring. Paulding is currently a member of the Northwest Conference.

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