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League realignment and schedule pleases local football coaches

ny muse Lange After playing in Class C North for the past four seasons. Foxcroft Academy returned to its roots this year by moving back into the Little Ten Conference. addition. Fescroft Academy can pick up some valuable experi-ence by facing powerhouses like "I think the schedule is great for us," said FA Coach Dan White, "With some traditional opponents and a couple of crosscompetitive and that's what the MPA (Maine Principal's Associa-White's opinion is echoed by Dexter/Piscataquis Coach An-

drew Shorey and Nokomis first-

year Coach Jake Rogers. "We're

in a very competitive league now." Sharey said, "But we're

by Mike Lange

making it work."
Rogers said that Nokomis will back Michaeleb Niles has been host two long-distance rivals -Houlton/Hodgdon and Medomak Valley - so the only lengthy road trip will be to Mount Desert Islevel," White said, "We depend on on the schedule is a must-win for So for this senson White said that the Foxcroft Academy Ponies - who went 4-4 last year -are a let more balanced. 'In the first two games this year, we completed 22 passes," he said. "Last year, in the first two con-tests, we completed nine. We've also cut down on our penalties White, a former FA star quar-terback, said that there are still ment. 'We turned the ball over

someone to complement him is a Shorov's Danter/Pieratumie Tigers came out of the starting gate with a resounding 28-13 victory over ElleworthSumner on opening day and added a sec-With Dirigo and Hermon as crossover games, we're got our work cut out for us." Shorey said. Dexter as a stand-alone team struggled with numbers in regames," he said, "We have to pay cent years, but the addition of players from Piscataquis Community Secondary School in Guilford has beloed the situation. 'I like our attitude and tourhness this year,' Shorey said. "We're going to be physical and a very hard-nosed football team. We're young, but we're get-Maine Central Institute, cred-ited his offensive and defensive far, "Guys like Tyler Handy and John Allen have been great," he said. "They're the unsung heroes of the team. Rogers played his high school coach Pete Cooper. 'I learned a lot from Pete, and these kids (Nokomis) have never played in my type of system offensively," Rog-

ers said. "It's like learning a new

language for some of them."

After going winless for two

took two out of its first three con

added a two-point conversion to "The kids who are here want to win," Rogers said. "We have a mercus other sports, but they've shown up ready to play feethall." The Warriors coach said that Nekomis has been struggling with numbers this year 'like a lot following instructions well." Pinette and Alex Costedio were unanimously chosen as co-captains by their teammates this year. 'Leadership is very impertant and these two have really stepped up," Rogers said. "In adstepped up, dition. I'm really pleased with the support from the school, the boosters club and the Nekomis

16. The Warriors scored on a

fourth-down completion from

Andrew Haining to Colby Pi-

nette with 10 seconds to so and



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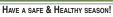
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