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## BASKETBALL SEASON—1920

### Boys

This has been an exceptionally good season which closed February 28th in this branch of athletics and the record of games will show the merits of the team. The Oregonian and Journal have both placed the Chemawa Indians the best team outside of the Conference and the team has proven itself as being so. The combinations they have met have been composed of stars—that starred either in some college or university. The South Parkway Athletic Club, tooted to be the fastest quintet in Portland and whose record showed no defeat for three years, took two defeats from Chemawa.

Hardly had we gotten over the bruises of football and with comparatively no practice, when Willamette University, now a member of the Conference, called us for a game. Not really in condition to meet such a team we took them on and held them to a 32 to 22 score. Had the collegians filled the second date, we are sure it would have been a battle royal for a winner.

Out of the fourteen games played we lost three—winning eleven games.

Reggie Downie, who just recently returned from "overseas" service, came in time to fill his old position as forward. With his experience and knowledge of the game, he was the mainstay of the team. He deserves credit for he is the highest point winner for his team. In the final game he netted 20 points of the 34 for his team.

George Nix, the other veteran of the team, proved himself the "old reliable." With his weight and strength he was the main defense of his team, and was used successfully as a ruining guard. With his ability to shoot goals he was second as a point winner.

Joe Bettles, the midget forward, played a fast game and by his speed won many praises. At times he shot some difficult baskets. With another years' experience, Joe will have an advantage, this being his initial year.

Irving Shepard, the raw recruit on the team, was a find. He has developed into a real good center. His defensive playing and shooting of baskets gave him an edge over Johnson who started as center. Shepard stands third in points.

Nuckolls, captain of the team, was handicapped somewhat on account of an injured wrist and consequently did not play in his usual form. However, at times he showed speed and a good defense.

Liljegren was a strong substitute and in the last two games replaced Nuckolls at guard. He is getting onto the game readily and gives promise of making the 'varsity as a regular in another season.

Arthur Johnson, who has been acting as sub, had the misfortune to hurt his leg quite badly last fall. This has been a great hindrance. Jack knows the game and would have been on the regular line-up, but his leg seemed to be a drawback.

Points made by each member of the team throughout the season are: Downie, 110; Nix, 109; Shepard, 76; Bettles, 74; Nuckolls, 18; Liljegren, 2; Johnson, 2.

### Girls

Marion Wasson, forward, has been high point "man" throughout the season. Her work has been very creditable and her basket shooting the sensation of the season. Rose O'Brien, her side partner, has not played up to her usual form in the art of throwing baskets, but her work on the floor in getting the ball was excellent and as captain has been very valuable to the team.

While this season was the first time in basketball circles for our two centers, Eleanor Hauk and Maude Potts, yet they have made a splendid record for themselves and played creditable ball in all four games.

Two good guards are as essential as any other position on the team. In Rose Goff, Effie Davis and Jessie Cleveland we had three girls who could play the position well and in all but one game they managed to hold their opponents to a few baskets less than our number. If little "Jeff" was a few inches taller her equal would be hard to find.

The season just closed has been a most successful one and the girls deserve credit for the persistent efforts set forth in practicing to make a record for Chemawa and the basketball team.

Captain Choate of the track team has his squad out these evenings in the absence of Coach Sanders, who is ill.