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## ATHLETIC NOTES

The race for the inter-class baseball pennant was started last week when the sophomore and freshmen teams fired their big guns in the first class skirmish of the season. After the noise and smoke of the battle had cleared away the scorer announced, "sophomores 2, freshmen 0." It has become quite a regular thing for the "sophs" to walk off with the long end of the score. For the past two seasons they have won the football championship. Last year they won the baseball championship and are now making an earnest drive to repeat. They evidently have their eye on a beautiful silver loving cup that awaits the champions of three consecutive seasons. This would seem like an impossible feat, but it begins to look a little like the sophomores might turn the trick.

Frank Mann and William McCorkle formed the battery for the victors while Eldred George and Sandy Matilton did their utmost to stop the determined "sophs." Both teams played fine ball, almost errorless, which the score itself indicates. The matinee and the late hour at which the game was announced kept many away who would have liked to have seen the game. The seniors vs. juniors are next on the schedule.

The Oregon City high school ball team will play the opening game on our baseball schedule here on Friday afternoon. Last Saturday the candidates on our squad played a real game to determine just "who is who." The varsity members tried their bats against the balls of our regular hurlers, Solomon Fleury and Leander Wilson, and the best they got was only a fair average. Their hits were few and far between and they scored only 2 runs while the scrubs clouted the ball consistently and scored 12 runs.

Our chief worry is to find a shortstop. George Meachem has been pulled in from the outfield to see if he is the man to fill the gap. He looks like a comer and will make it providing he can overcome booting the ball, for he has a good arm and is a demon with the bat. However, Orin Johnson is running him a close race. Orin handles the ball nicely, but is a little weak with the bat, and on this point George has

the edge. Eldred George and James Spencer are staging a battle royal for the first base job. They are about even on field work. Both are lanky and handle the ball well, so the place now rests with the one who is the most effective with the bat. Clifford Meachem and Charles DePoe are making it interesting for each other around second base. Clifford has made much improvement in his playing over the past season so that place, too, depends upon the hitting ability of the contenders.

No one is crowding Jake Atkins behind the bat, nor Reggie DePoe at third. These boys have been our mainstays for the past few seasons and look better than ever. Jake has been a little weak with the bat mostly because of a cramped position at the plate, but has changed that and is standing up and clouting the ball. We tried several seasons to make a catcher out of Sandy Matilton, but finally gave it up as a bad job. Sandy refuses to talk so is now holding down a field position because of his knack of swatting the ball. He clouts home runs for an ordinary runner, but Sandy just manages to struggle around to second base. A little track work is recommended for Sandy.

Following is our schedule for the month of April:

April 2. Oregon City high school at Chemawa.

April 9. Columbia University at Portland.

April 16. Franklin high school at Chemawa.

April 23. Columbia University at Chemawa.

April 30. Linfield College at Chemawa.

Our track men are out daily going through the motions and getting themselves in shape for the relays that are to be held at Eugene the latter part of April. In this meet our tracksters will face some real competition and they will have to get up and hustle now if they win. Manager Bent is also trying to gain entrance to the inter-scholastic meet that is going to be held sometime during April. Meets have already been tentatively arranged with Linfield College at McMinnville and with Washington high school at Chemawa.

Coach Sanders refuses yet to make any statement concerning the prospects, but is scrutinizing his tracksters daily, and before long will separate the sheep from the goats and then real business will begin. Just at present he is not driving the men and will let them do the most of that themselves.

A number of young women of the Salem Y. W. gave a splendid program in the auditorium on Thursday evening. The program consisted of vocal and piano solos, costume dances, readings and a "Wedding." Every number was well given and the student body is certainly grateful to the young women who furnished the splendid entertainment.