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## ATHLETIC NOTES

Last Wednesday afternoon our ball-tossers got to the Linfield College pitcher just in time to win over that hustling aggregation by the close score of 7 to 6. At the outset it looked like a walk away. In the second inning, Sol Fleury, our first man to the plate, drove a long fly deep into center field for a home run. Then with a bunch of hits and a couple of errors by the Wildcats our nine batted around, scoring five runs and leaving George Meachem to die on second. Such an inning would have taken the life out of an ordinary team, but the Wildcats sunk their claws in deeper to hold our batsmen to but a single hit during the fourth and fifth innings and no runs while they took advantage of George Meachem's and Isaac Curley's errors in the fourth and scored three runs, then two more in the fifth, to tie the score.

With the score tied in the sixth and our tossers becoming a little nervous with the first defeat of the season staring them in the face, a counsel of war was held and George and Clifford Meachem were walked to first. Clifford scored by beating a throw to the plate, and George came in on Fleury's long fly to center field, making the score 7 to 5 in our favor. In the sixth and seventh the Wildcats were retired in one-two-three order, as were our batsmen. In the ninth the Wildcats made another bid to win. Although the first hitter was thrown out at first, the second connected for a hit. The third drove a long one for three bases and a score. With the tying run on third, Sol Fleury saved us a whole hide by striking out the next two batters. That was the closest shave our boys have had this season.

On Friday our boys had another close call, although the score, 10 to 5 in our favor, does not indicate it, when Albany College was defeated at Albany.

With the score three and three at the third inning, Albany clouted in the leading run and held that advantage until the sixth, when Jake Atkins led off with a single, went to second on Fleury's sacrifice, and scored on a timely hit made by Eldred George. Orin Johnson followed with his only hit of the game, and Eldred crossed the plate with the leading run. In the

fifth our batsmen sewed up the game when Dowd Franklin led off with a single and Clifford Meachem followed with another. Both came in when George Meachem lined out a two-bagger to left field. Atkins sent George home on his double to center field, who in turn came home on Fleury's single. Solomon stole a couple of bases and came home on Orin Johnson's single, giving us five runs in the seventh. Once out of danger Fleury began to bear down and the Collegians were held hitless through the fifth, sixth and seventh innings. In the eighth they crowded two hits together and scored their final run.

The game was fast and snappy and was attended by a large May Day crowd, who applauded the many sparkling and exciting plays. The three nicely-executed double plays in which Jake Atkins, Eldred George, Clifford and George Meachem and James Spencer were the main actors, along with the home run made by George Meachem in the third inning, gave added zest and class to the game.

It looks a little like the juniors, who have reigned supreme over the other classes athletically almost since the day they became freshmen, will walk off with the inter-class baseball championship just about the same way they have gathered in the football and basketball honors. In their first game they nosed out the seniors in a very exciting and interesting contest. Last week the freshmen, though conceded a very good chance to win, were trounced by an 11 to 4 score. It has been the cherished hope of each of the other classes for a period of years now to topple over the juniors in their first defeat, but none have thus far succeeded. There is but one sport left in which there is a possible chance to hand them the lemon, and that is track. Yet, if you look over those juniors, you'll have to admit it is a pretty small chance. Can they be beaten? If they are it will be because some folks have been getting up real early in the morning.

James Spencer appears to be rounding into a real third-sacker. Against the Linfield Wildcats he played errorless baseball, even though he had many chances. He has made big strides forward in the way of covering ground around third base. He has had a little hard luck with the bat lately, but even that is improving.

It used to be a rare thing when a pitcher could be counted on to do much hitting, if any, but now and then, if we watch close, we see where there is one who tops the list of his teammates. Such is the case here. Sol Fleury, our southpaw pitcher, who swings the bat from the left side, is leading all our hitters with an average of .560. Solomon is followed by George Meachem and Jake Atkins. Both have an average of .440. Clifford Meachem follows with an average of .360.

George Meachem seems to have gotten back his batting eye of a couple of years ago. He hammers out homers, triples, and doubles quite often.

Mr. Chas. E. Larsen motored out from Siletz agency last Tuesday and returned home on the following day. Supt. Lipps accompanied Mr. Larsen to Siletz. Mr. Lipps' trip to Siletz was purely in the line of business.