

# The CHEMAWA AMERICAN

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## ATHLETIC NOTES

So far this season our baseball team is undefeated. With two games remaining on the schedule there is, of course, a chance that the honorable opponent may trip us up and break our long chain of victories. But the boys realize what might happen and are not over-confident to the point of carelessness. Even so, eight straight victories out of eight games is an enviable record. Just when Chemawa trotted her last undefeated team on the diamond is not recalled, though many formidable aggregations have gone to bat for and have won many beautiful silver cups that now grace the trophy case to denote her prowess on the baseball diamond. The team of 1913 came nearer being undefeated than any nine in recent years. That season Chemawa won fifteen straight games. Then lost the sixteenth and last to Willamette University, 5 to 4, after defeating her decisively in four previous engagements. That season, like the present one, did not appear overly bright at the outset, but the players worked hard and in harmony, and a strong team developed.

This season several weak spots loomed up in our nine with apparently no one to fill them. Third base threatened to give the most trouble. With a weak man at such an important post our infield was sure to be woefully weak in spite of the fact that the other positions were well taken care of. James Spencer seemed to have developed over night and he improved with each practice and every game. It is certain the present infield with Eldred George on first, Clifford Meachem on second, James Spencer on third, George Meachem at short and Solomon Fleury in the box and Jake Atkins behind the bat, is really the strongest and best all-around infield the school has had in years. All of these boys play their positions well and have the faculty of hitting in the pinches. They look and play the part of ball players in every respect. There is not a weak arm in the whole of the sextet. They whang the ball around the diamond with the grace, ease and speed of a really professional organization. Our infield has not been weak at any time this season, although there has never been more than one man in

it all season with previous experience, and there has been constant changing there since the season began. Orin Johnson and Lawrence Pratt have been the most dependable, and they, like the infielders, have been consistent with the bat. Isaac Curley, Alonzo Hoover, Roy Meachem and Joseph Alexander, all first year men, have entered at different stages of the game and have never weakened its defensive or offensive strength.

Solomon Fleury, our pitching ace, has started every game and has never been seriously threatened at any time this season. At the start there was some fear the team would be doubly weak without a relief pitcher. But William McCorkle and Al Goudy turned out to be able substitutes. There is every possibility that these two will be the main men in our pitching and receiving staff next year, as both Fleury and Atkins will be lost through graduation.

As well as being our chief strike-out man, Solomon led the boys in batting. He has turned in an average that will likely stand as a record here for some time. At present his batting average is exactly .605. Jake Atkins follows with .504 and George Meachem comes next with .464. Any one of the three is a fancy record average, but Solomon's is a record. Fleury and Atkins are tied for first honors in scoring runs. Each have crossed the plate thirteen times for a score. George is close upon their heels again with twelve.

Following is the result of the games played thus far:

Chemawa	21	Salem High School	3
Chemawa	4	Willamette University	1
Chemawa	12	Willamette University	5
Chemawa	8	Columbia University Hi	0
Chemawa	7	Linfield College	6
Chemawa	10	Albany College	5
Chemawa	18	Columbia University	8
Chemawa	7	O. S. P.	3

## LOCAL

This week the orchestra is supporting the rehearsals of the cast on "Pocahontas," the operetta to be given for the public next week. All is going nicely.

On Sunday evening just after dress parade, our band gave a pleasing concert. It was pretty warm for dress parade, mercury standing at about 90 in the shade.

Owing to the fact that our commencement exercises will be on tapis next week there will be no issue of The American. In all probability our next issue will be the "Senior Number" of our paper. It will be quite a large issue, but just exactly the date of issue we are unable at this writing to predict with any certainty. We believe that it will be worth waiting for—patiently.