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ATHLETIC NOTES

During the past week our hoopers defeated Franklin high of Portland twice. Last Tuesday ten of our basketeers went to the opponents' floor and won the game 27 to 17. Our starting line-up in the Portland game was Marcus Simmons and Jesse Prettyman, forwards; Ronald Leaske, center; Eldred George and Roy Peratrovich, guards. In an effort to find a workable combination the entire team was changed with one exception and Isaac Brave Eagle and Leonard Vivette, forwards; Ronald Leaske, center; George Meachem, guard; were sent into the game to bolster up our attack as well as our defense, but with little effect. The only outstanding feature of their playing was their dogged determination to do something and they won, not handily, but they won.

On Friday a return game was played here. Eldred George and Jesse Prettyman, forwards; Isaac Curley, center; George Meachem and Roy Peratrovich, guards, started the game and all turned in the best account they have given of themselves this season. Up to this game our boys have played as if struggling desperately in the dark and getting nowhere. Their passing has been anything but good and they have been unable to find the basket either in the long shots or the so called "set up." Whether or not the boys have hit their stride and have found the range of the basket only the succeeding games will tell. Anyway in the game Friday they were clicking on all fours. They passed speedily and effectively, they found the basket on both long and short shots, and they checked fast and close, and they broke on the offense like a shot, and last but not least, maneuvered on the court quickly and with effect. For some reason or other, our teams have always been a little slow at the start and the present one is no exception to the rule. But the thing that concerns us most is this: Have they, at last, hit their pace?

Though the score of 37 to 13 is a little one-sided the game was hard fought and our basketeers earned everything they got. At the outset Franklin started with a burst of speed, determined of course, to make up for what they lost to us in Portland. The score at the end

of the first period was 8 to 7 in our favor. However, as has already been said, our hoopers seemed to have found themselves, and their floor work and passes combined with some accurate shooting were always just a shade ahead of the Franklinites. During the fore part of our season our hoopers had fallen down badly on their semi-long shots and as a result were never able to open up the defense. But Friday was another day and those attempts were successful, and those long and short shots raised havoc with Franklin's defense. And it always will when it is varied properly.

We cannot point to any individual as the star of the second game, though Eldred George was easily our high point man, with seventeen markers to his credit. Jesse Prtetyman made nine; Roy Peratrovich six; Isaac Curley three, and Leonard Vivette two. But as a whole the team functioned so much better than they have in past engagements that they all starred as a team. A decided improvement has been made in the playing of Eldred George who has been shifted from forward to center, and from center to guard, and from guard back to forward again, in an effort to help him hit his stride, but with no result. But Friday he showed a lot of that old form. He hit the basket with deadly accuracy and played a whale of an offensive game. His side partner, Jesse Prettyman, also had better luck in hitting the basket. Prettyman has been hibernating, so to speak, all season but is gradually coming out and before many more struggles we expect to see him out in full bloom.

George Meachem has not gotten the call to start the last few games, but his performance in the last game measured up fairly well to that of Captain Peratrovich, guard. These two boys can stand a lot of hard work and are fast. As it has been perviously said, Roy is playing the best ball of his career. He has always been a good guard in the defensive sense but not so offensively until this season. Now he breaks into the offense and consistently finds the basket.

Isaac Curley played a good game at center as long as he was in the game but was relieved by Ronald Leaske on account of his foot. However, both boys did well. Isaac Brave Eagle and Leonard Vivette also entered the skirmish in the latter part of the game and they seemed to mesh in nicely.

The athletic department is continually calling on Mr. James and the tailors and Mr. Decorah and the harness makers for help. Just recently they went over all of our football equipment and put it in fine shape, especially the shoes and the football pants. Needless to say they save a lot of our needed equipment and it is much appreciated. Right now Mr. James is making a number of uniform rolls for our ball boys. In every way they are first-class. They are leather bound and are durable. These rolls are something we have always needed but never had. Mr. Decorah is manufacturing the straps and the handles.

ESCORTS

Sunday—Feb. 2—McBride - - - - Mr. Kirk
Winona - - - - - Mrs. Kirk
Hawley - - - - - Mr. Frost