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ATHLETIC NOTES

Two close and fast games were played with the Stayton high school teams last Wednesday when our girls, and the boys of our second team, met at Stayton. Both of our teams bowed in defeat only after leading until the final minute of each game.

At half time our girls led 15 to 13 and seemed to have the game well in hand when out came one of our guards because of too many fouls. This change did not take any of the will-to-win from our girls, but it seemed to add just the necessary zest and punch to the opponents' playing that enabled them to forge into the lead just before the game ended. The final score was 26 to 23.

Our hotshots played like big leaguers to roll up a 13 to 3 lead on their opponents in the first half. They started like lightning and kept it up even though a whole new team took the floor in the second quarter. They checked close and fast and found the basket like a bunch of veterans while they held their hurrying and scurrying opponents to a lone field goal and a foul throw. The final quarter was different. Our guards were repeatedly caught out of position and seemed anchored to the floor while the opposing players breezed past to the basket for counters. Our lead was gradually cut down and the Stayton five put the finishing touches to the job just before the whistle stopped the game and won 27 to 26.

On Friday evening the Molalla high team arrived unannounced to play a scheduled return game. After some hustling around the game was put under way and those who missed that little fracas missed something snappy. Earlier in the season Molalla passed and bunched the ball around our sextet to something like a 13 to 4 score, which our girls have been hoping to win back. Right off the reel our hoopers scored a basket that came after some neat and well-timed passes. The work of our jumping and side center with our forwards accounted for another. Then everybody began to hurry up. And hurry up it was. Both teams checked close and fast and very few if any clear shots at the basket were allowed. The half ended 6 to 5 in our favor. Molalla tied the score almost

with the start of the third quarter. With only a minute to play the score stood 9 to 9. Both teams made a desperate last stand. Everyone of the little group of spectators that had assembled to witness the game seemed more less in it. Just before the timer blew his whistle our girls threw the basket that made them victors 11 to 9. Our line-up: Clarice Parr and June Wright, forwards; Arline Hoptowit, jumping center, Edna Dean, side center; Susie Grounds, and Margaret Hoptowit, guards.

Tomorrow these two teams will furnish the entertainment for our spectators when the girls play Independence high and the Hotshots will give the boys from Woodburn a chance to make up for a one-sided game they lost just a while back.

Ordinarily our basketball season is over at this time and games, players and deeds done on the maple court forgotten, but not so now. Instead our hoopers and close followers of the sport are just about as basketball "hot" as they have been at any time this season. The reason for this is, of course, the district tournament held at Willamette University on Thursday and Friday to decide who will represent this district at the state tournament. Eight teams will participate. Comparing the records of each for the season we find Chemawa standing second to only the leaders—Salem high. Salem defeated us twice. Last Tuesday we lost to them 26 to 16. Had we even ordinary luck the score would have been different. Eldred George, who has been playing consistent basketball almost throughout the season, couldn't persuade the ball to stay in the net. A number of times the ball seemed half-way through, only to carom back out. Out of a half dozen foul shots not one was converted against an average of seven out of ten tries during the season, most unusual. However, that does not matter now. In the tournament all will start even. We will be ready. Our floor work is said to be superior to that of any high school team seen in action this season. But our inability to find the basket has been the reason for losing several close games. A new exercise instituted in practice has hopped-up the boys and they are preparing for the tournament games with renewed determination. In this connection we have five boys whom we are confident can and will work together—a situation we are enjoying for the first time this season. Heretofore there always seemed a weak spot somewhere. Not exactly a weak spot either, for inexperience is always responsible for inconsistent playing. If we can get over the first hurdles and meet the leaders it will give us the one big opportunity to show that our five can shoot just as well as they can play the floor.

For quite some time we have been anxiously waiting for word concerning the health of Jake Atkins, who has been seriously ill at Haskell, and now we are glad to know that Jake, who is known to all here, is well on the road to recovery. In fact, is getting along so well that he can sit up and write letters as well as take nourishment.

ESCORTS

Saturday, Mar. 9—To Salem - - Miss Earlougher
Sunday, Mar. 10—McBride - - - Miss Semanski
Winona - - - Mrs. Stuart
Hawley - - - Mr. T. Turner