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CHEMAWA WINS DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

When Chemawa entered her team in the District 7 basketball tournament held in Salem last Thursday and Friday and one of the Salem papers good-naturedly called us a threat to Salem high's years of supremacy in this district no one—the paper mentioned included—realized how truly a threat Chemawa would turn out to be. For, contrary to all predictions and in spite of barrels of dope against them, Coach Downie's Chemawa Indians sailed through the tournament with flying colors and on Friday evening added a couple of new thrills to basketball for the Salem fans who had assembled in the big Willamette gym to see Chemawa's final downfall—namely, surprise and disappointment. Chemawa outplayed Salem in every known department of the sport and won the game—and the right to represent the local district in the state tournament.

Thursday afternoon Chemawa won its first game from Stayton handily by the score of 31 to 10. On Friday Chemawa had a little harder time but succeeded in eliminating Dallas—29 to 24. Meanwhile Salem had run rough shod over all comers.

Friday night Chemawa and Salem met in the final and deciding game of the tourney. Chemawa started the scoring—making eight points before Salem was out of its tracks. From this point on our boys never once relinquished the lead, although at one time Salem was only one point behind. Previous to this game Chemawa had been displaying marvelous floor work and very poor basket-shooting, but on this night every department was nicely balanced. It would be hard to say just how exciting the game was to the spectators—we wouldn't make such an attempt. Anyway, it was a real thriller and the outcome was very satisfactory.

It would be unfair to mention any individual as a star and it would be impossible to praise the team as a whole as it really should be praised. If you can imagine a team lightning fast in its maneuvering, deadly accurate in its basket-shooting, and cool and perfectly contained in critical periods of the game, you have a picture of our team in this game against Salem.

Near the end of the second half when Roy Peratro-

vich and George Meachem, our two regular guards, were compelled to leave the game because of injuries and fouls, our handful of rooters suffered wholesale heart failure, but the subs who went in carried on wonderfully. The seven boys who played in this game are: Forwards, Jesse Prettyman, Marcus Simmons and Isaac Braveagle; center, Eldred George, and guards, George Meachem, Roy Peratrovich and Leonard Vivette.

The score, by the way, was 26 to 23. Chemawa represents this district in the state tournament March 13 to 16 inclusive and it is very important that we lend the venture our support by purchasing season tickets and attending the games.

The loss of this game was naturally a keen disappointment to Salem high school and its supporters. In view of this fact Salem's fine attitude and friendliness toward us is doubly appreciated.

Following are clippings from newspapers concerning the game:

The Oregon Statesman: "The Indians, likewise a Salem team, are expected to have the full support of Salem basketball fans in their effort to win the state title, as they played a hard, clean type of basketball throughout the district tournament, and won the respect even of the Salem high rooters by their good sportsmanship.

"All season it was apparent that Coach Downie of Chemawa would have a remarkable team if its members could learn to shoot baskets in a game as well as they could in practice. At all times it has been lightning fast on the floor, but until recent weeks its members were erratic in shooting when under the stress of real competition. In Friday night's district championship final contest the redskins looped the basket while running at top speed, from all angles and distances; and their attack was as businesslike as any that has ever been seen on the Willamette floor. Hard, accurate passes to men in the corners paved the way for most of the shots."

Portland Oregonian: "Chemawa presented a surprisingly fast offense and a defense that held at critical times. The Indians, to the surprise of the many Salem rooters, started the scoring and were never headed during the game. . . . The Indians showed splendid form and appeared to be in good condition.

. . . Chemawa, under the coaching of R. G. Downie, is expected to make a good showing in the state tournament."

ESCORTS

Sunday Mar. 17—	McBride	- - -	Miss White
	Winona	- - -	Mrs. Stuart
	Hawley	- - -	Miss David