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ATHLETIC NOTES

Another basketball season is ended and the suits laid away until another year. With its close comes the end of the basketball career at Chemawa of at least three of our most valuable hoop men. The first of these is Roy Peratrovich, captain and guard of the first of our teams to compete in the tournament for the state championship. Roy, unquestionably, is about the stongest defensive player we have had in years. His work under the basket and on the floor has always been in the lime-light because of his ability to recover the ball off the back-board, break up passes and plays, and start his team back on the offense. His size, strength and speed have been of tremendous value to himself and his team and he used it to a big advantage. Few forwards, regardless of how flashy, have been able to get by him consistently. His watchword has been, "Give them only one shot at the basket," and he put it into practice. He has been the one to recover about nine out of every ten balls off the back-board. Roy was captain and tackle on our football team, and was just as prominent a player on it as he has been in basketball. However, this season marks the end of his career here in both of these sports.

The next in line to shoot his last basket for the red and white is Eldred George, who has played every position on the team and has filled each one efficiently. Eldred might rightfully be called our utility man, for he has been called upon to fill all three positions at different times this season. However, he closed the season in the pivot berth where he proved to be the mainspring in our offense. Throughout the season he has been the most consistent player of our five. Whether or not luck was with him did not dampen his determination nor his ability to inspire his teammates. His speed and basket-shooting made him our most valuable offense man. He also had unusual ability as a defense player and his resourcefulness made him invaluable. He always sensed the time to change his defense from the five-man defense to the man-to-man type. Eldred is our captain-elect for our 1929 football team. With his leadership we should have a team that would make its mark.

Though this is George Meachem's first and only year as a regular he was as aggressive as any man on the team. His "life" and "talk" during the course of a game checked many a drive to the basket by an oppo-

nent and enabled our hoopers to function on the defense with consistant strength. His "I have this man," always seem to convince his opponent that he was absolutely covered. George always figured somewhat in our scoring. He had good form in shooting, but had the misfortune of missing so many shots by just a shade. Even with that considered he was given honorable mention when the All-State team was selected.

Isaac Braveagle, Jesse Prettyman, Leonard Vivette Marcus Simmons will be the hold-overs for another team and, in all probability, around whom next years team will be built. All of them showed plenty of real basketball ability during both the state and district tournaments. In fact, Isaac Braveagle was quiet the favorite of the state tournament. He entered the struggle in the closing minutes of our last game and even then came near pulling it out of the fire. Isaac got a big hand and they called him the "Stony Faced Indian." He should be our key man next year.

Jesse Prettyman was christened "the streak of greased lightning" at the tournament by his speed and clever floor work. Jesse got away to a poor start this season and never did arrive at his natural game. All expected that this would be his big year, but he experienced a lot of ill luck in hitting the basket. However, his playing in both tournaments was such that it attracted considerable favorable comment, both by the spectators and the press.

Leonard Vivette and Marcus Simmons played their first games for us this year. They were new to our team and to our style of play, but both turned in some very fine accounts of themselves once they found their niche, and will undoubtedly be big cogs in next years team. Along with them are several others who will make a strong bid for places, Levi Frank, Warren Wilder, Jesse Kipp, Albert Miller, Jesse Wetzel and William Smith are probably the most likely.

Some thirty-five candidates answered our call for baseball men last week and work was started in the gym. Under the directions of Eldred George this group has been fielding the ball and bunting and other fundamental exercises during the inclement weather. For the past six weeks the pitchers have worked out daily and will be in pretty good shape for our first game, which comes on April 5 against West Lynn here. Al Goudy and Joe Alexander will probably have to do most of our twirling. Al got into a game or two last year and this season looks like a veteran. And for that matter so does Alexander. Their receiver is Roy Meachem. Roy is not much bigger than a minute and for that reason answers to the nickname of "Half Pint." This will be his first attempt behind the bat, but we are not disheartened, for by his hard and consistent work he has assured us that he will make things "go" behind the plate or know the reason why. After all, confidence and determination are more than half the battle. Roy has both, so we do not worry.

In preparation for the state wrestling tournament which is to take place at Oregon State College soon a large group of grapplers are working out every day. Karl Muller, George Nicholson, James McKay, Roland Booth, Louis Baker, Frank Dumont, Lester Friedlander and Clifford Meachem are some of the most likely representatives.