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ATHLETIC NOTES

Last Saturday morning our cross-country runners defeated the Washington high school team of portland 35 to 20. This makes the second time in as many years that our team has won this annual event. However, the score is now even as Washington won the first two matches.

It is recalled that early in the fall John Frenier, our team captain, made the remark, though not boastfully but with determination, he was going to win all his races this spring. To date he has fulfilled that statement and against Washington was not only the first man across the finish line, but set a new record for our two-mile course, that of 11:05.

Each team started close to fifteen men over the course, John set a rather killing pace, but was able to keep it up, as were the majority of his teammates, as close upon his heels came Andrew Whiterock, who came in just as fresh as his captain. Of the first twenty men to finish our boys claimed sixteen of the places. Only the first ten counted in the score and following is the order in which they crossed the line: John Frenier, "C", first; Andrew Whiterock, "C", second; Downey, "W", third; Warren Wilder, "C", fourth; Gotthardt, "W", fifth; Hicks, "W", sixth; Louis Baker, "C", seventh; Gus Frenier, "C", eighth; Leo Cottonoir, "C", ninth; Bufton, "W", tenth.

Cross-country running has been quite popular with our boys here this Spring and many more have been turning out than we entered in the race. The following, though they did not finish among the first ten, came in the order mentioned: Claude Parazoo, Robert Perkins, Amos Andy, Benjamin Palmer and Benjamin Bear. These boys were all close upon the heels of the Washington men and will furnish plenty of competition in the next race.

Coach Sanders and his track men have been busy getting in shape for the first meet. They have been out whenever the weather permitted and are looking forward to a successful season. Among the veterans is a dark horse sprinter. George Little Light is his name. Right now he is making our speed boys step to keep ahead and he has been out for only a short

spell. We wonder if George was as much surprised as we were when he discovered his "speed." The coach says that when George develops the proper arm, leg and body action he will be a hard boy to beat.

A week ago we were unable to give even a remote idea of what our starting line-up would be in the baseball game against Oregon City last Saturday afternoon. For some time we are likely to be in the same fix. Except for Eldred George and Alonzo Hoover our team is brand new and untried. Eldred played first last season and Alonzo played in enough games in the outfield to earn his letter. Outside of those two we have a squad that has, for the first time, pulled itself out of the "rag ball" division into the "horse hiders." So we will probably spend some time getting the players properly placed.

Oregon City held the edge on us 3 to 2 until the seventh inning when a flock of errors occurred, and three free passes to first were allowed by our pitchers, that gave them five runs to sew up the game. That's nothing. Our bad plays were made in an attempt to do something and they had the right idea every time, but were just a little late in execution. Just now the boys are a little uncertain about what to do. They hesitate just long enough to lose a play. Their timing is a little bad and that too is the result of not being sure what to do. All that is going to wear off and when it does these boys will be bad medicine for lots of teams. The game started with Roy Meachem, catcher; Al. Goudy, pitcher; Joe Alexander, first base; Donald Hatch, second base; Eldred George, short stop; James McKay, third base; Marcus Simmons, left field; Alonzo Hoover, center field; Roy Peratrovich, right field. In the seventh Eldred George was called to the mound to relieve Russell Vallidy, who had just a few minutes before relieved Goudy. Eldred was not given much chance to warm up, but immediately squelched the Oregon City parade around the bases. Simmons was placed at short and if he can cut the mustard there Eldred will be placed among the twirlers where it is felt he will be of much more value. Eldred has a good fast ball and is able to mix up a few twisters along with them. Roy Meachem, by the end of the season, will look like a veteran catcher. For one who is making his first attempt he does remarkable well. Roy is a hustler and he will grasp and learn everything quickly. He is the right build for a catcher and has a good arm. He is our lead-off man and out of four trips to the plate made one hit and walked twice. Joe Alexander started with the pitchers early this season, but for the lack of a first basemen Joe was placed there and has stuck. He will probably stay if he is not placed in a more important spot. He will likely take a whirl at short. Donald Hatch and James McKay, second and third basemen respectively, are making a strong bid to hold those places and will probably keep them provided they can hit the ball.

To Joe Alexander goes the honor of making the first home run of the season for our team. In the fourth inning Joe drove a beauty over the head of the left fielder, who chased it over the hill while Joe trotted home. Joe was our heavy sticker of the day, making three hits out of as many trips to bat.

Friday the team goes to West Lynn to play.