

3. To provide a leisure time program in which students will become identified with a special group or team.

The participating students were divided into different leagues. Athletic ability, age, size, and grade were governing factors in the placement of individuals.

- (a) Major League — composed of senior high and students over 16 years of age.
- (b) Minor League—composed of junior high students and those with lesser athletic ability.
- (c) Brewer Hall League—composed of elementary students living at Brewer hall.
- (d) Navajo League — composed of students in the Navajo Special School.

The Intramural program was made up according to the major sports season. Touch football, contact football, basketball, softball, baseball, horse-shoes, and track were included in the program. Touch football started off our athletic program in the fall. Four teams were organized from the following groups:

- (a) Junior High Group.
- (b) Ninth Graders
- (c) Tenth Graders
- (d) Junior-Senior Group

The touch football league was unable to complete its schedule because of the inclement weather conditions. The Junior-Senior group was leading the league at its finish.

Victor Jackson and his group also won the contact football championship. In a special game, his team defeated the Varsity subs.

Basketball Season

The Intramural Basketball season was divided into two sections. A pre-season schedule was run in November before varsity basketball practice was started. This league was composed of all students interested in basketball. It was more or less used as a training program for varsity material. The following team won the championship: Robert Placid, captain; Charles Reed, forward; George Plummer, forward; Leroy Jackson, guard; Barney Hyde, guard; Victor Jackson, guard.

The regular Intramural Basketball season started early in December and lasted through February. All four leagues played regular scheduled games. The Major League champions were the Kingfishers, captained by Victor Jackson and coached by Vernon Lane. Members of the championship team were Danny Foster, Bobby Jackson, Lawrence James, Ralph Charles, Thomas Grant, and John Crane.

The "Hotshots," captained by Edward Lopez, won the Minor League championship. The team was composed of the following boys: Edward Lopez, Leroy Jackson, George Doney,

Bud Weiser, Laverne Shellal, Charles Gardee, and Louis Jerry.

The Navajo League

The Navajo League was hard fought and very close. Because of sickness and other activities, this group was unable to complete its schedule. However, a good start was made and we believe that this group will be ready to participate in the regular intramural program next year.

Following is a list of the teams making up the Navajo League:

Skeletons—Tim Benally, captain
Black Bears—Phillip Wilson, captain
Tigers—Albert Johns, captain
Black Whips—Jimmie Dickson, capt'n
Eagles—Elmer Benally, captain
Jackrabbits—Johnson Reeder, capt'n
Lions—Dan Benally, captain
Redskins—Louis Silver Hat Band, captain.

The Brewer Hall League

Eight teams made up the Brewer Hall League. They were taken from the 4th, 5th and 6th grades. This league was very close and somewhat rough. However, plenty of enthusiasm was shown. Following is a list of teams participating in the league:

Red Devils—Dwight Blythe, captain
Leopards—James Morton, captain
Black Sox—Alfred Tashwick, captain
Rattle Snakes—Herbert Irving, capt'n
Tigers—Oscar Gensaw, captain
Midgets—Thomas Hugues, captain
Red Sox—Billy Harp, captain
Toughies—Vernon Starr, captain

Spring Sports Program

The spring Intramural Sports Program consisted of softball, baseball, track and horse-shoes. The games were well played and enthusiasm ran high. The weather was nice and most of the scheduled games were played.

An inter-class track meet was held early in the spring. The Junior-Senior group walked off with most of the events. Victor Jackson again walked off with all honors. However, some of the students made him work to win.

Soft Ball

At the close of the basketball season, the boys took their baseball gloves out of the mothballs and hiked out to the diamond to start baseball. Two leagues were formed at McNary hall. The Major League teams were:

Fighting Soc'-eyes — Vernon Lane, captain
Battling Sardines — Ralph Charles, captain
St. Louis Cardinals — William Belgarde, captain
Cleveland Indians — Victor Jackson, captain

When the season was finished, the Battling Sardines were on top. Members of the team were Ralph Charles,

Robert Placid, Reggie Wells, Clifford Matt, George Plummer, William Shellal, Delmar Hickox, Lawrence James, Douglas Goodwin, William McDonald, Augustus Dick.

The Tigers easily won the Minor League honors. This team captained by Henry George, went through the season without a loss. Following are the members of the championship team: Henry George, Charles Sampson, Ken Markussen, Tim Benally, Donald James, Elmer Benally, Lee Lameman, Arthur Tachiene, Billy Benally, and Bud Weiser.

Baseball

A hard ball schedule was drawn up only for the Major League groups. The rosters were the same as used in the softball schedules. At the end of the season, the Cleveland Indians were leading. Under the able pitching of Vic Jackson, they took the lead early in the season and held it until the schedule was completed. The Hard Ball Championship team was made up of Victor Jackson, Don Rambeau, Robert Davis, Barney Hyde, Danny Foster, Wally Yallup, Julius Sakota, Leroy Jackson, Joe Doney, Larry Arthur, and Jim Crane.

Horse Shoes

A double elimination horse shoe tournament is still in progress at the time of this writing. Many close games have been played and the teams are well matched. It would be hard to predict a winner because of the close competition.

SENIORS HAVE SKIP DAY

What no doubt turned out to be the longest Skip Day in the annals of Chemawa history was credited to the Senior class of 1949. The class members and their sponsors took off in the early morning of May 6 to enjoy the sights along the coast and attend the Crab Festival at Newport. To the dismay of the class the crabs were not to be distributed until Sunday, May 8, and the activities of the festival on Friday were not to begin until 10:00 p.m. with the crowning of the Queen. So after a bounteous lunch and a swim in Newport's indoor swimming pool, the group departed for home with intentions of stopping off to view many interesting sights that had been skipped on the way down. All went well as long as the bus operated successfully which was until we approached Depoe Bay where the motor stopped. Mr. Showalter came after us with the truck and we finished our ride by being towed home, arriving at about 12:15 a.m. We had missed the last dance of the school year but we will remember our Skip Day, and sunset on the Pacific.