

Grapplers Begin Another Season

Twenty-two boys have turned out for the Chemawa wrestling team this year, but Coach Ben Lawver still needs more boys between 123 and 141 pounds. This is a building year for the team, with not a single senior on the squad.

This year the wrestlers are easy to spot. O.S.A.A. regulations prohibit long hair on wrestlers, so the entire team has been trimmed of several pounds of hair.

Despite the lack of seniors, Coach Lawver does have some experienced wrestlers returning. Among them are Henry Alexie, 106-pound sophomore (14-2 last year), Gary Abrahamson, 167-pound junior (10-3 last year) and Dave Titus, 123-pound junior (7-4 last year).

The Braves edged Jefferson 33-32 in their opening meet and then entered the 8-team Clatskanie tournament on Dec. 28. Jim Abrahamson took 2nd at 178 pounds. Gary Abrahamson finished 3rd at 178 and Billie Wassillie 4th at 98.



Lloyd Davis goes up and over a Gervais defender to score two more for the Braves at the league jamboree in Stayton. Lloyd was the third leading scorer in the Capital Conference last year.

Braves Play 3 Tourneys at Once

Chemawa basketball had one of its busiest weekends in the school's history December 8 & 9 when the Braves played in three different invitational tournaments simultaneously.

A scheduling mixup resulted in the varsity playing in the Stewart, Nevada Invitational as planned, the junior varsity representing the school at the Scio Tournament and a third team going to the MacLaren Tournament. The result was seven games in two days, of which the Braves won two.

The varsity whipped Owyhee High of Nevada 65-35 in the opening round of the Stewart Tourney. Lloyd Davis was high for the Braves with 18 points, followed by David James with 13.

Stewart handled Chemawa 80-59 in the finals. The game was even at the half, but a Stewart press broke it wide open in the third quarter. Lloyd Davis with 32 was the only Brave scoring in double figures.

The jayvees dropped both their games at Scio, the first one by a score of 61-46 to Detroit. Delbert Okbaok and Bino Deleon led Chemawa's scoring with 13 each. In

the consolation round the Braves lost to Falls City 69-53. Frank Bitonti scored 21 for Chemawa, while Okbaok added 14 and Deleon 10. Center Alvin Penny was Chemawa's top rebounder in both games.

Despite the losses, Coach Ed John was pleased. "They did a good job playing against varsity teams that have been playing together for years," he said.

A third Chemawa team won one game in three tries at the MacLaren Tournament. The "extra" Braves finished sixth by beating Columbia Christian of Portland 81-65. Dan Davis dropped in 31 points, a single game high for the tournament, and was helped by Nels Martin with 18 and Stan Johnson with 11.

Coming Events

- Jan. 12 BB Woodburn (here)
- Jan. 15 WR Estacada (here)
Frosh BB North Marion (here)
- Jan. 16 Girls BB at Tigard
- Jan. 18 WR at North Marion
Frosh BB at Gladstone
Girls BB Gladstone (here)
- Jan. 19 BB Cascade (here)

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Basketball Preview

Cross-Country Wrapup

December brings basketball back to Chemawa, and this year it looks like a good season. The 72-73 Braves look a lot bigger and stronger than last year's team, which was dwarfed by almost every opponent it played.

Coach Lippy got his first look at the team under game conditions at the jamboree in Stayton and was impressed with their hustle and desire. Center Feddie Krukoff and forward James Ahyakak have shown the greatest improvement over last season so far.

"There's a lot of room for improvement," Lippy warned, "and we're still working on fundamentals, but I'm happy with what I've seen so far."

Girls to run and gun

On the other hand, the girls basketball team will be much shorter this year. Coach Yvonne Hale will have only three players, Susie Marchand, Janet Pakootas and Arlene Senator, with any varsity experience.

To offset this lack of height the girls will feature a fast running game, good outside shooting and an aggressive man-to-man (or rather, girl-to-girl) defense.

Here's a question: if the boys teams are called the Braves, what should the girls teams be called?

It was a very good year

No scores were kept, but if they had been, Chemawa would have added another team title at the all-Indian Championships at Haskell Institute. The Braves placed four runners, Arthur Ambrose, Mike George, Delbert Okbaok and Jacob Merculief, in the top 15 finishers.

They've been running in the shadow of the boys all year, but the girls cross-country team has also done well for the school this year. At Haskell they took an unofficial second place behind Intermountain School (Utah). They also placed four runners, Carol Andrews, Kathy Andrews, Emma Leavitt and Jennifer Joseph, in the top 15 finishers.

With the exception of seniors Kathy and Carol, the team consists almost entirely of freshmen. "For a young team they did an outstanding job," Coach Hale said.