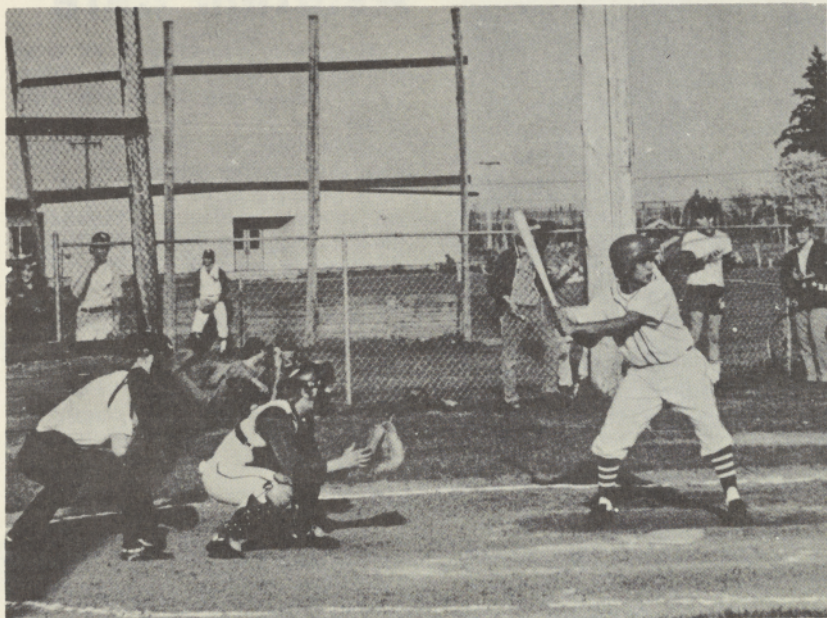




Slim (Lee) Adolph waits patiently for a pitch in the North Marion game. Chemawa's baseball season ended suddenly when the team was forced to forfeit the rest of its games due to a lack of players. (Photo by Fred Sweowat)

Season Ends Suddenly

Chemawa's first varsity baseball season in many years came to a sudden end April 25 when the Braves had to forfeit the rest of their games.

The reasons behind the folding of team were not enough boys to field a complete squad, a lack of a field for home games and a general lack of interest by students. The decision to cut the season short was made by Coach Harry Lippy, Athletic Director Kugie Louis and the administrators at Chemawa and the other schools in the Capital Conference.

Mr. Louis said that this was not the end of baseball at Chemawa, but

he added that the program will have to be begun again from scratch. The first goal, he said, would be a new field for home games and adequate practice. This would be followed by a jayvee program to give experience to younger players so that they would not face other varsities with no experience behind them.

He added that many of the students have no idea of what baseball is about, and this was one reason for the lack of support.

The team did play six games before their season ended, losing them all by wide margins.

Girl Spikers Win and Lose

The girls track team defeated Stayton in a dual meet at Chemawa, 69-39, in the first meet of the year for both schools.

Chemawa girls placing first were Susie Marchand in the 100-meter hurdles (19.5) and the high jump (4' 2"), Bonnie James, 440 (1:15.9), Carol Andrews, mile (6:41.9), Bertha Yeltatzie, javelin (101' 5"), Evelyn Stotts, discus (75' 1"), Mary Solomon, shot (31' 8½") and Lynn Miller, long jump (12' 11½").

The 880 relay team of Becki Noyes, Lynn Miller, Susie Marchand and Bonnie James won their event in 2:20.6.

Chemawa lost its 2nd meet against North Marion 69-40. Carol Andrews took a double win in the 880 yard run and in the mile. Others taking first were Bertha Yeltatzie in javelin and Mary Solomon in shotput.

Those taking second were Susie Marchand, Barbara Westcoast, Bonnie James, Lynn Miller, and Evelyn Stotts.

Boys Upset Glads

The Chemawa boys upset defending district champion Gladstone in their first dual meet of the season. Chemawa dominated the running events and won ten out of sixteen firsts. Pat James was a double winner in the 100 and 200.

Chemawa lost a squeaker to Woodburn, 70-66, on April 13. The Braves took all the running events except the 440 and the high hurdles. Pat James took both sprints again and Delbert Okboak added a 4:48.7 mile. Mike George's time in the two-miles was a fast 10:32.2.

Lloyd Vincent, Jacob Mercurief, Francis Deveraux, Stanley Johnson, Lloyd Davis, Foster Simmonds, Lindsey Howtopat and Leland Wilson also contributed to Chemawa wins.

The Braves finished second in a three-way meet at Regis on April 24, defeating the Rams but finishing behind Cascade. Jacob Mercurief lowered his 880 time to 2:02.8, tops in the district and one of the best AA marks in the state. Coach Kugie Louis predicts that Jacob will break two minutes before the season is over. His 440 time of 54.0 is also a district best.

There are 30 boys out for track, including only five senior lettermen. Promising newcomers, according to Coach Louis, include Foster Simmonds, George Adams and Jimbo Abrahamson.

Art Runs for Fun

Chemawa's best distance runner won't score any points for the Braves this spring.

Arthur Ambrose, a senior from Hughes, Alaska, runs the mile around 4:30 and is close to ten minutes flat in the two-mile. But Arthur is also 19 years old—too old by one-and-a-half months to compete under Oregon high school rules.

Ambrose works out with the team, though, and runs in their meets as a non-counting "at large" entrant. "Arthur is a quality runner just now coming into his own," says Coach Kugie Louis. Last fall he led Chemawa to the 1972 AA Cross-country Championship.

This won't be Arthur's last season though. Next year he will run cross-country and track for Eastern Washington State College. One of his teammates there will be Dimitri Johnson, who graduated from Chemawa in 1971 and is a two-year letterman for EWSC.