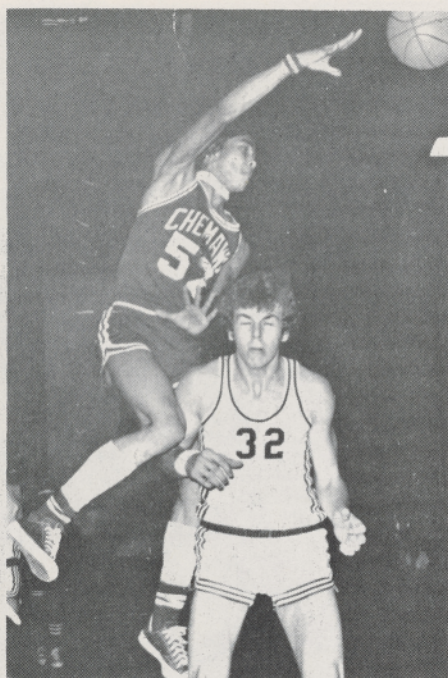




Feddie Krukoff goes up and over Tillamook Catholic's center for two more points. This was the opener of the MacLaren tournament and Chemawa won, 67-43 (Photo courtesy of Mr. Hendren)

Grapplers Grab Pair of Seconds

Chemawa's wrestlers wound up 1973 with a pair of second place finishes in tournaments at Stayton December 22 and at Clatskanie December 29.

Clatskanie won its own tournament with 90 points. Chemawa scored 71, followed by Corbett, 69, Yamhill Carlton, 64, and Knappa, 59.

Henry Alexie, Alex Gregory and Jimbo Abrahamson won individual titles at 115, 136, and 191 pounds. Jim Suvlu and Billie Wassillie were second at 178 and 98 pounds. Gary Abrahamson was third at 178 and Pat Kvasnikoff and Richie Merculief finished 4th at 168 and 141 pounds.

Results of the Stayton tournament were not available at press time.

After two tournaments and two dual meets Henry Alexie has the best individual record with seven wins and only one loss.

The Braves stomped Jefferson 45-29 in a dual meet December 17. Slim Adolph led the way for Chemawa with a pin in 30 seconds of the first round. Jimbo Abrahamson also pinned his opponent. Henry Alexie got a 4-point decision by winning his match by more than ten points. Billy Wassillie, Gary Clark and Keith Kerwin took regular decisions. Yago Jacob drew, and Gary Abrahamson, Pat Kvasnikoff and Basil Borromeo collected forfeits.

Stewart—a Trip to Remember!

"That was a dilly," said Coach Markishtum about the Braves' 5-day trip to Stewart, Nevada, and he was not smiling as he said it. A gas shortage, 27 deer on the highway and an abandoned Job Corps center gave the Chemawa team an experience they won't forget for a long while.

Ten members of the varsity, all that would fit in the van, left Salem at 1:30 p.m., December 5. They arrived in Stewart at 3:30 the next morning with only one stop during the 14 hours. The 27 deer on the road, plus December weather, gave the coach a very light foot on the gas.

The Job Corps center was 5 miles from and 1500 feet above Stewart. It was also cold, cold, cold! After scrounging a little sleep, the Braves found that they were paired with the second-ranked AA team in Nevada at 5 that afternoon. Chemawa kept it respectable, making Whittel work for an 80-62 victory.

The Braves finally convinced their hosts to let them move down from the mountains. Then they split a pair of games with two Stewart teams. (Stewart fielded two teams to replace another school that had backed out at the last minute.)

After the tournament the Braves did get a chance to visit Tahoe and Virginia City before heading back to school. Again the gas shortage

slowed them up. "There was gas all over the place, until we got to Oregon," commented the coach. "We had to lay over an extra day."

The Braves got home just in time to get some sleep, one quick practice and then head for another tournament. Fortunately, MacLaren was only ten miles from Chemawa.

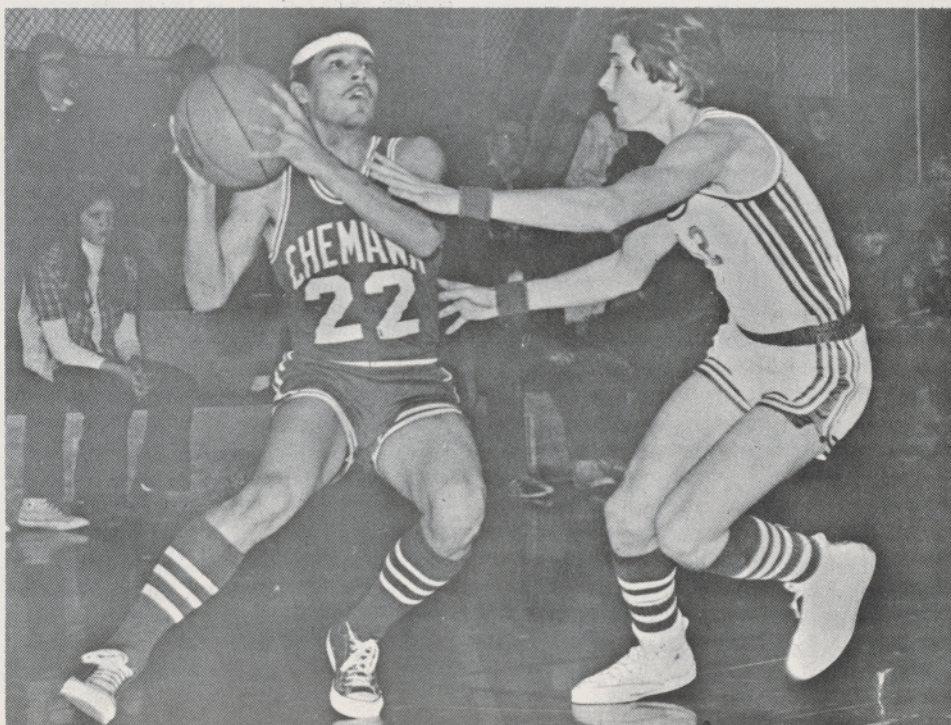
Braves End 1973 With 2-5 Mark

The Braves wound up 1973 with a 2-5 mark for their first 7 games. These included consecutive 1-point heartbreakers in the ?

heartbreakers in the MacLaren Tournament, 71-70 to Kennedy and 59-58 to St. Paul.

Both wins were lopsided—83-59 over the Stewart #2 team at Stewart and 67-43 over Tillamook Catholic at MacLaren. Other losses were 64-52 to the Stewart #1 team and 80-62 to Whittel (Nevada) at Stewart, 60-39 Creswell in the season opener and 31-27 for two quarters to North Marion in the league jamboree.

Once again Chemawa is faced with a height problem. Starting guards Donnie Abrahamson and Bino DeLeon at 5-7 are among the shortest in the league. So are forwards Delbert Okbaok and Lindsey Howtopat at 5-10. Center Feddie Krukoff is 6-3, but that still makes him one of the shortest pivotmen in the league.



Frank Bitonti looks for the basket against Tillamook Catholic. Mr. Hendren's camera stops the action in mid-stride.