

Varsity 'Topped' By Tall Foes

Chemawa's varsity basketball team is having a disappointing season this year. After winning their first game, the Braves have dropped all the rest.

When asked what was going wrong, Coach Russ Markishtum said, "First of all, we are in the wrong league. And second, we lack height!"

Chemawa is now the smallest school in the Capital Conference.

Chemawa's tallest player this year is only 6-2. Compare this to Stayton's two 6-7 starters, Cascade's two 6-6 starters or LaSalle's 6-8 Guy Thompson. In fact, Chemawa's leading rebounder, Raymond Gunn, stands a shade under six feet!

Senior Don Abrahamson is both floor leader and leading scorer for the Braves this season. Junior guard Tom Tillequots leads the team in assists.

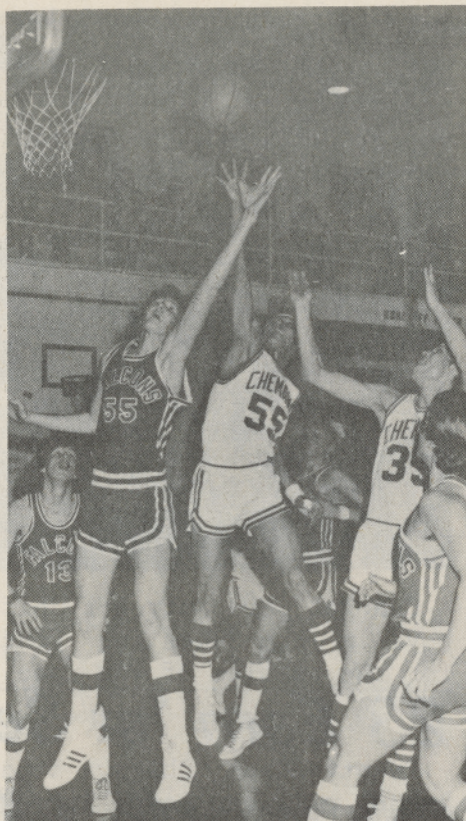
Coach Markishtum singled out junior forward Clifford Shippentower and sophomore forward-center Mike Samuels as being the most improved players on the team.

Carden Takes Run

Gary Carden covered 1630 yards (130 yards short of a mile) around the campus in a time of 4:21 to take top honors in the Chemawa Valentine Road Run February 13.

Following Gary in the boys race were Don Abrahamson in 4:25 and Billy Tonasket in 4:32. Bonnie James won the girls race in 5:25, followed by Chris Penn and Debbie Hall.

Mr. Ed John took the faculty race, pulling away from Mr. Brown and Mr. Dashney to win in 4:44. A total of 26 runners competed.



Height problems--Tom Tillequots (55) goes high off the floor to battle a taller LaSalle player for a rebound. At right, Debbie Jane (12) stretches for the ball against Cascade, while her sister Linda (23) looks on. (Matt--photo)



Wrestlers Ready for District

Ten Chemawa wrestlers will try for berths in the state tournament at the district championships at Gervais February 28.

This year the Braves are led by 157-pounder Slim Adolph, who has won 14 out of 16 matches so far. Last year Slim finished fourth at district.

Little Billy Wassillie, Chemawa's 98-pounder, will take a record of 10-4-1 into district. Sophomore Shane Innes at 123 pounds, has the next best record at 9 wins and four losses.

Other varsity wrestlers and their records are John Monaghan (115), 8-6; Alex Gregory (141), 7-7; Wayne Henry (168), 6-7-1; Steve Filkins (178) 1-9; Percy Edwards (191), 7-6 and Larisky Edwards (Hwy.), 7-6.

Chemawa has been hurt in team scoring this year due to lack of numbers. The Braves have had to forfeit their matches at 106, 130, 136 and 148 pounds because they could find no one to fill those weights.

Chemawa's one jayvee wrestler, Todd DeGarmo will also compete at district.

Last year Larsky Edwards took second at district and earned himself a trip to the state meet. The first and second place finishers in each weight class will make the trip to Corvallis March 7.

The outlook for next year is good. Eight of the ten grapplers will be returning. Monaghan and Henry are the only seniors on the squad.