

The Chemawa Braves baseball team is off to a slow start. They have won 1, lost 1, and tied 1. Coach Shields, who recently replaced the legendary Larry Byers, had this to say about his team in a recent interview with our paper.

Q. What about your new job, Coach?

A. I enjoy it and I was very surprised when Coach Byers informed me of his decision. He told me the same time he told the team!

Q. Speaking of the team, how are they looking up till now?

A. We are very inexperienced and coming rather slowly in an overall outlook.

Q. What are your strong points and weak points?

A. Definitely our strong point is pitching. We have two regular starters, Dean and Roger, who throw well but still have control problems. Our weak point has to be our hitting but even that is improving. Our fielding also has to be worked on some more!

Q. Being it is your first year, do you know anything about the Tri-River League, and where do you expect to be at the end of the season?

A. Being new to the league, I really don't know what to expect. I hope to end up with a .500 season. Scio and Regis are the teams to beat. I think we will end up in the middle somewhere!

At this point of the interview I asked Coach Shields to give us a run down of the team and the starters at their positions. Here's what he said.

Catcher - Dean Jackson

"Dean is one of our returning lettermen, we have 6 in all. He is a very good defensive catcher and provides leadership. His batting is low, we hope to improve it."

1st Base - Terry Poitra

"He's very sufficient ball player, good all around player. Has to provide more leadership!"

2nd Base - Bud Moses

"Defensively he's our best infielder to this point. He is hitting below average but is working at it!"

3rd Base - Leannie Van Pelt

"Weak all around but is improving probably the fastest of all the players."

SS - Ike Allen

"Rookie! He's a good defensive player at times, his batting is kinda weak!"

Left field - Gay Gensaw

He's a very good hitter, aggressive, and just has to improve on fielding!"

Center Field - Arthur "Coot" Fred

Real weak at the bat only because of lack of experience. He's our best outfielder! He's a whiz on the base path."

Right field - Jack Johnson and Spencer Wilson.

"They share this job and are equal in both hitting fielding. Improving!"

Pitching - Roger Littlegeorge

"He's a good pitcher and has potential for a rookie."

I'd like to at this time to thank the coach for his attention and will talk later on in the season to find out how the are doing!

Roger Littlegeorge

Chemawa J.V. boys snuffed Amity by 27 points Feb. 17, at the Amity High School gym.

Chemawa put on a good press early in the game and went on to a 41 to 19 halftime lead. Myron Boneshirt picked up 16 points in the first half. High scorers of the game were Myron Boneshirt, 21, Tracy Jackson 2, and Faron Whitegrass 10.

The JV's record stands at 15-1 for the season. Dennis Shields is J.V. coach.

CONGRATULATIONS BOYS!

The Braves played their last game of the season at MacLaren on February 24. The final score was Chemawa 87 and MacLaren 70.

The high scorers were Kevin Nichols with 26, Arthur "Coot" Fred with 17, and Alden Kickingwoman with 15.

There were approximately 60 rooters to cheer the team on. The Braves had a winning season with 9 wins and 4 losses. Ed John did a fine job coaching.

Coaches Mike Simpson and Don Bailey report a profitable and interesting season. Starting with 18 and working down to 7 athletes, the team sent four men to the State competition. Two placed Fernando 2, Sandoval, 106 lbs. placed eighth; Raymond Gensaw, 118 lbs, placed fourth. Leo Gensaw and Sammy Butterfly also wrestled at State.

The team participated in 8 tournaments 6 dual meets and won 13 team matches.

Team Members were:

Sammy Butterfly, Captain; Leo Gensaw, Ray Gensaw, Fernandez Sandoval, Monte Munyan, Myron Jim, and Luke Brady. Rita Myers was score keeper.

Wrestling requires more physical, emotional and psychological strength than any other sport. To be a good wrestler, each athlete needs physical body strength, outstanding endurance, knowledge of takedowns, moves and counters, emotional strength (determination) and mat speed (wrestling quickness). Considering all these demands, and the low level of social compensation attainable, the attrition rate is high.

The starting and finishing of the match ceremony are both important to the sport. The reason that this is so important is that the real value of the sport comes with the winning and losing with pride. Wrestling teaches a valuable lesson about life: You can be up one day and down the next, yet productive working life must go on.

A WINNER:

is a part of the answer
has a program
has goals
says, "I'll help."
sees an answer in the problem
says, "It's difficult, but possible."
sees a green near every sandtrap
is always 'up and at'em

A LOSER:

is part of the problem
has an excuse
wanders in a fog
says, "That's not my job."
sees a problem in the answer
says, "It's possible but too hard."
sees two sandtraps near every green
turns over and goes to sleep.

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