

Turnout is Large For Wrestling

Coach Newton of the wrestling says that the turnout of matmen this year is the largest West Linn has ever had, with 42 boys signed up at the present time.

There will be plenty of veterans returning from last years grapplers, with captain Ed Woodworth, 145 lbs., and Jack Reams, 135 lb., both three year lettermen.

Johnny Morrison is a two year letterman in the 95 lb. division, and second place winner in the state meet last year. Eldore Baisch, 125, is another returning letterman. He took second in the Willamette Valley meet last spring. Another letterman who won second place in the W.V.I. last year is Don Stockton, who weighs in at 130.

Les Ream, Bill Thornton, Scratch Etchison, Gene Vinson and Dudley Titus all saw action last year for the Lions. Mr. Newton is well pleased with the turnout. All weights are well represented except the 155 and 165 classes which could both use a couple more men.

Rails and Walls Are Added to Bleachers

Again the bleachers held the spotlight for two days with the addition of rails and side walls. This is for the safety and also to help keep clean the lines and seats. Tending to keep students in the grandstand and not on the side lines furthers the enjoyment for students and parents alike.

Mr. Gary has made the request that this new structure be respected as any other benefit for all and that it be made possible to keep it in top shape at all times.

Hill Military Is Track Meet Host

Last week on November 20th Coach Fors and his hill and dalers traveled to Hill Military Academy at Rock Butte to take part in the Northwest High School Cross Country Championship, which is open to any high school in Oregon, Washington, Idaho or California.

West Linn's cross country boys finished 21st in the entire meet with a score of 376.

Mr. Fors was quoted as saying, "we finished better than expected considering that our boys are largely freshman and sophomores." Coach Fors also stated that he looked forward to a fairly successful Cross Country season next year.

The boys taking part in the varsity race included Raymond Yeoman, Donald Wohl, Maurice Warner, Raymond Scheckla, Lloyd Englert, Herman Evans.

The boys that took part in the junior high school race were Alvin Peters, Junior Bucklin, Henry Quade, William Tedd and John Schness.

Mr. Fors said that the cross country season now being over, is now pointing towards spring track and asks that all boys interested in the spring sport contact him at once.

Season for Lion Cubs Is Good

The West Linn Lion Cubs, last Tuesday, completed a successful gridiron season by trouncing the Canby "B" string 14-7.

This year the cubs have played such teams from Hillsboro, Estacada, Molalla, Canby, and the Oregon City Junior High, giving them an eight game schedule. Of these they lost only one—that being to Molalla. The boys improved with each game and at the close of the season were playing like veterans.

Paced by a backfield composed of G. Wolf, J. Puderbaugh, R. Green, and D. Dennis, the Cubs ran up a total of 62 points to their opponents' 33. In the line those playing stellar ball were E. Booth, R. Ballieu, R. Ellingson, C. Wilkinson, R. Reid, J. Gist, and D. Holden. Also playing their share of consistent ball were Anthony, Van Laningham, Burgess, Silvers, L. Ream, E. Baisch, and Kelt.

"All the boys gained a much needed experience and in another year or two many of them should see a great deal of action on the first string varsity," stated Mr. Tunnell, their coach.

Basketball Witnesses a Large Turnout

By JIM WHIPPLE

Basketball practice opened at West Linn this week with a veteran turnout despite the fact that Coach Brown has lost four lettermen from last year's squad.

Brown and Nixon should be able to assemble an experienced team from the boys who saw action last year. One of the main worries may be the lack of height on the squad, a condition that is likely to make the Lions weak on play off the backboard.

West Linn's tall man will be Randall McLaughlin. West Linn hoopers are Chick Elliot and Earle Merkle, lettermen from last year. McLaughlin, Hoss Herndon, Harley Fuson, Web Webster, Bill Walston, Red Eaden, Harold Ness, and Ike Ivins all played some last year, either on the first string or on the freshman team.

This will be West Linn's first basketball season in the TYV league and the Lions will play a round robin schedule that includes two games each with Tigard, Beaverton, Newberg, Sherwood, Hillsboro and Forest Grove.

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