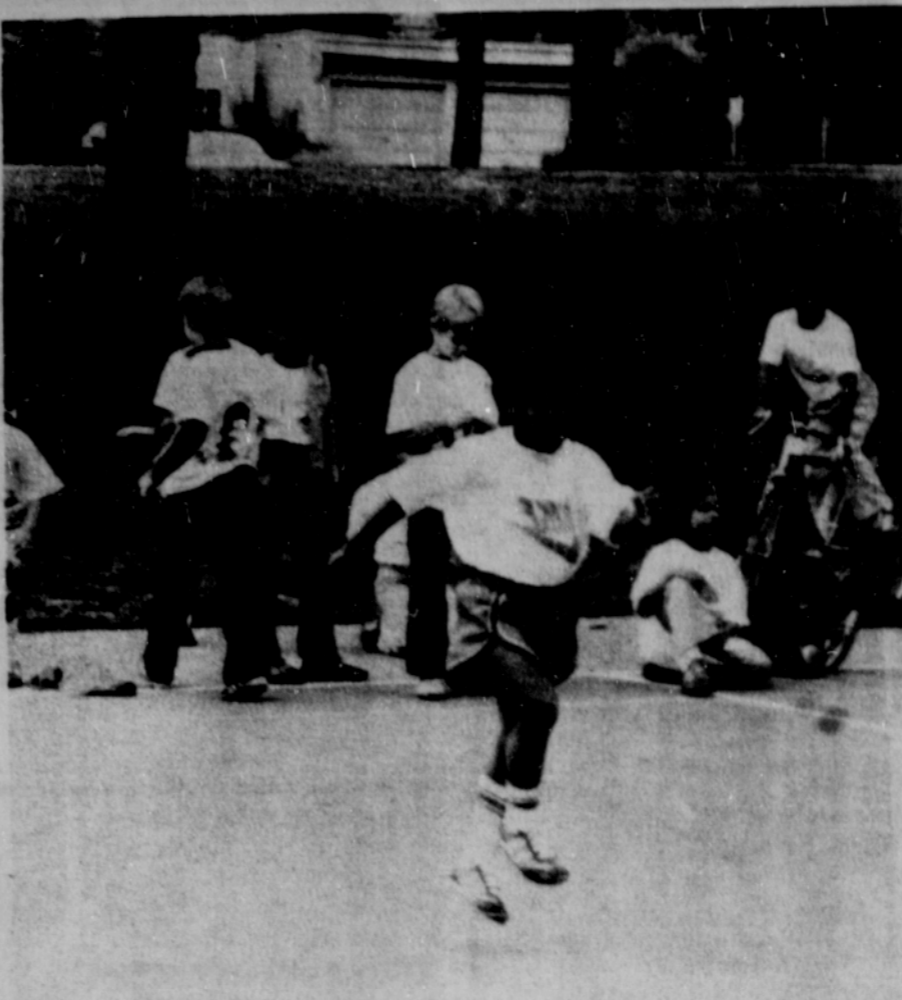




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**Finances unsure**

**High school athletics show successful season**

by Bill Schaefer

Expressing an air of cautious optimism for high school sports during the 1978-79 season, the Oregon School Activities Association nevertheless is keeping its fingers crossed about two potential problem areas. One is financial — an on-going problem — but the other is more unpredictable. That would be the effect on high school sports of a 1½ percent property tax limitation initiative. The proposal is almost certain to appear on the November ballot and few knowledgeable ob-

servers of the scholastic sports scene expect the measure to be rejected. Right now, says John Hilsenteger, assistant executive secretary of the OSAA, the organization's financial structure is sound. "That was probably our biggest achievement last year — being able to finish in good shape financially," Hilsenteger said. "That was due mainly to the fact that we expanded our Class AAA football playoffs from eight to sixteen teams. That helped carry the non-revenue type activities." But whether the OSAA can sustain its financial stability is uncertain.

"Well, we're probably going to get into girls softball next year and depending on how many teams are in the playoffs I expect we'll be in the red for two or maybe three years," Hilsenteger said. "We still pay partial expenses of every athlete in every state tournament so the more activities are added the more expenses are going to go up. So we're looking at a deficit in softball for at least a couple of years."

Only four high school sports make money or are at the break-even point, Hilsenteger said. The Class AAA boys basketball tournament is the big money earner with football second. Baseball revenue is somewhat above the break-even point and income from wrestling "is barely holding its own." Track and field accounts for the largest deficit in the OSAA's budget "only because of the sheer number of athletes involved," Hilsenteger said. Although the OSAA has not as yet examined all the ramifications of what the tax limitation initiative might do to high school athletics in the state, Hilsenteger said some programs would inevitably be in jeopardy if the measure is approved by voters.

"After all, the OSAA is an extension of the high schools in Oregon," he said. "You begin at the local level financing your own program and if the schools are forced to drop a program because of a lack of financing there is no reason to have a state championship in that program. The only way you can have state championships is if the schools want them. We don't just sit around and say, 'We're going to have a state championship.' It must come from the schools."

Another subject that is causing some consternation within the OSAA is the matter of product liability. It was a major issue at last week's National Federation convention. "We don't think the manufacturers of sports equipment are blowing smoke about this," Hilsenteger said. "They (the manufacturers) are getting sued and the courts have been saying that an injured person doesn't have to prove that the merchandise was defective. If the trend continues, the manufacturers may not manufacture the merchandise and we're talking now mostly about football helmets. And if helmets are not manufactured, the kids aren't going to play football."

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