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Twenty Years of Aggie Athletics

In looking back over the past twenty years of Aggie Athletics, many teams, incidents, and individuals stand out in bold relief in my memory. I shall make no attempt to choose "All Star" teams, but rather enumerate my impressions of the outstanding things I remember about the different teams. I do wish to say at the outset that during the years that good sportsmanship has been the outstanding characteristic of Northwest School teams. Our teams have also been characterized by the great physical endurance of the players due to their clean habits of living. Our coaches during the years have been men of high ideals and they have been able to instill those ideals not only into the minds of the players but the student body as well.

"In the beginning": The basketball team of 1911-12 stands out in my memory because of the 569 points they accumulated as a season total and because of the two-man scoring machine in the persons of Elmer Saterstrom and John Bergh. The 1911-12 team had a record of playing sixteen games during the season. The teams of 1914-15 and 1915-16 were high scoring teams. The 1915-16 team under the tutelage of Martinus Stenseth made a clean sweep for the season by defeating all opponents, which included the Northwest School faculty and the second team of the University of North Dakota. Their highest game score for the season was 94 points against North Star College; they also defeated the Farm Husbandry team from Fargo Agricultural College by a score of 72 to 7.

The heaviest team of our basketball history was the team of 1917-18. In that team we had a "Big Four" consisting of C. Lee, C. McRae, M. Rud, and O. Tunheim, with Lee tipping the scales at 204, and a team average of 172 pounds. The "Big Four" team was made up of all new men but they were fast; they made a good record, and lost but one game that year.

The 1918-19 team was the prize "hard luck" team. They started the season without a letterman, school was closed twice because of the "flu" and sickness together with small-pox vaccinations, kept from one to three of the first string men out of every game. The football team of 1919-20 was the "hard luck" football team; the boys that year got a late start but because of the early snow our competitors disbanded before we could get snowshoes made for the players.

Our athletic relationships with the Teachers' Colleges began in 1922 when we won two games from Bemidji in basketball; the following year our team gave Moorhead Teachers the surprise of their lives when they defeated the teachers on their own floor.

Athletics took their greatest spurt at the Northwest School when relationships began with the West Central School at Morris in 1924-25. Our decisive victories in our first encounters with Morris in football in 1924 and in basketball the following year did more than anything else could do to stir up permanent interest in sports. Since this beginning of the contests with Morris, the whole idea of an Agricultural School Conference has developed which with its traditions already established, bids fair to put athletics on a substantial basis at all of the Agricultural Schools.

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