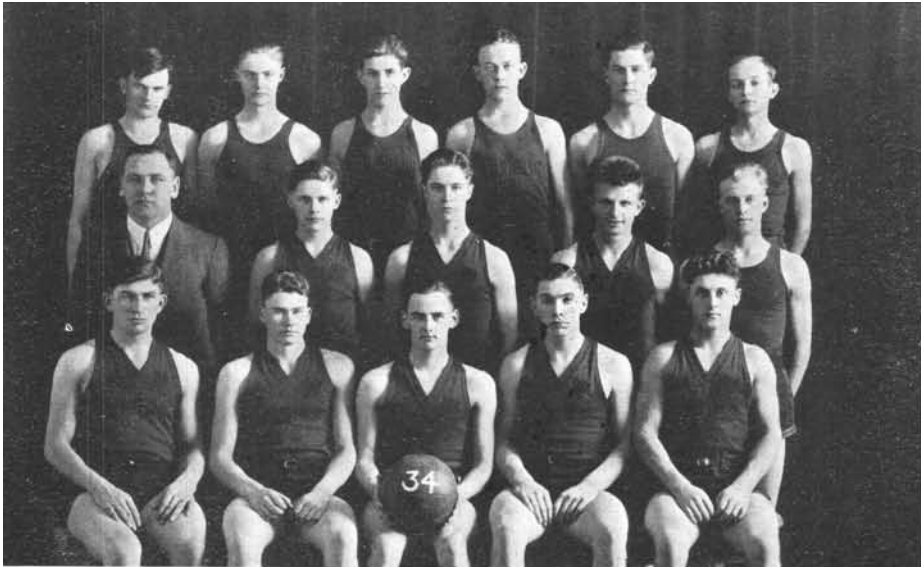


# B A S K E T B A L L



Top Row—M. Morrison, C. Skaren, R. Johansen, O. Larsen, C. Clementson, O. Oistad.  
Middle Row—Coach Christgau, T. Morck, E. Ross, D. Heng, P. Billberg.  
Bottom Row—C. Weckwerth, S. Alseth, R. Lindstrom (Capt.), C. Eeg, R. Sheldon.

The 1933-34 basketball season began shortly before Thanksgiving. The first practices were conducted on an inter-class basis with an elimination tournament to decide the winners as well as to give every candidate an opportunity to show his abilities in an actual game. The Senior and Advanced class teams were so well balanced that this tournament resulted in a tie. The outstanding candidates for the school squad were Captain Rodney Lindstrom, Letterman Stanley Alseth, Carmen Eeg, Clarence Weckwerth, Theos Morck, Elmer Ross and Ralph Sheldon, all experienced players, showed up well in the elimination tournament.

The opening game of the season, played with Thief River Falls on December 8, resulted in a win for Thief River, 34-17. In the next game, with the Bemidji Teachers College, on December 19, we were beaten 19-45. The experienced Teachers were very strong on defense and exceptionally accurate on their shots.

After the Christmas vacation we met Park River on their floor on January 11, in a very hotly contested game which they finally won in the last quarter, 21-17. In this game another trophy was at stake, Park River having provided a little red pig for the winners, for which we will also compete in football next fall.

A two-game trip to Gonvick and Bemidji resulted in a win at Gonvick against the Independents, 40-34, with every man in the game getting his share of baskets. In the Bemidji Teachers' game the first half was well played, the score being 19-15 in their favor at the end of the half. The second half proved a rout, however, the Teachers winning, 42-17.

The Aggies presented a much improved offense on January 27, when they defeated East Grand Forks 19-5 in the first of a two-game series. The first conference game on January 27 was at Grand Rapids, against the North Central Aggies, and proved one of the most thrilling the Northwest school team has

ever played. The Grand Rapids team led most of the way; we went into the lead within a minute and a half of the end of the game as a result of a basket by Morck and were able to maintain the lead until the whistle blew, winning by 26-25.

In the second game with East Grand Forks we continued our advantage over them, defeating them 27-20, with Theos Morck running wild, scoring 12 points.

In the return game with Gonvick on our floor on February 10 we proved too much for them and defeated them decisively 45-32, with many substitutes getting in the game. Eeg in the center played a strong game against their 6-foot-2 pivot man and scored five baskets himself.

On February 17 the Aggies defeated Plummer high school, 26-12. Our set-up plays during the first half, working to perfection, allowed Ross and Weckwerth to score at will. Lindstrom and Eeg, playing a nice passing game, the Plummer team appeared lost on our big floor.

On February 24 we met the St. Paul Aggies. After trailing 21-7 the first half, our boys put on the strongest second half comeback ever seen on our home floor, tying the score, 30-30 at the end of the game. However, with two baskets and two free throws in a five minute over period, to their opponents' single basket, the final score became 36-32 in favor of the Northwest Aggies.

On March 3 the Morris Aggies played here for the final game of the season, both teams being undefeated in Conference games. Morris was conceded the advantage as a result of their easy victories over St. Paul and Grand Rapids, whereas our games with those teams were close. A fast breaking offense and an impregnable defense enabled the Morris team to run their score up to 41 and held our team to 21, thereby upsetting our hopes of winning another championship.