



Athletic Program's Goal: 'Sound Mind - Sound Body'

Basketball, baseball, track, football---sports of all kinds go into a school's curriculum to develop sportsmanship, leadership, and physical fitness---qualities needed throughout an individual's lifetime.

Realizing the essence of added activities, the Ashley Public School of 1912, offered baseball, and girl's basketball, coached by Kate Wynn. The year 1922 brought the first sign of boy's basketball through the efforts of Coach Roscoe Riches. According to the records, no change was made until 1951 when a track team was organized for one year. Track was resumed in 1958 by the present coach, Duane Lane, and has continued. The newest extension to the athletic program was the football squad in 1959.

Since sports history began at Ashley, some of the most outstanding honors and trophies achieved were in 1955 when the boys' basketball team carried away the district and regional championship's along with the state runner's-up trophy. Track at Ashley truly made a name for itself in 1961 when the team received their first trophy as district champions.

Some former coaches were William Martella, Alger Neilsen, and Tom Tober.

Pictured above is the 1912 girls' basketball team:

Bernice Parker, Ruth Cross, Ara Otto, Mary Rose, Hazel Duffmen, and Hope Rose.

Ron Egres, a member of the baseball team for four years, is shown on the right, warming-up before a regional game at Hemlock in 1961.

