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Maroons Stay on Top as Points Pile up

The second report on the 1955 score showed the Maroons to be in continued possession of the lead. At the campfire of July 23, Dave Fergus added up, department by department, a total score of—Maroons, 3356; Greys, 2932. The combined score had been increased by 4153 points during the week, with the Maroons winning 2141 points while the Greys were annexing 2012. The week therefore gave the Maroons a surplus of 129 points and this, added to the 295-point margin of advantage revealed the previous Saturday in the first reading of the score, brought their total lead for the year to 424 points. So early in the season there is certainly nothing decisive in such a score, but it is sufficient to make the immediate prospects distinctly rosy for Captain Hoster and his team.

The Greys, however, had been in there pitching all through the week. Team sports events weighed in for the first time, and in this field the Greys made a clean sweep with victories in the track meet of Sunday, July 17, and the baseball game of Saturday, July 23. In four of the eight departments reporting Achievement Level points the Greys also made the better showing, most notably in Athletics where they completed twenty-six levels worth 875, to twenty-three valued at 790 for the Maroons. The Maroons, however, had a considerably better over-all showing on the week's Achievement Level charts, and this inevitably was the deciding factor.

The eight departments all reported completed levels for the first time at the July 23 campfire, but it was the Athletic Department which continued most industriously to make hay while the sun shone. Athletic levels for the week accounted for 1665 points, while the combined take of the other seven departments only came to 1885. Ray Brown and the other Athletic counselors have the work on the athletic field so well under way that campers are already passing the high-scoring second and third levels at a time of the season usually productive only of first levels. Twenty-two second levels were completed in the Athletic Department during the week, and fourteen thirds.

Achievement Levels, July 17 - July 23

AQUATICS, *Junior B*—First Level: D. Bates.
AQUATICS, *Junior A*—First Level: W. Hauser.
AQUATICS, *Junior A*—Second Level: J. Bobb.
AQUATICS, *Senior*—First Level: B. McCoy.
ATHLETICS, *Junior B Cub*—Third Level: Richard Barnes.
ATHLETICS, *Junior B*—First Level: W. Dudley, S. Hall, R. Wismer.
ATHLETICS, *Junior B*—Second Level: D. Bates, W. Dudley, B. Gardner, T. Hoster, S. Hall, T. Hinners, D. Pickering, C. Pingree, C. Sanders, B. Welton, C. Waters.
ATHLETICS, *Junior B*—Third Level: S. Hoster, G. Parker, C. Sanders, F. Smith, T. Wittig.
ATHLETICS, *Junior A*—First Level: D. Beggs, R. Guthrie, W. Hauser, R. O'Connor, G. Parker, D. Seeger, J. Stoddard.
ATHLETICS, *Junior A*—Second Level: J. Alexander, J. Allen, D. Beggs, C. Fowler, R. Guthrie, W. Hauser, C. Kurtz, R. O'Connor, J. Stoddard.

ATHLETICS, *Junior A*—Third Level: W. Boothby, S. Davies, G. Griffis, N. Granholm, G. McElroy, H. Mihan.
ATHLETICS, *Senior*—First Level: S. Cushman, R. Eckler, L. Smith.
ATHLETICS, *Senior*—Second Level: R. Eckler, L. Smith.
ATHLETICS, *Senior*—Third Level: B. Birch, P. Mayher.
CAMPCRAFT, *Junior B Cub*—First Level: L. Andre, Tim Hirsch, L. Perry, T. Pears.
CAMPCRAFT, *Junior B*—First Level: W. Brewer, R. Cory, D. Fung, M. Hertenstein, T. Hinners, D. LaRue, Tom Tibbals, H. Westwater, R. Weber.
CAMPCRAFT, *Junior A*—First Level: F. Smith, S. Yeaton.
CAMPCRAFT, *Senior*—First Level: S. Cushman, C. Davenport, B. McCoy.
CAMPCRAFT, *Senior*—Second Level: M. Mathews.
CAMPCRAFT, *Senior*—Third Level: M. Mathews.
NATURE, *Junior B Cub*—First Level: T. Pears.
NATURE, *Junior B*—First Level: B. Gardner, D. LaRue.
NATURE, *Junior B*—Third Level: J. Fish.
NATURE, *Junior A*—First Level: W. Acker, R. Alley, D. Connor, J. Denise, D. Hoch, C. Westrater, K. Wheeler, S. Yeaton.
NATURE, *Senior*—First Level: C. Davenport.
SAILING, *Junior B Cub*—First Level: L. Andre, Richard Barnes, B. Connor, Tim Hirsch, L. Perry.
SAILING, *Junior B*—First Level: R. Bennett, D. Casto, B. Gardner, R. Guthrie, D. Hayward, T. Hoster, S. Hall, J. Price, M. Sabback, D. Spears, J. Wolfe.
SAILING, *Junior B*—Third Level: J. Stoddard.
SAILING, *Junior A*—First Level: J. Allen, D. Burr, S. Dexter, D. Hoch, C. Rogers, C. Westrater.
SAILING, *Junior A*—Second Level: E. Granholm.
SAILING, *Senior*—First Level: C. Davenport.
SHOP, *Junior B*—First Level: W. Allen, W. Dudley, T. Hoster, B. Johnson, T. Ultes, R. Wismer.
SHOP, *Junior B*—Second Level: J. Fish.
SHOP, *Junior B*—Third Level: D. Beggs, R. Bennett.
SHOP, *Junior A*—First Level: W. Acker, J. Allen, S. Dexter, D. Hoch, C. Westrater.
SHOP, *Junior A*—Second Level: R. Eckler, W. Hauser.
SHOP, *Senior*—First Level: S. Cushman, L. Espenshade, H. Morton.
TENNIS, *Junior B*—First Level: W. Allen, D. Bates, J. Fung, B. Gardner, R. Goldthwaite.
TENNIS, *Junior B*—Second Level: G. Parker.
TENNIS, *Junior A*—First Level: S. Davies, R. Eckler, L. Espenshade, R. Lamb, G. McElroy.
TENNIS, *Junior A*—Second Level: S. Davies, G. McElroy.
TENNIS, *Senior*—First Level: W. Lovebury.
WRESTLING, *Junior B Cub*—First Level: Tim Hirsch, T. Thomson, R. Welton.
WRESTLING, *Junior B*—First Level: B. Johnson, J. Wolfe.
WRESTLING, *Junior A*—First Level: R. Eckler, R. Lamb.
WRESTLING, *Senior*—First Level: D. Jeffrey.

Range Awards and Swimming Tests

Mr. Windle read the week's lists of those winning Range awards at the Saturday campfire. To be strictly accurate, it was the complete list of those winning such awards since the opening of the season which he read. Kawanhee's consignment of National Rifle Association medals had arrived since the campfire of July 16, and Mr. Windle took the opportunity of presenting medals to the season's accumulated winners, thereby creating a mild stampede of Pro-Marksmen across the Council Ring. Those who completed the requirements for awards in the period between July 16 and July 23 were as follows:

Pro-Marksmen: S. Davies, S. Hall, T. Hoster, B. Johnson, H. Mihan, C. Sarich, C. Westrater.
Marksmen: D. Burr, S. Davies, H. Mihan, N. Perkins, C. Rogers, M. Sabback, C. Sanders, C. Sarich, W. Wassell.
Marksmen First Class: R. Eckler, W. Wassell.
Sharpshooter: R. Bennett, T. Hansberger, D. Spears.

From time to time during the week, Mr. Welton announced the names of campers who had successfully made the lake or cove swims. The lists of these swimmers grow more significant as the season advances. During the first weeks of the summer such lists are merely a matter of the classification of already experienced swimmers. Later, however, lake and cove swims are made chiefly by those who have come to camp as undeveloped swimmers, and sometimes as complete non-swimmers. As the tests become more and more a measure of important progress in swimming ability, the announcements concerning them become more and more the occasions for enthusiastic applause. There follows the list for the week of July 16-23:

Cove Swim: R. Cory, J. Fish, E. Griffiths, T. Hinnens, R. Porter, B. Welton, C. Waters.

Lake Swim: W. Acker, Richard Barnes, D. Beggs, J. Bobb, W. Borel, J. Fish, E. Griffiths, M. Hertenstein, S. Hall, B. Johnson, W. Lovebury, L. Perry, N. Robbins, W. Roys, D. Spears, J. Sarich, H. Westwater, R. Weber, C. Westrater.

Notable Visitors Appear too Briefly

Among the visitors recently welcomed to the shores of Webb Lake were several whose presence recalled some of the happiest chapters of Kawanee history. The Very Rev. and Mrs. Sidney E. Sweet of Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, stopped over at Kawanee Inn on July 20 and 21 on their way home to Missouri after a New England vacation trip. Two days as usual proved all too short for reminiscing about the years in the 1920's and '30's when Dean Sweet was Kawanee's tennis counselor and when his Bass Rock vesper services provided every contemporary member of the Kawanee tribe with experiences never to be forgotten.

Of the same notable Kawanee vintage are Mr. and Mrs. Noel Piersche of Columbus, Ohio, who returned to Weld on July 21. Noel was, for twenty years or more, the head of the camp's shop work, while Mrs. Piersche first came to Kawanee as the camp nurse in the mid-Twenties. They are spending a week in "Horatio", the cabin near the Inn which has been traditionally theirs for many summers. The old-home-week atmosphere received another boost with the arrival at the Inn of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Beggs, of Columbus. Dave was a camper when Mr. Sweet and Mr. Piersche were counselors, but checked in this year as a camp father, just in time to congratulate son Dan on swimming the lake.

Mention of Kawanee fathers and sons provides a reminder that Charles Windle spent the week in these parts. Not only is he the son of Howell Windle, but he is also the grandson of Kawanee's original Chief, Mr. H. C. Marshall. Charlie himself ran the gamut of Kawanee, from Eagle to Senior Counselor, in the 1930's and early '40's. With Mrs. Windle and their daughter, Holly, he was enjoying a brief vacation, with emphasis on the water skis, in the company of his parents at their cottage up the lake, preliminary to taking off for the oil fields of Abadan and a new position with an Iranian oil company.

Heavy Traffic to Tumbledown and Popham

During the week, the trip program went into high gear. In the period between Tuesday morning, July 19, and Friday evening, July 22, more than a hundred campers participated in six expeditions, and it became a standard feature of mid-week evenings to hear a truckload of travelers roll back into camp with the even enthusiastic cheer for "Bates, Bates, Bates" announcing their return.

Tuesday and Wednesday found a party of Bears and other Master Campers exploring part of the Tumbledown-Jackson range under the leadership of Dean Miller. The group devoted Tuesday afternoon to the standard Tumbledown trip up the "Old" trail and returned to spend the night in the Maranacook base camp at the foot of this trail. Next morning the climbers struck out into rough country with the summit of Big Jackson as their first objective. From that peak they hiked along the top of the range, across the crest of Little Jackson and down to the Tumbledown lake where they picked up the old trail and returned to their camp to complete the loop.

The Eagles, Falcons and Panthers also took to the hills on Tuesday when, with Dick Taylor and Fred Hoster, they climbed Mt. Bald to eat their supper on the summit. Berry-picking appears to have been a feature of this climb. When asked in the course of an exclusive interview whether he found the berrying good, Eagle T. Thomson remarked feelingly "You can say that again!"

The Popham Beach trip is one of the best liked on the Kawanee schedule. On a recent questionnaire, it was elected by eighty-three campers. Bates ran off two heats of the popular expedition on Wednesday and Thursday, July 20 and 21. The first group of eighteen included the Lynx and Moose with Chip Robart and Dan Keck, and the second day's party of thirty-three was made up of Crows, Deers and Hawks under convoy of Neil Gest and Mike Smith. Popham is situated near the end of one of Maine's long coastal peninsulas south of Bath, and is reached by a trip of several hours in the Bouncing Buggy. The journey has two main attractions. One is a massive stone fort of the Civil War period, long abandoned and now a state park, which is ideal for exploration by all with either an historical or a cops-and-robbers turn of mind. The second and longer stop is made at Popham's magnificent white sand beach which presents a sweep of several miles to the waves rolling in from the Atlantic. The surf bathing here is something to be long remembered, and the unusually warm weather of the week made these dips even more enjoyable than usual.

The season's second mineral trip occurred on Friday when Forrest Dexter and Ted Nelson took a small group from the Pine Tree and Hawk lodges on a round of not-too-distant mines. Good luck attended the party when it visited some pits on Black Mountain in Andover not previously investigated by Kawanee mineralogists. Not only did the collectors find varieties of minerals new to their collections, but they also discovered much larger and more desirable specimens of the more standard minerals.

Friday also saw the Moose Lodge, led by Ray Brown and Art Downey, departing on an overnight Tumbledown expedition. The party used the regular Tumbledown trail, had a swim in the icy little lake on top, and investigated Fat Man's Misery for the fun of squeezing through that spectacular slit in the face of the cliff.

Baker Leads Bird-and-Bug Quest

Something new in the way of a Nature Department expedition was introduced Saturday morning when Mr. Bateman took Miss Baker, Ted Nelson and eleven aspiring naturalists on a short bird-and-bug trip. The first stop was made at the "government house" on Center Hill where cliff swallows are nesting. These beautiful birds and their remarkable nests, looking more like something built by wasps than like the usual stick-and-straw structures of birds, were observed with great interest. Tree swallows and barn swallows, as well as bluebirds, were also to be seen in considerable numbers on Center Hill. The next stop on the trip, at a small pond, flushed a pair of black ducks and offered a good look at some kingfishers. The entomological wing of the excursion had its innings in the fields at the foot of Tumbledown where the heavy growth of milkweed had attracted bees and butterflies in great numbers. Vigorous net-work by Larry Espenshade and other collectors brought in a nice catch of fritillaries, a wood nymph or two, a Compton's Tortoise and several Monarchs, the last of which are making an early appearance this year. Quantities of bees and beetles were caught as well but have not yet been identified.

It was a most promising first venture with a type of trip which may of necessity become a part of the Nature Department schedule. The spraying along the lake shore to discourage the mosquitoes at the same time reduces the whole insect population, and this in turn leads to a reduction of the bird population normally supported by the insects. For collectible insects, and for the completion of those lists of twenty birds, it is therefore becoming necessary to go beyond the immediate neighborhood of the camp and into the unsprayed areas of the valley.

Yenser's Return Enlivens Quiet Week End

The week end found Kawanhee going easy and devoting more time to long rest hours than to the usual strenuous athletic or aquatic clashes between Maroons and Greys. The camp was suffering a mild visitation of a form of "twenty-four hour flu" which is currently very prevalent in Maine and New England, and which is attributed by medical observers to the prolonged and unusual spell of heat and humidity. The standard Kawanhee version consisted of a brief sore throat, a degree or two of temperature, a much increased appetite for sleep, complete recovery under the rest treatment within a couple of days, and then twenty-four precautionary and involuntary hours of remaining in bed to make sure that there could be no recurrence of the fever. Dr. Garfield Defoe, of Dixfield, who was checking Kawanhee daily, advised extra rest as the best preventative as well as a major contribution to every cure, so Kawanhee spent the week end with its motor idling, and the spread of "the bug" was effectively checked. It evidently wasn't a very impressive bug anyway, since the doctor didn't think to dignify it by calling it a virus!

The Maroon-Grey Saturday sports program was reduced to the softball game played in the morning. If the afternoon, when the bell finally rang for the end of rest hour at three o'clock, seemed a bit tame without the usual water meet, it was pepped up before long by the somewhat prodigal-style arrival of Herb Yenser, returning for his second summer as a Kawanhee counselor.

Herb is in charge of music at Upper Arlington High School in Columbus, Ohio. A year ago his musical projects

in camp, particularly the large and enthusiastic Glee Club which he organized and led, made a great contribution to the general enjoyment of the season. His return has been delayed until this late date by a full schedule which has kept him on the jump since the end of school. The week of June 17-23 he spent at Lakeside, Ohio, as the Musical Director for the Central Ohio Methodist Youth Institute, leading a choir of 160 at each service. The following week found him at Camp Lazarus. Herb is Scout Master of the largest Scout troop in Ohio and had thirty of his fifty boys with him at this Scout camp in central Ohio. After spending ten days with his parents in Fostoria, Ohio, he went on to Delaware Water Gap, Pennsylvania, for a session in Fred Waring's Advanced Choral Workshop. The course included the production of two TV shows and, out of a class of 140 teachers from thirty-six states, Herb was one of the two chosen by Mr. Waring to act as producers. Herb's show was *It's a Big, Wide, Wonderful World*. Immediately upon his return to Kawanhee he had the situation well in hand musically, and stirred up Saturday supper by leading the assembled camp in a spirited rendition of *Old MacDonald*.

The Saturday evening campfire was convened on Council Point. Sunday morning, however, a most welcome wind was blowing down the lake out of the Gap, making it necessary to hold the morning service in the Recreation Hall, where Dr. Elmore's wonderful sermon recounted the stories of many of the boys in the Bible. That afternoon the members of the Beaver, Birch and Deer lodges made the popular trip to Coos Canyon with Bates, while a Senior group headed for Dixfield and a hardball game with a local team. With the exception of Dean Miller's brief concluding talk, the vespers in the Recreation Hall that evening were entirely devoted to music, with Klaus Thomas playing two piano solos and Herb Yenser leading the rapidly revived Glee Club in its first two numbers of the year, *I Believe*, and *We'll Go a Long Way Together*.

Pictures of Russian Trip Shown in Camp

Sunday evening after *Taps* the campers from the Senior side of camp, as well as the counselors and other staff members, had the privilege of hearing Prof. Richard Powell of the Columbia Law School speak on his recent trip to Russia and Czechoslovakia and of seeing the pictures which he took in the course of his journey. Prof. Powell, who served as chairman of Columbia's bicentennial celebration in 1954, was one of a delegation of two representing Columbia at the ceremonies celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of the University of Moscow. He made his journey only recently, leaving New York on May 3, and spent ten days in Moscow. Before returning from behind the Iron Curtain, he spent a few days in Prague as well.

For his camp audience Prof. Powell first showed the colored pictures which he took on his flight via Scotland and Sweden, in the course of his stay in Moscow, and during his visit in Czechoslovakia. The pictures, handsome in themselves and frequently spectacular when dealing with the flamboyant architecture of old Russia, were particularly engrossing in the glimpses they gave of the modern city of Moscow, and of the historic palaces and monasteries visited by the academic delegates. Prof. Powell accompanied his pictures with a running commentary of great interest, and concluded his program by giving his general impressions of such phases of life behind the Iron Curtain as he had been able to observe. It was an experience of great value

to hear so informed a first-hand account of a trip into the very heart of contemporary history, and it was an experience which the whole audience appreciated and enjoyed immensely.

C. SCARLETT

Athletics Nab Half of League Top Spot

Rickey Eckler's Kansas City Athletics grabbed half of the top rung in the Junior A hardball league July 19 when they stopped the Chicago White Sox, 2-1. Idle with a bye during the week, Quincey Rodgers' Detroit Tigers held onto the other half of the top spot. In the week's other game, the Indians dropped the Red Sox solidly into last place in an 18-10 slugfest, July 18.

Throwing a two-hitter, Tahly Krumm cut short a Chisox rally in the last of the fifth to save the game for the A's. Bill Lovebury doubled home Bill Bayley in that inning to spoil Krumm's shutout.

Nelson Robbins singled and scored on two errors in the top of the fifth for what proved to be the winning run for the A's. Captain Eckler singled, moved to third on two successive passes which loaded the bases, and came home with the Athletics' first run on Rickey Lamb's single to center.

The Indians came up with two six-run innings in that 18-10 slugfest. They plated a half-dozen each in the second and fourth innings, plus five in the third and one in the first. Center Sanders led the hitters with two home runs in three official trips to the plate. Bases on balls played a prominent part in the game. The winning pitcher, Barry Birch, passed eleven, and Dick Duvall walked 16 for the losers.

A quick look at the standings shows the Athletics and Tigers on top with 1-0 records (each had a bye during the first two weeks), the Indians and Chisox tied for third at 1-1, and the Red Sox bringing up the rear at 0-2.

Slated for the week of July 24-30 were two games — the Indians vs. the Athletics on July 25 and the Red Sox vs. the Tigers on July 26. The White Sox had the week's bye.

Trips again handicapped the younger leagues' play. In the Junior B Cub League, Tim Hirsch's Yankees have still to meet the Dodgers of Roy Welton in the league opener. They did, however, get in a one-inning practice game July 21, which ended with the Yankees leading 3-1.

Though the trips played havoc with their schedule too, the Junior B hardballers did get in two games. Charles Sarich's Brooklyn Dodgers licked the Cincinnati Redlegs of Fritz Smith 4-2 in one game. In the other, the Milwaukee Braves, captained by Doug Connor, outplayed Russ Bennett's Chicago Cubs to the tune of 7-2.

Grey Batsmen Romp all over Maroons

Opening the annual Maroon-Grey baseball competition July 23, the Greys applied a 16-0 shutout to the Maroons, the worst drubbing in the recent history of the series.

The combined no-hit pitching of Jim Murphy and John "Abe" Whitney added to the lopsidedness of the four-inning contest. Murphy started, going the first three innings, and Abe came on to work the fourth. Only three Maroons reached base off the duo, all on walks. Fred Hoster and Rickey Eckler drew successive passes in the third, and Todd Tibbals got a free base in the fourth.

The Greys scored their first six runs without a base hit in the first inning, making use of seven walks, an error, and a hit batsman. In the second, Whitney led off with a double to the tennis courts in left field, and later followed it up with a double to the same spot to drive in the seventh of eight runs scored in that inning. The other two runs scored on two hits and three errors in the third.

Phil Mayher started on the mound for the Maroons and went two-thirds of the first inning. With six runs across and the bases loaded, Captain Fred Hoster called on Jack Allen to put out the fire. Allen got Murphy to hit into a forceout at the plate to end the inning. From there Allen went the rest of the way.

D. FERGUS

Rally Fails to Save Camp from Dixies

On Sunday, July 24, the Kawanhee ball players met the Dixfield "Dixies" in the latter's ball park, and came out on the losing end of a 6-5 game.

The Kawanhees loaded the bases in the first, and Don Ponzani scored the first run of the game. Dixie second baseman Harlow, right fielder Nash, and third baseman Rock all slammed singles in their half of the first. These, with two bases on balls off Jim Gest, made the tally at the end of the inning 5-1 in favor of Dixfield.

At this point Amos Whitney relieved Gest. Whitney walked only one, striking out seven, while the Dixie pitcher, Farrar, passed seven and struck out five. Whitney allowed three hits, while Farrar allowed nine. In the time that Gest pitched, he allowed three hits and passed one.

The game was without further scoring until Dixfield made what proved to be the winning run on a steal of home in the sixth. The Kawanhees then staged a rally in the seventh inning when Neil Gest led off with a walk. Jim Gest followed up with a single, moving Neil to third with one out. Murphy walked and Duncan whammed a single to center. He moved on to second on a wild throw, then scored on Don Thibodeau's fly-out to left. The rally was cut short with Wilson's strike-out, making the tally 6-5.

TONY HIRSCH