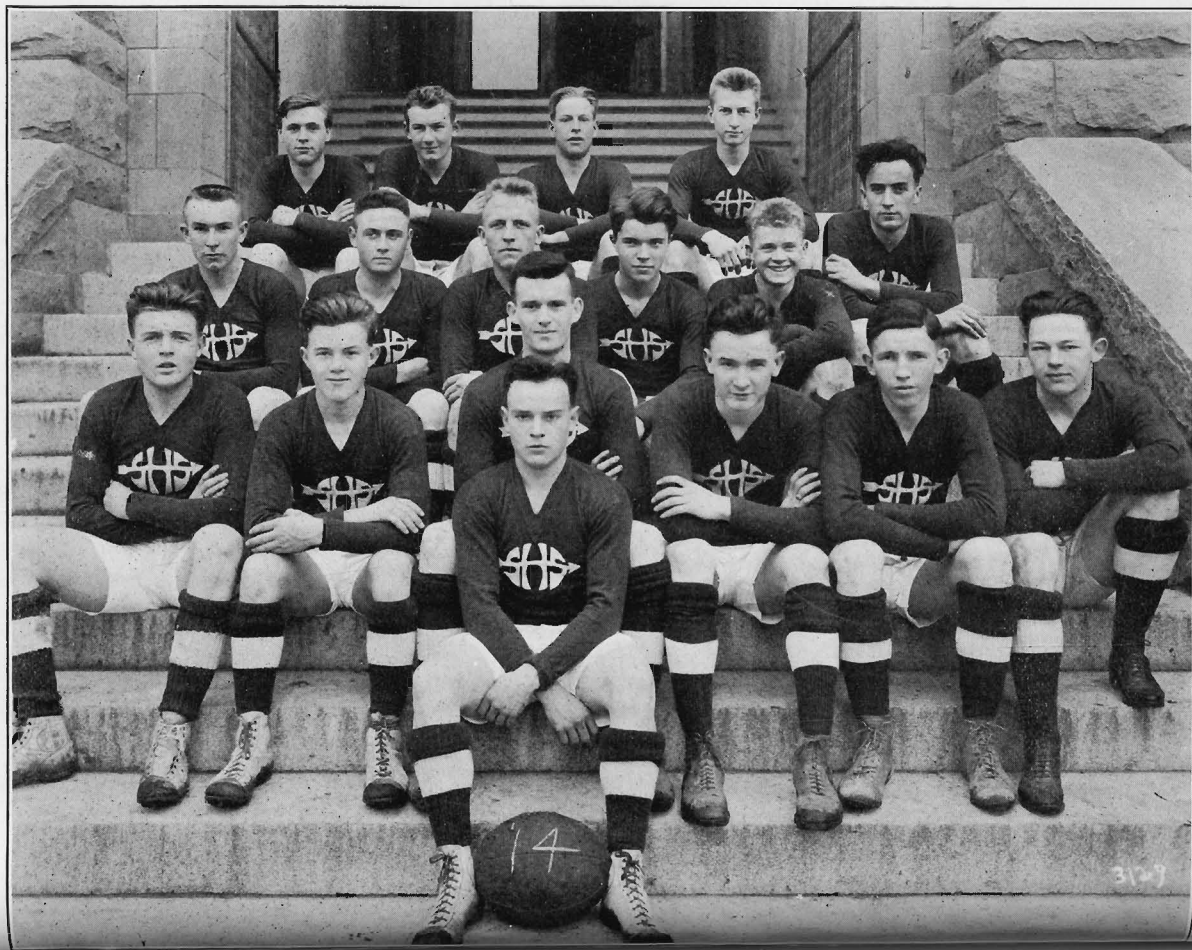




Gee! It's Hard to Decide What to be.



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# Football

This year's football team was the best uniformed team that Stockton High School has produced since adopting Rugby. Through Coach Elliot the men were given the real game of Rugby, and notwithstanding the many difficulties under which they worked, a fine team was produced.

The team was placed in a disadvantageous position at the start. The field was not in shape and consequently the asylum ground, which was used for the first month, was very hard on the new men. The present gymnasium was far from complete at the start of the season and the men used the basement for a dressing room. However, with all these disadvantages the team worked hard and faithfully, and though the few games played may not show this, the manner in which the men played in those games was more than the score.

All of Stockton High's team have played hard, and they have played the game clean, which is more to their credit than the largest list of scores that was ever piled up.

Next year's team should be "one wonderful team." A few men will be lost by graduation, but their places will be filled by members of this year's second team. The turf field will aid those who are playing to show more speed, and will be much more inviting to those who are just trying out, and we wish Captain Leffler and his team the best of success.

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# The Year in Basket Ball

By Rajah, '15

Basket ball, the king of indoor sports, was not successful as far as putting out a league champion is concerned, but it was highly successful both in a financial way and in furnishing a game that anyone could play, owing to the larger number and grades of the teams.

At the beginning of the season, Coach Elliott organized something new (in this school, at least) when squads of 80, 90, 100, 120, 130 and 140 pounds were created. These, together with the first and second teams, made it possible for all to "play the game."

The 80, 90, 100 and 145 pound teams were not entered in the P. A. A., but they played quite a few contests during the year. The 145 pound squad beat Berkeley High School's fast aggregation on the Berkeley open court by a score of 38-32, and on the same day the 100 pound team was defeated by the Berkeley infants, 28-20. The 89-90 team won three contests with local grammar school quintets. These three squads were made up as follows:

80-90 pounds—Burns, Stribley, Sweem, J. MacKenzie, Tobenkin, Sala, Wilkinsen, Branson, Williams, Roberts, Valberde, Wells, Powell and Garrow.

100 pounds—J. Mackenzie (captain), Sprague, Rider, Westphal, La Veau, Schaffer, Frankenheimer, Bowen.

145 pounds—Davis, Hubner, Ahern, Johnson, Gadbury, Eves, Vogel-sang, Parker.

## 120 Pounders

The fast little 120 pound five managed to fight their way into the C. I. F. semi-finals under the capable captaincy of Bur Higby, losing the semi-final contest at Fresno in a hard fought game. The 120 pound quintet wore the uniforms of last year's fast Y. M. C. A. Pirates, and the same Jynx that followed that unfortunate team must have followed the suits to the local squad. At any rate, the 120 pounders deserve great praise for their plucky fight for the championship. Higby, Graham, Sprague, Allec, Hornage, Dodo, Cruz, Sinai, Fay and Powers composed the squad, whose work for the season resulted as follows:

S. H. S. 120 vs. Stockton 130 pound Athletics—Lost.

S. H. S. 120 vs. S. H. S. 130 pound (2 games)—Won 2.

S. H. S. 120 vs. Berkeley 120 pound—Won.

S. H. S. 120 vs. Fresno 120 pound—Lost.

Total—Won 3, lost 2.

## 130 Pounders

The 130 pound squad, under Ralph Hickinbotham, won the first game of the season, against U. C., but fell down utterly after that contest, losing four straight games. Berkeley High School slipped over a 36-34 win on the local lads, and the Stockton Athletic Club beat them out for the P. A. A. sub-league title. The team looked strong on paper, but failed to work well together and the breaks of the game were against them. The 130 pounders were R. Hickinbotham (captain), R. Higby, Brown, Holland, Neumiller, Hardacre, Stout, Wallace, K. MacKenzie. The season closed in this way:

S. H. S. 130 pound vs. U. C. 130 pound—Won.

S. H. S. 130 pound vs. S. H. S. 120 pound (2 games)—Lost 2.

S. H. S. 130 pound vs. Stockton Athletic 130 pound—Lost.

S. H. S. 130 pound vs. Berkeley 130 pound—Lost.

Total—Won 1, lost 4.

## The Varsity

So much for the weight teams. The blue and white varsity showed every indication of cleaning up the state at the beginning of the season, but the loss of Laveaga and the inability of Lee Hickinbotham to take part, together with Captain Cy's absence from the line-up, put a serious crimp in the pennant hopes, and when the end of the season arrived the blue and white warriors were put out of the running, losing at Woodland.

To start the season off well, Stockton slapped a defeat on our old rivals, Lodi, and the fans were wild over the clock-work regularity of the baskets. McKenzie and Hickinbotham worked at the forward positions like "champs," and Laveaga at center hit the basket with amazing frequency, while Kohle and Comfort held the opposition in check in great style. Then came that long-talked-of game with the Oakdale "Heckers," when the blue and white ran up a total of 99 points while the crowd clamored for 100, and Oakdale went home with a measly 10. Lee Hickinbotham scored 37 points. The next game was with Turlock, who had beaten the Stockton boys once before, but who failed to repeat and went down to a 33 to 24 score.

Just when prospects seemed brightest, Laveaga was forced to leave school, and the shifting around in developing a center hurt the team work of the squad.

### Davis 21, Stockton High School 18

However, the local boys were not discouraged and by shifting Lee Hickinbotham to center and putting "Pat" Patterson at forward with McKenzie, stacked up against Davis U. C. Farm, and game "Puss" Neistrath's pets a big scare, losing out by three points. Superior weight told against the local lads, who put up a game fight.

### C. I. F. Victory Over Sacramento

Blow followed blow, and right after Laveaga quit school it was found that Lee Hickinbotham could not play because of his studies. Then when the night of the Sacramento game came around, "Doc" Comfort could not play because of outside work, and the blue and white, much to the gloom of the loyal rooters, started the game with a strange line-up, with Raggio in center, Burgess and Kohle guards, and Patterson and McKenzie forwards. But the gloom faded away before a tide of enthusiasm when the local team, with splendid determination, fought every inch of the way and performed the almost impossible feat of downing Sacramento 41 to 18 in a C. I. F. contest.

### Woodland the Jinx

But the trip to Woodland, like the football trip, was disastrous to Stockton and the chances for the C. I. F. title went glimmering away when the northerners pasted a defeat on the local hopes. However, there remained a slim chance in the Lodi game, for if Lodi could be defeated Stockton might get another crack at Woodland. Consequently a trainload of rooters journeyed to the north San Joaquin center and saw the blue and white bow before the proud red and gold of Lodi by a score of 18 to 19. Stockton was minus the services of Lee Hick and this told in the result.

### Turlock and Davis

Although out of the C. I. F., Coach Elliott arranged to play some outside games. The squad journeyed to Davis and came back with a big defeat, and when they went down to Turlock another nice beating was slipped to the blue and white.

## Hope for Next Year

“Old Man” Hickinbotham determined to close the season with a victory, so he had “Slim” Curtis and “Shovel” Spayd, Jr., reinstated in the good graces of amateur officials and picked a fight with Berkeley High. So anxious was Cy to get a crowd to help his hopefuls to success that he passed out tickets at ten cents per, and the big new gym was packed to the rafters. With Curtis at center, who can reach up and lay the ball in the basket; Spayd and Kohle at guard, and Hickinbotham and Comfort forwards, the blue and white closed up the season of 1914-15 with a win, and “Cy” felt good again. Berkeley didn’t have a chance, and it is safe to say that if Spayd, Kohle, Lee Hick, Patterson and Curtis return to school there will be another championship quintet in ’15-’16.

The 1915 varsity was as follows:

- Forwards—Lee Hickinbotham, McKenzie and Patterson.
- Center—Laveaga, Raggio and Curtis.
- Guards—Burgess, Kohle, Comfort, Leffler and Spayd.

The record for the year fololws:

	Won	Lost
S. H. S. vs. Turlock High School .....	1	2
S. H. S. vs. Oakdale High School .....	1	0
S. H. S. vs. Stockton Y. M. C. A. ....	1	1
S. H. S. vs. Lodi High School .....	1	1
S. H. S. vs. Sacramento High School .....	1	0
S. H. S. vs. Woodland High School .....	0	1
S. H. S. vs. Davis U. C. Farm.....	0	2
S. H. S. vs. Berkeley High School.....	1	0
Total.....	6	7

Lee Hickinbotham, captain for 1916, scored forty points in two games, one with Turlock and the other with Oakdale. “Doc” Comfort made the most fouls, while McKenzie scored most free throws.





BASEBALL TEAM



# Baseball '15

The baseball outlook for 1915 was very encouraging in the early spring. Owing to the weather conditions, the team was a little late in getting to work. However, when the weather did clear up, it started with a flash. The fellows were full of vim and were out fighting for their positions. The team has been working under difficulties in not having a diamond near the school, but they have been faithful nevertheless.

When practice started on the lawn there were twenty-two men on hand, determined to make positions on the team. After two weeks of work, we changed pastures and practice was held at Oak Park. Owing to the large number of players trying out for positions, it was necessary to cut down the squad, so Coach Elliott applied the "weeding out" process and reduced the number to fifteen, a far simpler number to handle. Fielding, batting, bunting and sliding practice was indulged in, and before leaving the grounds they were led by the captain on a run around the field before taking their showers, which were a mile away. In a short time the team became very efficient and was ready to meet all comers.

The first game was played with the All Stars, a team composed of leaguers and semi-professional ball players. We won, batting against such pitchers as Fields, Remington and Lagorio. The score:

	R.	H.	E.
S. H. S. ....	7	5	1
All Stars .....	6	5	2

Batteries—Holland, Burgess, Bolton; Fields, Remington, Lagorio, Grennan.

Our next game was with the Chinese team, the champions of China. I might also say at this point that the little brown men have a fine team and are a splendid lot of fellows. The score was decidedly in their favor. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Chinese .....	9	7	1
S. H. S. ....	3	2	5

Batteries—Yuan and Kuan; Wilson, Holland, Mackenzie.

The practice games that we played with teams about town were easy pickings for us. The teams, in order, that tasted defeat were All Stars, Western Normal, Commercial College, Heald's College, Faculty from Stockton Grammar Schools, and the Stockton Athletic Club.

On April 24th the team journeyed to Turlock to cross bats with the high school team from that town. As this was not a league game and we allowed them to use other than their regular team, we were defeated. The score:

	R.	H.	E.
Turlock .....	9	11	1
S. H. S. ....	5	9	3

Batteries—Olsen and Cole; Holland, Burton and Mackenzie.

On May 1st Sacramento came down unexpectedly after the game had been called off on account of bad weather. We nevertheless got the team together and played. The game was a very poor exhibition



GIRLS' BASKET BALL TEAM

of baseball on both sides. This game was for the championship of this division of the C. I. F. This was the game in which the fellows won their block "S." We came out on the long end of the score. Dan Alley was the hero of this game, gathering three hits out of four trips to the plate. The score:

	R.	H.	E.
S. H. S. ....	9	12	6
Sacramento .....	8	7	1

Batteries—Wilson, Mackenzie, Alley; Daly, Bret.

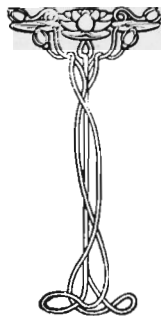
On Saturday, May 8th, we played Lowell High of San Francisco, last year's champion of the A. A. L. This was a very good exhibition of baseball on both sides. Both pitchers were in rare form and it was a pitchers' battle throughout. It was an errorless game and the hits were scarce. We outhit Lowell and deserved to win. This put a feather in our hat, as Lowell is considered one of the fastest teams in the state. This shows that we have a good chance for the championship. Score:

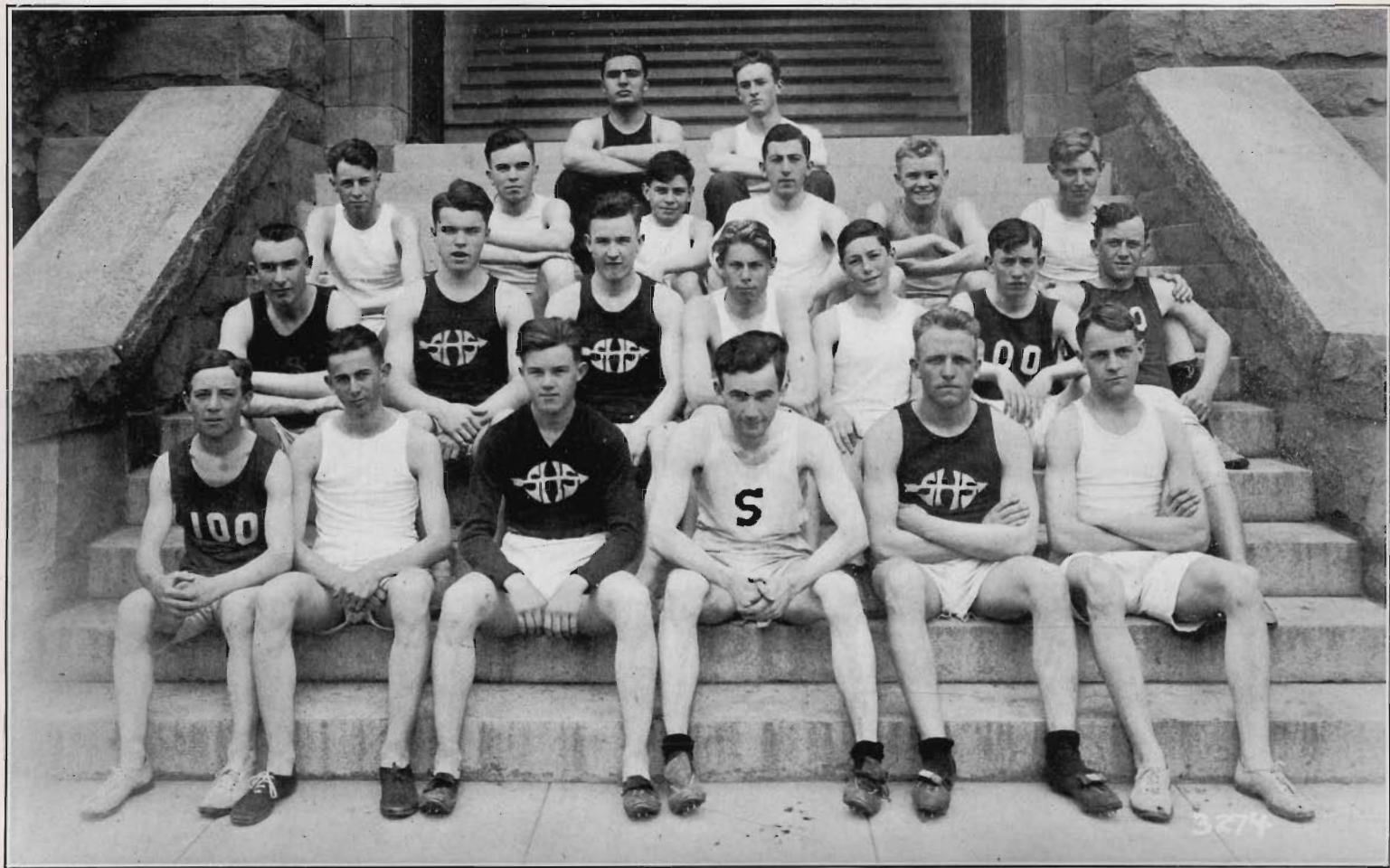
	R.	H.	E.
S. H. S. ....	4	8	0
Lowell .....	3	6	0

Batteries—Wilson, Alley; Cole, Crawford.

At the time of this writing we are still in the finals, with two or three games to be played. Those who have won their block "S" are Alley, Allec Wilson, Burton, Sprague, Patterson, Bolton, Robinson and Captain Mackenzie. Two or three others would have undoubtedly won their letter if it was not for injuries at the time of the game. They still have a chance of doing so. They are Russell Higby, R. Dunne, L. Burgess and M. Graham. I only hope the outcome will be favorable and of honor to the school.

A. M. MACKENZIE, Capt.





TRACK TEAM

# Department of Physical Education

It is impossible to have a healthy mind without a healthy body. True, history tells us of many powerful and highly productive intellects housed in a weak or degenerate body, but these are by no means the rule. We should draw our conclusions from the average, not the exceptions. Results derived from experiments in the field of physical education lead us to believe that many notable intellects of the above class would have added a great deal more to the profit and store of the world's knowledge had their lives been longer and vitalized by reasonable observance of bodily needs.

The statement made by Dr. Butler of Columbia University is very striking from a physical education standpoint. The statement that a sound body determined three things, a physical test of muscle, heart and lungs comparable to the best for military efficiency should be required for entrance to university life is extreme, taken in the narrow sense, but taken in the light of the physical educator of the future, it embodies a great truth.

The object of this department is the good health of all the students. Suitable outdoor activity is recommended to fit individual needs after a physical examination. Should a student invite impairment of health by neglect of prescribed physical exercise, the faculty should give assignments of courses accordingly, since health and vigor are fundamental to a sound mind and subsequent success.

One other point before closing this brief outline, in reference to play I wish to quote from "Mind and Body"; "Play as a training in application." That certainly sounds like a paradox, and yet every one knows that play is the first thing in life to give rise to that peculiar overwhelming eagerness which alone can bring every atom of one's strength into action. Ability to focus one's whole mind upon an understanding and to apply one's whole body in concentrated effort is what we all need most; and vigorous competition play serves better than anything else, if indeed there is anything else to create it.

Intense and eager application! That means not only an escape from laziness and apathy, but eagerness as the only thing in the world that defies fatigue. A healthy boy can put forth an amazing amount of physical effort and be fresh at the end of a day of play, and a man whose habit of application is so highly developed that it assumes a quality of eagerness and never fails in absolute singleness of purpose; is there any limit to what such a man can do? Likewise have you ever seen that, of a "Hamburg Dog of Louis" while playing a game of baseball?

Every one should have an activity out of doors if possible. My space is too limited to show that activity, big muscle activity, is absolutely essential for complete development, both mental and physical. I would like to have the sentence, "What is your activity?" answerable by every single student. This will be our aim to bring this about next year. There are to be added new opportunities for enjoyment and development, so from the following make a selection: Tennis, baseball, football (Rugby and Soccer), basket ball, volley ball, track, indoor, gymnasium contests and activities, boating, canoeing, swimming, diving, water polo, and other aquatic sports. Have an activity, and a good strenuous one, if not inadvisable due to physical discrepancy, if nothing more than mowing the lawn; as Tyler says in "Growth and Education":

“Muscular exercise and fresh air are absolutely necessary to the child to promote growth and development of the vital organs in the brain.”  
“The basis of education is and must be physical.”

If Dr. Buttle advocates an exacting physical training for entrance into the universities, which would be too drastic under present conditions, he does wish to impress the public mind with the necessity of giving sane and systematic attention to physical education from babyhood up, that such a test sometime in the future may follow as a matter of course. Thus we would reach the ideals of the Greeks. Education—Mental, moral and physical perfection.

A. W. ELLIOT.





Vandelyn Dennis  
Yell Leader



Scott C. Hyde  
Assistant Yell Leader

## Yell Leaders

Here is the yell leader, Van Dennis, and his assistant, Scott Hyde. These two fellows have worked together as one man throughout the year trying to produce a good yell team. They started in with a bunch of good new yells, but a rooting section and a rooting section that didn't know how to begin to yell, but with careful training, lots of patience and hard work the yell leaders succeeded in getting a rooting section that is hard to beat.

The athletics of the school are quite a hit, but they can not amount to much unless the rooting section is right behind them. Many a time a team has been behind and there seemed no chance of winning, when all at once the rooting section would come out with a roaring, snappy yell, and the team would go into the game harder, fight to the bitter end, probably winning, for they knew the rooting section was with them. It gave them new life and spirit; they couldn't lose with so many to help them.

The time to root hardest is when your team is losing and needs your support, not so much when it is ahead. When defeat is staring you in the face, the real rooter will be on his feet, yelling his head off, encouraging his team on. This is what Van and Scott have worked up in our school this year.