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Basketball quickly became popular amongst both male and female students of Pemberton Secondary.

In 'Pemberton: The History of a Settlement,' Decker, Foughberg and Ronayne (1977) state:

“With the fine new gymnasium the basketball teams soon became a very popular part of school life: restricted by five months of snow every winter Pemberton and Mount Currie responded eagerly to a sport which offered both winter exercise and a chance to travel to other schools in competition. From the start the Red Devils gave a good account of themselves, often managing to beat schools with twice or three times as many pupils. Visitors were given supper at the high school with school pupils cooking the food under the supervision of the mothers of the Pemberton team members. After the games the visitors were given overnight hospitality and put on the train the next morning. In those early days when the school was small the impossibility of raising two teams meant that frequently the stars of the junior team also played on the senior team. Early coaches of the teams include Gay Guthrie and Don Gill the forest warden. Over the next few years the school was added to twice more so that by 1965 it boasted an expanded gym, office, staffroom, home economics kitchen, science laboratory, library, machine shop for industrial arts, and lunchroom with small kitchen,” (p. 251).

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