

Prep Cage Tournament Opens

Games Begin Thursday; Saturday Brings Finals

The state high school basketball tournament sweeps into Lincoln this week, with opening round games scheduled Thursday, semi-finals Friday, and finals Saturday on the UN coliseum floor.

First games are scheduled for 12:30 Thursday afternoon, with Class A competition getting under way at 3:00, when Columbus tangles with Kearney. Evening games in Class A find Creighton Prep of Omaha meeting Lincoln high at 6:30, followed by Scottsbluff and Hastings at 7:45 and Omaha South and Lincoln Northeast at 9:00.

Regional Champs Seeded.

The opening day's program brings together the four metropolitan teams, Creighton Prep and Lincoln, and Northeast and Omaha South, thus giving assurance that but two of the big-city schools will survive till the semi-finals on Friday. It had been thought that the Lincoln and Omaha entries might dominate the tourney, but the Thursday pairings take care of that possibility. The regional Class A champions—Creighton Prep, Lincoln Northeast, Columbus and Scottsbluff—were seeded, then pairings for first round games were drawn from a hat.

Columbus, Kearney Meet.

The Columbus-Kearney opener marks the second clash of the season for the two clubs. The Discoverers, winners of their own regional tourney, conquered Kearney, 35-32, in regular season play. The rest of the Class A tilts will bring the clubs together for their first meeting of the season.

In Class B, unbeaten Holy Name of Omaha, top-seeded along with Sidney, meets Pawnee City, while Sidney faces Ord.

Elkhorn, Eastern Nebraska conference champ, and Deshler, Little

Blue league king, were top-seeded in Class C. In Class D, Hildreth, unbeaten Franklin county champ, and Trumbull, but twice defeated, were seeded.

Junior Jays Class A Pick In Prep Meet

BY HAROLD W. ANDERSEN.

Creighton Prep of Omaha reigns as pre-tourney favorite for the class A title in the state high school basketball tournament, with Lincoln high, Northeast, and Omaha South ranked close behind the Junior Jays in the dopester's predictions.

The four metropolitan clubs, off their season's records, rank at the top of the class A bracket, and Prep appears to be the strongest of the four. The young Bluejays finished the season with a rush, knocking off Omaha South to grab the Omaha regional tourney, and appear to have the stuff to cop the state championship.

Lincoln high, Northeast, and South are only a step behind the Prepsters, and it could hardly be called a major upset if any one of them came thru to win the state title.

Outstate teams certainly can not be counted out of the picture. Columbus, Scottsbluff, Hastings, and Kearney survived tough regional tourneys to earn the right to compete at Lincoln, and all can be counted on to give some rough going to any team they meet.

Thursday Games In State Tourney

CLASS A
(Varsity court)
3:00—Columbus vs. Kearney.
6:30—Creighton Prep (Omaha) vs. Lincoln high.
7:45—Scottsbluff vs. Hastings.

9:00—Omaha South vs. Lincoln Northeast.
Creighton Prep, Scottsbluff, Northeast and Columbus were seeded.

CLASS B
(Varsity court)
12:30—Holy Name of Omaha vs. Pawnee City.
1:45—Central City vs. York.
7:45—Wayne vs. Holdrege.
9:00—Ord vs. Sidney.
Holy Name, Sidney, York and Wayne were seeded.

CLASS C
(Freshman court)
12:30—Elkhorn vs. Tilden.
1:45—Gibbon vs. Culbertson.
3:00—Minatare vs. Mildred.
6:30—Wakefield vs. Deshler.
Elkhorn, Deshler, Culbertson, Minatare were seeded.

CLASS D
(Stage court)
1:45—Trumbull vs. Potter.
3:00—Elba vs. Avoca.
6:30—Sacred Heart (Falls City) vs. Spalding.
7:45—Sunflower of Mitchell vs. Hildreth.
Hildreth and Trumbull were seeded.

ADMISSION PRICES
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Adult and student single admission Thursday and Friday, 50c.
Adult and student single admission finals Saturday, 75c.
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Sports



'N' Club Initiates Five Lettermen

Five new letter winners were initiated into "N" club Tuesday night in the N club room in the coliseum.

Tom Dworak, Elza Kuhlman, Doug Nelson, Bob Tangeman, and Mort Porter are the new initiates. All but Porter won letters in the

basketball season just completed, Porter earning his "N" in football last fall.

Intramural Basketball Schedule

FIRST ROUND
March 8.
7:30: A.T.O. vs. Y.M.C.A.
8:30: Cornhusker Co-op vs. Brown Palace.
Sig Ep's drew a bye.

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