

St. Joe State C Champ for 2d Consecutive Year

Ed Scott Lands Berth on World-Herald's All-State '5'

SPECIAL TO THE FRONTIER
LINCOLN — For the second consecutive year St. Joseph's, of Atkinson, grabbed the state class C basketball championship. The Josies ousted Pender 51-20 in the first-round of the meet, which opened Wednesday, March 12; blasted Wilbur 47-28 in the semifinals Friday night, and dropped Plymouth 43-36 in Saturday night's title go.

St. Joe 48, Wilbur 28
 The St. Joe-Wilbur game was close during the first half, but the parochial quint turned on the heat in the third and fourth quarters. At the half St. Joe led 21-15 and at the close of the third had the lead built up to 30-21. John Weichman kept the Holt countyans in the game during the first-half with five fielders. Ed Scott took over the scoring in the closing minutes, racking up seven points in the final two minutes.

The boxscore:

ST. JOE (47)	fg	ft	pf	pts
Judge, g	0	1	1	1
Miller, f	1	2	3	4
Berrigan, c	6	2	2	14
Mack, g	1	1	5	3
Weichman, g	6	1	0	13
Scott, f	5	2	0	12
Totals	19	9	11	47

WILBUR (28)	fg	ft	pf	pts
Mundil, f	5	1	3	11
Kohout, f	4	0	5	8
Kubes, c	2	1	2	5
Hoffman, g	1	0	4	2
Appelbeck, g	1	0	3	2
Havel, f	0	0	0	0
Tescar, c	0	0	0	0
Havlovic, g	0	0	0	0
Ashbaugh, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	13	2	17	28

St. Joe 43, Plymouth 36
 Coach Thomas Slattery's quint had trouble shaking a stubborn Plymouth outfit, but in the second half Redheaded Ed Scott and Bill Miller went to work to provide a safe margin. Scott showed why he was hailed as one of the best prep players in the state by dropping in 19 points. The Omaha World-Herald promptly posted him on the mythical all-state basketball five.

The losers held close in the first period and trailed only by three points as the quarter ended. Plymouth closed the gap and pulled ahead momentarily. Scott drove home three quick buckets to put the Holt countyans ahead where they stayed for the remainder of the evening.

St. Joe's fast-break was too much for Plymouth. Plymouth spurred in the last frame, but the spark came too late.

The boxscore:

ST. JOE (43)	fg	ft	pf	pts
Scott, f	8	3	3	19
Miller, f	5	2	4	12
Berrigan, c	3	2	5	8
Mack, g	1	0	3	2
Weichman, g	0	0	2	0
Collamer, f	0	0	0	0
Schorn, f	1	0	0	2
Kokes, c	0	0	0	0
O'Malley, g	0	0	0	0
Judge, g	0	0	1	0
Totals	18	7	18	43

PLYMOUTH (36)	fg	ft	pf	pts
Christ, f	7	2	3	16
Vogt, f	0	2	1	2
K. Koenig, c	1	1	3	3
Gerhardt, g	5	3	4	13
Germer, g	0	2	1	2
Stroh, f	0	0	1	0
Roth, f	0	0	0	0
Totals	13	10	13	36

Telephone Operator Honored
 PAGE—Miss Euna Borden, the operator at the Page telephone exchange, celebrated her birthday anniversary Monday. She received a number of cards and gifts. In the evening Mesdames Earl Hurst, Alto Braddock, Melvin Carson, Will Simmons, C. E. Walker, Lloyd Fusselman, Jerry Lamason and Robert Gray surprised her with an oyster supper. Mrs. Braddock baked the birthday cake and Mrs. Walker decorated it. At contract bridge, Mrs. Carson won high score and Mrs. Lamason, traveling.

Brothers Reunite in Florida
 Pfc. Raymond Smith and Pfc. Derald Smith, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Mike A. Smith, traveled over 300 miles and held a reunion, their first since July, in Jacksonville, Fla. Raymond is stationed at Boca Raton, Fla., and Derald is stationed at Kessler Field, Miss. The later is finishing a seven weeks' course in hydraulics.

Meet at Scott Home
 The Young Married Fellowship Group of the Presbyterian church met Monday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Scott. The social hour consisted of games and light refreshments.

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JUMPS TO RECORD

Irv Mondschein, New York university, is shown establishing a new record in the high jump event at the 26th annual IC-4A indoor championship held in Madison Square Garden, New York City. The champion cleared the bar at 6 feet, 7 3/4 inches.



Pesek's Plight

STATE OF NEBRASKA
 Department of Health
 Division of Athletics
 LINCOLN

Glea H. Wade, Commander American Legion Post No. 93 O'Neill, Nebraska
 Dear Sir:
 When I arrived here last night Pesek was at the Capital Hotel waiting for me. He is badly worried and claims he did not sleep at all the night of the wrestle in O'Neill. In fairness to John I must say that he tried his best to get someone to fly him to O'Neill that evening.

John received a letter dated February 27th from Sam Muchnick, promoter at St. Louis, that reads in part: "I also had a letter from Max Clayton and he wrote me that your date (the O'Neill date) is now March 20th so you won't have to make the long jump." After receiving this letter, John claims to have thought that the date was set back a week so he wired Clayton from Ravenna at 9:07 a. m. on March 12th as follows: "Let me know if match is on the 13th." Clayton received the wire and at 11:17 a. m., March 12th sent him this answer: "Match is on tomorrow night O'Neill, Nebraska." Pesek claims that he received this wire, in the mail, the morning of March 14th and I am inclined to believe him. I have the original, or copies of the letter and all the telegrams.

I have reached a decision that I believe to be fair to all concerned. I have told Pesek that he cannot wrestle in Nebraska until he has satisfied your club either by wrestling for you first or, in the event that you do not want him, you are to notify me that it will be satisfactory to you if he wrestles elsewhere in the state. He has agreed to go to O'Neill next week and talk things over with you.

He was booked in Lincoln next Wednesday and had a tentative date in Omaha next Friday. Both clubs have been notified by this office that his services are not available until further notice.

I will appreciate hearing from you at once and suggest that you show this letter to your local newspaper. I will give the release to the wire services today. Best regards to all the boys.

Yours very truly,
 W. S. PETTY, M. D.
 Director of Health
 C. N. MOON, Director
 Division of Athletics

PESEK'S SNAFU CREATES STIR

State Athletic Director Bars John Until He 'Clears with O'Neill'

John Pesek, the 53-year-old wrestling great, got into hotwater over his failure to show here last Thursday evening on the American Legion benefit wrestling card.

Charles N. Moon, state director of athletics, Saturday advised Pesek he would not be permitted to participate in any wrestling matches in Nebraska until he has wrestled for the American Legion club of O'Neill.

"In the event the club does not want his services, they can notify this office that it is satisfactory to them if he wrestles elsewhere in the state," Mr. Moon said.

Big John came to O'Neill Monday to confer with Legion representatives regarding the incident. He met with Hap Miles, Bob Miles, Bill Griffin, Melvin Ruzicka, and John Gutch, who, in behalf of the club, agreed to release him.

Pesek said that his wrestling license in 35 states was jeopardized because of his failure to show here.

Pesek, whose home is at Ravenna, claimed that a telegram sent him on March 12 by his booking agent (concerning the O'Neill appointment) was not delivered until March 14. Mr. Moon said in explaining his ruling.

In a letter to Glea H. Wade, commander of Simonson post 93 here, Mr. Moon added, "In fairness to John, it appears that he even tried to engage an airplane to get to O'Neill when he learned of the circumstances."

Twenty-four hours after the scheduled match here he was also booked for an appearance at St. Louis, Mo., which he canceled.

Roger Beckwith Honored
 Roger Beckwith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Beckwith, was guest of honor Saturday at a party at his home honoring his tenth birthday anniversary. There were eight boys present.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McKenzie spent Tuesday in Omaha.

hostile Congress—which shortly thereafter, you will remember, tried to remove the president from office — passed the bill over the presidential veto.

Out here in Nebraska, the legislature which had been elected the year before in anticipation of statehood was called into special session by Gov. Alvin Saunders to consider the conditions imposed by Congress. The legislature acted quickly. It was convened one day and adjourned the next, the conditions approved.

Pres. Johnson then proclaimed Nebraska to be a state. His afore-mentioned lack of enthusiasm is understandable.

Actually, insofar as Nebraska was concerned, the whole question — though it stirred up a great deal of controversy—was quite beside the point. At no time did the territory contain enough slaves to form a corporal's guard. At the time of statehood, the argument, as one historian of Nebraska put it, was over the "enfranchisement of imaginary negroes."



John Pesek . . . (See story at left.)

CHAMBERS NEWS

Mr. Carl Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tracy held a farm sale at their place south of town on Friday. "Satisfactory prices" were received for most things.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Brittell and family visited relatives in Inman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Porter and Allen, of O'Neill, and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hubbard enjoyed dinner Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Couch and Eunice moved Saturday to their new home in the west part of town. They are busy remodeling the house.

Clair Grimes and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cocoran, and baby son, drove to Omaha Tuesday on business. They returned Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Elkins and son, of O'Neill, were dinner guests March 10 of Mrs. Elkins' sister, Mrs. James Masterson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Marquis, of Redmond, Ore., arrived Friday and are visiting Mrs. Marquis' mother, Mrs. Maggie Smith, and other relatives. The family enjoyed a reunion at the Ed Smith home Friday evening.

Melvin Newhouse left Monday for his home at Bend, Ore., after a week's visit with relatives here. He stayed in the George Smith home while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roth and Mary Jo left Friday for Denver, Colo., on business and to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farrier and son left Sunday for their new home at Los Angeles, Calif., near his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Farrier.

Mrs. Charles Spath visited her father, Frank Swengel, at Plainview Sunday.

LEGAL NOTICE

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 William W. Griffin, Attorney

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND HEIRS

COUNTY COURT OF HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA, ESTATE OF WESLEY T. EVANS, DECEASED.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, to all concerned: Notice is hereby given that Claude Hamilton has filed a petition alleging that said deceased died November 6, 1923, a resident of Holt County, seized of Lot 30 except two (2) feet off the North side, of Fahy's Subdivision of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Block 21, Original town of O'Neill, in Holt County, Nebraska, in which petitioner has derived an interest by purchase and mesne conveyance in the chain of title from the heirs at-law of the decedent herein, praying for a determination of the time of death, the heirs, degree of kinship and right of descent of real property, of the deceased, which petition will be for hearing in this Court on April 10, 1947, at ten o'clock a.m.

LOUIS W. REIMER
 COUNTY JUDGE.
 (COUNTY COURT SEAL) 45-47

Saturday evening guests in the F. S. Brittell home were Mrs. Brittell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller, of Inman.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Harley and family were supper guests Sunday of Rev. and Mrs. L. Dale, and daughter.

A dinner was held Sunday in the Arnie Mace, sr., home in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Mace's anniversary and for their daughter, Ruth's, birthday and also for Mrs. Ruben Peltzer, whose birthday fell on that day. Guests besides Mr. and Mrs. Mace and daughter and Mrs. Peltzer, were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Retterbush and John, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ritterbush, Mr. Ruben Peltzer and Mr. and Mrs. Al Leidtke and grandson, Bobby Ruther.

Mrs. G. C. De Backer was called to Denver, Colo., last Thursday by the illness of her mother.

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PESEK EXPLAINS

My failure to appear at the wrestling match in O'Neill, on March 13th, was due to my failure to receive a telegram confirming my appearance there and was through no fault of the American Legion post.

This is the first time in my life to miss a scheduled match, and I want all my friends to know the reasons.

Signed:
John Pesek
 Ravenna, Nebr.

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Pres. Johnson Reluctant with Proclamation

By James C. Olson, State Historical Society Supt.
 Nebraska now is 80 years old. It was March 1, 1867, when the reluctant hand of Pres. Andrew Johnson signed the proclamation which declared Nebraska to be a state of the Union, thus ending in controversy the life of a territory which 13 years earlier had been organized in controversy.

The quarrels at both ends of the territory's life were bound up with the issue of the Civil war. When the territory was organized in 1854, it was a question of "popular sovereignty," or the right of the residents of the territory to decide whether they would allow negro slavery. At the time of the admission of Nebraska as a state, the point at issue was whether Congress had the right to force Nebraska to give negroes the vote.

The territory of Nebraska (along with Kansas territory) had been organized in 1854 on the basis of popular sovereignty. This infuriated many in the North who were bitterly opposed to the extension of slavery, and who were demanding that Congress keep it out of the newly-organized territories. The present Republican party, it is interesting to note, grew out of "anti-Nebraska" meetings held in Wisconsin, Michigan, and other states of the old Northwest.

By 1867 the Civil war had decided the fate of slavery. The problem agitating the country at that time was whether the newly-freed negroes were to be granted the right to vote. The constitution originally submitted by the territory for the approval of Congress — in common with the constitutions of most other northern states — had restricted the suffrage to white males. (Women, of course, were not considered qualified to vote.)

No Right to Dictate
 Congress, controlled by radicals who were demanding negro suffrage, amended the enabling act to provide that Nebraska could not be admitted

unless this restriction were removed. Pres. Johnson vetoed the bill on the grounds that Congress had no constitutional right to dictate to Nebraska in this fashion. The bitterly

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