

SPARKPLUGS



ST. JOE REPEATS IN YORK MEET

Atkinson Team Downs Hastings Entry 53-49 in Catholic Tourney

YORK—St. Joseph's, of Atkinson, swept through the third annual state Catholic high school basketball tournament here this week, capturing the laurels for the second consecutive year.

In first round play, St. Joseph's bested St. Boniface, of Elgin, 50-29. In second round play, the Josies clipped Holy Trinity, of Hartington, 45-36. Trinity was troublesome during the first half, but Bill Miller's 18 and Bob Berigan's 16 points changed things. In the semifinals, the Tom Slattery-coached Josies knocked off St. Bonaventure, of Columbus, 43-30, while St. Cecilia, of Hastings, posted the same margin in turning back Guardian Angel, of West Point.

St. Joseph and St. Cecilia were also finalists in the 1947 tourney.

The Josies led all the way in the closely-contested final game with the exception of brief moments in the second-half. Bob

Berigan, of the Josies, and Tom Cushing, of St. Cecilia, each tallied 23 points.

The Atkinson youngsters returned to Holt county Wednesday to participate in the county tournament in progress at O'Neill.

QUINTS SPLIT IN TWIN BILL

O'Neill's two prep school basketball teams split in a double-header here Friday night.

The Page Pirates and St. Mary's Cardinals fought to a 25-20 decision, won by Page. The O'Neill Eagles brushed aside Orchard, 25-15. The Orioles, unbeaten during the first six weeks of play, were held to three fielders by the Blues' defense.

City's New Wells Await Inspection

The city's two new water wells, situated two miles south on highway 281, are practically ready for formal acceptance by the city engineer.

The Layne Western company, of Omaha, this week is completing installation of the large electric motors that will power the pumps and increase the pumping capacity in the municipal water system by about one thousand gallons per minute.

Acting Mayor James M. Corle said the city engineer, Donald Price, of Lincoln, is expected yet this week and the pumps will be formally placed into operation.

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Personals

Roy D. Johnson, who attends Augustana college, at Rock Island, Ill., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Johnson, sr., over the weekend.

Mrs. Don Lyons returned on January 19 from a visit in Rogers, Ark., with her mother.

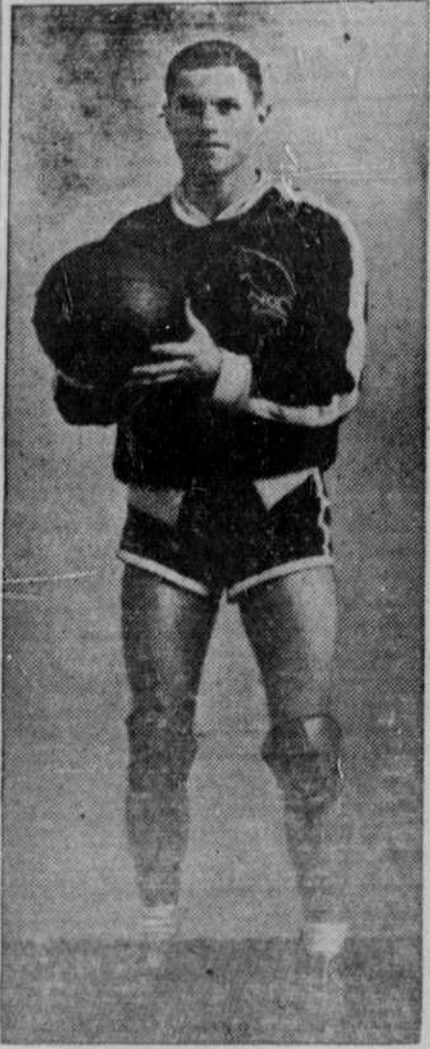
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Mr. and Mrs. Russel Smith and daughter, Mary Ann, went to Parker, S. D., on January 17. Mr. Smith returned on Tuesday but Mrs. Smith and Mary Ann remained for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Purcell.

Edward Campbell will arrive home today (Thursday) for a visit in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Froelich and daughter, Jean, went to Wayne on Monday to visit with their daughter, Mrs. B. E. Wanzler, and family.

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This cage duo sparks the Pierce Cardinals in their AAU basketball exploits in northeast Nebraska.

Guard Burton Anderson (above) has been rated the best defensive player ever coached by Jim Morrison, former Wayne State Teachers' college mentor. Only 5 feet 10 inches, Anderson consistently outjumps men 6 inches taller.

Forward Vernon ("Chick") Reed (below) was an all-state high school performer at Pierce, has been averaging 15-8 points per game in the Northeast Nebraska AAU league.

Anderson and Reed will be seen here Friday, February 13, when the Pierce Cardinals face the Nut-House team, of Lincoln, in a benefit game sponsored by the Lions club.



Holt Cage Meet Goes into the Semifinals

ST. JOSEPH'S FACES ATKINSON AND INMAN TACKLES O'NEILL

FIRST ROUND . . . Ewing, Inman, O'Neill Win Tourney Openers

Ewing, Inman and O'Neill won first-round games here Monday night in the annual Holt county high school cage tournament.

Ewing 16; Page 14

This was a tight ball game from start-to-finish with Ewing leading all the way. Page, however, kept within one to four points throughout, but flubbed the game at the free-throw lane, making only six out of 21 tries.

The boxscore:

EWING (11)	fg	ft	f	pts.
Bergstrom, f	0	0	2	0
Bennett, f	0	0	2	0
Koenig, f	3	0	5	6
Wyhrich, c	2	0	4	4
Vandersmeek, g	1	2	2	4
Lampert, g	1	0	1	2
Montgomery, g	0	0	1	0
Totals	7	2	17	16

PAGE (14)

	fg	ft	f	pts.
Park, f	0	0	1	0
A. Buxton, f	0	0	1	0
Waring, f	2	0	4	4
Bohan, c	0	0	0	0
Graves, c	0	1	0	1
R. Buxton, g	2	3	2	7
Trowbridge, g	0	2	4	2
Totals	4	6	8	14

Inman 30; Chambers 22

Center Max Mossman's defensive play was the feature of Inman's 30-22 win from Chambers. Big Max consistently thwarted Coyote attempts by slapping down the ball with his gangly paws. Forward G. Grimes showed best offensively, collecting 11 points for Chambers.

The boxscore:

INMAN (30)	fg	ft	f	pts.
Heck, f	3	0	0	6
Moore, f	0	0	1	0
Sholes, f	0	1	1	1
Morsbach, f	0	0	3	0
Mossman, c	4	3	11	11
Hopkins, c	0	1	2	1
C. Sholes, g	2	3	2	7
P. Hartigan, g	0	2	1	2
Pat Hartigan, g	0	2	0	2
Clark, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	12	13	30

CHAMBERS (22)

	fg	ft	f	pts.
Butts, f	1	1	2	3
G. Grimes, f	4	3	11	11
Read, c	1	0	4	2
Hilligas, g	0	0	4	0
Walters, g	1	0	2	2
Totals	7	4	23	22

SECOND ROUND . . . Josies Start Slow but Pull Away from Ewing; Balers Win Handily

St. Joseph's, of Atkinson, and Atkinson high emerged victors Wednesday night in second-round Holt county basketball tourney play.

St. Joe 45; Ewing 21

The Ewing Tigers led 8-7 at the first rest period and at one stage of the second stanza held a three-point lead. But the late-starting Josies pulled into a comfortable 20-15 lead at intermission.

Messrs. Miller and Berigan caused the Tigers their grief.

Atkinson 38; Stuart 27

Guard Keating got hot for the Atkinson Balers and spelled the big difference between the Stuart and Atkinson teams. Keating collected 17 points. The Balers led 22-14 at the intermission.

Harley, g	fg	ft	f	pts.
Harley, g	0	0	1	0
Horele, c	0	0	0	0
M. Grimes, f	1	2	4	4
Totals	1	2	5	4

O'Neill 35; St. Mary's 24

Coach Kelly Saindon employed 12 players in downing St. Mary's 35-22 in Monday's first-round finale. Forward Dick Godel was the best point-getter, collecting 11 for the Blues, while Forward Shorty Miles blazed the shortend trail for the Cardinals with 10.

ST. MARY'S (24)

	fg	ft	f	pts.
O'Neill, f	0	0	0	0
Hickey, f	0	0	5	0
Miles, f	5	0	2	10
Donohue, c	1	2	5	4
Koci, g	0	1	2	1
McNichols, g	1	0	3	2
Harty, g	2	3	3	7
Totals	9	6	20	24

O'NEILL (35)

	fg	ft	f	pts.
VanEvery, f	4	0	3	8
H. Elkins, f	0	0	2	0
Godel, f	4	3	0	11
Erwin, c	1	0	3	2
Sullivan, c	1	0	0	2
Osborn, g	0	1	2	1
Matthews, f	3	1	2	7
G. Elkins, g	0	3	2	3
Rickley, g	0	0	1	0
Harmon, c	0	1	0	1
Morrow, g	0	0	0	0
Lindberg, f	0	0	0	0
Totals	13	9	15	35



PLENTY SCARED

Brig. Gen. Wallace Graham, White House physician accused of speculating in grain, told the senate food gambling committee that he got out of the wheat market because he was "plenty scared" by President Truman's scathing denunciation of grain speculators.



PASSES EXAM

Miss Audrey Brunckhorst (above), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brunckhorst, of Inman, has recently become a registered nurse. A graduate of St. Vincent's hospital at Sioux City, she is now employed by that hospital.

HOLT TOURNEY

FIRST ROUND
Monday, January 26
Ewing 16 Page 14
Inman 30 Chambers 22
O'Neill 35 St. Mary's 24

SECOND ROUND
Wednesday, January 28
St. Joseph's 45 Ewing 21
Atkinson 38 Stuart 27

SEMIFINALS
Thursday, January 29
St. Joseph's vs. Atkinson.
Inman vs. O'Neill.

FINALS
Friday, January 30

Predicts Early Passage of Military Training Bill
John Thomas Taylor (left), national legislative director of the American Legion, predicted almost immediate passage of the universal military training bill as he presented Rep. Walter G. Andrews (Rep., N. Y.) with 10,000 petitions favoring UMT.

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