

St. Joe and Inman Top Honor Team

By a Staff Writer

The Frontier's first annual mythical all-county basketball team is dominated by St. Joseph's Hall, of Atkinson, and Inman. These schools landed 3 berths apiece with O'Neill and Atkinson placing 1 each on the 8-member honorary crew. The balloting was conducted by The Frontier sports department among the county's coaches and several of the officials.

Competition was keen in the forward and guard categories, but there were no center nominees except St. Joe's great Bob Berigan and Inman's lofty Max Mossman.

This duo and O'Neill's Bob Matthews led the field in popularity, while St. Joe's Bill Miller and Bob Mack and Inman's Gordon Sholes were lined up on most ballots.

Four schools—Stuart, Page, Chambers and Ewing—failed to land a berth. Players on each of these teams picked up a smattering of votes, but Berigan, Matthews, Mossman, etc., had established themselves too well.

Berigan and Matthews were considered the best rebound men in the business in these parts during the 1947-'48 season.

Not infrequently each of them controlled more rebounds per game than their mates combined. Both were potent point-getters. Matthews hitting the 240 mark at season's close.

Both were reliable work horses and both were vital in the offensive machinery on their respective team.

Berigan Marked

Berigan was a marked man every second of the season and in St. Joe's downfall in the district class C meet he was burdened with 3 Springview defenders.

He was, perhaps, the greatest ball player in these parts this season, and second in recent years only to St. Joe's Ed Scott, whose prep career ended a year ago.

It is generally assumed by many that the Scott-Berigan combine boosted St. Joe's stock to its all-time level, at the same time inspiring better basketball throughout the north-central portion of Nebraska.

Mossman's height commanded respect from every opponent the rugged Inman Tigers faced. His range and experience pulled the Tigers out of many tough holes. As a point-getter he was tops, having remarkable accuracy in view of vision that is not good.

The other forwards—besides Matthews—are Inman's Delmont Heck and St. Joe's Bill Miller.

Miller Top Scorer

Miller racked up the most points for the Josies this year. He was capable of being unable to miss the basket and consistently accounted for points. With Berigan commanding more than his share of the opponent's defensive attention, Mr. Miller took upon himself a full share of the shots. Everything worked out rosy, of course, until Springview ousted the Josies in C.

Heck, the pink-cheeked blond kid, joined the Tigers a year or so ago and was what the doctor ordered. He, too, did lots of shooting, but right down the line he was consistent and delivered points in pinches. He added the spark that took the Tigers to 2 state tourneys in class D.

Bob Mack, St. Joe guard, became ineligible at the turn of the semester. He saw the Josies through the state Catholic tourney, which they won, but his mates had to carry on without him in the Holt county tourney. In fact, his absence in the rear court was felt keenly by the Josies the remainder of the season.

Experience Pays Off

Mack was momentarily "forgotten" by some of the coaches, but only because The Frontier did not point out on the ballots that part-season participation would qualify a man for a berth.

Mack's 4 years of experience, including membership on 2 state championship teams, established him high in the guard ranks even though he didn't participate in the county tourney and some of the coaches failed to see him play this season. Mack was versatile—a crafty defender, a good point-getter and an excellent ball handler.

Atkinson's Dean Keating is the only member of the honorary group that is not a senior. He had a good season last year and was even better this year. One ballot labeled him as "Atkinson's best offensive and defensive player." Coming from a competent observer, nothing more needs to be added.

Inman's Gordon Sholes was labeled by another as the most valuable "team" man in the Holt county tournament. Sholes was a rugged, indefatigable player, who made a good accounting for himself in the scoring department.

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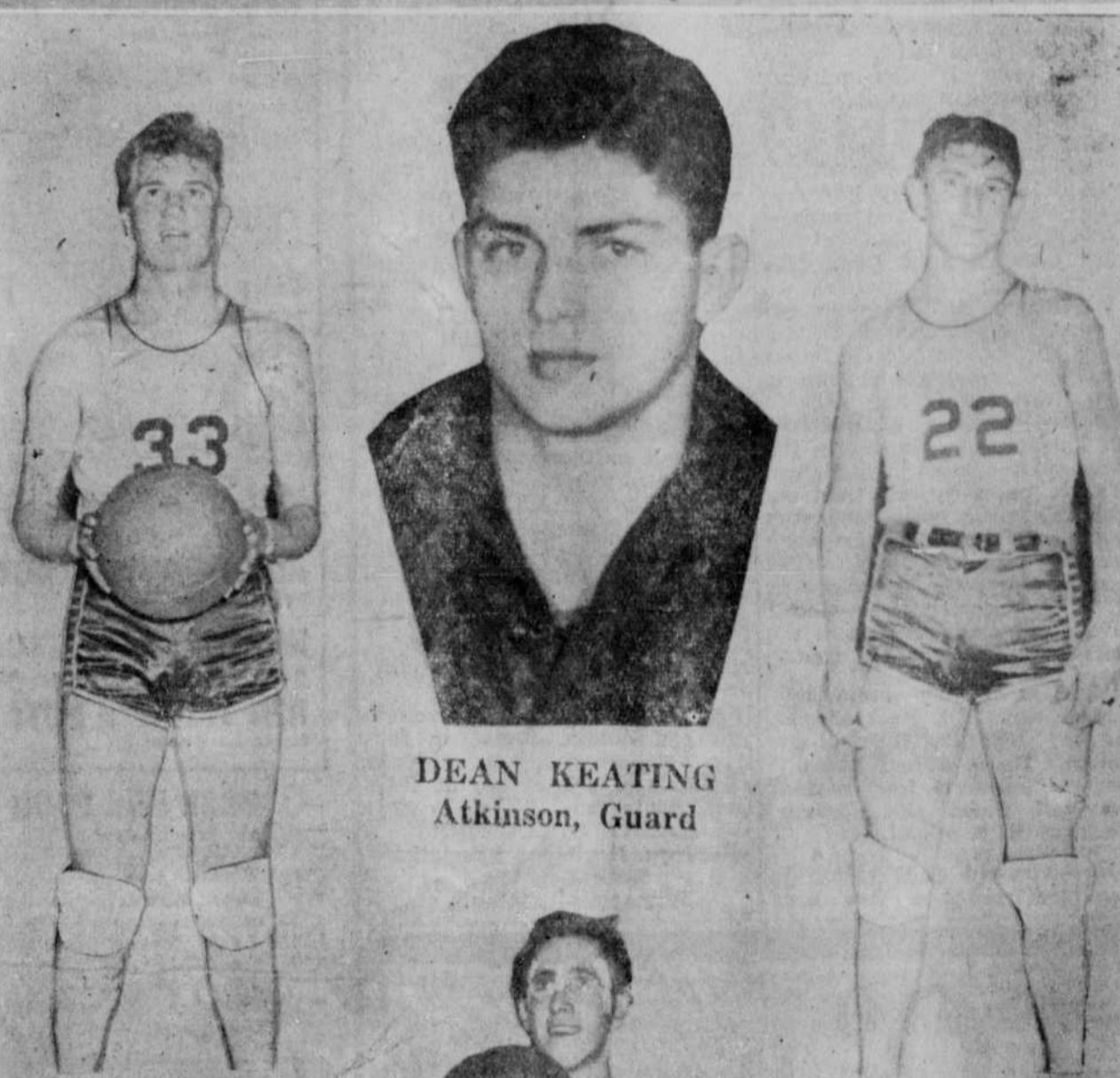
THE FRONTIER'S MYTHICAL . . .

All-County Basketball Team



ROBERT MATTHEWS
O'Neill, Forward

ROBERT MACK.
St. Joseph's, Guard



DELMONT HECK
Inman, Forward

GORDON SHOLES
Inman, Guard

DEAN KEATING
Atkinson, Guard



WILLIAM MILLER
St. Joseph's
Forward



MAX MOSSMAN
Inman, Center



ROBERT BERIGAN
St. Joseph's
Center

The Selections

Player and School	Pos.	Grade	Age
Robert Matthews, O'Neill	F	Sr.	19
Delmont Heck, Inman	F	Sr.	17
William Miller, St. Joseph's	F	Sr.	17
Robert Berigan, St. Joseph's	C	Sr.	17
Max Mossman, Inman	C	Sr.	18
Robert Mack, St. Joseph's	G	Sr.	18
Dean Keating, Atkinson	G	Jr.	17
Gordon Sholes, Inman	G	Sr.	17

Honorable Mention

Forwards: Dean Van Every, O'Neill; Gerald Grimes, Chambers; Arlen Miles, St. Mary's; Leonard Sholes, Inman; Robert Horner, Atkinson.

Centers: (None.)

Guards: Gordon Elkins, O'Neill; Richard Buxton, Page; Orin Butte, Chambers; Brook Stuart, Stuart; Lewis Vander-shick, Ewing; Jerry Henderson, Stuart; Dean Dierks, Atkinson; Paul Hartigan, Inman.

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Nine hundred dollars are needed by subscription to insure lights for night baseball.

Dick Tomlinson, who is manager of the O'Neill Rockets baseball team and who has been canvassing the city for cash subscriptions with which

to purchase lights, said Tuesday that \$2,100 have been already collected.

The city council informally told Tomlinson a fortnight ago that if \$3,000 were collected by subscription the city would consider taking up the balance of about \$2,400.

It is estimated that the lights, which are to be erected this Spring, will cost in the neighborhood of \$8,750. Fa-

cilities valued at \$3,350 are already installed in Carney park on the south side.

Meanwhile, night baseball plans are booming in at least 9 other cities and towns in this region, including: Butte, Spencer, Lynch, Bassett, Valentine and Clearwater, all in Nebraska, and Gregory, Lake Andes and Fairfax, in South Dakota.

Tomlinson said he hoped that a contract for the lights could be signed within a week.