

St. Joe Bluejays Become '54 Cage Champions

Defeat Page Eagles in Tourney Finals; O'Neill in 3d Place

Coach Pat Miller's St. Joseph's hall Bluejays in three games rolled to the championship of the Holt county high school basketball tourney, which came to a close here Friday night.

The Josies ousted Stuart, 45-28, in the first round, smacked O'Neill high, 56-49, in the semifinals, and won over Page in a walk, 69-41, in the title game.

Semifinals . . .

Page 45; Atkinson 44
Except for a shortlived first quarter, no more than one point separated the Atkinson Balers and Page Eagles during Thursday's night semifinal opener in the annual Holt county high school basketball tournament.

Page finally won, 45-44, as players, pepsters and partisans limped away from a hectic game.

Page grabbed an early lead with Hugh Troshynski and Walker potting two fielders each and with Larry Heiss and Frahm also getting into the scoring act. At the end of the first the Eagles led, 12-8.

During the second period, Huston and Frickel narrowed the gap for the Balers and from then on it was a whale of a ball game. Page led, 23-22, at intermission and 38-37 at the end of the third.

Heiss rolled up 17 points for Page while Frickel and Huston shared Balers scoring honors with 14 points each.

Boxscore:

PAGE (45)	fg	ft	pf	pts
Heiss, f	6	5	4	17
Walker, f	4	0	2	8
Frahm, c	2	4	3	8
Troshynski, g	4	0	2	8
Kemper, g	1	2	2	4
Totals	17	11	13	45

ATK (44)

Dunn, f	0	0	0	0
O'Connor, f	0	0	0	0
Frickel, f	6	2	2	14
Withers, f	2	1	5	5
Huston, c	6	2	4	14
Dobrovolsky, g	0	1	2	1
Small, g	3	4	1	10
Totals	17	10	14	44

St. Joe 69; O'Neill 49
Too much altitude benefitting the St. Joseph's hall Bluejays is what wrecked the O'Neill Eagles in the second-half of Thursday's semifinals, the Josies winning 56-49.

The Jays built an early lead and Coach Paul Baker's kids never overcame the deficit. With Bill Slattery and Walt Ries working under both buckets, the Eagles were denied possession of the ball and simply yielded to a better ball club.

Larry Chace, O'Neill's crack forward, was limited to four fielders compared to his usual 10 to 15 quota. He did connect on 14 out of 20 freethrows, however, for a neat 22-point total. Russ Miner tallied 12. Ries with 19, Schmit with 16 and Gokie with 12 led the Jays.

St. Joe built a 16-11 first-quarter lead; stayed in front 29-23 at the half, and went into the final period with a 44-31 advantage.

Boxscore:

ST. JOE (69)	fg	ft	pf	pts
Schmit	2	1	5	5
Slattery	6	0	2	12
DeWeese	2	2	6	6
Verzal	0	0	1	0
Ries	4	5	3	13
Cleary	1	2	0	4
Miller	0	0	3	0
Lee	0	0	0	0
Gokie	10	4	2	24
Penry	2	1	0	5
Totals	27	15	20	69

O'Neill (49)

Chace	4	14	3	22
Gaskill	0	0	0	0
Gatz	2	2	2	2
Dexter	1	2	2	4
Miner	4	4	4	12
Booth	2	1	3	5
Sanders	0	0	0	0
Seger	1	0	2	2
Strong	0	0	0	0
Alton	1	0	2	2
Totals	13	23	18	49

3d Place Honors . . .
O'Neill 57; Atkinson 48
Third place honors went to the O'Neill high Eagles, defeating the Atkinson Balers, 57-48. O'Neill was ousted in semifinal play by the title-bound Josies, and Atkinson was eliminated by the Page Eagles, 45-44, in the semi.

Larry Chace dunked 22 points, and Harold Dexter got 14 for the O'Neill crew, while F. Dobrovolsky hit 16 and Don Frickel got 14 for the Balers.

In the early minutes the Balers built a 14-0 lead over Coach Paul Baker's Blues, who bounded back to win.

Gate Down . . .
Tourney Director D. E. Nelson said gate receipts were off compared to a year ago, attributed exclusively to the subzero weather on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, January 19 and 20. Nelson said 2,970 admissions were paid a year ago; 2,671 this year. In receipts the difference was \$110.

Barney Logerwell of Wood Lake and Marion Hicks of Bassett were tourney officials.

SPORTS

Slattery	1	0	1	2
DeWeese	0	2	4	2
Verzal	0	0	0	0
Ries	8	3	2	19
Cleary	0	0	0	0
Miller	2	1	5	5
Lee	0	0	2	0
Gokie	5	0	4	10
Penry	1	0	2	2
Totals	23	10	23	56

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Finals

St. Joe 69; Page 41
The hustling Page Eagles, led by a capable chap named Larry Heiss, made it an interesting first quarter during the title game played Friday night before a standing-room-only crowd. But in the second stanza the Josies pulled away and won it with the greatest of ease.

The Bluejays simply had too much height and reserve strength for the plucky Eagles, who had worked hard to gain the finals. Most of the Josies' points were amassed under the basket, pecking away until somebody laid it in, or on the fast downfloor break, which caught the Eagles napping.

St. Joe led 16-13 at the end of the first period, pulled away 35-22 at the half, and enjoyed a 51-34 advantage at the end of the third.

John Gokie, St. Joe guard, led the winners with 10 fielders and four freethrows — a total of 24 points. Two of his fielders were were products of the fast break, long meshing jobs, but the others

When Page lost Heiss via the foul route in the fourth, the Eagles lost their best point-getter and their only guy with height. From then on it was murder. Heiss scored 15 points during the first half, and the Josies succeeded in putting the clamps on him in the second half. Heiss scored 18 points.

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PAGE (41)	fg	ft	pf	pts
Heiss	6	6	5	18
Edmisten	0	0	0	0
Walker	0	1	1	1
Parks	0	0	0	0
Frahm	0	1	4	1
Stewart	0	0	0	0
Troshynski	4	2	2	10
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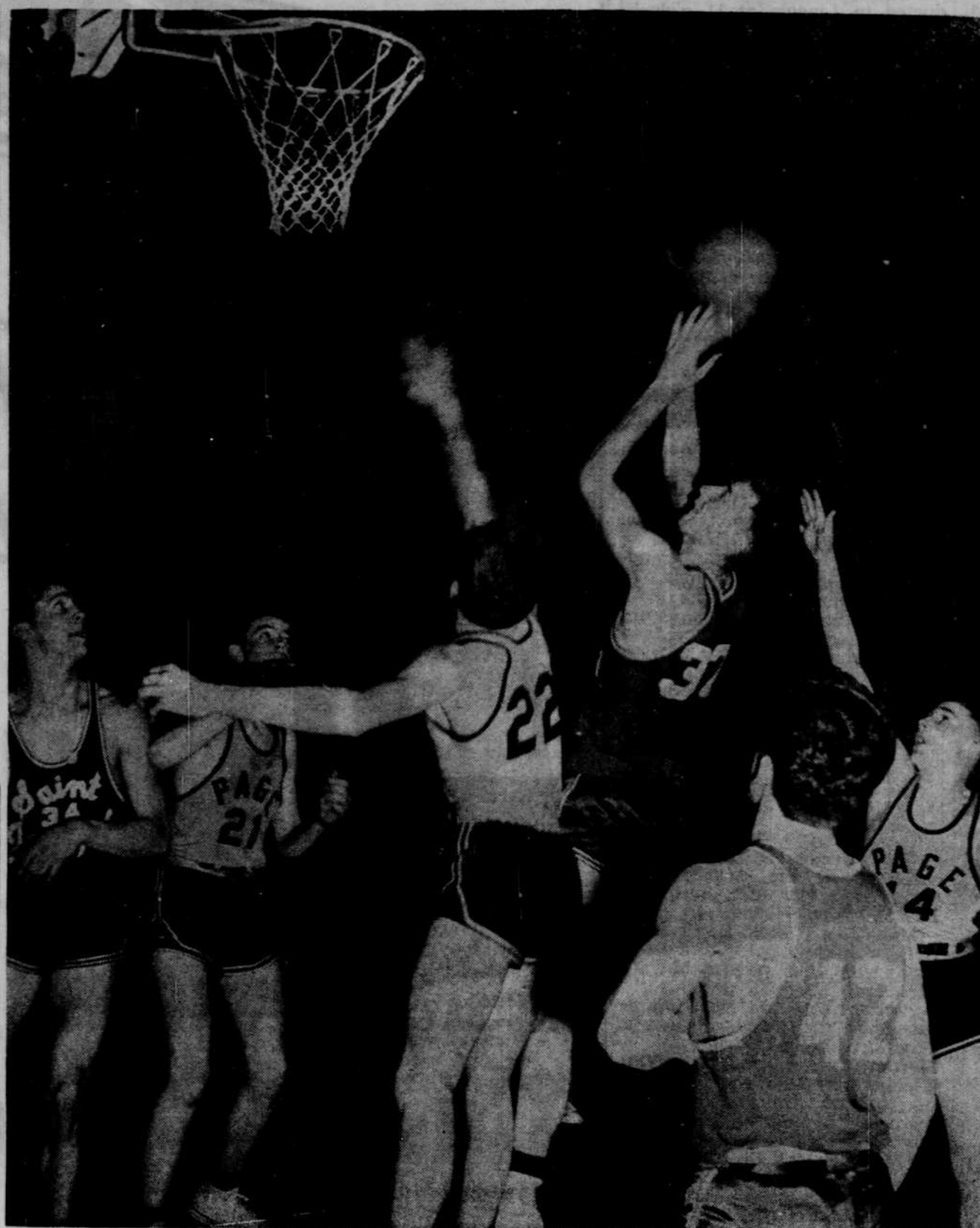
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Walt Ries, St. Joe tall boy, soars to dunk this one for two points while Page's Larry Heiss (22) makes futile gestures. Others in this action photo taken during the championship game in the Holt county high school basketball tourney included Ivan DeWeese (34), Marlin Frahm (21), Slattery (42), Gene Kemper (14), St. Joe won this one, 69-41.—The Frontier Photo.

Boyd Title to Spencer Pirates

Blast Butte, 44 - 38, in Finals

SPENCER—The Spencer high Pirates defeated the Butte Wildcats in the Boyd county championship game by a score of 44-38. The halftime score was 19-15 in favor of Spencer.

Lynn Oatman led Spencer's attack with 10 points. D. Connot, R. Johnson and L. Johnson were tied for second with nine each.

D. Quick led Butte with 11 and Rockford and Warnke had nine each.

Naper won the consolation game by defeating Lynch.

Boxscore of title game:

SPENCER (44)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Edwards, E.	1	5	3	7
Connot, D.	3	3	1	9
Johnson, L.	3	3	4	9
Johnson, R.	3	3	2	9
Oatman, L.	4	2	2	10
Total	14	16	12	44

BUTTE (38)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Quick, B.	3	0	4	6
Fernau, D.	0	3	4	3
Rockford, A.	3	3	4	9
Quick, D.	4	3	2	11
Warnke, J.	4	1	0	9
Total	14	10	14	38

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rohrer of Milford spent the weekend with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Clyde.

Volleyball Friday For Dads, Mothers

INMAN—The "old young" men of the Inman community are again invited to come to school Friday night. The high school freshmen will play the sixth, seventh and eighth grades in a basketball game at 7:45. After the volleyball games for the fathers vs. the sons. Mothers and daughters will get their chance at playing volleyball also. Fathers are requested to wear rubber-soled shoes or bring a pair of tennis shoes. There will be no admission charge but a donation will be taken to get money for grade school basketball uniforms.

It would be appreciated if each family present would bring a few sandwiches and cake so that all could have a lunch after the last volleyball game. Coffee will be served after the game by the 4-H club.

Inman Graders Wallop Clearwater Counterparts
INMAN—In a basketball game played at Inman Wednesday afternoon, January 20, the Inman graders defeated the Clearwater grade school, 38-29. Roger Krueger and Roland Hansen were high point men for Inman with 14 points each. Kirchner of Clearwater was high point man with 11 points.

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Individual Scoring Record

Individual scoring record for the 1954 Holt county prep basketball tourney follows (consolation play not considered).

Player	Games	Field	Free	Total
	Play'd	Goals	Thro's	Pts.
Larry Chace, O'Neill	2	13	17	43
Larry Heiss, Page	3	23	18	64
Dennis Brewster, Stuart	1	7	2	16
John Gokie, St. Joe	3	19	4	42
Deb Carl, Ewing	2	11	5	27
Walt Ries, St. Joe	3	15	10	40
Gene Adams, Chambers	1	4	5	13
Ken Huston, Atkinson	2	11	4	26
Don Strong, Chambers	1	8	1	13
Don Frickel, Atkinson	2	8	6	22
Russel Miner, O'Neill	2	7	7	21
Clarence Schmit, St. Joe	3	13	5	31
Dick Graham, St. Mary's	1	5	0	10
Terry Wanser, St. Mary's	1	4	2	10
Walt Hand, Ewing	2	7	4	18
Hugh Troshynski, Page	3	11	4	26
Mel Pruden, Ewing	2	5	6	16
Jack Sisson, Ewing	2	6	4	16
Duane Weier, St. Mary's	1	3	2	8
Eddie Walker, Page	3	9	3	21
Ivan DeWeese, St. Joe	3	6	8	20
F. Dobrovolsky, Atkinson	2	3	7	13
Marlin Frahm, Page	3	5	8	18
Gary Small, Atkinson	2	3	6	12
Duane Booth, O'Neill	2	4	3	11
Bill Slattery, St. Joe	3	8	0	16

Ainsworth Rolls Past Bassett

AINSWORTH—Ainsworth high moved to a 28-15 half-time lead and coasted past Bassett, 60-40, in a North Central conference game here Friday night.

Charles Spearman topped Ainsworth with 26 points while D. Bussinger tallied 10 for Bassett.

DANCE

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St. Mary's, Spencer Play Here Tonight

The undefeated Spencer high Pirates will invade the St. Mary's academy Cardinals' bailiwick tonight (Thursday) and will risk their perfect slate on the O'Neill public school cage floor. The game was originally scheduled Friday, January 29.

The Pirates last week captured the Boyd county prep laurels.

Last weekend Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bellin went to Gibbon to visit Mr. and Mrs. George Stuessi. They attended a beekeepers' meeting in Kearney on Saturday.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Carrie Borg and Marvel were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Christensen of Lynch.

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Larry Heiss, high-scoring Page forward, receives the tourney runnerup award from Mr. Nelson.—The Frontier Photo.