

SPORT

Class A Teams Evenly Matched for First Round

The drawings for class A this year, should bring together a remarkably fast group of quintets, and the games to decide the championship should be fast and replete with thrills. The Wahoo-University Place tangle is rather hard to dope, as Wahoo and the young Methodists have played in altogether different circles. The sub-objections would seem to have the edge as they have taken a rather remarkable spurt lately.

Lincoln has been stepping fast all season and should wallopp Grand Island. Omaha Central should have little difficulty in winning from Commerce, as they have already done it this season by a one-sided score. Sutton, due to its decent defeat of Lincoln, seems to be the favorite over Fremont, although the Fremonters are by no means slow. Beatrice seems to have come to life late in the season and should take South High, which has been very erratic.

Creighton Prep has shown considerable class and should win from Crete although they will probably be fully aware of the fact that they have been playing basket ball if they do it. Hastings should hand Clay Center the short end of the score as in the writer's opinion Hastings has a fine chance to cop the hunting in the top division.

Lincoln and Omaha Central should also be in the running, while some reporters give Sutton a good chance, chiefly due to their defeat of Lincoln. This, however, may be one of those upsets which so often occur and which have no real significance.

Chappell and Sidney are in class B. The former, which is to play North Platte, is probably due for a wallopping, while the Sidneyites may have an even chance with Columbus. Scottsbluff plays Gering in Class C. Gering has taken a spurt and should cop the bacon. As these teams are only three miles apart they might play before they go to Lincoln and the loser would save considerable expense. This season they have broken even, each taking a game.

Chadron, also in C should win from Central City as they have a fast team, Antioch, which holds two victories over the local second team will play Hyannis in Class I. As they have defeated the Hyannis eagles once before, they should repeat. Bridgeport has been placed in class O, the lowest group, and will play Raymond in the first round. The writer has never heard of Raymond, but would pick the valley boys to win, for while they have lost practically all their games this year they have played in fairly fast company. Play starts Thursday morning at eight o'clock and will end Saturday evening, when all speculation will be over and the new state champions announced.

Sidney Telegraph Compliments Alliance Basketball Players

The Sidney Telegraph, in its last issue, pays a fine tribute to the Alliance high school basketball team. It is an instance of sportsmanship which seems to be lacking in some western Nebraska towns. The sincerity of it makes one wonder whether the same man could have written it as wrote the review of the Alliance Elks vaudeville show which visited that same town a week or so ago.

The comment on Alliance appeared in a writeup of an important game that was lost by a close score on Sidney's own floor, and the Sidney newspaper in this instance comes out of the bushes and gives credit where credit is due, without evincing any desire to make excuses or produce some alibi to explain the defeat. Incidentally, Sidney has a fast, clean bunch of players and it is a credit to any western Nebraska team to hang their scalp to its belt. The Telegraph says of the game:

"The Alliance game was one of the best ever played in the local gym. The first half Alliance started the scoring but was soon followed by Sidney. The score was tied seven times during the game and only once was either team more than four points ahead of the other. The first half ended with Alliance leading, 15 to 13.

"In the second half, Sidney went into the lead only to lose it in the last two minutes of play when Bicknell, an Alliance substitute, shot three baskets in succession.

"The Alliance team is a bunch of clean players and fine fellows, and we hope that they cop the western Nebraska pennant, for they deserve it. The Alliance has to take her hat off to Sidney, as we were the only team in western Nebraska that has so far been able to defeat them, and that on their own floor."

Western Teams Final Standing is Announced

The final standing of the western Nebraska basket ball teams for 1922 has been announced by Coach Prince who is president of the Athletic association. Alliance is standing in first place for the first time in ten years. The final rating is:

	W	L	Pct.
Alliance	10	1	.909
Chappell	10	3	.769
Sidney	8	4	.750
Gering	7	4	.636
Scottsbluff	6	6	.500
Bayard	2	10	.166
Oshkosh	1	8	.111
Bridgeport	0	7	.000

Herald Selections for an All-Western Basket Ball Team

Along toward the last of any season, be it football or checkers, most fans get the fever for picking "all" teams. This being the end of the basket ball season, herewith are presented. The Herald's selections for an all-western basket ball team, not so much for the fact that anyone will agree with them, but that everyone will enjoy finding objections to it, calling the picker eighteen different varieties of boob, and for the edification of those who have other ideas on the subject, the Herald sports writer presents his all-western basket ball team:

First Team
 Cross, Alliance, forward.
 Lintz, Sidney, forward.
 Gentry, Gering, center.
 Joder, Alliance, guard.
 Bartholemew, Chappell, guard.

Second Team.
 Whitesell, Scottsbluff, forward.
 Dailey, Alliance, forward.
 Pickett, Scottsbluff, center.
 Fowler, Alliance, guard.
 McGrate, Chappell, guard.

Cross has easily led all forwards in this part of the state in all around playing, while as a floor man no western Nebraska player can approach him. Lintz of Sidney has been the individual star of his team, and can do almost anything a good basket ball player can be expected to do. Gentry has been the main factor for his team and while he does not stand out as some of the other players there are no particularly prominent centers. Gentry is a good jumper, plays the floor well and can hit the basket with fair regularity. Joder stands out as perhaps the best known player in the conference, and easily deserves this position. He is fast, husky and has played a consistently good game all season. Bartholemew of Chappell last year played center and has played some fast basket ball although he is reputed to be somewhat streaky. He usually shoots a few baskets and has thrown free throws the past two seasons, with great accuracy.

On the second team, Dailey stands out as the most brilliant player, and when going good is the despair of guards, who are unable to even keep sight of him. His playing this season has been highly erratic, as he sometimes displays almost super basket ball, and at other times, plays a very mediocre game. Had he shown a little more steadiness throughout the season he would probably have been first choice for forward. Pickett, while a good jumper, plays a good game otherwise, and easily deserves the place at center. Whitesell is fast, hard to guard and has played the best game for his team throughout the season. Fowler and McGrate are fast, and both can hit the basket. They have little opposition for their positions. Other players who deserve mention are Terry of Chappell, Hartman of Bayard, Barton of Gering and Null of Sidney, forwards; Campbell of Sidney and Leach of Bayard, centers; and Zimmer of Sidney and Schofield of Scottsbluff, guards.

Hi School Team Defeats Alliance Athletic Club

The Alliance high school blue and white pastimers defeated the Alliance Athletic club 35 to 45, Saturday evening in the fastest game seen on the local court this season. The game, while absolutely clean, was so fast that numerous spills and collisions resulted, a number of the players being considerably banged up at the end of the game. Dailey went wild and found the hoop for eleven baskets, while Griffis of the Athletic club, a former college star, duplicated his feat and also made one free throw, rolling up a total of twenty-three of his team's thirty-five points. Bicknell, who took Cross' place at forward, because of Cross' injured foot, played a good game, making six baskets. G. Joder of the Athletics made five baskets.

The summary:

A. H. S.	g	ft	f	p
Bicknell, f	6	0	0	12
Dailey, f	11	0	0	22
Brown, c	2	0	0	4
S. Joder, g-f	2	0	2	4
Fowler, (C) g	0	3	2	3
Purdy, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	3	4	45

Athletic Club	g	ft	f	p
G. Joder, f	5	0	0	10
Griffis, f	11	1	0	23
O'Connor, c	0	0	1	0
Trabert, g	1	0	0	2
Lotspeich, g	0	0	3	0
Beal, c	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	1	4	35

Local Second Team Loses Close Game to Antioch Quintet

The Alliance high school second team lost a hard fought game, 24 to 21, to the Antioch team Saturday evening as a preliminary to the high school-Athletic club mix. Chilcote, an Antioch forward, made 16 of his team's points, while Wilson, center, made the remaining 8. English, dusky center for the reserves, played the best game for his team and had he played the whole game the result might have been different. Thompson and Vanderlass, the guards, worked well, but the forwards seemed unable to get started. This is the second defeat handed the reserves by the Antioch five, who have so far lost but

one game. As they are going to the state tournament, however, they will probably have to add another game to this column.

The summary:

A. H. S. Reserves	g	ft	f	p
Cross, f	1	5	2	7
Laing, f	2	0	0	4
English, c	2	0	0	4
Vanderlass, g	1	0	1	2
Thompson, g	0	0	2	0
Eberly, g	0	0	2	0
Inman, c	2	0	1	4
Totals	8	5	8	21

Antioch	g	ft	f	p
Greenfield, f	0	0	0	0
Chilcote, f	6	4	0	16
Wilson, c	4	0	1	8
Reed, g	0	0	10	0
Oakes, g	0	0	2	0
Totals	10	4	4	24

Alliance High Girls Will Play Series of Basket Ball Games

The Alliance high school girls, after a long period of inactivity will play three games soon, all of which should be fast and snappy. This evening the girls will play Hemingford. The Hemingford team has had little experience and should not be hard to vanquish. On Friday, the 10th, Mullen will come to Alliance and battle with the girls in what should be a speedy game as the Mullen girls have played a good number of games this season and copped the bacon in most of them. The final game will be with Oshkosh here on Thursday the 16th. This should be fast as the Oshkosh damsels already have defeated the locals once and the return game is scheduled for revengeful purposes. These games should draw good crowds as they will be fast and probably close enough to be interesting, which is more than can be said of some of the boys' games.

Chappell Basketball Players Are Grand Bunch of Quitters

The attitude of the Chappell basketball players in refusing to come to Alliance to play last week, is about the last straw. It is the culminating bit of evidence piled up by a team and coach that seem to be an aggregation of short sports.

Last fall Alliance booked the Thanksgiving football game with Chappell and the Chappellites agreed to come here to play. The day before the game, however, Coach Prince received word that they declined to come and would cancel the game if Alliance would not go to Chappell. As the coach wanted a game, he finally agreed to go and the result was that Chappell bit the dust to the tune of 61 to 7.

The next episode was the two Chappell games in the basketball race. The towns agreed that each would pay the

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other's expenses for the trips. Chappell then informed Coach Prince that they would pay Alliance \$50 for the game, while the actual expenses of the trip are over \$100. Alliance, of course, refused this and the matter was brought to the attention of the board of control. The board decided that there should be two games played, one at Alliance and one at Chappell, and that each team should pay its own expenses, and that Shellenberg of Potter, a well known official and an old University of Nebraska star, should be referee. When Coach Prince went to Chappell he arranged for Shellenberg to be there, although the usual custom is for the home team to attend to this. Chappell, in spite of the board's ruling, said nothing to Shellenberg about officiating. When the Alliance team arrived with Shellenberg, the Chappell team refused to play unless a local man who had refereed a number of Chappell's previous games acted as referee. This man has been accused of gross partiality by teams that have played Chappell when he officiated. Coach Prince refused to play under these conditions and a compromise was finally made on a man from Scottsbluff who happened to be in town.

Now the final stunt to be pulled off by the Chappellites is to refuse to come to Alliance to play, after the Alliance team had spent over \$100 to go to Chappell. Alliance is out this much money now, with no return. As Alliance defeated Chappell, 28 to 17, on Chappell's floor, these players probably decided that they had no desire to be walloped again, and were not good enough sports to face the prospect of certain defeat. Who ever heard of Alliance or Sidney, Bayard, Scottsbluff or Chadron backing out of what was apparently a losing game? Bridgeport hasn't won a conference game this year, yet they haven't said, "We're likely to be walloped—we won't play."

Again, when Gering lost to Alliance, their players said that they had been going good, but that they couldn't win. At the end of the first half in the Chadron-Alliance game, the Chadron captain called his men together and told them, "Let's get together, fellows—maybe we can't win, but let's at least show them a game." They did show Alliance such a game that in the last half Chadron led the scoring, 13 to 12. Either one of these teams could probably defeat Chappell, mainly because they aren't poor sports and crabbies. Gering demonstrated that she could last Thursday, taking Chappell into camp, 34 to 16.

Chappell's refusal to play in no way affects Alliance's leadership in the championship race, but a team of this disposition has no place in the conference.

Tierney Sale of Fine Registered Cattle on Tuesday, March 14

Don't fail to read the sale announcement of B. J. Tierney in this issue, on page 7, scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, at Ansley, Neb. He offers for sale a big lot of Registered Herefords and Shorthorn cattle, bulls and heifers.

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