

# Neligh Sinks Ord in Finals

## O'Neill High Knocked Out In First Round

An underdog Neligh quintet Saturday night upset a favored Ord team in finals of district class "B" basketball tourney. Final score was Neligh 44, Ord 41.

### First Round—

**Neligh 44, Bassett 38**  
In the opening round of the tournament Thursday night defeated one day because of the storm, Neligh sped past Bassett, 44-38.

Coach Dick Fischer's Warriors grabbed the lead in the opening minutes and it was never relinquished. Francis paced the Neligh outfit in the first period as he rattled the hoop for 7 of the Warriors' 12 points. The scoreboard at the end of the initial period read: Neligh 12, Bassett 4.

By the time the second period had ended Neligh had stretched its lead to 16 points, 26-8.

Bassett picked up a point on the Warriors in the third. Coach Ray Westover's charges poked through 10 while the Antelope county quintet connected for 9. The fourth period "let-down" hit the Neligh lads as they allowed the Bassett crew to rally and score 20 points. However, the rally was far short of the needed victory margin as time ran out.

Fischer, a Bassett forward, chalked up high scoring honors for the tilt. He rimmed 16 while Francis, of Neligh, dumped in 11 points.

Game number 2 on Thursday night's card pitted Plainview against Valentine. Some tournament observers believed the 42-38 victory garnered was the upset of the initial round.

An ace point-making freshman, Kokrda, of Plainview, was the big noise in the Plainview victory as his second period scoring spree kept his team on top.

Dick O'Neill's Cherry county aggregation was on the short end of the 10-12 count as the first period ended. Nevertheless, they moved out and kept pace with the Plainview Pirates during the second frame as each club dropped in 15 points.

The halftime score was Plainview 27, Valentine 25.

In the third period action, Valentine was cold and could not find the range. Valentine tallied 5 third period points to 9 for Coach Bob Hauver's Pirates.

At the outset of the final stanza the Cherry county boys attempted to rally. They could not muster the shooting accuracy to carry through the quarter and the rally died.

### Ord 53, O'Neill 30

The tournament favorite, Ord, put on a scoring show for the slim crowd in the third contest of the first round as the Chanticleers eased to a 53-30 verdict over the O'Neill high school Eagles.

Smooth-working center for the Ord bunch, Richardson, was too much for the Eagles as he connected with his turn, hook and follow shot with perfect timing. Without pressure, the Ord crew worked smoothly and beautifully throughout the game.

Diminutive Don Godel peppered the hoop for 20 points for the Eagles in an effort to keep pace with the victory-bound Ord outfit.

The Eagles were limited to a pair of fielders in the first half as the Chanticleers reaped a harvest of baskets. Score as the teams went to the locker rooms for the halftime rest was: Ord 29, O'Neill 8.

The bright light in the second half for the Eagles focused on Godel as he went on a brief fourth period scoring rampage which netted 13 points. O'Neill tallied 14 points in the final stanza and the Ord boys hit for 13.

Ord's center, Richardson, rang the scoring bell for 23 points for game high point honors while Godel, of the Eagles, collected 20.

O'NEILL (30)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Godel	8	4-5	2	20
Dick	0	1-0	3	1
Calkins	1	0-1	2	2
Eby	1	0-2	0	2
Lindberg	0	0-0	5	0
Buckmaster	0	0-0	1	1
Wagon	1	0-1	5	2
Porter	0	0-0	0	0
Layh	1	1-3	5	3
Totals	12	6-12	23	30

ORD (53)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Maurice	3	0-0	1	6
Moore	0	0-0	0	0
Falter	3	2-3	2	8
Severson	0	0-0	0	0
Richardson	9	5-11	1	23
Heuck	0	0-0	0	0
Stoddard	1	1-4	4	3
Stones	0	0-0	0	0
Pencas	5	3-6	2	13
Dvorack	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	21	11-21	10	53

**Ainsworth 36, Burwell 16**  
Ainsworth mauled Burwell, 36-16, in the final game of the first round Thursday evening.

The Ainsworth scoring was distributed through the team as the Burwell club made 50 percent of its points at the free throw line.

The Brown county "5" maneuvered into a 10-5 lead at the end of the first quarter and then stretched out in the second canto with a 9-point lead.

Beginning third quarter play, the Ainsworth cage crowd held an 18-9 advantage and when the final period got underway Burwell was snowed under by a 30-13 count.

An Ainsworth forward, Hagerman, punched through 15 points, for game high scoring laurels. Best for the losing Burwell club was Newman with 5 points.

### Semifinals—

Ord and Neligh gained the finals of the tournament Friday

night by dropping Ainsworth and Plainview, respectively.

Ord had a tough time downing the spirited Ainsworth club 49-38, in the other semifinal event Friday evening.

**Neligh 45, Plainview 38**  
Neligh, in the opener on Friday night's card, eased past a cold Plainview quintet, 45-38.

Muckey, a Neligh forward, bucketed a charity toss with less than a minute gone in the quarter and from this point on the Warriors were never headed.

Three minutes and 10 seconds had elapsed in the quarter before Plainview counted from the field. But Neligh's Hoggins and Van Kirk dumped in a follow-up and a dribble-in shot, respectively, as Coach Dick Fischer's charges pulled away from sputtering Plainview. The score at the end of the quarter was Neligh 13, Plainview 6.

Coach Fischer's lads continued the torrid pace as they counted 12 points in the second period to 8 for Plainview. Neligh's Forward Francis led the second period scoring with 5 points, while freshman Forward Kokrda paced his team's second period scoring with 6.

The alert Neligh club controlled the rebounds during most of the half. Plainview's shooting was inaccurate.

In second half play, the Antelope county quint limited the Plainview tribe to 4 points. Neligh stretched its lead to 19 points as the final period got underway. The count was Neligh 38, Plainview 19.

At this point Coach Bob Hauver's kids rallied. The rally lasted until the official 5-minute time-out. During the 5-minute rally the Plainview team picked up 13 points. With the official time-out, the Plainview club cooled.

During the final canto, 4 of Neligh's first string players—Moon, Van Kirk, Muckey and Hoggins—were sent to the showers via the foul route. However, before Hoggins went out on fouls he chalked up 8 field goals and a charity for a 17-point total. Kokrda, of Plainview, hit 15 points.

NELIGH (45)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Wisch	1	2-4	4	4
Francis	5	1-3	3	11
Hoggins	8	1-3	5	17
Muckey	2	1-1	5	5
Holthuis	0	0-0	0	0
Van Kirk	1	1-3	5	3
Welch	0	0-0	0	0
Moon	2	1-3	5	5
Totals	19	7-17	27	45

PLNVW (38)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Thomas	1	1-1	3	3
Kokrda	6	3-8	1	15
Stueckrath	0	4-6	0	4
Albin, L.	2	5-8	3	9
Scranton	0	1-4	5	1
Albin, G.	0	0-1	2	0
Foster	2	2-3	1	6
Totals	11	16-29	15	38

**Ord 49, Ainsworth 38**

An alert Ord cage team faltered briefly in the third period but regained its scoring punch in the final canto to defeat the game Ainsworth quintet, 49-38.

Coach Leon Englebart's Ainsworth basketweavers trailed through most of 3 quarters before tying the count at 32-all with 4 seconds to go in the third period.

Cari Johnson, the slick Ainsworth pivot man, almost single-handedly put his team into the lead during the third period push. He connected for 10 points. Guard Osborn, of the Brown county club, swished a basket from midcourt to knot the count.

Then Englebart's lads moved into the lead on a pair of buckets by Johnson in the opening minute of the final period.

Calmly, and coolly, the Ord "5" settled down and maneuvered into the lead on the shoulders of their big center, Richardson. Richardson tallied 12 points in the final quarter as the Ord club swept into the finals of the tournament.

Richardson, of Ord, walked off with high scoring honors as he hit 10 buckets and 4 free throws for a 24-point total. High point man for Ainsworth was Slot Man Johnson with 20.

AINS. (38)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Stoltenberg	0	0-1	5	0
McAndrew	0	0-0	0	0
Hagerman	1	3-4	1	5
Johnson	8	4-4	4	20
Manes	3	1-3	4	7
Austin	0	0-0	1	0
Morgan	0	0-0	2	0
Osborn	3	0-0	2	6
Totals	15	8-12	19	38

ORD (49)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Maurice	1	2-4	1	4
Falter	4	0-1	0	8
Richardson	10	4-8	2	24
Heuck	2	0-3	3	4
Stoddard	3	1-1	7	7
Pencas	0	3-4	5	3
Totals	19	10-21	12	49

### Finals—

**Neligh 44, Ord 41**  
The Neligh Warriors were forced to come from behind in the final minute of the frantic tilt to capture the championship and to get a shot at the state class B title at Lincoln.

Francis and Hoggins, a pair of elongated Warriors, were the heroes of the game when they pushed their team into the lead with less than a minute to go. Francis connected with a 2-handed side shot that put the Neligh club out in front by 1 point, 42-41. Seconds later, Vic Hoggins came back for the clinching bucket as time ran out.

The heavily favored Ord team rode the scoring crest during the

## SCOREBOARD

The Neligh Warriors swept through the class "B" district cage tournament this week with wins over Bassett, Plainview and Ord.

Here are the results:

**FIRST ROUND**  
Neligh 44, Bassett 38  
Plainview 42, Valentine 38  
Ord 53, O'Neill 30  
Ainsworth 36, Burwell 16

**SEMIFINALS**  
Ord 49, Ainsworth 38  
Neligh 45, Plainview 38

**FINALS**  
Neligh 44, Ord 41

greater share of the championship tilt on the shoulders of their big pivot man, Richardson. He kept Coach R. R. Peterson's crew in the game by accounting for 28 of the 41-point Ord team total.

With 15 seconds gone, Van Kirk, a short Neligh guard, took the initial tip-off and dribbled down the center of the court into the foul circle to sink a 1-hander for the first fielder. Then in rapid-fire pace, the Warriors grabbed a 9-2 lead. Four minutes and 30 seconds had elapsed in the first period before the highly-touted Ord crew was able to count from the field.

But once getting the range the Ord kids carried through and with a minute and a half left in the quarter they popped into the lead on Richardson's follow shot and a charity toss. The first period ended with Coach Peterson's lads out in front 15-11.

Neligh moved into a faster brand of ball playing at the outset of the second frame and pulled up to knot the count on Muckey's follow shot with 45 seconds to go. The halftime score was deadlocked at 22-22.

During the second half play the point margin between the 2 high school clubs did not vary over 4 points.

Francis meshed a 1-hander from the side with 2 minutes gone in the third period as the lead see-sawed back and forth. Richardson, of Ord, started connecting with his turn-away and hook shots. These baskets put the Ord Chanticleers out in front for the remainder of the frantic period.

But in the first 3½ minutes of the final canto, Dale Moon and Vic Hoggins potted a jump and 1-handed shot, respectively, to bring the victory-bound Warriors up to within a point of the Chanticleers.

A short scoring spurt by the Neligh lads put them into the lead briefly with a 40-37 count. Ord bounced back into the lead with a pair of buckets with about 75 seconds to go.

Then, Francis and Hoggins brought down the house with the winning baskets as the Neligh fans hit the peak of their enthusiasm.

Richardson picked off the high scoring laurels for the evening with his 28-point total. Other high scorers were Neligh's Hoggins and Francis with 20 and 10 points, respectively.

Following the game, Joe Ryan, sports editor of the Neligh News, told The Frontier sports staff, the most significant thing about the entire contest was the lack of substitutions until the last 15 seconds when Richardson, of Ord, fouled out. This indicates the best brand of ball was being played with a minimum of fouls, Ryan said.

In the curtain raiser on the final evening's card, Ainsworth captured the third place spot of the tournament by downing Plainview, 50-49.

The 1-point margin the Ainsworth crew won by does not, however, indicate the type of ball that was played.

Plainview caught the Ainsworth club napping in the final period and slipped in some sleeper buckets to narrow the margin.

Plainview held a slim 1-point advantage as the third place game moved into the second period of play. But Ainsworth rapidly fired in 4 two-pointers to move into the lead. By the time the intermission rolled around the Brown county lads had piled up a 31-25 lead.

Resuming the second half play Coach Leon Englebart's youngsters continued the alert ball playing and moved into the final period with a 42-34 margin.

Then Foster, Kokrda and Thomas, all of Plainview, slipped in the "sleeper" buckets before the coasting Ainsworth quint realized their plight. But time ran out just as Foster connected for Plainview's 49th point.

The slick center for Ainsworth, Johnson, and Thomas, a Plainview forward, shared high scoring honors for the tilt, as each counted 18 points.

Boxscore for the championship game:

NELIGH (44)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Francis	5	0-1	3	10
Hoggins	9	2-4	3	20
Muckey	2	2-6	4	6
Van Kirk	1	2-4	1	4
Moon	2	0-4	1	4
Totals	19	6-19	12	44

## ST. JOSEPH'S TO STATE TOURNEY

Josies Drop Hartington 49-26 In Class 'C' Playoff

ATKINSON — Using a tight zone defense and a fast break offense, St. Joseph's of Atkinson, Saturday night worked its way into the state class "C" tournament by defeating Hartington, 49-26.

The playoff game was staged on the Plainview maples. It was originally scheduled for Tuesday night, March 7, but because of bad roads was not played until Saturday.

Dexter and Slattery accounted for 9 of St. Joe's 12 first period points as the Wildcats from Hartington trailed at the end of the period, 12-4. The Bluejays of St. Joseph's boasted a 23-9 advantage at the end of the first half.

An 11-point scoring spurt in the third period by Vogel pushed his team into a substantial 41-20 lead as play moved into the final quarter.

Coach Louis Wewal's Bluejays only tallied 8 points in the final period of play as substitutes dotted the lineup.

The Josies big pivot man, Vogel, racked up 16 points in the first 3 quarters to top high scoring laurels while Dexter, another Bluejay, picked up 15. Looking best for the losing Hartington quintet were Hegert and Bell.

Among those taking cars and escorting the Josies to Lincoln were Leo Seger, Francis D. Lee, A. G. Miller, Charles Dvorak and Art Humpal.

### Chadron Prep Rumps Over Josies (In Class 'C' Playoff)

LINCOLN—St. Joseph's hall of Atkinson, was turned back in its bid for the state class "C" basketball crown early Wednesday afternoon, March 15, yielding to a strong Chadron Prep aggregation, 40-33.

Prep enjoyed a 10-6 lead at the end of the first stanza; 24-14, at halftime; 29-22, at the third.

Atkinson's Gerald Vogel was held scoreless in the first half. A host of rapid supports from Atkinson — and some from O'Neill — were on hand to see Dan Nykuska hoist in 15 points and Bob Armstrong tally 12 to lead Prep.

Vogel bounced back in the second half to score 10 points. Other St. Joe tallies were: Bernard Troshynski, 6; Tom Slattery and Bill Dexter, 5 each.

In an earlier first round class "C" game, Holy Name routed Pawnee City. On Friday Prep will play winner of Friend-Scribner game.

The Josies, who have been handicapped by lack of practice, voluntarily competed in class "C". Technically, St. Joe is a class "D" school.

### Neligh, St. Joe Go Compete at Lincoln

Nebraska High School Athletic association Monday announced the pairing for the state basketball tournament which got underway in Lincoln Wednesday noon.

St. Joseph's of Atkinson, winner of the class C district tournament, played in Atkinson during the first week in March, was to tangle with Chadron Prep in the first round.

Neligh, winner of the class "B" meet held here March 9-11, Wednesday evening was to test Mitchell in the first round.

However, up until press time Wednesday results of these games were not available.

### All-Holt Cage '5' To Be Selected

Ballots are being sent to all Holt county high school coaches this week in preparation to picking candidates for The Frontier's fourth annual all-Holt county basketball team.

The issue of The Frontier which will contain the all-Holt county cage "5" will be announced soon.

Coaches will work with The Frontier's sports staff in the selection of the top 5 basketballers in Holt county. In addition, candidates for a second team and honorable mention will be chosen.

### LEGAL NOTICE

(First pub. March 16, 1950)  
Julius D. Cronin, Attorney  
NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT  
Estate No. 3583

In the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, March 13th, 1950.

In the matter of the Estate of Maude Hess, Deceased.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that the Administrator with the Will annexed of said estate has filed in this court his final report and a petition for final settlement and distribution of the residue of said estate; and that said report and petition will be heard April 5th, 1950, at 10 o'clock A.M. at the County Court Room in O'Neill, Nebraska, when all persons interested may appear and be heard concerning said final report and the distribution of said estate.

LOUIS W. REIMER,  
County Judge.  
(County Court Seal) 45-47

## Redbird Isolated For 5 Days

REDBIRD — Redbird was isolated for 5 days and cut off from the outside world. No mail has arrived since Tuesday, March 7. Highways and roads are all blocked with deep snow drifts. The phone service has been very spasmodic. Hundreds of birds, of all kinds, have been found frozen to death from Tuesday's storm. Friday, March 10, 6 inches of snow fell, which brought further hardship.

### Other Redbird News

Due to the snow storm our roads have been blocked all week. Barry Baker walked out from Lynch Tuesday to see his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Baker.

Virgil Wilson rode the pony to Lynch Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Bessert are in Wagner, S. D., getting acquainted with their little grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart.

Miss Leota Hull, teacher at Redbird, was unable to get to her home in Lynch Friday night.

Lyle and Robert Wells spent Tuesday in the Ray Wilson home as their car was stuck in the snow enroute to the William Wells farm.

Vic McKenzie was a dinner guest at Ray Wilson's Friday, March 10.

Edward Carson was in Redbird Monday, March 16.

Eugene Hrbeek, of Scottville, was here Monday, March 6.

Mr. Floyd Crawford, of near O'Neill, called in Redbird Monday, March 6.

Claude Pickering and family were in Redbird Monday, March 6.

Fred Truax, sr., was here Monday, March 6.

Dale Bessert was in Redbird Monday, March 6.

W. H. Hartland was here on business Monday, March 6.

Lee Wells called in Redbird Monday, March 6.

H. V. Rosenkrans, of Dorsey, visited here Monday, March 6.

Bob Wiley, of Dorsey, was in Redbird Monday, March 6.

James Youcum was here Thursday, March 9.

Beryl Bessert was here Friday, March 10.

Ray Wilson was a visitor in Redbird