

SPORTS

Eagles Knockoff Atkinson, 61 - 53

Whistle - Happy Refs Slow Game

The Atkinson high Balers, who had registered four successive pre-holiday triumphs, came to town Friday night with a green and gangly crew. They tossed a houndinger of a scare into the O'Neill high Eagles, but Coach Paul Baker's OHS crew emerged victorious, 61-53.

The lead changed hands 17 times before the Eagles, breezing along on Larry Chace's marksmanship and Duane Booth's steady passing, pulled away in the final canto.

Coach Sonny Retzlaff lost three via the foul route and the lack of reserve strength immediately registered on the scoreboard.

At the outset the refs stopped the game to tone down some rhubarb originating in the south balcony. The rough stuff isn't condoned anytime, but plenty of fans thought the refs were whistle-happy later on. Eighty-one freethrows were attempted. The refs seemed to concentrate on Atkinson violations for awhile, then switch to the Eagles.

Chace, who played basketball for the Balers during his freshman and sophomore years, poured in 11 fielders and 10 out of 16

freethrows to set a classy individual performance pace. His deception and speed made points for O'Neill all evening.

Atkinson scored first and stayed ahead until midway in the opening stanza, which ended 15-11 in favor of O'Neill. The Blues were ahead 31-27 at the half.

Well along in the third Atkinson held a 41-39 margin. Harold Dexter's free throws made it 41-41. Atkinson's Houston hit a fielder and O'Neill's Duane Alton countered, making it 43-41.

Fred Dobrovolsky hit a fielder for Atkinson. With three seconds left, Chace scored a FG and one freethrow, giving O'Neill a 46-45 margin at the end of the third.

O'Neill led throughout the fourth period by various margins: 49-45, 52-48, 56-49, 56-51, 58-52, and the final—61-53.

The straw that broke the Balers' back was when big Mulford went to the showers with five minutes gone in the fourth and the score 52-48.

Retzlaff relies heavily on his big boys—Houston, Dobrovolsky, Mulford and Dunn.

Proof that the pep gals might be doing as much work as the players was evidenced when Kay Dvorak, Baler noisemaker, fainted. The game was stopped while she was carried to a classroom where a doctor could attend her. The week before one of the O'Neill cheerleaders passed out at Ainsworth.

Kay was still in the Atkinson hospital four days later.

O'Neill used a man-to-man defense the first half. Accumulation of too many personals obliged Baker to switch to a zone.

O'Neill seconds won the pre-lim, 46-43, over the Baler scrubs. The junior Eagles had built a substantial margin, 41 - 29. The visitors then went to work. Had the game gone on another minute or so the outcome might have been different. Eighty-five

freethrow tickets were issued. The pre-lim game didn't end until 8:35 and the varsity game didn't get underway until 8:54—roughly an hour too late.

Boxscore of main event:

O'NEILL (61)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Chace	11	10	4	32
Gatz	0	0	0	0
Dexter	1	3	5	5
Gaskill	1	0	1	2
Miner	2	4	5	8
Alton	2	2	3	6
Booth	2	1	2	5
Seger	1	1	5	3
Totals	20	21	25	61

ATK (53)	fg	ft	pf	tp
O'Conner	3	0	5	6
Dunn	7	5	4	19
Rothchild	0	0	0	0
Houston	4	5	2	13
Mulford	0	1	5	1
Dobrovolsky	3	2	5	8
Small	2	2	3	6
Meyers	0	0	1	0
Totals	19	15	26	53

Referees: Marion Hicks of Bassett and Senat of Bassett.

Norfolk, O'Neill Catholic Quints Lose

Gokie Leads Attacks for St. Joe

ATKINSON — Sharp-shooting Donald Gokie led the St. Joseph's hall Bluejays in two impressive cage victories during the past week.

In a Friday night battle with the Sacred Heart Knights of Norfolk, Gokie rolled up 38 points, and the Josies won, 70-47. In a Monday night meeting with St. Mary's of O'Neill, Mr. Gokie was held fairly well in check, but still led the assault with 15 points. The Josies won that one, 53-31.

Both games were played on the Atkinson court.

St. Joe 70; Sacred Heart 47
Don Gokie was hitting the ring from all angles, registering 17 fielders and four freethrows, as he led the up-and-coming Josies to a relatively easy win over Sacred Heart (Norfolk). Gokie collected six fielders in the first quarter, and four each in the second and third periods. He "cooled - off" to a mere three buckets during the final stanza. The Bluejays led, 32-17, at intermission.

Best for the Norfolks was John Lawler's 15 points.

The St. Joe reserves turned back the Knight rubbings, 27-26, after leading, 16-14, at halftime.

Boxscore of main event:

S. HEART (47)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Mock, f	0	2-2	1	2
Vincent, f	0	0-2	0	2
Corkle, f	0	0-0	3	0
McMahon, f	0	0-5	3	0
Henn, c	3	4-10	2	10
Jonas, c	0	0-0	0	0
Kent, g	4	3-4	1	11
Armbruster, g	2	1-4	2	2
Lawler, g	6	3-8	3	15
Totals	17	13-32	17	47

ST. JOE (70)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Gokie, f	17	4-8	3	38
Lee, f	0	1-1	5	0
Schmit, f	6	0-0	3	12
Miller, f	0	0-1	2	0
Slattery, f	0	0-0	0	0
W. Ries, c	3	3-5	2	9
Clary, c	0	1-1	3	1
Verzal, g	4	1-1	0	9
Bouska, g	0	0-1	0	0
Penry, g	0	0-1	0	0
Mack, g	0	1-3	0	0
J. Ries, g	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	30	10-19	24	70

St. Joe 53; St. Mary's 31
Coach Pat Miller's Josies built a 16-13 first-quarter lead Monday night against the St. Mary's academy Cardinals (O'Neill). Miller proceeded to use 12 players throughout the remainder of the game.

The Cards narrowed the gap to 21-31 at halftime, but couldn't cope with the Gokie-Schmit-Ries combine that gathered 40 points.

The Cards muffed 22 attempts from the freethrow lane; the Josies fizzled on 21.

Terry Wanser's eight points was the best point-getting effort for SMA.

By coincidence, both Coach Miller and St. Mary's Coach Bob Berigan are former St. Joseph's hall cage greats.

Summary:

ST. M. (31)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Bazelman	1	2-2	4	8
Wanser	3	2-5	8	8
Weier	0	0-7	0	0
Graham	1	1-2	3	3
Head	0	1-3	1	1
Cuddy	0	2-1	2	2
Tomlinson	2	2-4	6	6
London	0	0-3	0	0
Donohoe	0	0-1	0	0
Totals	7	17	21	31

ST. JOE (51)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Gokie	6	4-4	16	16
Schmit	6	1-5	13	13
Reis	3	5-4	11	11
Miller	0	2-4	2	2
Penry	1	1-1	3	3
J. Slattery	2	0-0	3	3
Slattery	0	1-2	1	1
Mack	0	1-1	1	1
Totals	18	14	21	51

Bassett Dumps Valentine, 57-36

BASSETT — Bassett scored a 57-36 victory over Valentine here Friday night for the locals' second victory of the season against one defeat.

Mary Bussinger led Bassett's scoring with 19 points, while Mick Morton played an outstanding floor game and contributed 13 points to the Tiger total. Lame-reux scored 13 to pace Valentine.

Kelly, Couch Make Hay Against Cards

Pour in 20 Points Each for Inman

There was something less than standing-room-only Thursday at Inman as the Inman Tigers spanked the visiting St. Mary's academy (O'Neill) Cardinals, 63-49.

The upcoming Tigers made hay after the even-thirteenth first quarter, which ended 13-11. It was Forward Don Kelly and Center Gene Couch who broke the Cards' back. The duo accounted for 40 points.

Inman had defeated the Cards, 48-43, in the season's opener for both teams at O'Neill on December 1, and the customers were expecting a battle royal.

Halftime score was 35-25 in favor of Inman. The Tigers maintained a 10-point lead—47-37—at the end of the third.

Coach Bob Berigan's kids apparently couldn't cope with the sharpshooting of Messrs. Kelly, Couch, Reimers, Davis, & Co. Lofty Duane Weier, SMA center, was the main offensive threat for the Scarlet, getting five fielders.

In a preliminary, the St. Mary's fledglings defeated the Inman reserves, 33-19. Jim Becker got 11 points for the winners.

Boxscore of the main event:

ST. M. (49)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Bazelman	1	0-1	2	2
Wanser	2	3-3	7	7
Weier	5	2-3	12	12
Graham	3	1-3	7	7
Head	3	3-3	9	9
Cuddy	1	0-0	2	2
Tomlinson	4	2-3	10	10
London	0	0-1	0	0
R. Donohoe	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	19	11	17	49

INMAN (63)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Kelly	7	6-4	20	20
Butterfield	0	0-0	0	0
Couch	8	4-2	20	20
Davis	3	1-2	7	7
Reimers	5	1-3	11	11
Sawyer	0	0-0	0	0
Boha	0	0-0	0	0
Wolfe	0	1-0	1	1
Jackson	1	2-5	4	4
Coventry	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	24	15	16	63

Balers Win Thriller from Chambers Quint

ATKINSON — The Atkinson high school Balers scored a 48-47 victory over Chambers here Tuesday night.

The score at the end of the first quarter was Atkinson 12, Chambers 6. At the halftime, Atkinson had scored 20 and Chambers 16.

Dobrovolsky led Atkinson's scorers with 16 markers. O'Conner made 12 and Small nine points.

Top players for Chambers were Strong with 18 points, Adams with 14 and Tangeman with 10.

SOUTH OF STUART NEWS
The Wednesday afternoon bridge club met with Mrs. Harold Givens, December 16. Prizes were won by Mrs. Ben Engler and Mrs. Wilbur Moon. A Christmas exchange was held and a lunch was served by Mr. Givens.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Coker of O'Neill were Monday evening visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Greenfield and family.

The KC bridge club met Monday evening with Mrs. Art Givens. Prizes were won by Mrs. A. M. Batenhorst and Mrs. George Wallinger. After the games a lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Everingham of Newport were Tuesday afternoon callers at the Roy Rhodes home.

Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Su of Stuart were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Roy Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Paxton and Larry and Mrs. Ella Cobb enjoyed Sunday evening supper with Mr. and Mrs. Murel McClure of O'Neill.

Mrs. Ray Greenfield visited her mother, Mrs. Bell Hitchcock, Thursday afternoon at Atkinson.

Thursday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kunz and Jeanie were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Vogel and family, and Mrs. Joe Kunz and daughter, Joan.

Gene Batenhorst drove to Omaha Friday to bring his brother, Navy Cadet Kenneth Batenhorst of Pensola, Fla., home for the holidays. F. J. Clark and Mary Ellen Cooney of Omaha accompanied them to Stuart. Don Beckwith accompanied them as far as O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dvorak and family of Atkinson visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kunz and Jeanie.

SPENCER—Dr. J. M. Pucelik has been reelected president of the Spencer commercial club, and John R. Krotter has been reelected secretary-treasurer. An all-out push for new members is planned for the new year.

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Wood Lake Spills Stuart Broncos, 50-43

STUART — The Stuart high Broncos failed to corral the Wood Lake high Longhorns Friday night, December 18, when they journeyed to Wood Lake for a game. Wood Lake won, 50-43.

The first quarter found the Longhorns leading by one point, while at intermission the Broncos had the lead by five points, which Wood Lake whittled down to a one-point margin in the third quarter. In the last quarter Stuart slipped behind seven points with the final score reading: Wood Lake 50; Stuart 43.

Brewster and Shald tied for high point honors with 14 points each.

The pre-lim game results were Stuart 35, Wood Lake 23.

Boxscore of main event:

STUART (43)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Paxton	3	1-0	7	7
Hytrek	0	2-0	6	2
Mitchell	6	2-4	4	4
Brewster	6	2-5	14	14
Shald	6	2-5	14	14
Wewel	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	17	9	10	43

W. L. (50)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Logerwell	6	1-3	13	13
Sweet	3	5-3	11	11
Kenan	6	1-1	13	13
Kistler	3	2-1	8	8
McAndrews	0	0-2	0	0
Herron	2	1-1	5	5
Totals	20	10	11	50

Inman Tigers Meet Elgin-Orchard Victor

INMAN — Supt. James Runnalls and Coach Joe Zowada attended the drawing for the Elkhorn Valley and Sandhill Gateways tournament at Brunswick Saturday morning. The tournament is set for January 4, 5, 7 and 8, and will be held at Brunswick. Three games will be played nightly on the first two nights and there will be two games nightly on the last two nights.

The first games will begin at 6 p.m.; the second games will begin at 7:30 p.m., and the final games will begin at 9 p.m.

Inman will play its first game at 7:30 p.m., on January 5 against the winner of the Orchard-Elgin game from the night before.

Learn About Masonic Home from Resident
EWING—There was a good attendance at the Past Matrons club and Star Kensington when the group met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Grace Briggs.

At the business meeting, greetings were read from several absent members who are spending the winter out-of-state and from former members, one of whom was Mrs. Minnie French, who wrote an interesting description of the Masonic home at Plattsmouth where she now resides.

Center Bus'est Deer Check Point
CENTER—The town of Center, Nebraska's busiest deer checking station during the December 7-11 season checked almost as many deer as the town has residents.

A total of 107 deer was sealed by the Nebraska game commission at the courthouse in Center. That town's population, according to the most recent census, is 148.

Man at Clearwater Suffers Face Cuts
CLEARWATER—George Neal suffered painful face cuts Wednesday, December 16, when he was struck by a timber as he was working the chute while dehorning cattle.

He is recovering at his home. Ten stitches were required to close the cuts.

Army Pvt. Edward Bridges arrived Saturday from Ft. Riley, Kans., to visit his mother, Mrs. Alice Bridges, and his brother, Army Pfc. James Bridges, who is here for the holidays from Ft. Bragg, N. C. Edward was one of three chosen from his regiment for a recent commendation. He is being transferred to Ft. Sheridan, Ill., where he will attend Fifth army band school.

300 Cattle Today
There will be around 300 head of cattle offered at the regular weekly sale to be held today (Thursday). Because of the holiday nature of the week, receipts are expected to be considerably below the receipts at the two most recent sales.

The managers say today's sale will begin, as usual, with the hog sale, which will include around 150 head of feeder pigs. The cattle sale today will get underway immediately after lunch.

Here's a reminder of the next sale—to be held Thursday, December 31—that's one week from today.

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O'Neill News

Edward McCarthy returned home Monday from the naval air station at Norfolk, Va., to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McCarthy.

Lt. Allen Porter returned home Sunday from Tyndall Field, Fla., to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Porter. Mr. Porter drove to Sioux City to meet him.

Mrs. Mattie Johnson is staying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Victor Johnson, while her daughter and son-in-law are in California visiting.

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A/3c Delbert Rouse is spending a Christmas furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse. He is stationed at the Lockborne air force base near Columbus, O.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hubby of Neligh were Wednesday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Carrie Borg, and Marvel.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Huebert of Wichita, Kans., came Tuesday night to spend the Christ-

mas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Streeter, and with his mother, Mrs. Edna Huebert.

A/3c Allen Walters is spending a Christmas furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters. He is stationed at the Lockborne air force base near Columbus, O.

Mr. and Mrs. John Claussen left Sunday for Los Angeles, Calif., to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Claussen, and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Yarnell.