

Spencer '5' Wins Berth at Lincoln

Atkinson C Victors Upset Prep, Wausa in O'Neill Regional

Spencer's blood-thirsty Pirates, sailing along unbeaten in Nebraska cage competition thus far in the 1955-'56 basketball season, have drawn a tough customer for the debut in the state tournament. The Pirates bump into Clarkson, last year's runnerup in state class C circles.

The Spencer-Clarkson game will be played at 8:30 p.m., Friday at the University of Nebraska coliseum. Other regional champion in the state carnival are Geneva and Hildreth.

The Spencer-Clarkson winner will take on the Geneva-Hildreth winner at 1:30 p.m., Saturday for the state class C title.

Chadron Prep Falls Apart

Spencer 59; Chadron Prep 44
Chadron Prep, boasting a dead-eye dick named Jay Muma, eased to a 36-27 first half margin over the eager Spencer Pirates in Thursday night's opener in the O'Neill class C regional playoffs. Muma hit 21 points during the first two periods including a half-dozen well-rehearsed buckets from a protective pocket formed by his mates outside the free-throw circle.

Everybody in the house knew the play was coming. Muma, one of the deadliest marksmen ever seen on the O'Neill court, coolly and comfortably laid 'em in with a "dead" ball.

But in the second half, Coach Gene Phillips assigned two men to Mr. Muma and the other Pirates applied a full court press.

The pressure was too much for high-riding Prep. The Junior Eagles' passing went awry and a pink-cheeked nifty center named Dick Mingus was pulled in the third after accumulating four personal fouls.

Prep, unbeaten against Nebraska competition, went into a semi-stall that backfired. Bottling of Muma and loss of Mingus, who collected 18 points, caused Prep to fall apart.

The score was locked, 44-all, at the end of the third.

Norman Klasna paced the well-balanced Spencer attack with 15 points, including five points in the decisive fourth. Carl Friedrich scored 13 points; Dan Roberts 11; Gary Schmidt and Keith Mulford, 10 each.

Prep gained the regionals by winning the Chadron class C meet and Spencer went into the regional via the Atkinson class C carnival.

Boxscore:

SPENC.	fg	ft	pfpts
Mulford	2	9-6	2 10
Klasna	5	14-5	2 15
Roberts	5	5-1	1 11
C. Friedrich	4	2-2	5 10
Soukup	5	5-3	5 13
Totals	21	36-17	15 59

PREP.	fg	ft	pfpts
J. Muma	10	6-3	5 23
Rickenbach	0	3-0	3 0
D. Muma	2	7-4	5 8
Mingus	7	4-4	4 18
Clark	1	4-3	4 5
Wilson	0	0-0	2 0
Totals	20	24-14	21 54

Wausa 57; Sacred Heart 55
Paul Determan of Norfolk Sacred Heart had an opportunity to send Thursday night's nightcap into an overtime, but he muffed the freethrow and automatically was denied a second shot. Wausa triumphed, 57-55.

Wausa had won the class C title the week before at Wausa and the Sacred Heart Knights had defeated Ewing in the district class C finals at Norfolk.

Sacred Heart led Wausa, 16-12, at the first quarter and 29-22 at intermission. Rich Gustafson, a 6'6" longboy, was the key to the Wausa offensive, getting four fielders and three freethrows in

the first half and two fielders and five gratis flips in the second half for a total of 20. Rodney Hult scored 16 or Wausa.

Best for the Knights were Gerald Peschel with 16 and Dick Mueiting with 15, although four others got into the scoring column.

Soph Zidko Aids Spencer Win

A towering sophomore kid named Charley Zidko came through with flying colors Friday night for the Spencer Pirates in their conquest of the Wausa Vikings, 72-66, in the class C regional playoff finals at O'Neill.

Zidko, seeing more action than usual, gave Spencer added height under both boards and he sank four freethrows in the second half.

The Spencer mainstays—Keith Mulford, Norm Klasna, Dan Roberts, Frank Soukup and Carl Friedrich—all crashed the scoring column in their customary way.

They built a 27-20 first period lead and they made it 41-35 at the half.

Spencer enjoyed a 61-49 margin at the end of the third period but never relented. Luckily, because the Vikings pressed hard with Gustafson adding seven points and Gordon Carlson rolling in eight during the frenzied fourth.

Mulford's 24 points were best for Spencer. Gustafson, who was missed repeatedly by inbound passes, scored 18. Spencer hit 22 out of 32 freethrows and thereby, perhaps, won the game.

Proceeds from the two-night regional stand exceeded \$1,700. William Morrison of Wayne and Brad Warnemunde of Winside were refs.

Boxscore of title game:

SPEN.	fg	ft	pfpts
Mulford	8	11-8	3 24
Klasna	5	4-2	4 12
Roberts	8	3-1	1 17
Soukup	2	4-3	4 7
C. Friedrich	2	2-2	5 6
Havranek	0	2-2	0 2
Zidko	0	6-4	4 4
Totals	25	32-22	21 72

WAUSA	fg	ft	pfpts
Newquist	3	5-3	2 9
Hult	4	2-1	3 9
Seagren	3	11-6	4 12
Gustafson	7	7-4	4 18
Carlson	6	6-5	3 17
Wacker	0	1-0	0 0
Totals	23	35-20	16 66

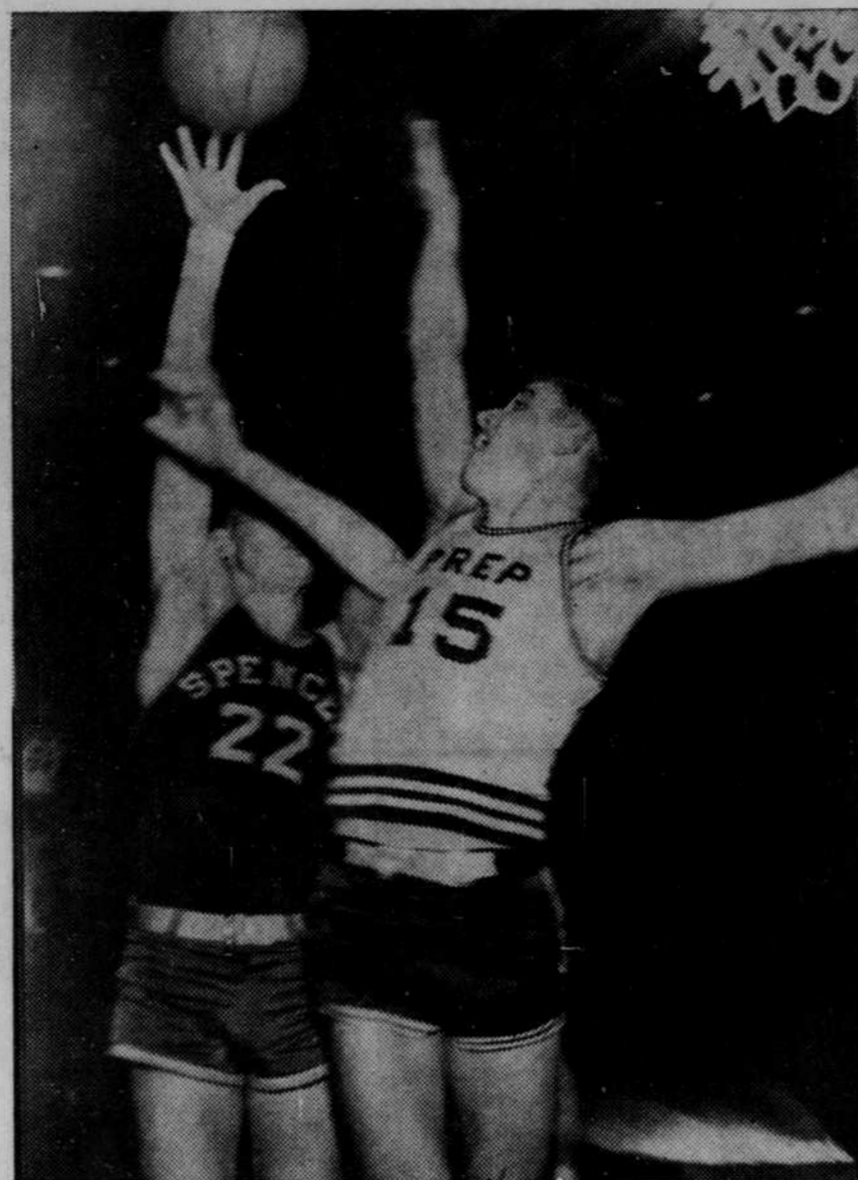
Birthday Noted

Mrs. Nick Schwindt entertained Sunday in honor of her husband on his 76th birthday anniversary. Present were Rev. and Mrs. E. Kirschman, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lindberg and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth. A lunch consisting of sandwiches, ice cream, cake and coffee was served.

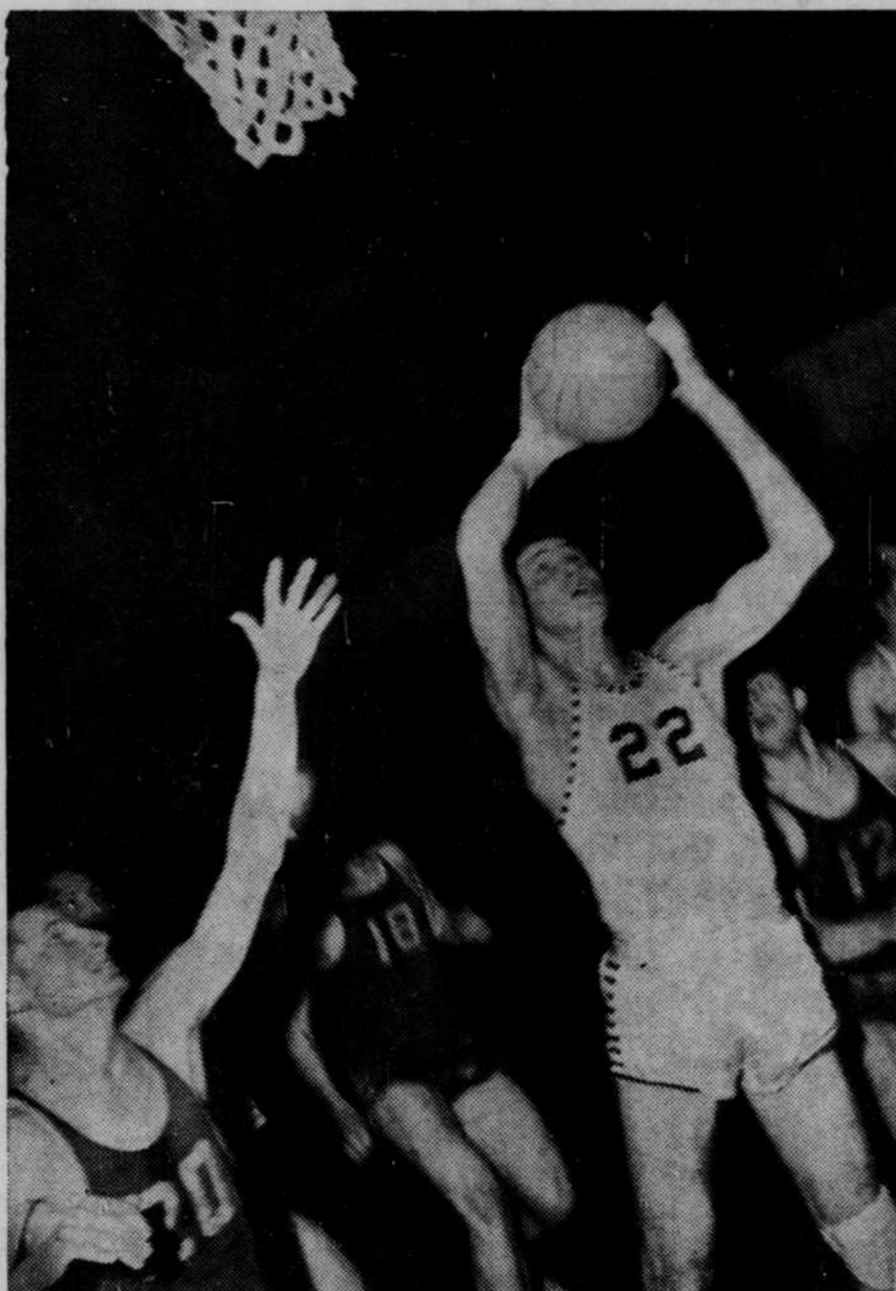
Family Gathers

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Donohoe of Detroit, Mich., were houseguests Thursday and Friday at the P. C. Donohoe home. The Donohoes and other immediate members of the family were entertained Thursday night at the C. J. Gatz home and on Friday night at the H. J. Lohaus home.

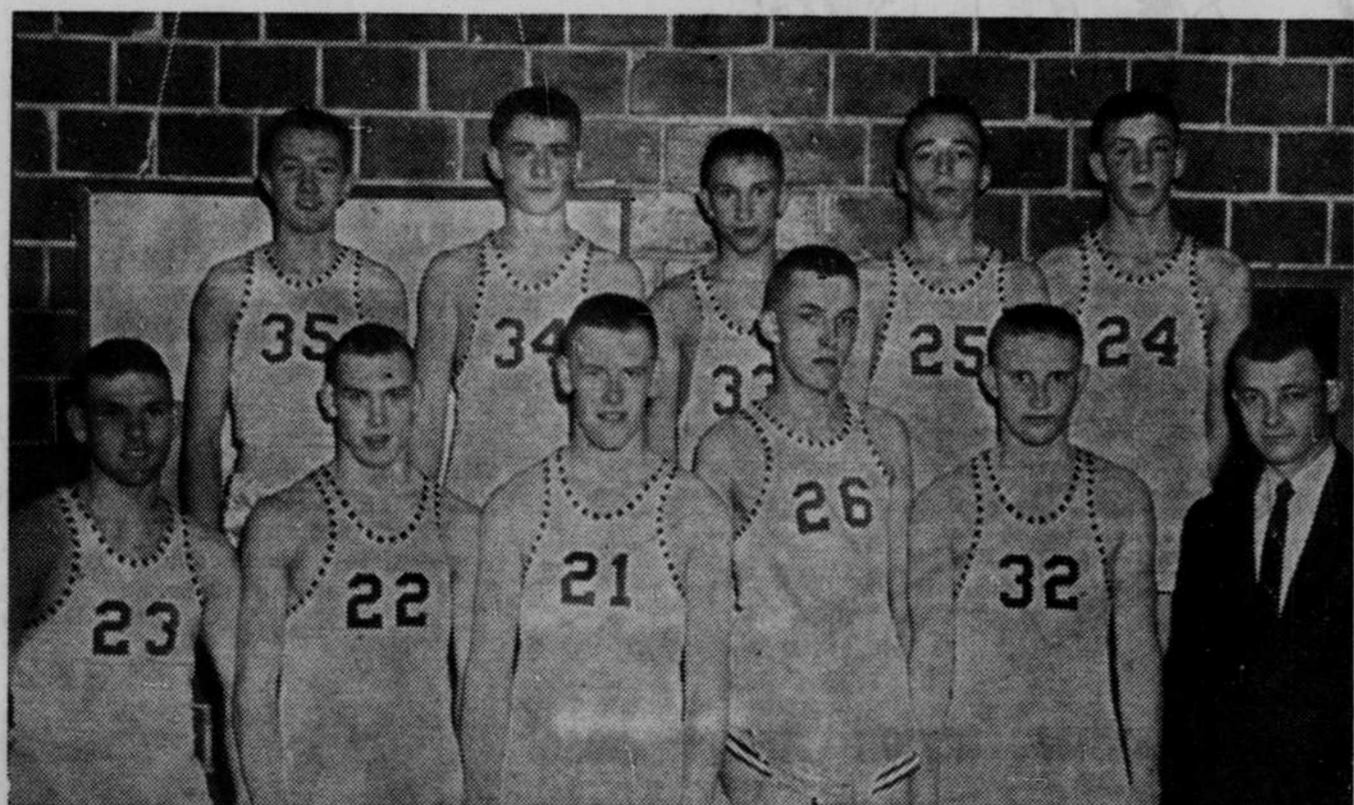
Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess spent the weekend in Omaha visiting their son, Warren, and family.



Norman Klasna (22), Spencer ace, sinks this one-handed close-in pushup in Thursday night's surprise win over Chadron Prep. These two points in the final two minutes helped clinch Prep's downfall. Prep's Dick Rickenbach is the defender.—The Frontier Photo.



Klasna also connected on this one in Friday night's regional finals against the Wausa Vikings. Doyle Newquist (20), Charles Seagren (18) and Gordon Carlson (12) helplessly looked on for Wausa.—The Frontier Photo.



Champions of the Atkinson class C district basketball tourney, victors of the O'Neill regional playoffs and contenders in the C state tournament this week in Lincoln are the Spencer high Pirates: Front row—Ken Rosengren, Norman Klasna, Dan Roberts, Charles Zidko, Keith Mulford, Coach Gene D. Phillips; back row—Gary Schmidt, Dick Friedrich, Eddie Havranek, Carl Friedrich and Frank Soukup.—The Frontier Photo.



Victorious Spencer high cagers are swarmed around by happy pepsters. Half the auditorium was filled by Spencer supporters. A wit said only the town's night watchman was left behind. (The waterbury, lower left, exhibits a beaming smile.)—The Frontier Photo.

SPORTS

Rotherham, Noffke Get Banquet Honors

Gridders, Cagers Are Feted by Pep Club

EWING — The all-victorious Ewing high football team and the highly-successful Ewing high basketballers were honored at a banquet last Thursday evening held at the school auditorium and sponsored by the Pep club.

Table decorations were carried out in the school colors of orange and black. Trophies flanked with candles formed the centerpiece.

Ron Rotherham was chosen tiger and Maxine Noffke, tigress. The senior attendants, Catherine Bauer and Bob Koenig, placed the crowns. Other attendants were Patsy Pollock and Jack Sisson, for the juniors; Patricia Hahlbeck and Virgil Potter, for the sophomores; Sharon Kropp and Larry Rotherham, for the freshmen.

The tiger and tigress were each presented a trophy as a gift.

The following program was presented with Miss Linda Tuttle as toastmaster: Welcome by Maxine Noffke; response by Gene Koenig; M-moments to remember by Bob Koenig; E-enthusiasm by Ron Rotherham; M-morale by Supt. L. M. Carter; O-opponents by Larry Larson; R-rewards by Coach Dick Lane; I-integrity by Virgil Potter; E-effort by Francis Heumesser; S-sportsmanship by Larry Wanser.

The parents of the senior class were guests, also parents of the members of the Pep club.

Members of the E club are: Seniors — Bob Koenig, Jerome Kalhoff, Bob Hobbs, Ron Rotherham, Dorrence Hobbs, Milan Welke, Jerome Bahm, Bob Stamp, Lyle Spence, Gene Koenig; jun-

iors — Ray Turner, Bob Tams, Paul Gunter, Francis Heumesser, Jack Sisson, David Wright, Lavern Stamp; sophomores—Morse Schindler, Larry Larson, Virgil Potter, Dennis Scheer, Stanley Bartos, Gene Sisson, Bob Welke, Delbert Carl, Roger Woeppel; freshmen—Donald Wright, Grover Shaw, Larry Rotherham, Larry Wanser, Lyle Larson.

Members of the Pep club are: Seniors — Maxine Noffke, Mona Mosel, Catherine Bauer, Vera Del Daniels; juniors—Barbara Snyder, Lila Woeppel, Janell Hoke, Linda Tuttle, Sharon Rotherham, Virginia McDonald, Judy Cloyd, Rowena Rotherham, Frances Noffke, Joylene Kaczor, Patsy Pollock; sophomores — Maryetta Peterson, Vivian Wright, Patricia Wright, Beverly Rotherham, Patricia Hahlbeck, Marion Finley, Mary Lois Noffke; freshmen — Tamzan Peterson, Sharon Kropp, Janet Noffke, Sherry Daniels, Carolyn Tams, Sherry Tuttle, Karen Tuttle.

Redbird News

Mrs. Leon Mellor accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson to O'Neill last Thursday.

The Albert Carson and Claude Pickering family attended the basketball game in O'Neill last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Lee Wells went to Omaha Friday to visit her husband, who is in a hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bridge and Mrs. Mary Hull were Sunday evening visitors in the Elden Sedivy home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Look were dinner guests of Leon Mellors. Harold Halstead called in the afternoon.

Stanley V. Johnson of Atkinson visited his father, J. V. Johnson, and Mrs. Johnson on Monday.

Sixta-Brockemier Nuptials Are Read

LYNCH—Miss Jeanine Sixta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sixta, and Mac Brockemier, son of Mrs. Elizabeth McClurg of Naper, were married at the First Methodist church in an 8 o'clock candlelight, double-ring ceremony on Tuesday, February 28.

The date was the wedding anniversary of the bride's parents.

The attendants were Florence Harris and Albert Stoltenberg of Naper. Both wore white carnation boutonnières.

Roger Sixta and Shirley Cizek were candlelighters.

A reception was held in the church parlors for close friends and relatives. The couple were hosts to a wedding dance in Naper. They plan to live in O'Neill where the bridegroom is employed.

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