

# SPORTS

## In The Batter's Box

### Town Team

The O'Neill Town Team remained in third place in the NCL this week despite an 11-6 Sunday loss to second-place Oakdale.

Earlier in the week O'Neill downed Verdridge here at Carney Park 6-5. Lloyd Hilligas hurled the win for O'Neill, Wagner took the loss.

At Oakdale Sunday evening, Erickson was the winning pitcher. Gene Couch was the losing moundman for O'Neill, he was relieved by Chuck Smith.

Leading O'Neill hitters at this point in the season are: Lambert Belina (400), Milo Gorgen (400), Ted Tomjack (346), Chuck Smith (341), Al Carson (333), Lloyd Hilligas (.296), and Gene Couch (.289).

The local Town Team will host Atkinson Thursday night and Tilden will play here Sunday night, game time for both games set at 8:30.

### Junior Legion

O'Neill's Junior Legion completed their 1961 road schedule Tuesday evening with a tremendous display of determination and hustle as they overcame a ten run deficit in the first inning and came on to defeat Gregory, S.D., 21-12. Raymond Belina took over on the mound for sore-armed southpaw starter Norm Wettlaufer with four runs in and none down in the first inning. Gregory rapped Belina for six more runs and after the first inning led the visitors 10-0.

Eddie Antelope started for the losers and retired the side in order in the frantic first frame, but O'Neill came back with five runs on one hit in the second. Antelope was relieved by Don Johnson in the fourth with Gregory still leading 10-6.

Then the visitors exploded with nine runs in the sixth, after managing three tallies in the fifth, and O'Neill took the lead 18-11.

Big Rich Hill led O'Neill's offensive attack with four hits in four trips to the plate, Belina was a contributing factor in winning his own game with three singles in four official times at bat. Lyle Stewart, Hill, and Gary Brewster smacked doubles for the winners.

Gail Shaffer and Larry Flouks knocked doubles for Gregory and Antelope added a long triple in the sixth inning.

At one time Belina retired ten straight opponents as he fanned two and walked but three. The losers tagged O'Neill hurlers for 12 hits but O'Neill was assisted by two double plays.

O'Neill	ab	h	r
Kurtz, c	5	2	3
Stewart, 3b	5	2	1
Classen, cf, 2b, ss	5	0	2
Belina, ss, p	4	3	4
Hill, lb	4	4	4
Brewster, lf	5	1	3
Swanson, rf, 2b	1	0	2
Pruss, 2b, ss, 2b	2	0	0
Tomjack, rf	3	0	0
Wettlaufer, p, cf	4	0	2
	38	12	21

Gregory	ab	h	r
Bross, rf, lf	5	2	2
Shaffer, lb	5	2	2
L. Flouks, cf	4	2	2
T. Flouks, cf	4	2	2
Antelope, p, rf, ss	4	2	1
Hutchison, ss, 3b	4	1	1
Meirhenry, 3b	2	0	0
a-Richey	1	0	0
Grundston, c	3	1	1
Peschote, lf	1	0	1
Johnson, p	2	1	0
	36	12	12

a-called out on strikes for Meirhenry in 6th

O'NEILL	0 51 039 3 21 12 21
Gregory	1000 011 0 12 12 6

The O'Neill Junior Legion took to the road this past week and added four games to their pre-tourney schedule. At Spalding last Wednesday evening, Ray Belina accounted for three runs with a double and a single and the local squad downed their hosts 7-2. Norm Wettlaufer was the winning pitcher although he needed help from Keith Reynoldson in the last two innings.

The winners tagged loser Bob Crosby for 4 runs in the third inning and added 3 insurance tallies in the final frame off relievers Thome and Flouks.

O'Neill's southpaw hurlers combined for eight strikeouts while walking five, the losers were held to five hits.

O'NEILL	004 000 3 7 5 2
SPALDING	000 002 0 2 5 5

O'Neill handed the Ainsworth Legion a 7-6 victory Thursday evening. The losers out-hit Ainsworth 13 hits to five, but three errors in the fifth frame combined with three hits and a walk gave the winners the chance they needed to tie the score. Then they came back with the winning run in the bottom of the sixth without the aid of a base hit.

Keith Reynoldson and Lyle Stewart led O'Neill's 13-hit attack with three hits apiece. Rudy Classen smacked a triple in the sixth inning that was turned in to a home run on an error in the infield. Ray Belina had a double and Stewart doubled for the losers' extra base blows.

Vance Clark pitched the first frame. Keith Reynoldson turned in another fine mound performance, he fanned seven and al-

lowed four bases on balls while giving up but five hits, but his teammates committed seven errors in the seven-inning battle.

Gene Hamilton came through with a two-run double in Ainsworth's big sixth inning to lead the winners at the plate.

O'Neill 002 022 0 6 13 7  
Ainsworth 000 241 x 7 5 2

At Valentine Sunday afternoon the travel-weary nine dropped a 3-2 decision in a tight battle all the way. Bill Pruss broke the ice, scoring an unearned run for O'Neill in the fourth frame but Valentine came back and tied the score in their half of the fourth.

O'Neill threatened in the fifth but the game was tied 1-1 going into the bottom of the fifth. With two runners aboard, Dennis Nelson smacked his third hit of the day, a long triple to right-center field.

Trailing 3-1, O'Neill came back with one run in the seventh and threatened to tie the score with two runners aboard when the side was retired.

Keith Reynoldson started on the mound for O'Neill, Norm Wettlaufer came on in relief in the sixth and set down the side in order. Reynoldson displayed fine control, striking out three without a walk in his five-inning appearance. Wettlaufer whiffed two in his short stint.

O'NEILL	ab	h	r
Kurtz, c	4	2	0
Pruss, 3b	4	1	1
Hill, lb	3	1	0
Belina, ss	3	0	0
Brewster, lf	3	1	0
Wettlaufer, cf, p	3	1	1
Tomjack, 2b	1	0	0
Godel, 2b	2	0	0
Kelly, rf	1	0	0
Peterson, rf	1	0	0
Reynoldson, p, cf	1	0	0
	26	6	2

VALENTINE	ab	h	r
Cool, 2b	3	0	0
Reigle, c	3	1	1
Nelson, lb	3	3	1
Heth, 3b	3	1	0
Flehart, ss	3	1	0
Dinwitty, rf	3	0	0
Riley, cf	3	0	0
Bavard, lf	2	0	0
Mullin, p	2	2	1
	25	8	3

O'Neill	000 100 1 2 6 0
Valentine	000 120 x 3 8 1

### O'Neill Midgets

O'Neill's Junior Legion Midgets won their eighth game of the season last Friday night by squeezing past the Butte Midgets 4-3. Jerry Oetter led O'Neill's six hit attack with two singles.

Right-hander Joe Shoemaker was the winning pitcher, he fanned five and walked six while giving up nine singles.

Kent Peterson and Ivan Hurley clubbed doubles for the winners, Reiman and Fernau led Butte's offensive bid with three hits each.

O'Neill	ab	h	r
Kurtz, c	5	2	3
Stewart, 3b	5	2	1
Classen, cf, 2b, ss	5	0	2
Belina, ss, p	4	3	4
Hill, lb	4	4	4
Brewster, lf	5	1	3
Swanson, rf, 2b	1	0	2
Pruss, 2b, ss, 2b	2	0	0
Tomjack, rf	3	0	0
Wettlaufer, p, cf	4	0	2
	38	12	21

### Elkhorn Valley

Jerry Schmidt's West Side picked up their 40th and 41st straight wins this past week by downing East O'Neill Friday night and Emmett Tuesday.

In Friday night's game, Bob Riley won his 11th verdict of the year as the West Side defeated East O'Neill 9-4. Russ Johnson clubbed two doubles and a single in four plate appearances to lead the winners. Randy Nickeson was the losing hurler.

Ronnie Riley pounded out a double and two singles Tuesday while West O'Neill stopped Emmett 8-4. Jim Booth was the winning pitcher, he relieved Ronnie Riley in the third.

In other Elkhorn Valley competition, Dale French's East O'Neill edged defeated Spencer Monday night 7-2. Rick Cradit was given credit for the win, Havranek took the loss.

### Pony League

Fred Appleby's Colts dropped a 5-4 decision to the Page Pony Leaguers last Wednesday (July 12th). The winners managed only one hit off loser Ivan Hurley but poor fielding proved to be the game-deciding factor. Randy Shaw was the winning pitcher, he allowed seven hits.

In a game played Sunday afternoon, the Colts defeated Ewing 8-7 in an extra inning contest. Ivan Hurley was the winner, Bollitt took the loss. The Colts drove across the winning run in the eighth inning of the scheduled seven inning game.

The O'Neill Pony League, under the direction and management of Fred Appleby, got off to a flying start at the Elgin Invitational Pony League Tournament this week by sweeping two games with balanced pitching and hitting attacks.

Monday afternoon Danny Wolfe turned in a sparkling mound performance, holding until the final inning. The young southpaw fanned nine and didn't give up a walk while facing 20 hitters in the six inning contest. O'Neill tagged losing pitcher Westing for four runs on four hits, Bruce Ap-

### with Terry Kurtz

pleby collected a double and two singles to lead O'Neill at the plate. Ivan Hurley blooped a double and Mike Beclaert singled for the winners' only other hits.

In Tuesday evening's battle, O'Neill pounded opposing pitchers for 13 hits and 12 runs as they downed Niobrara 12-7. Big Ivan Hurley pitched the victory and clubbed a two-run homer to lead his teammates. Jackie Kelly pounded out two doubles, Bruce Appleby had a double and two singles, and Greg Hurmston smacked a double and two singles for the winners.

Hurley struck out six batters in the first two innings and wound up with eight strikeouts to his credit, he gave up four bases on balls while allowing six hits, all singles.

O'Neill will play Humphrey Thursday evening at 6:00 and Elgin will take on Wayne at 8:00, the finals will be played on Friday.

GENOA	ab	h	r
Pearson, c	3	0	0
Westing, p	1	0	0
Wall, lb	3	1	0
Shanahan, 2b	3	0	0
Rupp, ss	3	0	0
Martin, 3b	2	0	0
Olson, cf	2	0	0
Hallman, rf	1	0	0
Wheeler, lf	2	0	0
	20	1	0

O'NEILL	ab	h	r
Kelly, 2b	4	1	1
Appleby, ss	3	2	2
Beclaert, lf	3	1	2
Peterson, c	3	0	0
Hurley, lb	3	1	0
Wolfe, p	2	0	0
Sindelar, cf	3	0	0
Bartak, 3b	2	0	0
Godel, rf	1	0	0
	22	4	4

GENOA	000 000 0 1 3
O'NEILL	003 10x 4 4 2

NIORARA	ab	h	r
Pease, ss	4	1	1
Mackey, p	4	1	1
L. Olson, 2b	3	0	1
D. Olson, 3b	1	0	2
Frige, rf	3	1	0
Kitto, lf	3	1	1
Green, c	2	1	1
Liska, cf	3	0	0
Janousc, lb	3	1	0
	26	6	7

O'NEILL	ab	h	r
Kelly, 2b	3	2	3
Appleby, ss	4	3	3
Beclaert, c	4	1	0
Hurley, p	3	1	1
Wolfe, lb	2	0	0
Godel, 3b	3	0	0
Glig, cf	3	1	1
Cradit, lf	3	2	2
Hurmon, rf	3	2	2
	28	13	12

NIORARA	010 221 7 6 1
O'NEILL	241 23x 12 13 5

### T-Shirt League

In action last Thursday evening the Giants came from behind to defeat the White Sox 8-6. The winning pitcher was Hallock. The White Sox led 4-3 in the earlier innings but trailed 8-4 going into the final frame. The losers came across with two more runs with two down in the fifth but couldn't drive the tying tallies across. Jed Wolfe was the losing hurler for the White Sox.

The high-riding Tigers of O'Neill's "T-Shirt League" continue to match their American League namesakes as they downed the Senators 11-3. Graig Hesson was the winning pitcher, he was assisted by a triple by Jim Melena who led the winners at the plate. Forwood was the mound victim for the Senators.

The Yankees - Dodgers game was postponed last week, so this week's schedule calls for the White Sox to battle it out at the Dodgers' home field, the Yankees will take on the Senators, and the Tigers will pit battle against the Giants.

### City League

Last Wednesday evening in the City League Randy Schmeiche tossed a one-hitter as the Braves downed the Indians 11-0. The losing pitcher was Danny Strong, both hurlers went the distance on the mound.

In some out-of-town action, the Stuart Pee-Wees played host to Bassett last Thursday and turned back the visitors 14-8. Mike Kunz and Randy Pokorny saw mound action for the winners.

Stuart dropped a decision to Spencer Friday evening. They traveled to Ewing Monday in search of their fourth victory of the season but results of that game are not available.

In other out of town baseball news, Royal coach Bill Mitties reports 23 boys out for Royal's first Pee-Wee team under organization. The team won their first three games, defeating Neligh, Ewing and Page. The weather man preserved the squads' perfect record as rain caused their second game with Page to be called after three innings with Page leading 10-7.

### Atkinson-Stuart Links Are Nearing Completion

STUART-A municipal golf course located on the Stuart-Atkinson airport grounds, is nearing completion and is expected to be open for play in the near future.

A group of golfers from Atkinson and Stuart met recently to organize a Stuart-Atkinson Municipal Golf association and elected E. C. McKay, Atkinson, as president. Laurence Hamik, Stuart, is vice president, and Warren Kelly, Atkinson, is secretary-treasurer.

Board of directors include the Rev. R. J. Parr, Fred J. Jung, Rev. A. J. Kubitschek, all of Atkinson, and I. M. Ready and Glen Cobb, Stuart.

### Stuart News

By Mrs. Herb Skala

#### Mrs. Joe Hall To Teach School

Mrs. Joe Hall, formerly Lois Finch, returned home Thursday from Lakehurst, N. J. Mrs. Hall came back to teach school this fall while Joe is on a Mediterranean cruise.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kaup and daughters attended a bridal shower for Mrs. Delbert Rossman Sunday afternoon at the Charles Tassler sr. home. The Kaup family visited Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kaup Friday evening.

Thursday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Myers and family were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schlegel, O'Neill, and Mrs. Sam Basile and family. Omaha, Mrs. Basile and family accompanied Mrs. Bob Batenhorst to Omaha after having spent two weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Kaup, and other relatives around Stuart.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fox and family of Lakewood, Calif., left July 10 after having spent some time visiting Mrs. Hattie Fox. Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Seger and other relatives.

Mrs. Katie Papke drove Mrs. Gerty Foster, Winner, S. D., to Gregory on Sunday after she had been visiting with Mrs. Papke since July 10 and other relatives and friends around Stuart.

Charles Switzer, O'Neill, is now a guest at the Stuart Rest Home. He would enjoy a card or letter from his friends.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Kramer were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kramer and family. The occasion was Carol Jean's fourth birthday.

Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. John Kramer were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Milner.

Carolyn Schaff, Omaha, spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Schaff.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Steinhäuser were recent visitors at Nevada and Hubbard, Ia.

Bobby, Larry and Tommie Davis, O'Neill, are spending part of their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Steinhäuser and boys.

Dick Seger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Seger, Phoenix, Ariz., was a Sunday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Flannigan.

Mrs. Ward Flannigan, who has been visiting relatives at Stuart, and Mrs. John Kramer, who drove to Grand Island Sunday evening, Cindy Flannigan accompanied her.

Mrs. Jane Cobb had as her dinner guests Sunday Mrs. Ward Flannigan, Randy and Jeffy, Mr. and Mrs. Iann, Omaha, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Friedel and children.

The Cleveland Clackers met Thursday with Mrs. Dick Shearer. Roll call was answered by naming "Seasoning for Meats". The annual picnic will be held at the Cleveland camp August 13. The lesson on canning was given by Mrs. Dick Shearer and Mrs. George Shald.

The Cleveland Progressive club held their annual club picnic at the Cleveland camp July 9. The next meeting will be August 3 with Mrs. Ed Meusch.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Straka and family were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kenna and daughter, Fort Pierre, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Straka and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Straka and sons, Atkinson.

Friday Mrs. Elmer Allyn and girls and Mrs. Dick Straka and children visited Mrs. Lottie Lofquist and Mrs. Vina Munson at O'Neill.

Tim Heyne, Omaha, spent last week visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Van Cleve and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Heyne, Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Heyne of Omaha came after them on the weekend of July 8-9.

Guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Van Cleve were Mr. and Mrs. George Krumm, Mr. and Mrs. John Maul and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Andrews, all of Lincoln. Karen and Sandy Krumm of Atkinson spent last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Van Cleve.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Weber and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ziske and other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Noziska, Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dede Weichman and baby and Mrs. Callista Weichman spent Sunday at Niobrara at the state park visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vince Rotherham and family.

Papke, Payette, Ida., and Mrs. Steven Foster, Winner, S. D.

Wana Arrowsmith, Lincoln, was a Sunday afternoon visitor of Mr. and Mrs. William Wewel.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wedge were Saturday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Mullen at O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wallinger and baby of Omaha were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallinger and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wallinger had their son baptized Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallinger as sponsors.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallinger and boys were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wallinger and baby, Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schmeiderer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lockmon and family, Don Schmeiderer, Omaha, and Sally Brewster, Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gilliam and daughter were overnight guests July 6 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson and daughters.

Kay Johnson returned home July 11 from a week of visiting with Mr. and Mrs. George Pochon at Rushville.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Johnson and daughters of Grants, N.M., left Thursday morning for their home where Terry will resume his job at Ker Mac Mill.

Geraldine Herrick, Omaha, spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Herrick.

Saturday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Katie Papke were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Spragg and granddaughters, Ewing. John Papke of Payette, Ida., and Monday to visit it Mr. and Mrs. Tom Papke and family at Chambers. He had been visiting Mrs. Katie Papke and other friends and relatives around Stuart.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendricks were hosts at a family dinner Sunday at their home in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Hendricks' father, Ralph Ernst. Mr. and Mrs. Ernst are spending a few days of their vacation at the home of their daughter and family and making the acquaintance of their new granddaughter, Rhonda. Forty-six guests were in attendance.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ernst and son, Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ernst, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lorenz and son, Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Wayman and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lorenz and son, Jay, all of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strong and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Strong and Shelly, Chambers; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Seales and family, Lynch; Mr. and Mrs. Craig Connell and family, Newport; Earl and Ray Hornback, Spencer; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ernst and grandson, Mark Hendricks, Manhattan, Kans., and Roger Malcolm, Wayne.

Also celebrating birthdays in the month of July were Mrs. Otto Lorenz, Clarence Ernst, Kathy Seales, Debbie Connell and Helen Strong.

Becky and Bobby Hendricks returned home Friday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ernst. Mark Hendricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hendricks, Manhattan also accompanied his grandparents up for a visit.

Supper guests Monday evening at the Robert Hendricks home were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson, O'Neill; Bruce Robertson, San Jose, Calif.; Sandra, Linda and Annette Long, Colton, Calif.; and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ernst and grandson, Mark Hendricks of Manhattan.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sicheneder and family visited at the home of John's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sicheneder enroute to the Morsett family reunion Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark W. Hendricks and Arlin went to Wayne Saturday and were overnight guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Steinkamp. Richy Huston accompanied them and spent the time visiting his parents in Concord.

A picnic, honoring Denny Beck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Beck on his 16th birthday, was held at the park in Atkinson Sunday. The following guests present: Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Beck and family, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hoffman, Roger and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jonas and family, Mrs. James Beck and Inez Beck, all of Atkinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Beck, Springfield.

Mrs. LeRoy Hoffman took a load of Pony League players to O'Neill to the baseball game Wednesday evening. Mrs. Hoffman and Roger have been busy of late painting the buildings at their farm. Most of the out-buildings, except the barn have taken on a "new look" with a new coat of red. The house is now under-going the same treatment with a coat of white paint.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Klinger and son, Terry, visited with friends in the Long Pine area Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Beck and family took in the circus at O'Neill July 11 and in company with Duane's mother, Mrs. Helen Beck, his grandmother, Mrs. Libby Milner, Atkinson, and Mrs. Marvel Jean Batenhorst and daughter, Lynette, O'Neill, were supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson in O'Neill.

Frances Chaffin and Phillip Lewis, who are attending Teachers college at Blair, spent the weekend at the home of Miss Chaffin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Chaffin, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Mellor, Atkinson visited at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Leonard Chaffin Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Beck and family were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Ted Nelson and family at Winner, S. D. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beck and daughter of Witten.

Linda, Edith and Charles Chaffin and Richy Huston attended a wiener roast at the Ronald Marshall home at Stuart Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gerdes, Kenny and Diane, Black Falls, Wisc., spent Friday and Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Natchel Rzeszotarski. Kenny and Diane spent Thursday with the Rzeszotarski family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Troshynski and son, Timmy, Guthrie Center, Ia., spent Thursday at the Frank Kilmarry home. Danny Troshynski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Troshynski, Omaha, accompanied the Troshynski family and spent the day visiting at the Kilmarry home. James Fullerton of Atkinson is helping with the haying at the Kilmarrys.

Quite a number of the Celia folks attended the circus at O'Neill July 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Colfack,