

Eagles Victorious At Ainsworth Meet

The O'Neill High Eagles returned to their winning ways last weekend by cornering top honors in the Ainsworth Invitational Tourney. The big blue beat Bassett 65-53 in the finals on Saturday after ousting host Ainsworth 53-49 on Friday. Big Rich Hill led the Eagles through the tournament with 42 points in the two games.

In the Friday night battle, the local quintette started out slow but rebounded in the second quarter to take a 26-21 halftime lead over the Bulldogs. The slow-moving third quarter seemed to hurt the Eagles' efforts until they broke loose to take a 41-35 advantage going into the final period. From here the Ainsworth boys came on and tied the score before the big blue had to rely on Gary Plessell to drop four straight free throws that pulled O'Neill out in front. With memories of the Burwell loss flashing through their minds, Coach Kokrada's boys held onto their scant lead and forced the opposition to foul. The final effort paid off in the form of the 53-49 victory.

Hill's 15 counters led the victors. Senior Terry Kurtz scored

10 points in the second quarter and finished the evening with 13. Gary Plessell added 10 for the third game in a row.

Don Baumgartner paced the losers with 14 points.

O'NEILL			
	fg	ft	pts
Rich Hill	6	3-6	2 15
Terry Kurtz	4	5-7	1 13
Gary Plessell	2	6-11	3 10
Rich Frost	3	0-0	1 6
Denny Drayton	1	0-0	1 6
Ivan Hurley	1	1-1	0 3
	19	15-25	8 53

Ainsworth			
	fg	ft	pts
Eagles	8	26	41 53
Ainsworth	12	21	35 49

In probably the most exciting game of the tourney, the Tigers of Bassett downed Burwell on Friday night by a 64-63 score. The victory shoved the Rock County boys out of the frying pan and into the fire as they met OHS in the finals.

Again the Eagles started out slow as they trailed 13-8 after the first quarter. But again the big blue rebounded by taking a 24-21 advantage at the intermission.

The third quarter appeared to ice the game for the Eagles as they led 44-30 to start the final stanza, but the never-say-die Tigers stormed to within five points

before O'Neill recuperated and returned to their usual slow pace that has brought them 14 victories in 15 contests. A late flurry of Bassett fouls hiked the final score to 63-53. Again it was Big Rich's scoring that topped the Eagles as Hill swished the net for 27 points. Sophomore Ivan Hurley rebounded from a poor showing the night before by dropping in 15 points, 13 of these in the second half.

O'NEILL			
	fg	ft	pts
Rich Hill	12	3-3	2 27
Ivan Hurley	6	3-4	4 15
Terry Kurtz	4	2-5	2 10
Gary Plessell	1	5-8	2 7
Rich Frost	3	0-1	1 6
Denny Drayton	0	0-0	0 0
	26	13-16	11 65

Ainsworth			
	fg	ft	pts
Eagles	8	24	44 65
Bassett	13	21	30 53

In the consolation contest, the Longhorns of Burwell captured third place by romping to a 61-44 triumph over Ainsworth. State tourney veteran Joe Hoppes tallied 26 points for the Longhorns. One of the bright spots for the Eagles in the tournament was the play of 6' 1" senior, Denny

Drayton, who came off the bench in both games to turn in fine performances. In the Ainsworth battle, Drayton came on in the third quarter and scored six quick points that kept the big blue on their feet. The hustling senior's rebounding has proved an asset to the Eagles throughout the season.

Coach Don Kokrada's Eagles regained the number 10 position once again in the World Herald via their tourney triumphs. The big blue is rated fourth in the Norfolk Burns, and Wayne High. The O'Neill squad will try to clinch their second straight cage crown in the Eastern Rangeland Conference on Friday when they travel to Valentine. The Badgers, with a 4-8 record, fell victim to the Eagles 54-48 earlier this season.

The high-flying Eagles received the top-seeded position in the District Tournament to begin at Ord on the 4th of March. O'Neill will play Broken Bow in the first game of the state tourney prelude. In the other games, Loup City (seeded 4th) will play Ord in the OHS bracket while Ainsworth (seeded 3rd) meets Valentine and Burwell (seeded 2nd) takes on St. Paul in the lower bracket.



HOT ACTION between the O'Neill Eagles and the Bassett Tigers in Saturday night's game at the Ainsworth Invitational.

Mr. Hoffa, Attorney General Kennedy and Secretary of Labor Wirtz to appear as witnesses.

Well, at the opening of the meeting, Jimmy showed up with an attorney at his side. He was sworn in and ordered to testify under oath. He opened his remarks by stating that none of the difficulty about getting a bond was handled by himself, so his information was furnished by others within and outside the Teamsters' organization. Thus, Hoffa made a farce of the hearings and avoided any chance of perjury himself, since none of his information was first hand, although he had signed the letter to Mr. Powell listing these specific charges.

Evidence was immediately introduced by Frank Thompson of New Jersey and by me which disproved Hoffa's charges against the three bonding companies who had cancelled his bond. One company had lost its license in the District of Columbia because of financial difficulties. Mr. Hoffa had charged that it was reinstated after the Teamsters' bond was cancelled. This was simply not true as the company is not licensed even now to do business in the District. This transpired in 1961. Since that time, the ownership of the company has changed hands and additional capital has been invested. Mr. Hoffa admitted on the witness stand that his information was not correct. He backed down on all of his charges before the Committee and lost his case completely. The newspapers reported this fact correctly. Immediately after the hearings, however, Jimmy stepped out in the hall and faced the network TV cameras. Here he was not under oath, so he immediately renewed his charges which the Committee had disproved. The impression on the network news that evening was that Jimmy Hoffa had proved his point — very biased and inaccurate reporting by the networks.

Last week I attended an informal hearing in regard to the problem of the poultry producers exporting to the Common Market nations of Europe. These nations, on August 1, imposed a duty on poultry of 14.32 cents a pound. In this short period of time, this high tariff has reduced exports from the United States by 65 per cent and soon there will not be any export market left for us. This is one of the dangers which I wrote about last year when we were considering the Tariff Bill. The President has the power to retaliate but thus far he has not taken any action. We have substantial turkey and chicken production in Nebraska which will be adversely affected by this high duty.

Friends of St. Mary's To Hold Meeting Feb. 18

The Friends of St. Mary's will meet Monday, Feb. 18, at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. A film will be shown of the O'Neill band in Lincoln. A film showing what the band will be doing in Indianapolis will also be seen.

Verdigre Donates \$125 To March of Dimes

VERDIGRE—Mrs. Henry Prokop, chairman of the March of Dimes here, announced that \$125.79 had been collected. Future Farmers of America, under the direction of Ted Ward, their advisor, did the canvassing of the town.

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SPORTS



HAPPY EAGLES — Coach Don Kokrada's top cage crew pose with their trophy after defeating Bassett at the Ainsworth Invitational.

Good Turn Day Set March 10 by O'Neill Scouts

Cub and Boy Scouts of the Covered Wagon Area Council and Overland Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America, are presently making plans to conduct their annual "Good Turn Day for the Handicapped" at Goodwill Industries.

On Saturday, Mar. 2, the Cub Scouts, under the leadership of Cubmaster William A. Ware Jr., will distribute a Scout "Good Turn Day Bag" to all homes in O'Neill. One week later, on "Good Turn Day," Saturday, Mar. 10, the Boy Scouts, with Scoutmasters John McCarville and Joe McLeish will return to the homes and collect the filled bags and boxes of clothing for delivery to the Goodwill.

This National program by the Scouts provides year around employment for 140 Handicapped employees at the Goodwill Industries in Sioux City. The Good Turn Day drive by Scouts last year, supplied the Handicapped workers with materials to keep them employed full time during the early Spring months when other collections of materials were at a low mark. The need this year particularly is great for such articles as; discarded clothing, bedding, appliances, and small household articles.

Two Teachers Resign From Ewing School

EWING—The Board of Education has accepted the resignation of Melvin Chambers and Kenneth Rethmeier.

Rethmeier is head coach and mathematics instructor and Chambers industrial arts and social studies instructor and assistant coach.

Both resignations will take effect at the end of the 1962-63 school year in May.

Charles Rotherham, secretary of the board, reported that all other teachers at the school were offered contracts for the 1963-1964 term. All contracts included an increase in salary.

Contracts were offered to the following teachers: Supt. Raymond Mullens, social studies and special guidance; George Keller, principal and science; Mrs. Amber Schlotman, English; Miss Lorraine DeLosh, commercial; Mrs. Ethel Minor, vocational homemaking.

Grade teachers offered contracts were Mrs. Beulah Black, junior high; Mrs. Fern Rexine, fifth and sixth; Mrs. Neva Bergstrom, third and fourth; Mrs. Leona Shoemaker, first and second, and Mrs. Helen Grim, kindergarten.

John Berigan will be the vocal and instrumental music instructor if the contract offered him is accepted.

Carpet Rag Bee Termed Success

ATKINSON—Mrs. Mary Ellenwood, president of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 86, reports major accomplishments were the possible program for the cooperation and assistance at the community carpet rag sewing held Wednesday at the Legion Hall.

The project, sponsored by the auxiliary, was held in response to the possible program for the benefit of war veterans. The rug material and the quilt which was completed at the meeting will be sent to Lincoln for distribution to Vet's hospitals.

The Atkinson unit is promoting coffee for the benefit of the Good Samaritan Home now under construction. Mrs. Ralph Ries entertained at her home Tuesday and Mrs. Roy Ries was coffee hostess Friday.

The unit sponsored a pancake and sausage supper Saturday evening at the Legion Hall. The proceeds to be given to the Good Samaritan Home. Mrs. Ellenwood reported a total of \$100 taken in at the pancake supper.

St. Mary's Nips Baler Crew 60-51

St. Mary's Cardinals continued their winning ways here Friday night when they stopped the Atkinson Balers by a 60-51 score.

The Cards broke fast with the accurate shooting of Mike Hammond paving the way. Hammond hit 4 of his first field goal attempts. Norm Mudloff and Owen Donohoe each scored 6 and the Cards held a 22-19 first quarter lead.

The Cards continued the fast pace throughout the 2nd quarter as they hit 9 more field goals but missed their only charity try.

The Balers, not to be denied, kept pace with the Cards but trailed at halftime by a 40-34 margin.

The Cards came back in the third quarter and played ball control basketball, due to the fact that a number of boys were in foul trouble. Both teams managed only 3 buckets, and the fourth quarter got started with the Cards holding a scant 5 point lead.

The Cards had their troubles in the fourth quarter as they missed twelve straight shots and allowed the Balers to notch the score at 49-49. Bill Coventry finely broke the ice on a tip in and the Cards added two more buckets to pull ahead 55-49. Atkinson added two quick free throws but that was as far as they could come as St. Mary's added 4 more points and went on to the 60-51 victory.

The Cards outshot the visitors 52-34 from the field but trailed 9-17 in the free throw department. Mike Hammond led the Card scoring with 17 points followed by Mudloff's 16, Owen Donohoe's 13

and Coventry's 12. Jerry Donohoe, though hampered by a first half foul, came back strong in the final half to do a yeoman like job on the defensive boards.

Friday night the Cards will play host to the tough Tilden Tigers (11-6) in the final home game.

St. Mary's			
	fg	ft	pts
	22	18	8 12-60
Atkinson	19	15	9 8-51

RESERVES WIN

The reserves won 57-39 behind the 19 point effort of Wayne Sindelar, followed by Danny Wolfe with 15 and Jim Troshynski with 12.

Chambers High Students Named to Honor Roll

The following students of the Chambers high school were named on the honor roll for the third six weeks.

Freshmen — Janeth Oetter, Sharon Rickard, Margene Walters, William Whitaker and Carol Fluckey. Sophomores — Arloe Crawford and Carolyn Rowse.

Juniors — Lana Oetter, Deborah Eisenhauer, Darla Waldo and Elaine Dankert. Seniors — Elaine Whiting, James Kruse, Carol May, Roger Waldo and Judy Smith.

Hugh McKenna Is Vice President Of Insurance Co.

Hugh F. McKenna, formerly of O'Neill, an insurance executive widely known in the industry through 15 years of successful activity, and known nationally to the general public as President of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce during the 1955-56 term, has been added to Management of First National Life as vice president.

A native of O'Neill, McKenna started in insurance in claims and adjusting. For more than a decade he has been specializing in administrative work. Before joining First National Life, he had been associated with three separate insurance organizations holding important executive positions.

Born and reared in O'Neill, he graduated from the University of Nebraska with a B. S. degree, majoring in accounting. Joining Nebraska's National Guard in 1933, he served from 1940 to 1945 on active duty with the Armed Forces.

While stationed at Little Rock, Ark., he met Margaret Koupal, daughter of his commanding officer, and later married her in the Pi Beta Phi House on the campus of the University of Nebraska. They have two sons and a daughter, ranging in age from three to 18, and have established a home in Phoenix at 4309 East Palo Verde Drive.

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