

# SPORTS CORNER

## Blue Devils Are Edged 41 To 38 By Auburn

Auburn ended Plattsmouth's three game winning streak Tuesday night with a 41-38 triumph that wasn't decided until the final whistle sounded. It was Auburn's fourth win in seven games.

The home team held slim leads throughout the contest and at one point in the third period, led a ten point margin. Plattsmouth was never in front.

But the final five minutes of play provided plenty of excitement. Trailing by five points with three minutes to go, Plattsmouth cut the margin to three points. Stanley Cole then hit a basket with one minute remaining to close the gap to one point. Freezing the ball, Auburn managed to let the clock tick away, and with 15 seconds remaining hit the goal that insured the win.

Plattsmouth trailed 9-13 at the end of the first quarter and pressed 16-19 at halftime. Midway through the third period,

## Thiel, Peters Pace Murdock Past Nehawka

Albert Thiel and Ronald Peters combined scoring talent Tuesday night to lead Murdock to an easy Cass county conference win over Nehawka. The two accounted for 33 points in the 60-30 romp.

Thiel unleashed a sizzling 10-point onslaught on the basket in the first period as Murdock roared into a 16-5 lead and was never threatened. Peters held his main fire until the final period when the game was already in the bag.

Coach Buzz Gakemeier's quintet stretched its margin to 29-13 at halftime, and reserves saw plenty of activity the second half. Nehawka trailed 45-18 going into the final period.

Arley Schomaker continued to shine for Nehawka. He bucketed 14 points in the losing fray.

In rolling to the 60-30 win, Murdock bagged 26 field goals and dropped in 8 of 13 gift tosses. Trailing the leaders in Murdock scoring were Warren Wilken with 12, Gene McDonald, 10; Verle Rieckman, 4, and Duane Wilken, 1. Also seeing duty were Oliver Kupke, Elmer Miller and Marvin Oehlerking.

Hitting the scoring column for Nehawka were R. Mayfield, 6; T. Johnson, 7; A. Turner, 3.

Murdock and Elmwood will tangle in a feature Cass county conference tilt Friday night.

## Blue Devils-Viewmen Will Open Conference Tourney

Plattsmouth and College View are paired in the curtain raiser of the East Nebraska Seven Conference basketball tournament slated to get underway at Wahoo Wednesday. The two teams will meet at 4 p. m.

The Blue Devils, undefeated in conference play and holding wins over College View and Valley, are rated one of the top teams in the circuit this year. Valley and Ashland will tangle at 5:30 in the other top bracket game. Winners of the two opening round games will meet in the semi-finals Thursday night.

In the lower division, Bellevue plays Underwood and Wahoo meets Blair. Winners of the two contests will also play Thursday. Underwood has been admitted into the conference for next year.

Plattsmouth rates a good chance of taking the conference tourney this year. The Blue Devils already hold a win over College View, their first foe. Should Valley stop Ashland, a doubtful possibility, the Blue Devils should reach the finals.

A year ago in the conference tourney, Plattsmouth opened with a win over College View but bowed to a strong Wahoo quintet. The verdict might well be reversed this year.

In Stanley Cole, Plattsmouth probably has the greatest potential scorer in the conference, although he stands only 5 feet 7 inches. The sandy-haired senior currently owns a 21-point per game average in seven tilts.

After splitting their first four games, the Blue Devils have engineered a three game winning streak climaxed this past week with a win over Pawnee City.

Although lacking height, Coach Merle Stewart's quintet has built up an impressive record as a result of excellent ball handling, speed, and spirit. Forced to overcome height advantage in every game, Plattsmouth has developed the play of champions and should rate an even chance of coping the conference crown.

## Merry Workers To Donate Lunch Sales To March Of Dimes

Merry Workers Club met Tuesday, January 15, at the home of Mrs. Albert Kraeger, with Mrs. Willis Cole co-hostess. Eighteen members were present.

An interesting report on "Reading Can Be Fun" was presented by Mrs. Marion Wiles, Mrs. Carl Kraeger, song leader, led the group in two songs.

The club voted to serve lunch at the Donald Blotzer sale Monday, with the proceeds going to the March of Dimes.

Mrs. Glen Carneal discussed the need of donating blood for the blood bank to be held in Plattsmouth January 31. Mrs. Joe Lochman and Mrs. Art Tomman gave the lesson on "Fabrics."

The next meeting will be February 12 at the home of Mrs. Carl Kraeger with Mrs. John Hild assisting.

## LETTER BOX

The Journal welcomes letters from readers for this column on any subject. Your name must be signed to all articles intended for publication, however, by request, it can be omitted from the letter, appearing in print. (Contents do not necessarily express the opinions of this newspaper.)

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Plattsmouth-38		Auburn-41	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Cole, f	7	6	10
Schuetz, c	2	0	0
Wondra, f	2	1	2
Menges, f	0	0	0
Eaton, c	2	0	1
Kennell, g	2	0	2
Conis, g	0	1	1
Totals	15	8	15

Auburn-41		Plattsmouth-38	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Meyer, f	5	0	3
J. Humphrey, f	0	1	5
B. Humphrey, c	8	2	8
Bradley, g	4	0	0
Rose, g	2	0	0
Schuler, g	0	0	0
Totals	19	3	16

## Avoca Volley Ball Team In Tournament

Avoca has entered its girls volleyball team in the sixth annual Peru State College Invitational high school girls volleyball tournament, scheduled to be held at the college gym January 22 and 23. Sixteen teams will compete.

The Cass county team will meet Peru Prep in its opening game.

Coach Johnny Johnson's Elmwood quintet ran up the highest score of any Cass county team Tuesday night by walloping Nebraska Deaf, 80 to 27. Eleven players saw action for Elmwood and nine entered the scoring column.

Dudley Doebele set a season's high in individual scoring too with a 33 point scoring spree. He hit 17 the first half, and 16 during the final two quarters.

Elmwood led 15-7 at the end of one quarter and was in front 41-15 at halftime. A 22-point third quarter spree boosted the count to 63-18.

Behind Doebele in scoring Bornemeier, 16; Drake, 7; McCoy and Backemeyer, 6; Bogenrief, 4; Lannin and Apt, 3; and Thomas, 2. Kunz and Marshall also saw duty.

Jack paced Nebraska Deaf with 14 points. Forty-six fouls were called during the contest.

Elmwood meets Murdock Friday night in a Cass County Conference tilt that may have a bearing on the championship.

## Surts Enable Louisville To Stop Nehawka

Coach Darrell Brandenburg's Louisville Lions capitalized on first and third period spurts to hand Nehawka a 45-40 Cass county conference loss Friday night.

Playing at home, the Lions roared into an early lead and were never threatened until the final quarter.

Paced by Bob Webel, the Lions jumped into a 15-5 first quarter margin but saw their lead cut to 20-19 at halftime. That was the closest Nehawka ever got.

The Lions poured 20 points through the nets in the third period to run the count to 40-26. Salberg and Engelkemeier paced the third quarter onslaught.

Nehawka whittled the margin to five points as the game ended.

Engelkemeier hit 12 points in pacing the winners. Webel hit 10 and Salberg 9. Also entering the scoring column for Louisville were Ahl, 6; White and Schlatter, 4 each. Headley, Dobbs, Worthman and Alfrey also saw duty for Brandenburg's crew.

Arley Schomaker was high point man for Nehawka and the game's leading scorer with 13 points. Mayfield followed with 10. Also entering the scoring column were Johnson, 7; Randolph, 4; Snyder and Tuvaey, 3.

Nehawka remained in the game by virtue of its 12 to 19 free throws. Schomaker hit seven of them in 11 attempts. Louisville could hit only 7 of 17.

## Underwood Will Test Plattsmouth Quintet Monday

Plattsmouth will take a look at a future conference opponent Monday night, when the Blue Devils play host to Underwood of Omaha. The Omaha school has been admitted to the East Seven Nebraska Conference and will begin conference play next year.

The game will provide Plattsmouth with a tune-up for the conference tourney slated to get underway Wednesday. Underwood will also compete in the tourney. The Omaha school was given the full conference treatment Tuesday night by Bellevue.

Added after the schedule was already completed, the Underwood clash will be played on the local court Monday night. Probable starters will be Stanley Cole and Bob Wondra at forwards, Howard Eaton at center, and Cliff Kennell and Tom Conis at guards.

The varsity game will start at eight o'clock.

Donnie Kay Sheard, son of Donald Sheard had his first haircut Wednesday. He is a great-grandson of Mrs. Jane Sheard of Union.

Two hundred tons of bituminous coal are used to provide the aluminum in a B-36 bomber.

## Goldenrod Study Club Has Meeting At Perry Home

Goldenrod Study club met at the home of Mrs. Virgil Perry, Thursday, with Mrs. Charles Barnard and Mrs. Art Wetenkamp, assisting.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Perry Dineman. After group singing, 15 members answered roll. The December minutes were read and approved. The treasury showed a balance of \$14.85.

A thank-you note from the Butternut Christmas Club was read. It was announced that the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Plattsmouth January 31. The club voted to give \$5 to the March of Dimes.

Mrs. Will Minford gave a program on "Foes After Forty."

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

**Coloradoan Is Visitor Here**  
 Mrs. Mae Myers of Taft, California, who was called here by the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Anna Maria Rys, was caught in the storm at Donner Pass, and was stalled there 12 hours. She arrived here too late for the funeral.

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Trapping of muskrat and mink outside the area continues through March 15.

The rabbit season closes January 31.

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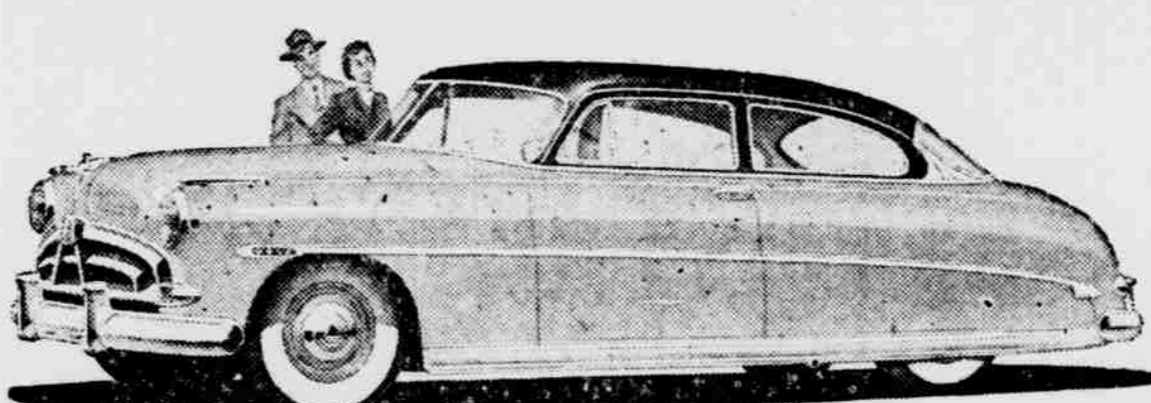
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