

Platters Streak Now At Six Games

Devils To Resume Play On Home Court



Undeclared after six games, and ready for number seven come Tuesday night, Coach Merle Stewart's Plattsburgh cagers will return to the home court for a non-loop clash with Auburn. Seeing action with the varsity eleven are these squad members: Top row, left to right—Coach Merle Stewart, Denny Ptak, Grover Cundall, Jr., DeWayne Noell, Jim Graves, Dean Dunham and Ronnie Schneider. Bottom row—Tom Conis, Lyle Wood, Eugene Dasher, Stuart Nielsen, Dick Beverage, Jim Jacques, Jon Schuetz and John Ahrens.—Journal Photo.

First Half Leads Avoca To 43-37 Victory Here

Using a good first half, that included a whitewash in the first period, Coach Bill Mickelson's Avoca Cardinals rolled to a 43-37 win over the Plattsburgh Reserves Friday night.

It was win No. 3 for the Cardinals and loss No. 2 for Coach Eugene Shields's Reserves. Wayne Wessel and Merle Minderman led the Avoca quintet as they blanked the Reserves 8-0 in the first period. From there on play was generally even.

Wessel with 20 points and Minderman with 9 moved Avoca into a 24-13 halftime lead and the Cardinals stayed in front 34-26 after three periods. Coach Mickelson's crew was never behind.

Lyle Wood and Denny Ptak led the Plattsburgh attack with 6 points each. Nine of the 12 Plattsburgh players entering the game hit the scoring column.

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Games This Week

Tuesday, Jan. 13
Murdock at Alvo
Greenwood at Weeping Water
Avoca at Eagle

Dunbar at Nehawka
Gretna at Louisville
Auburn at Plattsburgh

Friday, Jan. 16
Louisville at Greenwood
Otoe at Nehawka
Elmwood at Murdock
Avoca at Alvo

Pirates Thrash Douglas 55-35; Doebele Hits 26

Roaring into an early lead, sparked by Keith Drake and Dudley Doebele, Coach John Johnston's Elmwood Pirates rolled to a convincing 55-35 win over Douglas in a non-conference loop test for the Cass county crew at Elmwood.

The Pirates jumped into a 13-6 first period margin and never were threatened. The count read 23-13 at halftime with the Pirates moving away.

Doebele netted 26 points on 9 field goals and 8 of 9 gift tosses to pace Coach Johnston's crew. Drake added 10 more and sparked the Pirates defensively.

Coach Johnston used 11 men as his charges continued through the second half with 17 points in the third period and a 39-23 lead.

Others scoring for the Pirates were Merle Backemeyer, 7; Dick Apt, 6; Kunz, 3; Lannin, 2 and Goracke, 1. Woods, Halvorsen, Bogenrief and Bornemeier also saw duty for the winners.

The Pirates dumped in 19 field goals but were equally efficient from the free throw line where they converted 17 of 25 chances for a 66 per cent average. Douglas could hit only 11 field goals and converted only 13 of 40 gift tosses.

Orville Bogenrief left the game on fouls as Elmwood was called for 22 violations. Douglas was called for 17 miscues.

Elmwood meets Murdock in a feature county conference game next Friday.

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Top Cage Tilts Scheduled for Coming Weeks

Three important Cass county conference games are on tap Tuesday night as the battle for leadership in the ten-team loop starts narrowing down.

Feature game of the week will be Greenwood at Weeping Water. Coach Abe Dick's vaunted Greenwood crew has been virtually unstoppable in play thus far, while the Indians rate as one of the top teams in its division in eastern Nebraska.

Coach Abe Dick's crew has the top per game average in the county through eight games and will be one of the strongest foes for Darwin Salestrom's Indians.

In other conference tilts, Murdock will seek to move up the ladder at the expense of Alvo. The contest will be played on the new Alvo gymnasium.

Coach Bill Mickelson's Avoca crew will seek to climb back up the ladder when it travels to Eagle.

Non-league games on tap for Cass Conference teams are Dunbar at Nehawka, Gretna at Louisville, while Auburn will play at Plattsburgh.

Conference tilts are also on tap Friday with Louisville traveling to Greenwood, Elmwood will be at Murdock and Avoca will travel to Alvo. A nontoopt conflict will find Nehawka playing host to Otoe.

Reserves Scoring Leaders Battle For Top Honors

Byron Finnefrock, John Blotzer and Jim Graves are leading Reserve scoring through six games, although Blotzer has seen action in only five of the Reserve tilts.

Finnefrock has a 5 point per game average with 30 points while Blotzer with 29 points is hitting 6 per game. Graves has hit 26 in 6 tilts for a 4-plus average.

Larry Pierce in three games has the top overage with 7. He has 21 points in three games. Lyle Wood has an average of six in only one game, however.

Other leaders are Rhoades, 25; Stuart Nielsen, 19; Grover Cundall, Jr., 21; Denny Ptak, 12; Terry Ernst, 12.

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Ahrens, Jacques Lead Win Over Pawnee City

For the second time within a week, Plattsburgh has been forced to come from behind to extend its basketball winning streak. The Blue Devils did it in fine style Friday night to turn back Pawnee City 58-41.

Forward John Ahrens and Center Jim Jacques fired the Devils to their sixth win without a loss by producing 41 of Plattsburgh's 58 points. Ahrens tipped Jacques in the scoring race 21-20.

Ahrens and Jacques made all but 2 of Plattsburgh's first quarter points as the Devils found themselves on the short end of a 20-15 count. The invaders couldn't miss the basket during that first period.

Plattsburgh continued its steady play in the second period to overcome the five point deficit and move into a 30-28 halftime lead. They were never in trouble thereafter.

Ahrens and Jacques again contributed half of the Plattsburgh points in the second period but Ahrens was shut out in the third canto and came back strong in the fourth. Jacques performed steadily throughout the game.

After overcoming the deficit early in the second period, Plattsburgh moved in front to stay and led 42-36 at the three-quarter mark. Ahrens and Jacques each hit 9 field goals en route to their scoring productions.

In rolling up win No. 6, Plattsburgh hit 25 field goals and 8 Johnson, c. g. 3-1-2 1
Wood, g. 0-0-0 0
Blotzer, g. 0-0-0 0

Pawnee City—41

Knox, f. 1-2-0 1
Bennet, f. 0-1-0 0
Lantz, f. 3-0-2 5
Patterson, f. 0-0-0 0
Hoffman, c. 0-1-2 0
Johnson, c. 3-4-1 3
Jensen, g. 3-1-1 3
Warneke, g. 3-0-0 0

17 7-13 9

Six Teams Sweep Series As Standings Altered

Six teams swept three game series from league opponents as play reopened in the Plattsburgh Bowling League last week. It was the greatest number of sweeping victories scored in one week since league play opened 15 weeks ago.

Sweeping wins were the V. F. W. Alamito, Conoco, Tim's Bar, American Legion and Donats.

The sweeps enabled the six teams to move up on league leader Ernie's Tavern, which dropped two of its three games to Wosters.

Paul and Bob Weyer combined to trip the league leaders as they posted 468 and 456 series. A 14-pin handicap helped the Shoe Fitters in the final game which they won 759 to 758. Bob Brookhouser posted a 493 series for the losers while M. Hodge came through with a 480 series.

By sweeping its series with Firestone, Alamito climbed to within one game of the leaders as George Winscot and Bob Mc Clanahan fired the Milkmen. The 192 games led Winscot to a 528 series, while Mc Clanahan posted a 178 game en route to a 473 series. Leon Meisinger fired the Firestone crew with a 387 series.

V. F. W. moved into a fourth place tie as Carl Sell and John Stool combined through with 505 and 482 series. Sell posted a 202 en route to his 500 series, in dropping Art & Minnie's. Art Reimer led the losers with a 447 series, while C. Farris came through with a 443 mark.

Conoco in third place, moved to within three games of the leaders by tripping Bradley Grocery three games, one by only a 7-pin margin. C. Brittain with a 401 series and Don Wall with 407 led the winners, while J. Bradley led the losers with a 419 mark.

Bob Gall, Philip Kehne and Gene Nolting led Timm's in its three-game conquest of Myers Grocery, while Cecil Figgins and Joe Case gunned the Legion's win over Western Auto.

Donats rates the giant-killer role, however, as it dumped third place Plattsburgh Paint store three straight to knock the painters into a three-way tie for sixth place. George Thun and Cliff Steinbach led the onslaught.

RESULTS

Wosters	641	765	759
Ernie's Bar	739	721	758
High individual series, Bob Brookhouser, 498; high individual game, Bob Brookhouser, 192.			
V. F. W. 333	782	756	
High individual series, Carl Sell, 505; high individual game, Carl Sell, 202.			
Alamito 744	769	819	
Firestone 698	703	638	
High individual series, George Winscot, 528; high individual game, George Winscot, 182.			
Eagles 750	618	728	
Marge & Elmer 625	687	696	
High individual series, Dale Reckard, 452; high individual game, Norma Mrazek, 191.			
Conoco 617	702	610	
Bradley Groc. 598	647	603	
High individual series, J. Bradley, 419; high individual game, R. Brittain, 152.			
Tim's Bar 712	744	722	
Myers Groc. 619	722	663	
High individual series, Bob Gall, 512; high individual game, Bob Gall, 193.			
Legion 694	665	655	
Western Auto 547	536	585	
High individual series, Cecil Figgins, 448; high individual game, Cecil Figgins and Joe Case, 159.			

C. Kammann Attending School On Treasure Isle



Clarence Kammann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kammann of Avoca, is currently attending an electric material school for the Navy at Treasure Island in San Francisco, California. Kammann is taking the special training to prepare him for specialized duty with the Navy. The schooling will prepare him to work with Navy electrical units aboard ship as well as on land installations. Clarence and his sister, Hilda, recently held an 80-minute conversation by amateur radio. Both licensed operators. Clarence used the station of the Treasure Island Radio Amateur club, and Hilda operated her own station, W Zero FVE located near Avoca. Clarence and Hilda both received their amateur licenses in April 1952, a month before Clarence entered service.

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Bowling Standings

TEAM	W	L
Ernie's Tavern	25	11
Alamito Dairy	24	14
Conoco	22	14
V. F. W.	21	15
Tim's Bar	21	15
Woster Shoe Store	20	16
Eagles	20	16
Plattsburgh Paint	20	16
Legion	19	17
Donats	18	18
Marge & Elmers	16	20
Firestone	14	22
Western Auto	14	22
Bradley Grocery	12	24
Art & Minnie's	11	25
Myers Grocery	11	25

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