

# Auburn Rally Threatens Streak

## Blue Devils Will Be On Spot As Tourney Nears

Coach Merle Stewart's Blue Devils will be on the spot next week when the Devils seek the Ak-Sar-Ben conference tournament laurels at Wahoo.

Defending conference kings in regular season play, and currently leading the pack again, the Devils will be one of the choice targets in the tournament. Along with Blair and Wahoo, Plattsmouth will be one of the top seeded teams.

The Devils will open against unpredictable Ashland in the 6:30 contest, Jan. 21, and if victorious will meet the winner of the Bellevue-Wahoo game in the semi-finals.

Blair, in the upper division, looks like a cinch in the finals. They'll meet Westside in the opening round and the winner of the Valley-College View clash in the semi-finals.

Opening round of the tournament looks like this:  
Valley vs College View, 3 p.m.  
Blair vs Westside, 4:45  
Plattsmouth vs Ashland, 6:30  
Bellevue vs Wahoo, 8:15.

Never too successful in tournament play, Plattsmouth bowed in the semi-finals last year. Records to date hint that Valley should turn back College View again, while Blair will easily handle Westside. Plattsmouth should get by Ashland, while Wahoo is rated to slip past Bellevue in what should be the feature game of the first round play.

If predictions follow form, Blair should take Valley in the semi-finals, and Plattsmouth rates a slight nod over Wahoo. That'll put Plattsmouth and Blair in the finals.

The tournament opens on Wednesday, January 21, and runs through Friday, January 23.

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## Games This Week

Friday, January 16  
Louisville at Greenwood  
Otoe at Nehawka  
Elmwood at Murdock  
Avoca at Alvo  
Bennet at Murdock  
Nehawka at St. Bernard  
Unadilla at Avoca  
Waverly at Eagle  
Jan. 21, 22 and 23  
Ak-Sar-Ben Tournament

## Reserves Nip Auburn Second Stringers 25-24

Plattsmouth Reserves fought off a gallant Auburn bid Tuesday night to sneak through with a 25-24 basketball win paced by Guard Lyle Wood.

Wood came through with 9 points on four field goals and a gift toss to lead his mates to their fourth win in six starts.

The Platters connected on 9 field goals and 7 of 16 gift tosses for their 25 points, but earned the win only because Auburn was slack from the free throw line. The invaders managed only six field goals and could hit only 12 of 36 gift tosses.

Plattsmouth—25			
	FG	FT	F
Cundall, f	1	2-5	3
Dasher, f	0	0-0	1
Rhoades, f	0	1-1	3
Nielsen, c	1	2-7	1
Pinnefrock, c	0	1-1	4
Pierce, g	1	0-0	3
Graves, g	0	0-0	0
Wood, g	4	1-2	2
Ernst, g	2	0-0	1
9 7-16 18			

Auburn—24			
	FG	FT	F
Bohl, f	1	2-6	4
Case, f	1	1-3	0
Schutte, f	0	0-2	0
Rothert, c	3	3-8	3
Briffith, g	1	2-10	1
Ebeler, g	1	4-7	4
6 12-36 12			

**BAPTISTS INVOLVED**  
Milan, Tenn. — Harry Martin, Baptist deacon, found a car blocking his exit. The violator was Bob Co, also a Baptist deacon. Cox was fined by City Judge Floyd Burrow, chairman of the Board of Deacons. They were all members of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Vance Balfour and daughters called at the home of Mrs. F. H. Walker and had lunch with Mrs. A. W. Bedson at Lincoln, Saturday.

## First Half Lead Melts But Devils Win 58-53

Basketball fans saw two entirely different games Tuesday night as Plattsmouth squeezed out a 58-53 win over Auburn in a non-conference tilt here. The two halves were identical only in that they were the same length, and for Coach Merle Stewart the second half seemed awfully long.

Sparked by the out-court sharpshooting of Dick Beverage and the underbasket work of Jim Jacques, Plattsmouth rapidly moved out in what looked like a run-away.

The Devils had a 5-0 lead before Auburn hit and the count ran to 11-1 before the visitors hit again. The Devils led 15-2 at one point and were in front 21-10 after one period.

The lead mounted throughout the second period with the Devils hiding a 37-20 margin at intermission.

But the second half was another game. Auburn went to work in a hurry to whittle the margin. The 17-point lead dropped to 15, 13 and 11, and was 9 points after three quarters.

And it was John Ahrens who managed to keep the Devils out in front. He hit two quick baskets midway through the period to slow Auburn.

The visitors continued to whittle at the lead throughout the final period and with only one minute gone were trailing only by 6 points, when Jon Schuetz, stellar defenseman for the Devils went out on fouls.

But six points was as close as the invaders got until the closing minute when the deficit dropped to 5.

That came after Jim Jacques had gone to the sidelines on five personal fouls. Two Auburn charges also went to the dressing room via the foul route.

Auburn used a zone defense with little success throughout the first half as Beverage and Jacques hit well from out court. Beverage was especially effective along the side, while Tom Conis and Jon Schuetz drew the defense out with shots from out front. Plattsmouth completely dominated the boards in that first half.

An aggressive man-for-man defensive in the second half seemed to be the tonic needed by the Nemaha county crew. And it paid off as they overcame the height handicap with fight. Play by the Devils was spotty and ragged during the second half.

Beverage nipped Jacques in the scoring race for Plattsmouth hitting 16 points, one more than

his teammate, John Ahrens added another 13, while Schuetz and Conis each came through with 6.

But scoring honors went to Jim Humphrey of Auburn, whose second half out-court shooting led the Auburn rally which had Plattsmouth fans on edge. He ended up with 21 points, mostly in the second half.

Plattsmouth edge came from the free throw line where they connected on 18 of 33. Auburn could hit only 13 out of the same number of chances. Both teams had 20 field goals.

Plattsmouth 58			
	FG	FT	F
Beverage f	6	4-8	4
Ahrens f	5	4-4	4
Noell f	0	0-0	0
Jacques c	4	7-12	5
Nielsen c	0	0-2	1
Conis g	2	3-4	3
Blotzer g	0	0-0	0
Schuetz g	3	0-0	0
Wood g	0	2-3	0
20 18-33 20			

Auburn 53			
	FG	FT	F
Rose f	1	1-4	2
Schuler f	2	1-4	1
J. Humphrey f	9	4-11	3
B. Humphrey c	0	1-2	4
Falk g	3	5-8	5
Clyde g	1	1-3	2
Meyer g	4	1-1	5
20 13-33 22			

**Shares New Car With Thief**  
Pittsburgh, Pa. — Harry Levine bought a new car and two days later it was stolen from in front of his home. Recovered several days later, it disappeared again. Levine says if he gets it back this time, he's going to keep it in a garage — under lock.

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## THIEF STEALS PIGEONS

St. Louis — Nancy Herman, 11, who has been raising pigeons since she was 6, is heartsick because someone broke into a playhouse behind her home and stole all eight of her pet pigeons. The only bird left behind was Funny Bunny, an unbanded pigeon.

## Alvo Hands First Loss to Greenwood To Lead League

Coach Ollie Mayfield's Alvo Orioles halted Greenwood's winning streak Friday night and assumed command of the Cass county conference standings. The Orioles came through in the final half for a 55-43 win.

Paced by Dick Clark, who connected for 25 points, and Roger Kinney who added 19 more, Alvo captured its third conference win, while handing Greenwood its first loss against three wins. Bud Herman added 11 more for the winners.

Coach Abe Dick's Greenwood crew was in front 13-11 after the first quarter but lost the lead at halftime to trail 20-18. The Orioles' third period spurt moved them out in front 35-26 and they increased the margin as the finish neared.

John Thomsen was the big gun for Coach Abe Dick's crew. He hit 12 points, while Dick Buckingham came through with 13.

Two Greenwood players left the game early, one, K. Thomsen, leaving in the second quarter, and Buckingham in the fourth. Twenty fouls were called against Greenwood and 14 against Alvo.

Coach Mayfield's crew converted 17 of 23 gift tosses while Greenwood hit on 10 of 18.

Seeing action for Greenwood were Bill Schuelke, J. and K. Thomsen, Dick Buckingham, Bob Tweton, Lyle Cumbstock and Ledabrand.

Alvo participants in addition to Clark, Kinney and Hermann, were Junior Weichel, Kellogg and Morgaridge.

Alvo will be host to Avoca on Friday night in the new community building, and Greenwood will be host to Louisville. Both are conference tests.

## Realty Transfers

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