

# Ahrens Leads Scoring With 229; Team Holds Statistical Margin

**VARSITY BASKETBALL SCORING CHART**

Player	F.G.	F.T.	F.	T.P.	Ft. Pct.	Ave.
John Ahrens	86	57-135	64	229	40	12.8
James Jacques	77	52-135	53	204	37	11.9
Dick Beverage	59	35-70	59	153	51	8.5
Jon Schuetz	43	43-57	53	129	75	7
Tom Conis	45	30-58	48	120	52	6.8
Lyle Wood	7	6-9	8	20	66	7
Larry Pierce	2	3-6	7	7	50	5
Stuart Nielsen	0	4-1	6	4	30	0
Duane Noel	1	3-3	4	5	100	0
John Blotzer	1	0-2	2	2	00	0
Byron Finnefrock	1	0-2	7	2	00	0
James Graves	1	0-0	2	2	00	0
Grover Cundall	0	0-2	2	0	00	0
Eugene Dasher	0	0-0	1	0	00	0
Denny Ptak	0	0-0	1	0	00	0

## Platters Conclude Season With 10-8 Cage Record

Despite a disastrous second half, the Plattsmouth basketball team completed its season last Wednesday night on the uphill side of the ledger in practically every bracket except the tournaments.

Coch Merie Stewart's cagers ended with a 10-8 record, outscored opponents, held a good margin in conference play but took a beating in tournament activity.

John Ahrens, flashy senior forward led individual scoring with 229 points and a 12.8 point per game average as the Devils scored 877 points to 853 for their 18 opponents. The Devils earned a 46.1 to 45.1 point per game average over opponents.

In setting the scoring pace, Ahrens connected on 86 field goals and hit 57 of 135 free throws. He was far below the team average on free throws. He also led in the foul department with 64.

A close second in the scoring race was Jim Jacques, whose 31 points against Pawnee City in the district tournament boosted him over the 200 mark at 204. Jacques had 77 field goals and hit 52 of 135 free throw attempts. He had 53 fouls called against him. His free throw percentage, 37, was three percentage points below Ahrens.

Dick Beverage ended up in third place in the scoring race with 153 while Jon Schuetz edged Tom Conis 129 to 120 for fourth place.

## Alvo Gains State Cage Tourney Berth At Lincoln

Coch Oliver Mayfield's Alvo Orioles will be Class County's only representation in the Nebraska State Basketball tournament which gets underway in Lincoln this week.

The Orioles, avenged their only loss Thursday night by stopping a highly-touted Palmyra team for the Class D Regional honors.

Dick Clark and Roger Kinney led the 63-59 win over Palmyra which assured Alvo of a trip to the state tournament in Lincoln. Earlier the Orioles had stopped Waverly in the first round of the regional tournament held at Murdock.

To gain a berth in the Regional, Coach Mayfield's crew had swept through the district tournament at Eagle a week earlier.

The Orioles' only loss during the entire cage campaign came shortly after the first of the year when Palmyra turned in a 51-39 win. The tournament win

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## ELMWOOD

Mrs. Grace Plybon  
 Phone 4-2247

Sixteen ladies enjoyed the P. N. G. meeting on Wednesday at the home of Elsie Wendt with Frances Miller assistant hostess. Daisy Moore presided and Laura Hollenbeck was secretary. The entertainment games were in charge of Dora Engelking. Refreshments of hot rolls, scalloped chicken, fruit salad and coffee were served.

Mrs. Plybon received word of the death of her brother-in-law Edward Plybon at his Huntington, West Virginia, home on Wednesday.

Mrs. C. C. Rhoden was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Ruth Davis on Thursday. She came up with a group who spent the day in Lincoln and called there morning and evening. They were Mr. and Mrs. John Ahrens and Elizabeth, Mrs. Earl Murdoch and Mrs. Ruby McKinstry, all of Weeping Water. Mrs. McKinstry was a guest of Grace Mooney for the day in Lincoln.

Mrs. Paul Eveland is the new leader of the Busy Basters Club. Officers are Phyllis Ebelier, president; Rosalie Plunkett, vice president; Darlene Krecklow, secretary-treasurer and Sharon Phillips, reporter.

Wm. Kunz and Mrs. Anna Freeman of Weeping Water spent Friday at the home of their brother George Kunz.

James Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hall, left on Thursday for reporting for duty with the armed services.

The Wallace Laughlin family attended the Christian Crusade meetings at the fair grounds a few times, where Evangelist Jack Schuler of Los Angeles was the speaker. On one evening of these Union services, there were fifty responding to the gospel invitation.

Mrs. Fred Linhardt was among the ones who were ill this week.

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## Conoco Sweeps Series; Takes Over Second Place

Conoco moved into undisputed second place in Plattsmouth Bowling league standings during the past week by sweeping its three games while league leading Alamito was held to a 2-1 win over Ernie's Bar.

Jack Reno turned in a 232 game, one of the top games of the season, to lead Conoco in its three-game win over Eagles. Reno posted a 493 series in Conoco. Clyde Brittain and Maynard Hobbs each posted good series for Conoco.

Meanwhile the Dairymen counted heavily on Bob McClanahan as they took two from Ernie's Bar. McClanahan had a 546 series that included games of 194 and 189. George Winstcott also had a 195 game for the Dairymen. B. Kraeger led Ernie's Bar.

V. F. W. and Bradleys Grocery furnished one of the feature series with the first game ending all even at 745. Bradleys went on to win the game but V. F. W. took the series 2-1. Roland Pruess and Bob Willis led the Veterans while M. Bradley, J. Bradley and M. Binter shared scoring honors for Bradleys.

Tim's Bar found the going rough for the second straight week as Marge & Elmer dropped them out of a second place tie by sweeping the three game series. Norma Mrasek posted a 573 series including games of 203, 178 and 192 to lead the winners. Gene Nolting led the losers.

Sweeping series also were the American Legion which dropped Firestone and Art & Minnie's which spanked Myers Grocery. Kenneth Dunlap and Joe Case led the Legion and J. Wood, with a 227 game, led the Tavern Keepers.

In other games during the week, Wosters won two from Donats and Plattsmouth Paint Store took two from Western Auto.



PAPA-TO-BE—Thanks to American Red Cross classes in new mother-and-baby care, this expectant father will know what to do when the baby comes. Seen above, he is learning the rudiments of diaper changing in Dade County, Fla. Red Cross headquarters. The practice-baby is far from the real thing, being a doll donated for use in the class.

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Alamito Dairy	43	17
Conoco	37	23
Ernie's Bar	35	25
Legion	35	25
Tim's Bar	34	26
Wosters	33	27
V. F. W.	33	27
Paint Store	33	27
Marge & Elmer	31	29
Donats	29	31
Firestone	28	32
Eagles	27	33
Art & Minnie	26	34
Western Auto	22	38
Bradley Groc.	18	42
Myers Groc.	16	44

**STRICTLY FRESH**

A LAKE PLACID Chamber of Commerce official suggests replacing a president's picture on paper money with that of a curvy movie queen. In order to keep figures in round numbers, eh?

Watching the inaugural was a winner of a Nebraska essay contest. He wrote: "Why Adlai Stevenson should be president of the United States." Guess he thinks 33,000,000 Ike-likers can be wrong!

A New York doctor says watching TV won't strain the eyes. We wonder, though, is there such a thing as Sight Video Stance?

Winning a divorce from his Marine sergeant wife on a charge of cruelty, a husband was told by the judge to expect such from a sergeant. Maybe the judge was once in the Army. A wonder what his rating was?

A truck driver fired at truck robbers, driving them off, only to have police arrest him for shooting inside city limits. Good thing the crooks didn't shoot back. They might be in jail, too.

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## Trappers Have Less Success Than Year Ago

An estimated 430,000 furs were taken by trappers in Nebraska during the 1951-52 winter. This estimate was based on trappers' report cards received and compiled by the Nebraska Game Commission.

The estimated '51-'52 winter take represents almost a 35 per cent increase over the number of furs taken in the previous winter.

Almost 370,000 muskrat pelts were taken last winter, a marked increase over the 210,000 estimated taken the previous winter. The '51-'52 take of muskrats was the highest total taken during any winter since the Game Commission began recording trapping records 11 years ago.

The '52-'53 winter, however, is less encouraging. Drouth conditions affecting the important muskrat areas will probably accelerate the anticipated decline in muskrat harvest. All information available indicates that the muskrat population was at the peak of its cycle during the '51-'52 winter and should now begin to drop.

Following are the different fur-bearing animals and estimated number of each taken by trappers:

Badger 500, beaver 5,000, bobcat 70, civet 2,200, coyote 4,000, fox 275, mink 13,000, muskrat 370,000, opossum 6,300, raccoon 26,500, skunk 8,700 and weasel 730.



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## Two Shippers Have Market Topping Hogs

Fat cattle trade Monday at Omaha took a two-way slant, replacement cattle and calves sold steady, hogs mostly steady to 25 cents lower, and fat lambs strong to 35 cents higher.

Among recent sales from shippers from this area were Hostetter & Seybolt, 28 hogs weighing 214 at \$21.25, top for February 24; Philipot & Beck, 21 hogs weighing 227 at \$20.75; Paul Eveland, 25 hogs, weighing 233 at \$21.25, top for February 24; Carl Johnson & Sons, 24 steers weighing 1129 at \$23; Walter Fleischman, 7 steers weighing 932 at \$20.50; Harvey Dettmer, 25 hogs weighing 270 at \$20; R. J. Gruenwald, 25 hogs weighing 216 at \$21.50 and four hogs weighing 272 at \$19.75; and Leo Rikli, 30 hogs, weighing 200 at \$21.

**JUST A MAN**  
 MASON CITY, Iowa—A woman called police to report: "There's a man in my bath tub. There's no water—just a man." The man taken to the police station, couldn't explain why he had gone to the home of a strange woman to "take a bath." He was charged with intoxication and fined \$10.

**MISLEADING HEADLINE**  
 LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Readers of the Louisville Courier-Journal got a shock when they read the headlines of an advertisement, which read: "Forgers Wanted; Make Big Money!" Closer reading showed the ad sought workers for a Harvey (Ill.) forge shop.

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