Backemeyer Hits 26 Points In Elmwood Win

Merle Backemeyer dropped * 26 points through the noop
Tuesday night as Elmwood opened its quest for the Cass CounKletchner had 2 each for Avoca with a 50-40 win over a stub-

born Avoca quintet. Scoring 13 points in the third period, Backemeyer led the Pirates from a halftime deficit to the ten point margin.

Elmer Mueller, veteran Avoca forward, hit three quick buckfore Backemeyer went to work.
Virgil Goracke added six points
for Elmwood in that third period

In Friday Tilt as the Pirates moved into a 41-

Avoca's drive for the loop victory connecting for 16 points, with a Tuesday opener by ensix via the free throw route. tertaining Walton. and other Avoca scorers were

spree, Elmwood counted with Jim Hermance, Mickey Lipskey Keith Drake getting 14, Virgil and Jim Morgaridge. Goracke, 6 and Dick Apt and Other promising cagers at Al-

Elmwood easily copped the cher second team game, rolling up 49 points against 7 for Avoca. The

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ty Conference Basketball title Kletchner had 2 each for Avoca. Avoca Volleyball girls however continued their dominating roll with a 33-13 win. Romona King led the winners with 9 points and Nora McDonald hit 6. Donna Doebele led Elmwood with

es in the initial period as Avoca held the count a 13-13 through one period. Dick Nielsen and Wayne Wessell collaborated in the second period as the Cardinals moved out in front 24-20 before Backsmeyer went to work

The final period was marked opened its quest for the 1953-54 Defending title holder Alvo by controlling the ball by both Cass County Conference Crown Friday when the Orioles are host Wessel was the big gun in to Elmwood. Coach Bob Ihrig's squad tuned up for the battle

Winner of the district crown Mueller, 6: Fritz Ruhge, 4; Bob and a state entry a year ago, the Noerrlinger and Dick Meyer, 3 Orioles have five lettermen to spark the current campaign. Back of Backemeyer's 26-point Lettermen include Dick Clark.

Orville Bogenrief, 2 each. Dale vo include Bill Schuelke, Bob Lannin, Royal Halvorsen and Garcia, Dale Roelofsz, Arlen Ne- Games This Week Dick Woods also saw action for ben Rodger Hilmore, Jim Vincent. Noble Fischer and Lee Fis-

The remaining Alvo schedule: Panama at Eagle December 4, Elmwood; Dec. 8, Elmwood at Alvo score was 18-5 at halftime. open; Dec. 11, Dwight Assump- Millard at Murdock Thomas, Halvorsen and Bob tion; Dec. 15, Louisville; Dec. 17, Union at Nenawka open; Dec. 11, Dwight Assump- Millard at Murdock

RADIATOR REPAIRING Jan. 5, at Palmyra; Jan. 8, Tuesday, De Greenwood; Jan. 12, at Murdock; Dunbar at Avoca Jan. 15, at Avoca; an. 19, Panama: Jan. 22. at Yutan; Jan. 26, Nehawka at Talmage at Weeping Water; Jan. 29, Ne- Eagle at Walton

pillion; Feb. 19, Eagle

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Stewart Undecided On Starters Against Westside

Plattsmouth's starting lineup*
to open the 1953-54 basketball slot, along side Jon Schuetz are Seventeen cagers have reportknown until just before game time Friday night. That's when Coach Merle Stewart's Blue Devils will be host to Omaha Westside in a conference tilt. The this week after a cast was re- Tuesday. varsity game is set for 8 p. m. moved from his hand. The hand The remainder of the Avoca

Stewart will wind up pre-game drills this afternoon still debat-

week's chores as Stewart mentally tried to screen the candidates for opening game jobs.

Denny Ptak, Stuart Nielsen, Eugene Dasher and Byron Finnefrock are under consideration nefrock are under consideration assign.

The Westside varsity roster lists five seniors, six juniors, and the returning vets, Jacques into the returning vets, Jacques into a sequence with several points and the returning vets, Jacques into a sequence with several points and sequence with four candidates in the returning vets, Jacques into a sequence with several points and sequence with four candidates in the returning vets, Jacques into a sequence with several points and sequence with four candidates in the returning vets, Jacques into a sequence with several points and seque Nielsen and Ptak, both south- over the si foot mark.

4th Period Rally

Edge Over Lions

quick baskets and Bob Davis contributed heavily in the second period as the Lions forged a 16-

canto for the seven point vic-

Blum was the big gun in the Springfield attack with 15 points while Vincent had 8 and Nielsen

The Sarpy county team, playing at home, gained the victory

from the free throw line con-necting on 5 off 21 gift tosses

with three points apiece.

campaign probably won't be Jim Graves and Lyle Wood, while ed for the team, which has play-

In Basketball

In Loop Battle

straight of the season.

High Schoolers

Entertain Lions

with the reserves opening play had been in a cast since the schedule includes: final week of the football cam-

ing the starting five for Friday stronger than the Omaha quin- Otoe.

night's opener. At least eight of tet, the Westside Warriors hold Jan. 8. St. Bernards of Nebras-While Plattsmouth appears Dec. 15, and 18, open; Dec. 22, the 13 varsity cagers are being considered for the starting assignments.

tet, the Westside Warriors hold Jan. 8. St. Bernards of Nebrasa slight point advantage in holdka City; Jan. 12, at Eagle; Jan.
overs from last year when the 15, Alvo; Jan. 19, at Greenwood;
Plattsmouth team won 55-28. Jan. 22, open; Jan. 26, at NeDave Henckenlively led the hawka; Jan. 29, Brock.
Warriors a year ago with 11 Feb. 2, Union; Feb. 5, at Loupoints. The Omahans have 22 išville; Feb. 9-13, Cass county
of their 28 points back from a tournament at Murdock; Feb. Schuetz, senior guard. The of their 28 points back from a tournament at Murdock; Feb.

Drills this week and a fullgame scrimmage against Creighton Prep Monday marked the the returning vets Local bit for Murdock, Feb.

16, open; Feb. 1, at Walton; Feb.
Plattsmouth meanwhile grad- 22-27, district Class D tournation Prep Monday marked the the returning vets Local bit

for front line starting assign- a sophomore with four candiments. Finnefrock will see ac- dates standing six feet or better. tion at center but is also being The Plattsmouth roster lists 5 considered for duty at forward. seniors and 7 juniors with 7

paws, and Dasher have been al- The game marks the opening ternating at forwards. Don of a three-game home series

Six Vets Bolster Gives Springfield County Title Hopes Of Golden Eagles

a 21-21 tie at the Bill Reese's hopes for a Cass assault with 12 and 6 points re- was terrific defensively and per-Springfield to take a 37-30 win Golden Eagles prepare for a De- Lyle Comstock and Warren each over Louisville in the opener for cember 4 opener at home against contributed 3, and Hergenrad-

throughout the first three per- Stubbs, Gary Earl and Lowell Umland. Reese will field an Bill Nessen put Coach Darrell all-western team in quest of the Brandenburg's charges out front county crown. in the initial period with three Following the

gles will play four games before the Christmas holidays. The schedule:

12 halftime lead.
The Sarpy county quintet came back in the third period Jan. 8, Murdock; Jan. 12, Avoca; Jan. 15, at Weeping Water; Jan. 19, at Waverly; Jan. 22, at

Palmyra; Feb. 19, at Alvo.

Murdock 61, Greenwood 31

Elmwood 50, Avoca 40

er and Bob Twenton added 2 The rally came after Louis- Lettermen are Keith Ayers, each. ville had held small leads Joe Ayers, Ervin Maahs, Bert Mu Murdock tallied with Elmer Miller getting 8, Frank Zoz hit 7. Duane Wilkne added 6, and Dick Reuter and Chuck Kruse

Following the Friday no ht op-ener with Panama, the Gold Ea-

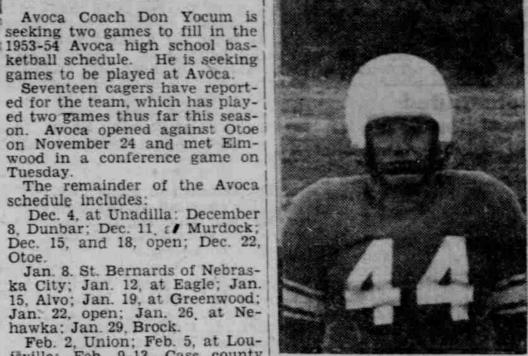
came back in the third period to knot the count and then outscored Louisville in the final canto for the count and then final canto for the count and then out-

The Lions Club on Thursday Nessen led the Lions with 14 Jan. 19, at Waverly; Jan. points, all on field goals, while Louisville; Jan. 26, Union. Bill Workman and Bob Davis 'Feb. 1, Nehawka; Feb. 5, at each added five. Hank Alfrey and Jack White came through county tournament; Feb. 16, glee club on the program for the meeting. Marilyn Koop accompanied the group at the piano and Mrs. Jones directed the

singers in two lovely numbers, which were greatly appreciated. The singing groups are doing very fine work under the direction of Mrs. Jones.

THE PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, SEMI-WEEKLY JOURNAL Thursday, December 3, 1953

Two Home Games Keith Drake, Ray Mayfield Earn All - State Honors



Keith Drake

Keith Drake, dynamic Elmwood bac kleads a host of Cass in Nehawka's aerial game durcounty sixman gridders who ing the season while Clark was a earned all-state recognition ac- standout offensively for the Alcording to selections of the Lin- vo Orioles. coln newspapers.

a mid-season game here was selected by the Lincoln sport writers. The 5-7, 185 pound back led Elmwood to an 8-1 season record including an Apple Bowl win over Sterling and the win over Nehawka at Plattsmouth.

opened battles for the Cass Rhoades is another front line for Plattsmouth. Al are concandidate.

Battling for the other guard and College View following.

Solution of the Cass opened battles for the Ron Peters, lanky Murdock field was picked at end on the center potted 24 points in pacing the Murdock win as Marvin defensive end and excelled as a Oehlerking contributed 12.

Peters hit 8 points in the initial period as Murdock went out front 19-2. He added 6 Joe Ayers of Eagle, center; Dick more as the count moved to 37- Clark of Alvo, Tom Johnson of 8 at halftime. The score was Nehawka and Larry Hathaway 53-19 going in to the final per- of Union, backs.

Drake's selection was hardly a Bob Buckingham and Dick surprise to followers of the six A fourth quarter Springfield Six lettermen bolster Coach Buckingham led the Greenwood man sport in Cass county. He Lyle Comstock and Warren each contributed 3, and Hergenrad- Mayfield and Johnson teamed

Drake, Clark Are McBride Selections

Keith Drake, Elmwood star, and Dick Clark, Alvo speedster, each hit 2. Mike Mumston, Reuben Luetchens and Lyle were listed among the top backs Wendt also saw action for Mur- in all-state six man selections dock as they won their third released by Gregg McBride, Nebraska's prep sports writer. Drake and Clark were out-

standing backfield men on the two Cass County Conference co-The last Friday the 13th — on November 13th — was the third evening was pleased to have Friday the 13th in 1953. How-Mrs. Graham Jones and about ever, 1954 promises better for the 20 of the boys in the high school superstitious, it has only one—

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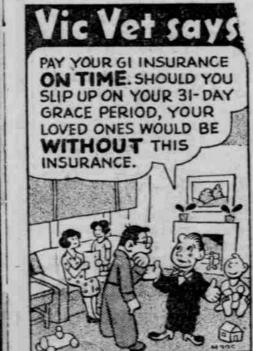
while the Lions could hit only 8 of 21. Both had 11 field goals. **Local Hunters** Bag 210-Pound Deer at Crawford

mouth area have bagged the largest deer of the Nebraska deer hunting season, at least up til Wednesday.

They are Eugene Noite, of Plattsmouth and John Dietl of Murray, who returned from the successful hunting trip to Crawford, where they bagged two fine deer including the 210 pounder, hog dressed. The five-point deer was the first and largest reported at the time they left Crawford for home. The deer had been checked in at the Crawford checking station at 7:30 opening morn-

Joe Richter, also of Murray, made the deer hunting trip with Nolte and Dietl.

Mrs. William Paben of Plattswas admitted to St Mary's hospital at Nebraska City for treatment and observa-





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