

Teachers Edge Devils 37 to 34

Nehawka Boasts Good Season's Record



One of the stronger Class D teams in Cass county and Eastern Nebraska and a threat in the district tournament at Murdock this week is the Nehawka quintet, third place Cass county conference team. Pictured are left to right: Back row—Coach Ted Schlessler, Dick Ehlers, Ray Mayfield, Tom Johnson, Bill Mehrens and Jed Snyder. Front row—Rex Simonds, Billy Mather, Duane Gansemer, Irvin Nixon and Ned Snyder.—Journal Photo.

State Leaders Rally In Final Minute For Win

Lincoln Teachers, No. 1 ranked Class B team in Nebraska, broke away from a 32-32 tie in the closing minute of play Friday night and nipped the Plattsmouth Blue Devils 37-34 in one of the closest contested cage battles of the season.

Denny Ptak's basket with 1.05 to go knotted the count at 32-32 as the Devils fought back to overcome a slight Teachers lead. But a field goal and gift toss by the Tutor's Seamark pushed the count to 35-32 and Teachers held on for final victory. Jon Schuetz's field goal in the closing half minute put the Teachers' lead at 34-32 before the Tutors hit their final two points.

At that the Devils broke away early and led throughout most of the first half. Teachers finally moved out front in the third quarter, and then rallied against Coach Merle Stewart's cagers had knotted the count.

Plattsmouth, behind Jim Jacques and Lyle Wood forged a 10-6 margin after one quarter and held on to a 17-16 margin at the intermission. The Tutors however moved out front 24-23 going into the final period.

As expected, the Plattsmouth defense held well against the top-ranked Lincoln quintet. In fact the Tutors were held under the defensive average of the Blue Devils.

The Plattsmouth defense was led by Jacques, who completely handcuffed the 6-8 center Thoms for Teachers. Thoms was held to 6 points, two less than Jacques managed. Plattsmouth center, jointly by Byron Finnefrock and Denny Ptak managed to dominate play under the boards, while out front the work of Lyle Wood and Jon Schuetz was at a near season's peak.

Teachers' Rowe actually spoiled the effort for Plattsmouth in that final quarter. Held scoreless through three periods, he

connected for 7 points in the closing quarter.

Scoring honors went to the Teachers Hoffman with 11, while Lyle Wood paced Plattsmouth with 9. Jacques added 8 for the Devils in the low scoring affair.

Lincoln held a 13-12 edge from the field and added 13 of 29 gift tosses against 12 of 22 for Plattsmouth in nipping the Devils. Plattsmouth had the better free throw percentage, but didn't take the shots that the Tutors had. Had Plattsmouth hit 100 percent of their gift tosses, they would have had 23 points. Four Devil starters finished with four fouls each.

Din of cheering fans lasted throughout the entire contest from the opening minute of play as the two teams battled on even terms. Neither team ever held a substantial margin. "Three rings" in the closing minutes—5-1 play by Devils shooters had the cage enthusiasts on their feet.

The loss was the third against 13 wins for Plattsmouth. Losses have all been against top ten Class B teams.



BUCKETS GAL-ORE—Hitting the hoops for a six-game average of 41.3 points, 16-year-old Velma Liming is the pride of the girls at Easton, Kan., High School. Velma is the high-scoring forward on the school's feminine quintet.

Final Home Appearance for Devils Tuesday

Coach Merle Stewart's Plattsmouth Blue Devils will end Ak-Sar-Ben Conference play Tuesday night when the Devils are host to inter-county rival Bellevue.

One of the stronger conference quintets, the Bellevue quintet will invade the local court on February 23. It will be the last home appearance for Coach Merle Stewart's squad this year.

Playing their final home games will be Jim Jacques, towering center; Forward Byron Finnefrock; and guards Jon Schuetz, Lyle Wood and Larry Pierce, all seniors.

Out of the running for the loop crown, won last week by Blair as Bellevue bowed, the Devils can assure a second or third place spot in the final standings with a win over the Sarpy county crew. Bellevue has been hot and cold throughout the season and pressed Blair in a six-point deficit last week.

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Little Change Noted in Pin Loop from Earlier Standing

Little change was noted in the Plattsmouth Bowling League standings this week, as all but one series ended in a 2-1 margin, with the top-ranked teams taking the upper hand.

That's true except for the Hotel Bar-Marge & Elmer's battle which the Hotelmen took 3-0, the only sweep of the week. Ken Barr and A. Davis gunned the Hotel Bar five which used a 66-pin handicap to take all three games. Barr included a 210 game in his series.

Meanwhile the first five teams held their positions. All took 2-1 victories during the week.

No. 1 Ofe Oil Company opened the week's play with a 2-1 win over Tim's Bar as Pete Porter and L. Rakow led the attack. Bob Gall led the losing quintet as the Olimen maintained their four-game margin over runner-up Myers Grocery.

Meanwhile the Groceries failed to gain by taking a 2-1 win over the Tastee shop. Don Eaton and Jerry Fulton led the Groceries while E. Buechler led the waitresses.

Results

Hotel Bar	718	651	675
Marge & Elmer	704	636	639
High game, K. Barr, 210; high series, K. Barr, 481.			
Paint Store	663	630	717
Konats	625	759	705
High game, Dale Eledge, 186; high series, Dale Eledge, 459.			
Ernie's Bar	647	629	636
Stander Imp.	700	628	515
High game, L. Forrest, 196; high series, L. Forrest, 428.			
V.F.W.	650	645	630
Catalytic	601	551	632
High game, Harold Austin, 188; high series, Carl Sell, 472.			
Legion	662	667	769
Woster	606	631	572
High game, Don Wall, 190; high series, Harry Cane, 467.			
Bryant Motor	785	749	676
Eagles	757	692	708
High game, George Winscot, 192; high series, Bob McClanahan, 488.			
Myers Groc.	656	636	628
Tastee Shop	635	641	615
High game, Don Eaton, 173; high series, Don Eaton, 441.			
Ofe Oil Co.	752	726	693
Tim's Bar	594	694	722
High game, F. Tschirren, 187; high series, Bob Gall, 481.			

Reserves Drop Tutors 37-34 In Preliminary

Plattsmouth Reserves established the winning margin for varsity team action Friday night by tripping Lincoln Teachers 37-34 in the preliminary in that final quarter. Held scoreless through three periods, he

Eagle Nips Alvo; Conference Crown Goes to Murdock

Murdock, victim of an Eagle uprising in the Cass county basketball tournament two weeks ago, can thank the Golden Eagles for the Cass County Conference championship.

Coach Bill Reese's Golden Eagles continued to take the close ones, nipping Alvo 51-50 Thursday night. The loss was the second for Alvo in loop play, and dropped them from contention for the title.

Dick Weyers, who sparked the Eagle tournament campaign led scoring against Alvo Thursday night, while Bud Herrmann, recently out with the mumps, led Alvo with 16 points.

The one-point win, third in recent games for Eagle, is a reminder of their 52-51 and 47-46 tournament wins.

In earning the conference title, Murdock finished with an 8-1 mark, losing only to Nehawka, while Alvo in second place finished with a 7-2 record.

Boys Wanted for County 4-H Club Swine Projects

The Cass County Extension office is looking for a group of eight boys interested in starting a 4-H swine project.

County Agent Clarence Schmadeke today issued the "wanted" signal for boys interested in a swine project. Pured weanling gilts will be given to the boys to use for their projects, the county agent said.

The boys will turn in a gilt from their 1955 litter to pass on to another 8 boys for 4-H swine projects.

Boys interested in the project are advised to contact the county extension agricultural agent at Weeping Water.

Schmadeke said that if more than one group applies for the gilts, a committee will review the applications and select the eligible group.

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Standings

Team	W	L
Ofe Oil	40	17
Myers Groc.	36	21
Bryant Motors	35	22
Ernie's Bar	35	22
Paint Store	35	22
Konats	32	25
Woster Shoe	18	39
Eagles	17	40
Tastee Shop	16	41

LIBRARY NOTES

Recent additions to public library "Cheyenne Autumn," Mari Sandoz. Miss Sandoz has based her book party on talks with an old Cheyenne woman and other veterans of the frontier, and party on documentary research; in the fall of 1878 a band of Cheyenne Indians set out from Indian Territory, where they had been sent by the American Army to return to their native haunts in the Yellowstone. This is the saga of that heart-breaking journey. This book is one of the most outstanding of the spring publications. Miss Sandoz was born in Nebraska, the daughter of a Swiss immigrant whom she immortalized in her first book, Old Jules.

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Huebner	3	3-4	1
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Ernst	3	1-2	2
Grauf	0	1-4	0
Hirz	0	3-5	2

RESULTS

Teachers 37, Plattsmouth 34.
Plattsmouth B 37, Teachers B 34.
Eagle 51, Alvo 50.
Springfield 50, Louisville 48.
Nehawka 63, Douglas 53.

Bank robberies rose to their highest level in 1953 since the crime-ridden 1930's. There were 418 bank robberies, burglaries, and larcenies in 1953—a jump of 27 per cent over the 1952 figure and the highest total since the passage of the Federal bank robbery law in 1939.

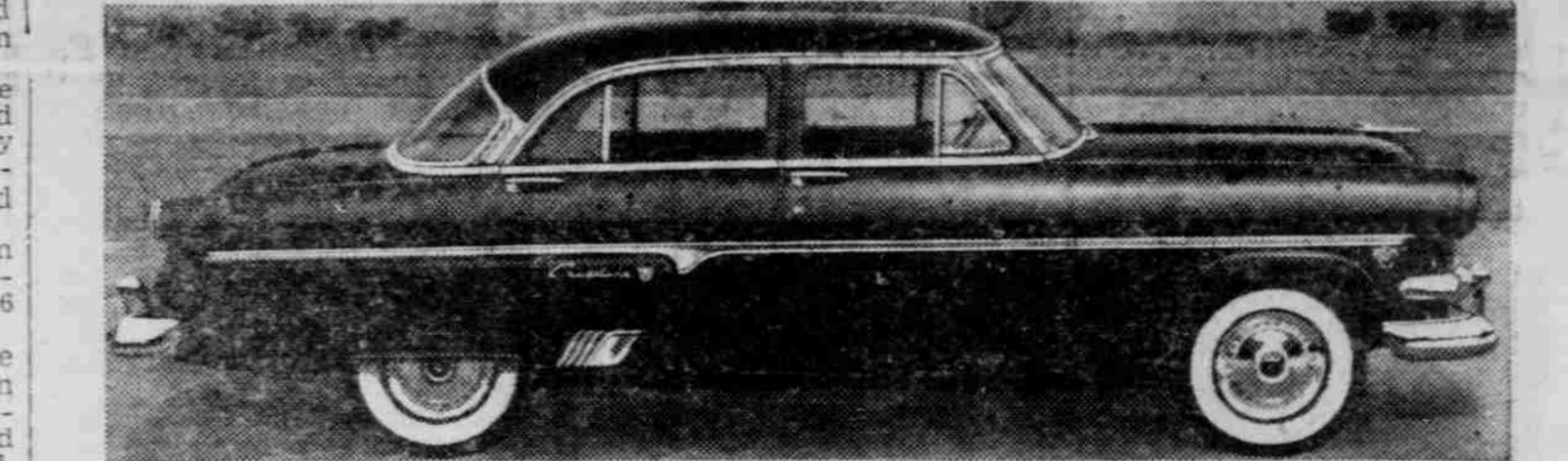
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