

# State high cage meet opens today

As I See It by June Bierbower

## Creighton Prep favored to win Class A crown

### Kearney squares off against Mitchell in first game; defending champions Lincoln given little chance to repeat; Jackson looks good

Nebraska's 1939 state high school basketball tournament gets under way this afternoon at 1 o'clock as Kearney meets Mitchell on the varsity floor in the opening class A game. Beaver Crossing plays Elwood and Steinauer faces Inman in classes A and B respectively in the other two openers.

Creighton Prep of Omaha, favored to win this year's crown, faces Hastings at 4 o'clock in the closing game on the afternoon card. The little Jays walloped Eldon Miller's team 35-16 early in the season, and with an air tight defense which has held opponents to an average of 17 points per game, should win.

Lincoln, defending champions, face a hard task in winning their first game, let alone the tournament. The Red and Black face Virgil Yelkin's Norfolk crew, who beat Ainsworth, last year's runnerup, in the Norfolk regional finals.

Jackson High of Lincoln, second favorite in the meet, goes against Fred Shirey's Beatrice team in the first game of the evening session. The Beatrice boys possess a mediocre season's record but came close to upsetting the touted Falls City team in last week's regionals.

Falls City, who lost by but one point to Creighton Prep during the season, meets Columbus in the second afternoon game, and should win, altho Capt. Tom Brock may make it a ball game.

York high, with but an early season upset by Geneva, and a recent loss to Jackson, faces Omaha South, who, altho they gave Creighton Prep their only defeat, haven't had much of a season. York, led by a great center in Ted Greene, looks like a pretty fair bet for a semifinal berth. Neither Fremont nor the Curtis Aggies, who play the final game on tonight's card, look strong enough to stop the Dukes provided they get by South.

Ainsworth, last year's runnerup, meets Chappell, the only undefeated team in the state in the second game on the evening program. The Ainsworth squad, led by Center Ralph Langer, won a large following among state high tourney fans last year as they battled thru to the finals, and they look strong enough to subdue Chappell, who has been handicapped by lack of strong competition.

Bethany, who has won three consecutive class B titles, was seeded in that division, and meets Anselmy on the last class B game of the evening. Beaver Crossing, the other seeded team, opens up against Elwood.

Bratton Union, last year's class C winner, was eliminated by Steinauer in the playoffs, so seeded positions have gone to Steinauer and Surprise, who face Inman and Loomis respectively.

## Tourney schedule

- Class A (Varsity Floor).**
  - 1:00—Mitchell vs. Kearney.
  - 2:00—Columbus vs. Falls City.
  - 3:00—Norfolk vs. Lincoln.
  - 4:00—Hastings vs. Creighton Prep.
  - 6:30—Jackson of Lincoln vs. Beatrice.
  - 7:30—Chappell vs. Ainsworth.
  - 8:30—York vs. Omaha South.
  - 9:30—Curtis Aggies vs. Fremont.
- Class B (Freshman Floor).**
  - 1:00—Beaver Crossing vs. Elwood.
  - 2:00—Decatur vs. Rushville.
  - 3:00—Long Pine vs. Gibbon.
  - 4:00—Indianola vs. Henderson.
  - 6:30—Humboldt vs. Oshkosh.
  - 7:30—Hardy vs. Walthill.
  - 8:30—Valley vs. Oakdale.
  - 9:30—Anselmy vs. Bethany of Lincoln.
- Class C (Stage Floor).**
  - 1:00—Steinauer vs. Inman.
  - 2:00—Sacred Heart of Norfolk vs. Weston.
  - 3:00—Ohio vs. McGrew.
  - 4:00—Guardian Angel of West Point vs. Anselmo.
  - 6:30—Spalding vs. Hershey.
  - 7:30—Roca vs. Lebanon.
  - 8:30—Liberty vs. Roseland.
  - 9:30—Loomis vs. Surprise.

## 'Lew' sees talent in frosh cagers

### Held, Dutcher, Radtke, Vacanti coming strong

What he believes to be one of the most promising freshman basketball squads in recent years, was announced Saturday by head Frosh Coach Lewandowski. According to "Lew" many of the members of the Frosh squad will file strong bids for varsity positions next fall.

Outstanding among the freshmen prospects are Jerry Dutcher, Benson High star of last year who won a berth on the All-state High school team; Sid Held, flashy Lincoln high center; Warren Radtke who made a name for himself in high school basketball in '38; and Charles Vacanti, top Omaha Tech man of last year.

Lewandowski's list is as follows:

Player	School	Hgt.	Wgt.
Sid Bradley	Bethany	5-10	173
Allen Cantfield	Clay Center	5-10	160
Jerry Dutcher	Benson	6-2 1/2	195
Daniel Fisher	Creighton Prep	6-1	170
Robert Garey	Jackson	6-2	180
Hartmann Goetze	St. Joe	6-1 1/2	170
Herb Grote	Benson	5-11	170
John Hay	Lincoln	6-1	160
Clifford Hurley	Ohio	6-0	170
Held, Sid	Lincoln	6-4	195
John Huston	Lincoln	6-10	150
John Keating	Curtis	6-2	170
Lyle King	Lincoln	6-3	189
William Kinnamon	Lincoln	5-11	185
Les Livingston	Hastings	6-0	155
Don Pollock	Fremont	6-3	175
Warren Radtke	Council Bluffs	6-2	190
Ray Rhoades	Jackson	6-0	160
William Ruyle	Jackson	6-1 1/2	175
Sid White	Grand Island	6-1	160
Charles Vacanti	Omaha Tech	6-1	175
William Smutz	Pawnee City	6-1 1/2	165

only entrant in sight. Eleven Omaha Tech team members had been barred because of participation on the Omaha Athletic Club team, while Beatrice, the only other high school in the state who sponsors swimming, decided not to enter.

## Matmen work for Big Six meet at Ames

### Knight, Luke make final conference appearance; NU squad in good shape

Husker matmen will ring down the curtain on an unsuccessful season Friday and Saturday with the conference meet at Ames. Two seniors will be on the Husker squad. Jim Knight and Bill Luke will compete in their last conference meet.

Nebraska wrestlers have won only three meets and tied one this year. The Scarlet and Cream whipped Franklin and Marshall, Kansas State, and Grinnell, and tied with Lafayette.

The Husker team will go into the tournament stronger than it has been at any time this year. Several of the grapplers have shed some excess weight and are finally in the divisions in which they belong. The renovated team handed Grinnell a 28 to 8 whipping last Saturday.

The conference meet lineup will probably be the same that which defeated Grinnell. The probable lineup includes: Milton Kuska, 121, Jim Knight, 128, Bill Luke, 136, Julius Wittman, 145, Herb Rosenthal, 155, Shelley Condon, 165, Ray Tomes, 175, and George Seeman, heavyweight.

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Finals in state high school tournaments here in Nebraska have always been characterized by low scores in the finals. The boys, playing on the big coliseum floor, seem to tighten up and take no chances, depending on a tight defensive game rather than on offensive power.

In 28 class A finals only once has the winner made 30 points or more. That year Geneva went up to 41, in beating Uni Place, 41 to 24, but neither before nor afterward has any team made 30 points.

Omaha South made 26 points in beating Jackson high in 1937; Lincoln beat Kearney, 27 to 16 in 1930, and Lincoln won from old Omaha Commerce, 29 to 13 in 1918, in the only other instance in which teams made more than 25 markers.

Omaha Tech won from Hastings 25 to 11 and St. Paul won from Hastings, 25 to 22, and in ten other finals the winner has scored between 20 and 25 points. In the other 11 titular games, the winner has collected fewer than 20 points.

The game which took the defensive ribbon, tho, was the 1921 classic between Omaha Tech and Uni Place, which the Techmen won 11 to 9. Lowest scores in the past decade have been the 14 to 12 victory which the Columbus team featuring Charley Brock took from Hastings, and the 1931 final in which Nebraska Deaf came thru over Crete, 17 to 11.

## Proffitt leads N U to gymnastics title

Roy Proffitt, star Husker gymnast, led Charley Miller's Nebraska gym team to the Rocky Mountain regional A. A. U. title last Saturday at Greeley, Colo., as the Huskers made 36 1/2 points in their final competition of the 1939 season.

Proffitt was high point man of the meet with a first on the flying rings, and ties for second in tumbling and the parallel bars. Other Huskers who placed in the meet were Gay Cadwell, first in the side horse, and Jake Geier, fourth in the side horse and parallel bars.

Colorado State college, Fort Collins, was second to the Huskers with 24 1/2 points, while third went to Greeley State Teachers with 21.



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