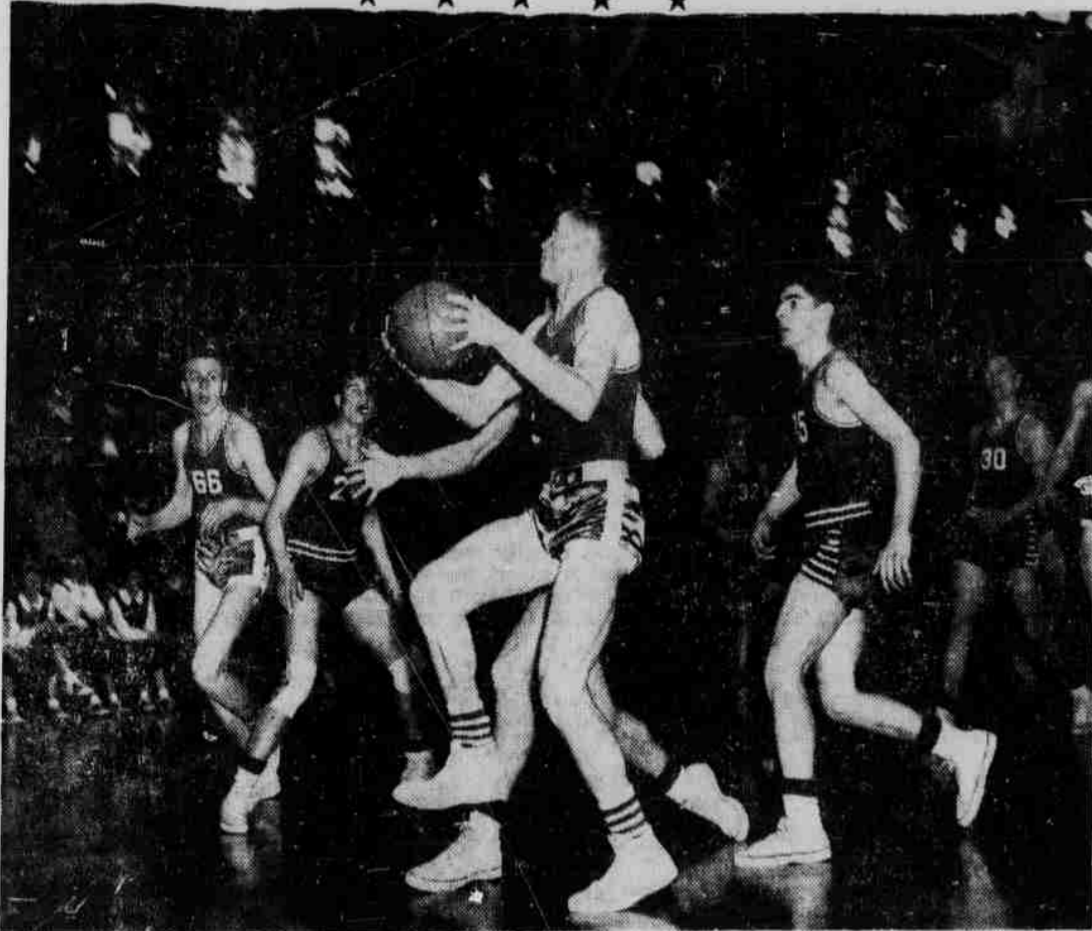


Welcome Fellow Cornhuskers!



WHAT ARE YA GONNA DO? . . . The pressure is on in the state tournament mounts, but Minden's Harold Becker calmly drives in for a set-up in the opening game in Class B. Minden beat South Sioux City, 57-33.

Good Greetings Cornhuskers

I am glad to entertain the students and athletes visiting the University of Nebraska and I hope that they will have a very enjoyable and interesting time on our campus.

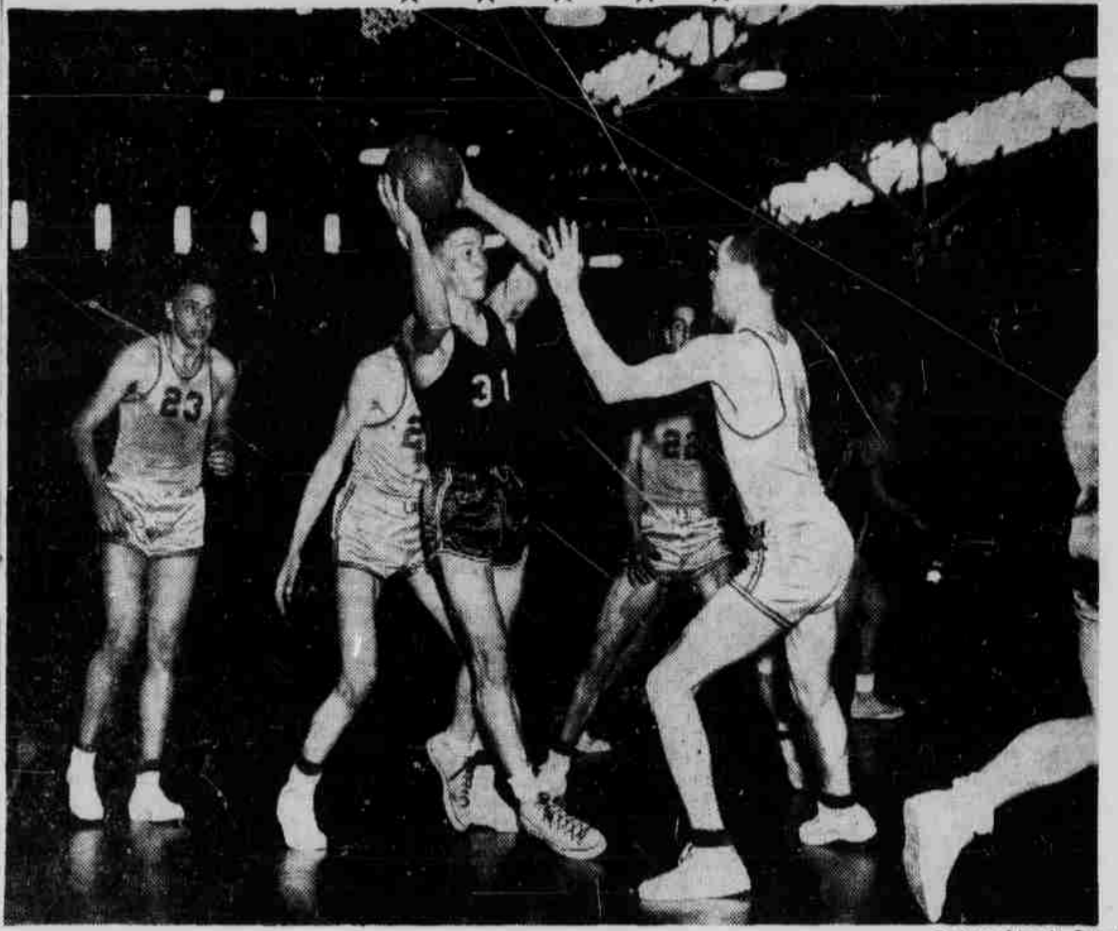
We here at the University feel that we have one of the finest educational institutions in the country. And with the opportunity the male graduating seniors will have with participating in the ROTC's army, navy and air corps program, it gives you an unusually fine opportunity to continue your higher education without fear of being called into the armed services.

The challenge of the Big Seven's type of competition provides an opportunity for the fullest in mental and physical development.

I wish to especially encourage the students and athletes from the smaller Nebraska communities. We feel that we have made rapid strides in creating a more personal element in our student body and take a great deal of pride in the various fields which this school can offer the student who might be interested.

With the challenge and opportunity of many organizations, everyone may participate. Sincerely hoping to have many of you spectators and players joining the loyal Cornhusker family, I remain, Sincerely yours, Harry C. G. Bood, Head Basketball Coach

Head of ticket sales, A. J. Lewandowski, added: "The year has rolled around to the basketball tournament and I sincerely hope students and adults will enjoy this '52 tournament. We hope you partake in all activities on campus and remember that upon entering the Coliseum, if every person would hold out their tickets, it would hold out the problem of admitting the huge throngs into the Coliseum."



UPSET OF THE DAY . . . A fired up bunch of cagers from West Point turned back a favored Hildreth team in the opening round of Class D play. The Cadets' LeRoy Johnson (31) stalls to beat Hildreth, 40-32.

Chadron, West Point Seward, Minden Win

By BILL MUNDELL Sports Staff Writer

The 1952 State High School Basketball Tournament led off Wednesday afternoon with four Class B and Class C schools beginning their drive for the cage honors of the year. Class A and D outfits get their initial test on Thursday with four games scheduled for both the afternoon and evening sessions.

rippled the nets for 14 markers to further the Minden title aspirations. Jerry O'Connor presented the only consistent scoring threat for the losers as he garnered four of South Sioux's nine field-goals and totaled ten points. Ray Engle potted six free-throws to give him an eight-point total for the losers.

points of the victors in the fourth period but didn't have enough to last and Seward had gained the second round and the right to meet Minden on Friday.

Lyle Mueller's 18 points were the big factor in the Seward win and his rebounding along with that of Leslie Rivers' kept the winners in possession of the ball for most of the contest. John Hoffman contributed 13 tallies to the winning total. Leland Crosley took scoring honors for the losers.

West Point Hits Hildreth

A new Class C champion was assured at the completion of the first contest Wednesday as unheralded West Point eliminated Hildreth, the defending titleholder, 40-32. Hildreth, picked by many to repeat and supposed to use the West Point affair as a tune-up, was never in the game.

West Point held the upper hand all the way as the smaller Cadets out-played, out-fought and out-shot the Greyhounds at every turn. With six minutes remaining in the contest, West Point began a very effective stall and Hildreth's attempts to even though the ball were futile.

Mel Westoupal and Bob Hoising were the big guns of the Cadet attack and contributed 16 and ten points, respectively, to the winning total. Larry Lippstreu and Wayne Schurman garnered ten points apiece to the Hildreth total.

Seward Whips Ord, 53-40

Ord couldn't get past the 11-point hurdle for eight minutes in their first round fray with Seward and wound-up on the losing end of a 53-40 tally. The Chanticleers roared to an 11-6 with two minutes to go in the initial frame and then went scoreless while Seward pounded the nets for 13 points.

The Blue Jay surge carried them to a 22-16 halftime margin which they increased to 35-25 in a wild third quarter. Ord climbed to within five

Clark Welcomes Visitors

Every year the athletic department of the University of Nebraska looks forward to the high school tournament. It brings back memories of an era when we had our most fun. The excitement and enthusiasm is invigorating to the student faculty and alumni here at the University.

We welcome the high school students and their families to Lincoln and sincerely hope your team wins or at least makes a good showing. We know they will.

Our facilities are open to you and we hope that sometime you will come back as students of this great institution.

Yours for a Greater Nebraska, George "Potsy" Clark, Director of Athletics.

C-Prep Nips Adams

Chadron Prep, as expected, advanced to the second round and the right to meet West Point, but not without a great deal of trouble. The Junior Eagles had to fight off a determined Adams bid and come from behind in the fourth period to win, 46-37.

Prep, presenting a well-rounded attack, kept on top most of the way, but they could never breathe easily until the waning moments. Adams made its move in the final period and garnered seven straight points to take a narrow 32-31 lead, but it took all they had and Prep quickly regained the lead and slowly padded their point-total to win.

Topping the victors in scoring were Larry Lytle with 11 markers and Jim Palmer with ten. LeRoy Schlake and David Fritz topped the losing effort with eight counters apiece.

Wednesday Night Results

Class B
Omaha Holy Name 46Cretes 36
Gering 61 . . . Plainville 58

Class C
Gibbon 42 . . . Wakefield 31
Friend 61 . . . Battle Creek 26

FRIDAY PAIRINGS

Class B
Minden vs. Seward, varsity court at 12:30 p.m.
Gehring vs. Holy Name, varsity court at 1:50 p.m.

Class C
West Point vs. Chadron Prep, freshman court at 12:30 p.m.
Gibbon vs. Friend, freshman court at 1:50 p.m.

Bobby Cerv Stars

Former Nebraska All-American baseball player Bob Cerv smashed out a home run and a single as the New York Yankees smashed the Boston Red Sox in a Grapefruit league game. Cerv also made a sensational catch during the contest. The home run was the second circuit clout for the Weston native in three days.

Nebraska Reporter Picks Tech

By ARNIE STERN Sports Staff Writer

Thirty-two outstanding Nebraska high school basketball teams are battling it out on the University Coliseum floor this week.

The Class A clubs are headed by Omaha Tech. Coach Neal Mosser's team seems to be the class of the A squads.

Next in line in this class stands Creighton Prep. Lots of hustle and skill coupled with plenty of sharpshooting could give Prep the Class A crown. Two previous wins over Tech can be overlooked for Tournamenters are not won on past performances.

In Class B, Holy Name should go home with all the marbles. Undefeated throughout the season, the Ramblers look like the team to beat. Trouble could come from either Plainville or Seward, both asty ball clubs, but the Holy Name fast break should move to the Championship.

Chadron Prep looks like the class of the C teams. With no losses chalked up against them during the regular season, the Junior Eagles should have little trouble taking the big title. Gibbon or Hildreth could be the dark horse in Class C.

The well-balanced Uehling team has the height, speed, and sharpshooting to take the Class D crown. Trouble in this class could come in droves from a number of teams. Plymouth has a fine club, and either Palmyra or Edison could come through in the tight games.

Bentley Likes Spirit Displayed

The crowd for the opening session of the state tournament this year is somewhat larger than was last year's attendance for the first day. The pep clubs and followers are showing tremendous support, and some outstanding high school bands are helping this cause greatly.

Radio coverage has been increased for this year's tourney, and there seem to be more newspaper men on hand to witness the championships. The games so far have proven to be deserving of this added publicity.

Sincerely, NU Publicity Director John Bentley

Thursday Pairings

CLASS A
12:30—Creighton Prep vs. Hastings
1:50—Falls City vs. Scottsbluff
7:00—Fremont vs. Omaha Tech
8:20—North Platte vs. Lincoln Northeast

CLASS D
12:30—Plymouth vs. Millard
1:50—Mullen vs. Uehling
7:00—Palmyra vs. Pleasanton
8:20—Melbeta vs. Edison

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Varsity: "At Sword's Point," 1:35, 3:38, 5:42, 7:46, 9:50.

Minden Rolls Over Sioux
Minden breezed through its first-round struggle by blasting South Sioux City, 57-33. The Whippets, doped to battle Holy Name for the Class B title, were in complete command all the way, as their height and deadeye shooting took its toll on the outclassed Sioux.

The Whippets jumped off to a 15-6 first-quarter lead and stretched it to 27-15 at intermission. South Sioux made its most serious challenge in the third period, but could get no closer than ten points to the winners. With five minutes remaining in the third canto, Minden threw it in overdrive and it was strictly no contest.

Harold Beck turned in the top scoring performance of the opening session as the Whippet star hurler 21 points through the meshes. Teammate Bob Hansen

Glassford Greets Tourney Followers
We're awfully happy to have all of these high school athletes and their followers here at the University for the Nebraska High School Basketball Championships.

The tourney has given us a chance to renew a lot of our acquaintances with high school coaches and superintendents whom we have had the pleasure of associating with in past years.

Our spring practices have been put aside during the tournament, but we would like to extend to you fans a sincere welcome to attend the All Sports Day festivities on April 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Bill Glassford, Head Football Coach

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