

Jim Kane Is the Man Behind Knights' Success

The Mount Michael Benedictine High School, situated on a 400-acre campus two miles northwest of Elkhorn, is the home of the Knights.

Along with building a reputation of academic excellence, the college-preparatory residence school has become

well known for its successful athletic program, winning state championships in four sports since 1967.

The man responsible for the ascendancy of the school's athletic program is Jim Kane.

When Kane arrived on the campus in

1964, the Benedictine community overlooking the Elkhorn River Valley was known as St. John Vianney Seminary. The school served high school and junior college students preparing for the priesthood.

"The school never had a coach, and it was just starting its athletic program. I thought it would be a big challenge," Kane told *The Catholic Voice*.

Kane, who coached for three years at nearby Waterloo High School prior to assuming his duties at Mount Michael 19 years ago, said the school's early athletic program did not include a football team. But he was kept plenty busy teaching physical education, along with coaching basketball, track and cross country.

The Mount Michael mentor said he found "some darn good athletes" upon his arrival, and it wasn't long before the Knights were making their mark in the record books. Kane's cross country teams captured back-to-back Class C state championships in 1967 and 1968, and the Knights took home the Class C state track title in 1973.

Kane also built a successful basketball program during the late 1960s, and he later turned his attention to the gridiron, forming a freshmen football team in 1969.

The seminary was turned into a residence high school in 1970, and Mount Michael fielded a junior varsity football squad.

Kane said the school's first varsity football team finished the 1971 season with a 4-4 record. "We struggled in those early years," he said.

Since the "struggle" of those early years, hard work and dedication have paid off for Kane and his players, with Mount Michael now known for its formidable football and basketball teams.

During the past six years, the school's basketball squads have compiled an outstanding 121-15 record, and the football teams have recorded an impressive 38-17 mark.

The 1982-83 school year was a banner year as the Knights captured Class B state championships in football and basketball. Kane's football team was unbeaten in 11 games and his cagers suffered only one defeat in a 22-1 campaign.

"I was really happy for the kids. It's something they will remember for the rest of their lives," Kane said.

The value of discipline cannot be underestimated in building a winning tradition, he said.

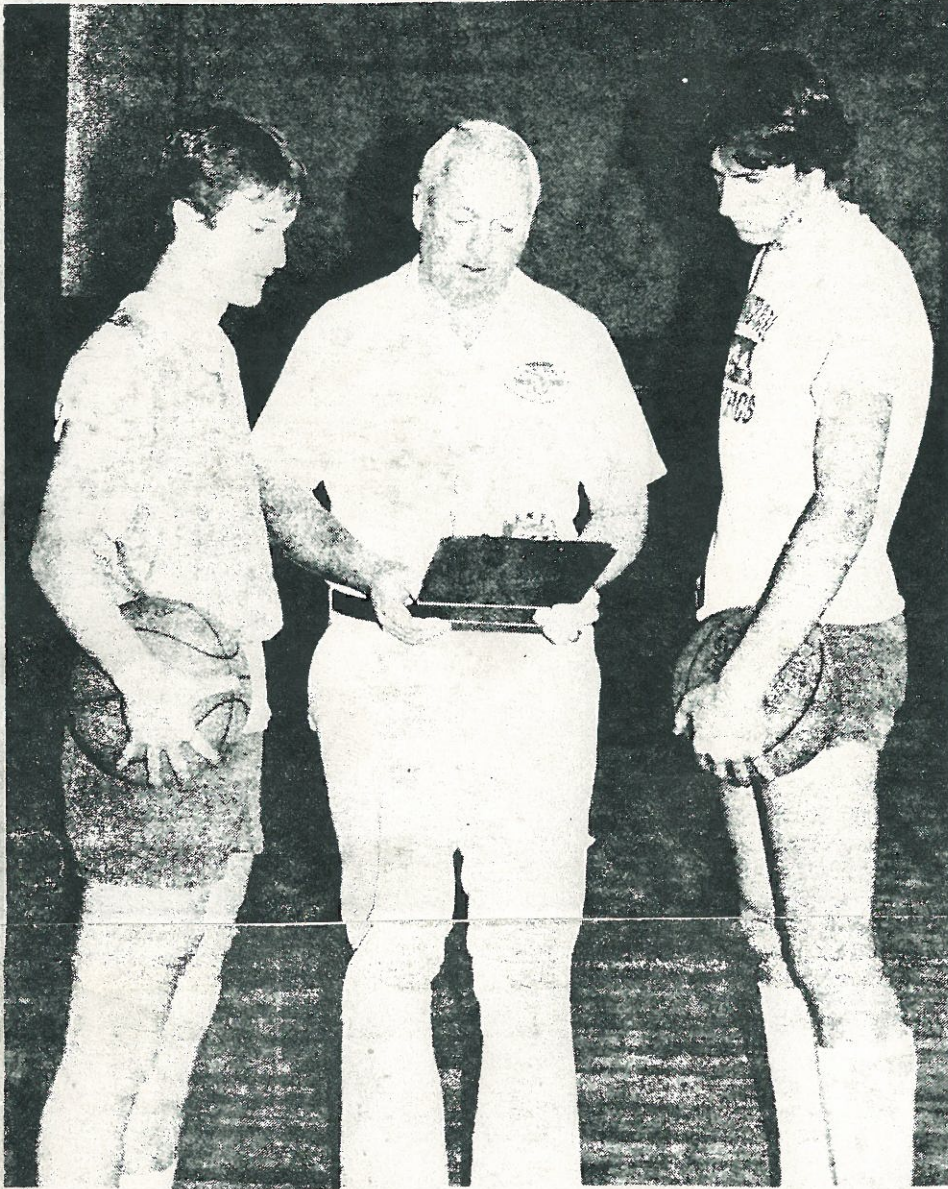
"Winning and discipline go hand in hand. Discipline is just part of life. You have to learn to take orders. Some people might think I'm hard on the kids, but it's not in an unfair way," Kane said.

He said the "smart kids" he coaches at Mt. Michael have been another reason for the school's success in sports.

"There is no doubt that smart kids are easier to coach. They improvise better and make the necessary adjustments at halftime and during time-outs," he explained.

Although the 1983 football team experienced a rebuilding year and finished 4-4, Kane's current crop of basketball players is off to a fast 4-0 start in defense of their Class B crown. Despite the early success Kane tells his players they can't afford to become complacent.

"I tell the kids they can't be satisfied with themselves if they expect to continue



From left: senior guard Jim Mayberger, coach Jim Kane and 6-5 junior Doug Wemhoff discuss strategy for an upcoming game.



Kane's Mount Michael teams have won five state championships in four separate sports.

improving and winning, especially in tough games," he said.

Kane, who played baseball at the University of Nebraska and spent three years in the New York Yankee organization as a catcher, said he has no regrets concerning his decision to embark on a coaching career.

"I haven't lost any of my enthusiasm for sports. I don't look back much. I just look ahead to the next year as another challenge," he said.

Pride Runs Deep at Mount Michael

Mount Michael's remarkable success on the high school athletic scene has been "super for the spirit of the school," according to Father Charles Zach, OSB, principal.

"The games have served as a natural gathering point for the Mount Michael family," he said.

Zach points to coach Jim Kane as being the guiding force behind the school's athletic success.

"No one knows the sports scene better than Jim Kane. He's the only coach I know who has won state titles in four different sports," Zach said.

Kane says coaching Mount Michael's disciplined and "smart kids" makes it easier to be successful (see above article).

Zach said the school, which has a current enrollment of 152, requires students seeking admission to have "at least a B average" and a strong desire to attend Mount Michael.

"We're very selective. We have two candidates for every one opening," he said.

Kane said the school now has the advantage of having a large following from stu-

dents, parents and alumni.

"The hardest thing to build is tradition and pride in your program. We now have that here," he said.

The pride that former players feel for Mount Michael can be found in the case of Kelly Berens, a 1969 graduate who once played basketball under Kane.

"He sent us a check for \$2,000. We used it to get a hip sled for the weight room," Kane said.

Elkhorn MM 84, Fort Calhoun 22

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Elkhorn, Neb. — Elkhorn Mount Michael, top-ranked in Class B and No. 9 in the overall Top Ten, held Fort Calhoun scoreless for all but 50 seconds of the first quarter Friday night en route to an 84-22 boys basketball victory.

Mount Michael, 8-0, led 18-0 before Fort Calhoun scored. Doug Wemhoff scored 21 points and grabbed eight rebounds for the winners. He made 10 of 11 shots.

Mount Michael Is Not at Best But Gains State

By Greg Pivovar

World-Herald Correspondent

Fremont, Neb. — Defending Class B champion Elkhorn Mount Michael showed Tuesday that it doesn't have to be at its best to win.

The Knights, despite a chilly shooting performance, downed North Bend 50-45 in the Class B-1 district championship at Midland College.

The Knights, second-ranked in Class B, will enter next week's state tournament with a 19-1 record.

In the girls championship game, North Bend earned a state tournament berth by defeating Elkhorn 48-43.

Elkhorn Mount Michael hit only nine of 31 shots in the first half, and only a hot third quarter allowed it to shoot 40 percent for the game. Mount Michael was just as cold from the free-throw line, hitting six of 16. Six of the misses came on the front end of one-and-ones in the fourth quarter while the Knights were trying to protect their lead.

Outrebounded 39-30

North Bend, a much shorter team, outrebounded the Knights 39-30.

However, all of this did not concern Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane.

"I've been around long enough to know better than that," Kane said. "I told the kids that in a game like this, when you win, you don't worry about how you played."

Kane said he talked to his players at halftime, when North Bend, 16-4, trailed only 18-16.

"We just talked a little," Kane said, his smile indicating that the tone of his voice may have been elevated. "I let them know that we came too far to lose at this point."

An excellent third quarter carried the Knights to victory. Mount Michael hit eight of 13 shots from the field and forced six Tiger turnovers to outscore North Bend 19-9 and take a 12-point lead entering the fourth quarter.

Wemhoff Scores 20

Mount Michael center Doug Wemhoff scored 10 points in the first half and 20 overall.

Mount Michael opened a 45-29 lead with 4:52 to play before North Bend came back.

Ten straight points by North Bend in the next minute and a half closed the gap to 45-39. But John Kinney's 20-foot jumper put the Knights ahead 47-39 with 2:40 remaining.

Mount Michael then missed five one-and-ones down the stretch to keep the door open. Alan Emanuel hit the last North Bend basket with 39 seconds left to pull the Tigers within 50-45, but they were unable to score again.

North Bend 10 6 9 26-45
Elkhorn M.M. 10 8 19 33-50
N—Emanuel 3-9 4-4 10, Nelson 5-12 3-4 13, Hartman 1-5 2-2 4, Meier 1-5 0-0 2, Berni 5-8 2-2 12, Satorie 1-4 2-2 4, Legge 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 16-46 13-14 45.
MM—Mayberger 4-11 2-4 10, Kinney 8-16 0-1 16, Soiko 0-1 0-0 0, Boyle 2-6 0-3 4, Wemhoff 8-17 4-8 20, Andrews 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 22-55 6-16 50.
Turnovers—North Bend 14, Mount Michael 9. Total fouls—North Bend 13, Michael 10. Fouled out—none. Technical foul—None. Rebounds—North Bend 39, Mount Michael 30.

In Class B Power Struggle

By Larry Fauss

World-Herald Correspondent

Gretna, Neb. — Defending Class B state champion Elkhorn Mount Michael slipped past Gretna 49-41 Friday night in a state-tournament atmosphere.

A crowd estimated by Gretna officials at 1,400 nearly filled the sideline bleachers, and their enthusiasm was reminiscent of season-ending play, not the second weekend of December.

They came to see the two most recent Class B champions battle for early-season prominence. In the past two years, the team that has lost the regular season game in December has gone on to win the state tournament.

"I guess that means we get to win the state tournament," Gretna Coach Tim Hoffman said jokingly after the game.

Mayberger Takes Charge

Mount Michael led throughout the game and owned an 11-point margin at the start of the fourth period when substitute Tim Andrews tipped in a field goal.

But Gretna came back with eight consecutive points to narrow the gap to 38-35 with 4:52 to play.

The fourth-quarter rush by Gretna was too much for Mount Michael's point guard, Jim Mayberger. The senior retaliated with a field goal from the lane and then hit four free throws down the stretch as the Knights pulled away.

Gretna's Craig Frahm forced Mount Michael to abandon its traditional 1-3-1 zone defense in favor of a match-up

zone. "But look at what they got," Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane said, referring to Gretna's 41-point total. "We were just making adjustments for Frahm."

Those adjustments cost Mount Michael in the middle, where Gretna was able to work the ball to 6-4 center Bryan Ruffcorn.

"We were giving a little bit," Kane said. "A kid like him you've just got to get on. He's just a super player as far as I'm concerned."

Frahm still led scorers for both teams with 21 points on seven field goals and seven free throws. Ruffcorn had eight points for Gretna.

Gretna's defensive strategy was to stop Mount Michael center Doug Wemhoff.

"We really wanted to shut off Wemhoff," Hoffman said. "He's been scoring 20. We didn't want them to get them inside. If they were going to get them, we wanted them outside."

Unfortunately for Gretna, Mount Michael was able to do just that behind the perimeter shooting of Mayberger and Rich Boyle. Boyle led Mount Michael with 16 points while Mayberger added 14.

Mount Michael threatened to blow the game open early, but a foul and a technical on Kane quickly erased a seven-point Mount Michael lead late in the first quarter.

With two seconds left in the quarter,

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Late Roncalli Basket Ends Mount Michael Win String

Jerry Schrad hit a layup with 11 seconds left as Omaha Roncalli jolted visiting Elkhorn Mount Michael 60-58 in boys basketball Friday night, breaking the Knights' 34-game winning streak.

Schrad's winning basket came after a full-court pass from Nick McGill on an in-bounds play. Mount Michael, 15-1 and rated sixth in The World-Herald's all-class Top 10, had tied the game with 16 seconds left on a basket by Doug Wemhoff.

"We didn't want to take a shot until there were about eight seconds left, but we'll take that layup," Roncalli Coach Terry Kocsis said. "It was a great assist by Nick McGill."

The Knights, who won their last 19 games a year ago in taking the Class B state title, saw their last shot from the corner miss.

Roncalli, 8-7, trailed by five points entering the final period but took its first lead with three minutes left on a basket by Dan Grasso.

The lead changed hands four times before Gary Washington put Roncalli up 58-56 on a free throw.

Washington had sparked Roncalli down the stretch, hitting five of the Crimson Pride's last nine field goals and scoring nine points in the last quarter.

Mount Michael entered the game holding opponents to an average of 33 points.

"They played a tough 1-3-1 zone," Kocsis said. "Our kids were patient against it. We had a good combination of outside shots and inside points."

Washington made nine of 12 shots from the field and finished with 19 points, most of them from the outside. Grasso did the inside damage, scoring a game-high 22 points.

Elkhorn M.M. 16 14 16 12-58
At Omaha Roncalli 13 15 13 19-60
E—Mayberger 12, Kinney 6, Soiko 4, Andrews 2, Boyle 18, Wemhoff 14.
R—McGill 3, Washington 19, Heald 4, Schrad 12, Grasso 22.

Mount Michael Upends Gretna In Early Class B Power Struggle

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Frahm attempted a jump shot in the free throw lane and came down on top of Mount Michael's Tim Andrews. Andrews was called for the foul and that brought Kane off the bench for the technical. Frahm hit four consecutive free throws to bring Gretna to within three at the quarter break, 14-11.

The Mount Michael game was Frahm's 66th consecutive start, dating to his freshman year. Including this year, he has played with a totally new lineup at the other four positions each year beginning his sophomore year when Gretna won the state title.

Not 'Major Leagues'

"The other four learned a lot tonight," Hoffman said. "I told them at halftime we had to get everybody in the offense. You get a player like that and they get to depending upon him too much."

The loss in the home opener dropped Gretna to 1-1 after an overtime win at Auburn last week.

Kane is satisfied with Mount Michael's 3-0 start but not with his team's play Friday.

"That sure wasn't the major leagues," he said. "They've got a fine team. You go on their home court and beat them and you feel good about that. I'm too old to get greedy. I'm just tickled we won the ballgame."

Elkhorn Mount Michael 14 12 10 13-50
At Gretna 11 10 6 13-41
MM—Mayberger 4-11 2-4 10, Kinney 8-16 0-1 16, Soiko 0-1 0-0 0, Andrews 2-2 0-0 4, Boyle 2-6 0-3 4, Wemhoff 8-17 4-8 20, Frahm 4-8 2-2 8, Jeffries 2-7 2-3 6, Heald 2-3 0-0 0, Dostal 0-1 0-0 0, Ruffcorn 4-7 0-4 0. Totals 16-35 9-16 41.
Field Goal Percentage—Mount Michael 39.5, Gretna 45.7. Free Throw Percentage—Mount Michael 78.9, Gretna 56.2. Turnovers—Mount Michael 10, Gretna 18. Rebounds—Mount Michael 24, Gretna 27. Fouls—Mount Michael 13, Gretna 15. Fouled Out—Mount Michael, Soiko. Technical Fouls—Mount Michael (Kane), Gretna (Hoffman). Attendance—1,400 estimated.

Mt. Michael overcomes Frahm, Gretna for win

By Chuck Sinclair
of The Lincoln Star

FREMONT — After defending Class B state champion Elkhorn Mount Michael sent Gretna to the sidelines with a 50-37 B-1 district semifinal defeat at Midland College Thursday night, Jim "Killer" Kane went out of his way toward the Gretna bench.

He and Gretna's Craig Frahm embraced in a gesture of mutual respect.

Frahm, a returning Super-State selection playing his last high school game in front of the standing-room-only crowd of 2,500 meant something to Kane, too.

"I've seen enough of him," Kane said.

"But I told him I was going to keep an eye on him ... that I would hear from him in the future."

Frahm, a three-year starter who played on the Gretna state championship team as a sophomore, led the Dragons with 16 points Thursday night, but it wasn't enough.

"He didn't get many easy ones," Kane said. "He's a hell of a good kid. If you had a whole bunch like him, you'd never need anything else."

Gretna, however, didn't have a bunch like Frahm, and Mount Michael had enough to offset his strengths and advance to Tuesday night's final against the winner

of Friday's Boys Town-North Bend game.

In the first game of the night, Elkhorn's girls withstood a third-quarter charge by Blair to earn a 48-44 semifinal triumph and advance to Tuesday's 6:15 p.m. final against the winner of Friday's Omaha Mercy-North Bend game.

In the boys game, a return to the same site where the same two schools went four overtimes in districts a year ago, Kane said he felt comfortable through most of the contest.

"We really played the good tempo tonight," Kane said. "Even when they got it back to seven points a couple of times, I felt like we were in control."

A good part of that reason was the play of 6-5 junior Doug Wemhoff, who hit his first seven shots from the field and finished with a game-high 20 points.

"He can play," Kane said. "And he's only a junior. He's going to make me smart for another year."

When it wasn't Wemhoff inside, it was senior Jim Mayberger outside. Besides four long-range field goals, Mayberger stayed consistent with his 86-percent free throw average by hitting eight-of-nine in the fourth quarter to keep the Dragons at bay.

Mount Michael was impressive enough to prompt Gretna coach Tim Hoffman to

say the Knights were a better overall team that last year's state champions.

"I think they're better than last year because Wemhoff is so much improved inside," Hoffman said. "He's a horse in there. He had the size. He was just inexperienced."

"It's tough to play them when they get the lead. They use the clock and don't make mistakes. They're a real good team. I'm not disappointed with the way we played. We gave the effort. I can't fault our kids for that. That's all I can ask."

While Kane has seen enough of Frahm

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on the court in high school, Hoffman obviously hates to see his star pupil graduate.

"I'm going to miss him like my own son," Hoffman said. "He's been so unselfish, and so great to work with. But I'm going to miss them all. They've all been great."

Now, Hoffman would just like to see Mount Michael take it all the way.

"They've got a nice team," he said. "I hope they go a long ways. I hope they're ready to play the winner of the next game and do well."

'Improved' B Champs Defeat Gretna 50-37

By Larry Porter
World-Herald Staff Writer

Fremont, Neb. — Elkhorn Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane said it early in the season and Gretna Coach Tim Hoffman agreed Thursday night.

"Mount Michael is a better team than last year," Hoffman said after the Knights slew his Dragons 50-37 before a near-capacity crowd estimated by tournament officials at 2,500 at Midland Lutheran College.

Mount Michael captured the Class B state crown last year and is gearing up for a defense of that title. The Knights, 18-1, have marched into the finals of the B-1 district against the winner of tonight's game between Boys Town and North Bend.

"They're better because of Doug Wemhoff," Hoffman said of the 6-foot-6 junior center who scored 20 points and snared 10 rebounds. "Wemhoff is so much better inside than he was a year ago. He's improved so much. He's a horse in there."

Wemhoff hit the first seven shots he took and didn't miss until Gretna's Craig Frahm blocked his shot with

three seconds left in the first half.

"Wemhoff can play — and he's only a junior," Kane said. "He's going to make me smart for another year."

Jim Mayberger, a 5-10 senior guard, has made Kane appear smart for two seasons. He did it again in the fourth quarter.

Gretna cut the deficit to 40-33 with 5 minutes, 26 seconds remaining after Kelly Carl stole the ball and hit a layup. With just under four minutes left, Kane ordered a stall.

Kane also ordered Mayberger to do most of the ball-handling in that stall. He knew Gretna would eventually have to foul and he wanted Mayberger at the line.

"That's what you can do with a good player," Kane said. "Mayberger is shooting 86 percent of his free throws. That's big time. Every time he gets up there I feel he's going to make it."

Mayberger drilled eight of nine free throws in the final 2:18 and finished with 16 points.

That performance kept the ending from turning into a repeat of the thriller.

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Mount Michael Posts Victory Against Gretna

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ling four-overtime triumph by Mount Michael over Gretna here in last year's district tourney.

"Last year's game was just a situation of hard luck," Hoffman said. "This year the key was that our defense didn't play the way we wanted to against Wemhoff in the second quarter."

Wemhoff scored two baskets during an eight-point run that helped Mount Michael from a 10-8 lead to one of 18-8. The Knights never led by less than seven points after that.

"They're tough to play when they have the lead," Hoffman said. "They don't make mistakes and they use the clock very well."

The loss marked the end of Frahm's high school career. The all-star finished with 16 points and seven rebounds.

'Such a Gentleman'

Kane sought out the 6-4 standout after the game and chatted briefly with him.

"I told him, 'I'm going to keep my eye on you. We'll be hearing from you,'" Kane said. "He's such a good kid. If you had a whole bunch like him, you'd never need anything else. On top of being such a nice player, he's such a gentleman."

Kane said Mount Michael's defensive plan for Frahm was to force him into the middle whenever he got the ball on the wing.

"Mayberger could double-team him then," Kane said. "I don't think he had an uncontested shot."

Mount Michael's offense floundered slightly in the third quarter when the Knights scored only eight points. But John Kinney kept them afloat with two long jumpers.

"We played better defense against Wemhoff in the third quarter," Hoffman said. "Then Kinney hit a couple of key buckets from long range. When you get that kind of balance, you're going to make things tough."

"Mount Michael has a nice team. I think they're going to go a long way."

Gretna: MW 6 11 18 18-37
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Graham: MW 6 11 18 18-24
Carl: 1-10 2-11 3-10 10-20 2-10 2-10
16. Ruffcorn 6-12 3-13 10-18 17-27
2. Huber 4-10 1-11 8-9 16. Kinney 4-12 2-2 10.
Solino 0-1 0-0 0 2. Boyle 1-8 0-1 2. Wemhoff 10-14 0-0 20.
Andrews 1-2 0-2 1. Fordis 20-48 10-12 50.
Turnovers—Gretna 18. Mount Michael 7. Field
goals—Gretna 14. Mount Michael 16.
Fouls—Gretna 40. Gretna 43. Mount Michael 41.
Minutes—Gretna 27. Gretna 27. Frahm 71. Mount
Michael 27. Wemhoff 10.

State's winningest tradition taken for Grant-ed

By RICK HULS
Independent Sports Writer

The scene is familiar to state tournament fans.

Talented Stanton has the ball with 19 seconds left, and holds a 51-50 lead over two-time state champion Grant. But, Grant's Richard Romine picks off a pass and fires to teammate Brian Poppe, who scores at the buzzer for a 52-51 victory.

As shocking as the finish was, few fans should have been surprised with Grant's heroics. The Plainsmen have been doing it for years.

Success is not taken for granted at Grant. In a month-long survey by The Independent, the Perkins County school is recognized as the winningest boys high school basketball program in Nebraska over a 10-year period.

From 1973-74 to the 1982-83 season, Grant compiled a record of 208 wins and only 35 losses, a glossy .856 winning percentage.

During that time frame, the Plainsmen have reached the state tournament eight times, winning state championships in 1981 and 1982.

According to current coach Doyle Denney, there's no secret to Grant's success.

"I don't think you can pin-point one

thing. I think it's a combination of things. Having Lee Todd as superintendent here for 35 years might have helped the most. There's a real stability involved.

"He instilled a lot of confidence in the entire faculty and staff. Lee was very interested in athletics. He wanted a first-class program . . . and it is."

Todd is now retired and living in Grant. The stability of his administration is shown by the fact that the school has had few head coaches. And, changes didn't interrupt the success — four different basketball coaches have won state championships.

Grant's success does not end with a 10-year record. Over a 20-year period, the Plainsmen are 391-82, a winning percentage of .827. Grant has been to the state tournament 14 times in the past 18 years.

Bill Ramsey, now coaching at Cozad, won the first Class C title for Grant in 1966. Larry Pritchett, now on the Perkins County board of education and owner of a hardware store in Grant, engineered the second in 1968.

Tom Lawson, architect of outstanding teams in the 70s, led the Plainsmen to the 1981 championship.

Lawson left and became head coach at Bellevue East.

Denney became part of the Grant tradition in 1982 when the Plainsmen repeated. Bill Jackman, who will see action at the University of Nebraska next year, sparked the back-to-back 26-0 seasons. Grant's winning streak ended at 56 games early in the 1982-83 season.

Obviously, Grant teams never have to worry about fan support.

"The townspeople like one local rallying point and the athletic teams are it," Denney said. "They point to it with a lot of pride."

However, Denney said he doesn't believe in the theory that tradition wins basketball games.

"I don't think you win because of tradition. You win because of people and plain 'ole heart."

"But, I can remember a few games when maybe we've been behind by eight or nine points going into the fourth quarter. When we made a run and tied it up, the complexion of the game changed completely. Some teams just folded."

Howells, with five state championships in the past 11 years, ranks second overall in Class C. Under veteran coach Jim Morrison, Howells has a 10-year record of 195-46 (.809), good for fifth statewide.

Filley ranks 2nd

While Grant holds down the top position in Class C, other familiar faces lead their respective classes.

Creighton Prep in Class A, Elkhorn Mt. Michael in Class B and Filley in Class D have proven tops over a 10-year period. All three have been to five of the last six state tournaments.

Filley, thanks to a 78-game winning streak from 1978 to 1981, is second to Grant overall. The Wildcats were 194-38, a winning percentage of .836.

Like Grant, Filley has won just two state titles during the period. The Wildcats have back-to-back 27-0 seasons in 1978-79 and 1979-80. Over a four-year stretch under coach Eldon Johnson, Filley was 103-2.

Johnson, who had a 152-20 record at Filley in seven years, now coaches at Minden. Larry Cornelius was an assistant for nine years before becoming head coach this year.

Cornelius said winning has come easier since 1977, when Filley qualified for its first state tournament in 52 years.

"Once that first team got to the state tournament, the kids knew they could do it. Now they have the determination to get there."

Cornelius still feels there's a certain mystique in close games.

"I felt it for the first time in the MUDECAS tournament this year. We were playing Sterling in the semifinals and they probably have more talent than we do. But, once we got up on 'em in the fourth quarter, they didn't think they could beat us. Then we beat Odell in the finals, and they probably have more talent than Sterling."

Maxwell, a very consistent winner under coach Larry Gilson, is Class D's second best team over 10 years. Maxwell's 189-39 (.829) record ranks third behind Grant and Filley.

A 'Killer' of a coach

At Elkhorn Mt. Michael, Jim "Killer" Kane has built a reputation for disciplined offense and an aggressive zone defense. It's worked, because the Knights are by far the most successful team in Class B over the past 10 years.

Mt. Michael is 155-36 since 1973, an .812 percentage that ranks fourth statewide. But, over the past seven years, Kane has produced the top record in all classes — 121-15 (.890).

"We've had a pretty good run the last seven years," Kane says, "but you have to have the basketball players like anything else. I think you're

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	Record	Pct.	1984
1. Grant	208-35	.856	17-1
2. Filley	194-38	.836	16-3
3. Maxwell	189-39	.829	17-0
4. Elkhorn MM	155-36	.812	15-1
5. Howells	195-46	.809	8-9
6. Creighton Prep	183-47	.796	11-5
7. Nelson	143-40	.781	7-5
8. Hampton	173-52	.769	9-9
9. Walthill	161-49	.767	5-11
10. Lincoln East	152-47	.764	11-5
11. Sandy Creek	150-49	.754	13-4
12. Clearwater	159-52	.753	15-0
13. Hartington CC	144-50	.742	12-2
14. Rep. Valley	132-47	.737	11-2
15. Ewing	151-54	.736	11-6
16. Aurora	161-59	.732	5-12
17. N. Platte SP	153-56	.732	11-5
18. Shickley	151-58	.722	13-1
19. Pleasanton	153-59	.722	13-4
20. Sidney	154-61	.716	11-4
21. Adams	171-68	.715	14-5
22. Hordville	154-62	.713	4-13
23. Om. Westside	158-64	.712	11-6
24. Fairmont	147-62	.703	7-6
25. Madison	165-70	.702	18-1

Note — Records as of February 10.

kids learn how to win. Winning becomes contagious.

"I've been telling the players 'coaching is harder when you win all the time.'"

Still, Kane enjoys the pressure of success.

"That's what coaching is all about."

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Mayberger 'Is Money in the Bank'

Elkhorn Mount Michael Sticks to Plan

By Lee Barfknecht

WORLD HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — Its lead was dwindling faster than the clock was running Friday, but Elkhorn Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane had a plan.

It's the same plan he's used all year in that situation — get the ball to senior guard Jim Mayberger.

"That's no secret," Kane said. "We keep the ball in his hands."

Even with a bad ankle, Mayberger took the ball, got fouled three times in four possessions and made six straight free throws in the last two minutes to help the Knights hold off Springfield Platteview 61-55 in the semifinals of the Class B Nebraska high school basketball tournament.

'Money in the Bank'

Mayberger, who led No. 2 Mount Michael with 22 points, is an 83 percent free-throw shooter.

Class B Boys

"He's like money in the bank," Platteview Coach John McGill said.

But McGill left the Sports Center wondering if a referee's call he hadn't banked on robbed the No. 9 Trojans of a shot at an upset.

Platteview cut an 11-point Mount Michael lead to four at 51-47 behind the shooting of Ken Cloyd, who scored 21 points.

The 18-4 Trojans then appeared to have the deficit sliced to two when center Monte Neitzel drove down the lane and made a shot with 2:18 to play.

But the 6-foot-3 junior was called for charging, nullifying the basket under the new rule this season on player-control fouls.

'Foul Decided Game'

"That charging call decided the

game," McGill said. "There were a lot of options to call there, and that was the last one."

"I know it sounds bad crying about the officials. We didn't have a good shooting night. We missed some free throws. But we hustled our rear ends off and I thought we had them."

Kane's only response to McGill's remarks was, "Don't talk to me about bad calls."

Kane saw three of his starters foul out, and hopped off his seat several times during the game to talk with the officials.

But while the 41 fouls called didn't please Kane, his team's performance down the stretch did.

"We played a good second half with all the adversity — the fouls and Mayberger's ankle," Kane said.

'Ankle Real Bad'

Mayberger hurt his ankle early in the season and recently reinjured it.

"It's real bad right now," Kane said. "I'm sure he'll play. But it affects him. He's our catalyst offensively and defensively."

Mayberger and Rich Boyle sparked Mount Michael in the third quarter by combining for 14 of the Knights' 16 points in the period.

That gave 21-1 Mount Michael a big enough lead to hang on and move into today's finals, where the Knights will try for their second state championship in a row.

"We knew we'd have a good club," Kane said. "But there's so much that can happen to you along the way."

"Along with a good bunch of kids, you need some luck."

Elkhorn Mt. Michael 19 8 16 18-61
Springfield Platteview 15 10 9 21-55
EMM—Mayberger 7-13 8-8 22, Kinney 1-3 0-1 2,
Soika 0-2 2-3 2, Boyle 7-17 3-4 17, Wemhoff 7-14 1-3 15,
Andrews 0-1 0-0 0, Matt 0-1 1-2 1, Beringer 0-0 2-4 2.
Totals: 22-51 17-25 61.
SP—Cloyd 9-21 3-4 21, Vincent 0-0 0-0 0, Isenberg 2-3 0-4 4, Gray 0-3 2-2 2, Neitzel 4-10 9-12 17, Paschall 1-9 4-6 6, DeMarque 0-1 2-3 2, Williams 1-1 1-2 3, Kreifels 0-0 0-0 0, Barnes 0-0 0-0 0, Sinnott 0-0 0-0 0, Moates 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 17-48 21-29 55.
Team fouls: EMM 20, SP 21. Rebounds: EMM 39 (Boyle 13), SP 32 (Neitzel 9). Turnovers: EMM 19, SP 14. Field goal percentage: EMM .431, SP .354.

Metro Victory Lifts Northwest To Top 10 Lead

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — To the victor belongs the spoils and Omaha Northwest, which emerged as the champion of the Metro Conference holiday tourney, is the new leader in The World-Herald's high school Top 10 boys basketball ratings.

Northwest, a nine-point loser to Millard South a week before Christmas, turned the tables on the defending Class A champion by claiming a 52-50 overtime triumph in the finals.

Millard South, which had won eight straight games, had been ranked No. 1

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prior to the holiday tourney. The Indians slipped to second.

Mount Michael, Seward Ranked

The big surprise is the appearance of two Class B outfits in today's Top 10. Elkhorn Mount Michael, the defending Class B champion and proud owner of a 27-game winning streak, is ninth. Seward grabbed the 10th rung.

Fremont, Omaha Tech and Omaha Creighton Prep, which were ranked seventh, eighth and ninth, respectively, in the first ratings, have slipped out of the Top 10.



W-H Prep Basketball Ratings

By Larry Porter

The Top 10 Boys

	W.	L.	Off. Avg.	Def. Avg.
1. Omaha Northwest	7	1	64	50
2. Millard South	8	1	66	49
3. Omaha Central	7	2	59	50
4. Omaha Burke	5	3	56	54
5. Omaha Bryan	4	2	54	48
6. Omaha Gross	4	1	57	46
7. Grand Island	3	1	73	59
8. Papillion	3	2	58	63
9. Elkhorn M.M.	7	0	59	33
10. Seward	6	0	68	37

Note: Omaha North, 3-5, is ninth and Omaha Tech, 3-2, is 10th in Class A.

Class B Boys

	W.	L.	Off. Avg.	Def. Avg.
1. Elkhorn M.M.	7	0	59	37
2. Seward	6	0	68	37
3. Gothenburg	5	0	70	53
4. Boys Town	4	0	65	41
5. Wayne	6	1	55	45
6. Fairbury	6	1	58	54
7. Sidney	5	2	72	66
8. Omaha Roncalli	4	2	58	55
9. Lincoln Plus X	5	1	65	49
10. Hartington C.C.	4	1	65	43

Fremont, which opened with four straight victories, lost to Grand Island and Kearney in the Grand Island tourney. Tech was bounced by Omaha North in its first Metro tournament outing. Prep bowed to North in three overtimes and to Omaha Burke in the Metro tourney.

North, despite a 3-5 record, is ranked ninth in Class A. The Vikings have handed Lincoln Northeast its only loss and have bowed twice to No. 1 Northwest, to No. 3 Omaha Central, to No. 4 Burke and to No. 5 Bryan.

Papillion Falls to Eighth

Tech is rated 10th in Class A. The biggest win for the 3-2 Trojans was a 50-43 decision over Lincoln East.

Another big Top 10 change saw Papillion fall from second to eighth after losing a first-round Metro tourney battle to Burke. Papillion has defeated Omaha Central, Omaha Westside and Lincoln High.

Central remained third. Burke moved into the ratings at No. 4. Bryan slipped a notch to fifth, Gross slid one peg to

Mount Michael Leads Class B

Omaha Northwest Tops Ratings

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sixth and Grand Island rose from 10th to seventh.

Mount Michael remained atop the B ratings, but Seward rose from third to second after Hartington Cedar Catholic was clipped by Wayne. That 58-44 loss caused Cedar Catholic to slide from second to 10th and earned the No. 5 rating for Wayne.

Gothenburg and Boys Town, which were idle over the holidays, each rose one spot to third and fourth, respectively. Fairbury remained sixth and Sidney held onto seventh despite a 74-67 loss to Wheatland, Wyo.

Waverly, which was eighth, fell out after losing to Elkhorn and Elkhorn Mount Michael. York, ninth in the first ratings, also slipped following a loss to C-2 power Henderson.

Omaha Roncalli rose from 10th to eighth and Lincoln Plus X moved in at No. 9.

2 Lincoln Schools Considered

The prep rater will place less emphasis on early-season games as the campaign progresses.

For instance, the loss to Tech, plus a 66-50 loss to Central, is keeping Lincoln East out of the ratings. But the Spartans are 5-2 and took a big step toward respectability by defeating Kansas City Rockhurst 55-46 to capture a holiday tourney crown in St. Joseph, Mo.

Lincoln Southeast also plucked a plum by winning a holiday tourney in Liberty, Mo. That tourney field included several Kansas City schools. The Knights are 5-2 with losses to Norfolk and Fremont.

The successful ventures of East and Southeast into Missouri over the holidays may trigger a surge by those teams when they return to in-state competition.

Seward's Best Team

Other Class A teams may also catch fire. If they do, the Class B members of the Top 10 may be bumped. But for now Mount Michael and Seward are firmly entrenched.

Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane says this is the best Knight team he has ever coached. Seward Coach Rod Felix won't go out on the limb that far, but the prep rater will. This is Seward's best team in the eight-year tenure of the prep rater.

How would those two Class B teams fare against a steady diet of Class A competition?

"There is no sane way to answer it," Kane said. "I wouldn't know unless we played. But Seward goes out and beats Hastings and Columbus in their holiday tournament.

"Sometimes those guys in Class A get their noses turned around a little," Kane continued. "All A, B and C does is tell you how many kids are in school. It doesn't tell you who can play basketball.

"I'm not saying we could beat the real good ones. But I couldn't visualize them beating us real bad. We play defense too well for that to happen. I don't like those 80-75 scores. I like to control my own destiny a little. You do that if you control the defensive end of the court."

'Don't Try to Look Pretty'

Mount Michael's 1-3-1 zone is yielding an average of 33 points a game this season. It gave up an average of just under 40 last year.

"People come and watch us play, and they go away saying, 'Hey, we can beat them,'" Kane said. "But they don't do it. We don't look very pretty. But we don't try to look pretty."

That defense has extracted a heavy roll, including a 7-0 start this season the Knights own a 128-15 record over the last seven years.

"The thing I'm pleased about with this bunch is our size," Kane said. "This is the biggest bunch we've ever had. I won't go out on a limb and say it's our best defense ever. It just is."

Felix said he must wait and see how the season unfolds before pronouncing judgment on Seward's best-ever possibility.

"The only way you can tell that is at

the end of the season," Felix said.

Felix knows his club shows promise. That was seen when the Bluejays won the Columbus holiday tourney.

Tough District

"But the caliber of competition those people play in Omaha all the time is tough to compare," Felix said.

That shoe, however, could be placed on the other foot. How would much of Class A compare with the elite of Class B this season? It can be flatly stated that Class B is bracing for its best showing in several years.

"This is without a doubt the best team I've ever had," Kane said. "But I'm scared to death of the caliber of ball in Class B, especially in our district. We might not win a thing."

Among those in Mount Michael's district are 4-0 Boys Town, 6-0 Omaha St. Joseph, 7-0 North Bend and 4-2 Omaha Roncalli.

"Every district has at least two or three good teams," said Felix, whose Bluejays must get past the likes of Fairbury and Lincoln Plus in order to reach the state tourney.

Top games this week:

Class A—Friday: Columbus at Grand Island, Omaha Burke-Omaha Central at Norris, Omaha Gross at Omaha Creighton Prep, Omaha North at Omaha Tech, Papillion-Omaha Northwest at Omaha Tech, Saturday: Lincoln East at Burke.
Class B—Tuesday: Lincoln Plus at Burke, Friday: Gering at Sidney, Gothenburg at Minden, Madison at Wayne, Saturday—Ablon at York, Grand Island C.C. at Seward.

Mount Michael, Trojans Set Up Class B Rematch

Platteview Wins 52-40

By Don Lee

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — Springfield Platteview took the first step Thursday toward adding the Class B state boys basketball championship to the state football title it won last fall.

The Trojans survived a shaky start to pull away from Grand Island Central Catholic in a 52-40 win in the Nebraska high school tournament at Pershing Auditorium.

The game matched the two teams that played for the Class B football championship in November.

Central Catholic led 16-6 near the end of the first quarter as 6-foot-4 Paul Lewandowski and 6-5 Mike Staab were effective under the basket.

Platteview Coach John McGill then tightened his zone defense.

"We took our wings and had them sag on the post players," McGill said. That meant 6-0 Ken Cloyd and 6-1 Mike Gray began helping out in the middle.

"That was the difference," McGill said.

The Trojans took a 28-24 lead at half-time, and expanded it to 36-30 in the third quarter behind the shooting of Steve Isenberg, Monte Nietzel, Jim Paschal and Cloyd.

Central Catholic could get no closer than six points after Staab picked up his fourth foul with 2:25 left.

Paschal had two big baskets. The first came when he outfought Rob White and Paul Stokman for an offensive rebound and scored to give Platteview a 32-28 lead. He then came right back with a jumper for a 34-28 Trojan lead.

"Boy, he has a lot of fun playing out there," said McGill. "He's one of the emotional kids on our team."

Cloyd's defensive play and Isenberg's outside shooting were also praised by McGill.

McGill said the state championship double wasn't discussed before the game.

"Our only goal coming down here was to win our first game," he said. "The kids really want to be state champions."

Lewandowski led Central Catholic with 14 points. The Crusaders finish their season with a 17-4 season.

Springfield Platteview 52, Grand Island Central Catholic 40. Scoring: Platteview—Cloyd 12, Nietzel 11, Isenberg 4, Gray 3, Staab 2, McGill 2. Central Catholic—Lewandowski 14, Staab 10, Paschal 8, Cloyd 6, Isenberg 4, Nietzel 3, DeMarque 2. Totals 52-40.

GICC — White 1-5 0-0 2, Stokman 3-9 0-0 6, Klittridge 2-7 0-0 4, Lewandowski 7-11 0-0 14, Staab 3-6 0-0 2, Miller 2-4 1-2 7, Lipke 0-3 1-2 1, Roy 0-1, 0-0 0, Bartek 0-1, 0-0 0. Totals 19-32 2-6 40. Team fouls — Platteview 7, GICC 15. Turnovers — Platteview 19, GICC 21. Rebounds — Platteview 34 (Nietzel, Cloyd 9), GICC (Staab 6). Field goal percentage — Platteview .476, GICC .365.

No. 2 Knights Thump Albion

By Dave Sittler

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — Elkhorn Mount Michael showed Thursday that it intends to defend its Class B boys state basketball crown like a champion.

Coach Jim "Killer" Kane's No. 2-ranked Knights opened their title defense with an impressive 60-29 win over Albion in first-round action at Pershing Auditorium.

Mount Michael used its 1-3-1 trapping defense to force Albion into 15 first-half turnovers. The Knights took advantage of the Cardinals' mistakes to race to

a 13-4 first-quarter lead and had a 31-10 cushion at intermission.

"Defense is something we work hard at and like to do," Kane said. "I think we created some problems with it today."

No Slouch

Mount Michael wasn't a slouch at the offensive end of the floor, either. The Knights made 11 of 20 shots from the field in the first half, including a six-for-nine performance in the second period.

Center Doug Wemhoff, forward Rich Boyle and guard Jim Mayberger led the Knights on offense. Wemhoff and Mayberger were starters on last year's state championship team, and Boyle was the Knights' sixth man.

Kane said he thought his club's state tournament experience was a key to the Knights' quick start against 13-8 Albion.

"We've been to the state tournament six of the last seven years," Kane said. "And this is the third state tournament for Mayberger and Wemhoff. So that experience has to help."

"I'm sure Albion can play much better than they did today. But they haven't been down here for a while, and it can be difficult if you're not used to it."

Defending State Champion Paces Strong Class B Field

By Larry Porter

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — Once tunnels can be dug through the snow to gyms, fans around the state can expect one of the best Class B basketball seasons in history.

This will definitely be an up-cycle campaign in all segments of the state. Even Elkhorn Mount Michael, the defending state champion, is expected to be better than a year ago.

"I really think we have a chance to be as good as we've ever been," Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane said.

But Kane is wary of the competition. Hartung Cedar Catholic has state championship potential. Seward and Gretna will be in the thick of things. Sidney and Grand Island Central Catho-

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lic must not be overlooked.

Will it be Ashland-Greenwood or Raymond Central in the Capitol Conference?

"I'll tell you something," Kane said. "The sleeper is Springfield Platteview. We beat them by only eight points in the district semifinals last year. All their kids are back. They're good athletes. They proved that by winning the football playoffs. Without blinking an eye I'll say they won't lose four games."

Cedar Catholic Coach Bob Uhing is loaded with experience. Yet he is looking over his shoulder at Wayne.

"Wayne might have some of the best talent in the state of Nebraska," Uhing said. "I think their front line can compete with anyone."

Rod Dahl, a 6-foot-8 junior transfer from Iowa, will fit in well with Wayne's front line.

Cedar Catholic, which notched a 20-4 record last year, is bolstered by Tom Vlach, a 6-3 senior forward who was a Class B all-stater last year.

Also back are starters Gayle Becker and Craig Leise, as well as Shane Kuchta. Kuchta started as a sophomore but did not play last year because of a knee injury suffered in football.

Kuchta's knee is now sound. He earned all-state honors in football after leading all Class B rushers with 1,607 yards.

Cedar Catholic is even better because of its bench. Brian Pinkelman, a 6-1 guard who was the sixth man last year, has returned. Keith Kathol, a 6-3 junior center, may start. So could Steve Miller, a 5-11 sophomore guard.

"We do have a good group back," Uhing said. "But so do a lot of other teams in Class B."

"I think we're going to have to be improved. Not only has our area improved, but Class B as a whole is going to be tough. I think Class B will be a lot better than last year."

Kane is aware of Wayne's improvement, as well as that of other teams in northeast Nebraska. But the Mount Michael boss still considers Ce-

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dar Catholic as the premier team of that area.

"They've fished in the pond before," Kane said of Cedar Catholic's tradition as a basketball power.

Mount Michael will also use tradition as an intangible helper. The Knights have logged a 121-15 record the last six years.

Back from last year's 22-1 team are starters Doug Wemhoff and Jim Mayberger. Wemhoff, a junior, is listed at 6-5, but is probably 6-6. Mayberger is the point guard who was instrumental in Mount Michael's title last year.

"This will be bigger than any bunch I've ever had," Kane said. "I expect us to be pretty good. We have the person to lead the show in Mayberger, we have decent size and we have tradition."

Mount Michael also has some tough opponents on its schedule.

"We play Gretna and Platteview before Christmas," Kane said. "We'll find out when we go to Gretna how good we are."

The Gretna-Mount Michael showdown is scheduled for Dec. 9. The last time those two tangled was for the right to go to the state tournament. Mount Michael won in four overtimes.

Gretna will be fueled by senior Craig Frahm, who last year was an all-class all-stater. This will be the third straight year that Frahm will be teaming with four different starters.

Frahm's presence, however, seems to indicate the Dragons will be competitive. They won the state crown when Frahm was a sophomore. They were 19-3 last year, handed Mount Michael its only loss and played the Knights' strong right to the end in that memorable four-overtime.

Seward has a tall front line with the return of Jon Bergman and Ted

Hughes, a pair of 6-6 seniors. George Schaefer, a 6-0 senior guard, is also back.

Seward Coach Rod Felix has what most Central Conference coaches consider the overwhelming favorite for the conference title. Not only do the Bluejays have size, but they are also quick.

Sidney, 16-3 last season, has four starters back. Coach Dale Rien said his Red Raiders will be better than they have been the past few years. If they are better than the 1980-81 team, the rest of Class B is in trouble. Sidney claimed the state crown that year.

Sidney, like the other contenders, has a big front line in 6-6 Rusty Wintermote, 6-4 Trevor Rien and 6-4 David Light Point guard Todd Weber is also back.

Some contenders, such as Ashland, must rely on assets other than height. Scott Washburn, a 6-0 senior, has the potential to be one of Class B's better guards.

Nick Allington and Jeff Beckman, a pair of 6-2 forwards, also started for the 16-5 Bluejays of a year ago.

Vast improvement is expected from some teams that hovered around the .500 mark last year. Raymond Central was 11-9, Platteview was 9-9 and Grand Island Central Catholic was 9-10.

Raymond Central, under new coach Greg Rettele, has three starters returning in 6-3 brothers John and Jay Samuelson and 6-2 Mark Blazek.

Platteview's veterans include Ken Cloyd and Monte Neitzel, both of whom were Class B all-staters in football.

Central Catholic returns its entire starting lineup, headed by leading scorer and rebounder Mike Staab, a 6-5 senior.

Other clubs which bear watching include Auburn, Boys Town, Grand Island Northwest, Minden, Mitchell and Albion.

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No Strangers

Wemhoff, a 6-foot-5 junior, paced the Knights with 16 points. Mayberger and Boyle added 14 points each. Albion's Todd Suey also scored 14.

Mount Michael, 20-1, faces 18-3 Springfield Platteview at noon today at the Sports Center in the semifinals. Platteview advanced with a 52-40 win Thursday over Grand Island Central Catholic.

Platteview will be trying to match the Class B football championship it won last fall.

Kane and the Knights are familiar with Platteview. The Knights defeated the Trojans by nine points during the regular season.

"They showed in football that they've got a good bunch of athletes," Kane said. "They like to press, and they work very hard."

Kane wasn't ready to say if this year's team is better than the 1983 state champions.

"I said that earlier in the year," he said.

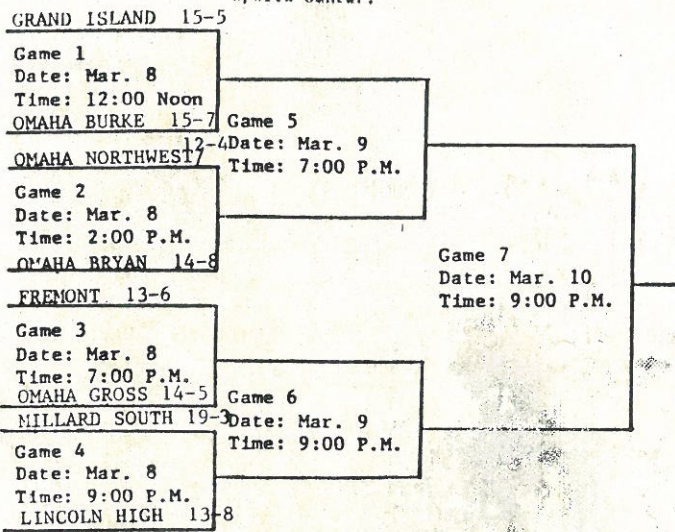
"But I think I better keep my mouth shut. We've still got a couple of games to win down here before we can start talking about how good we are."

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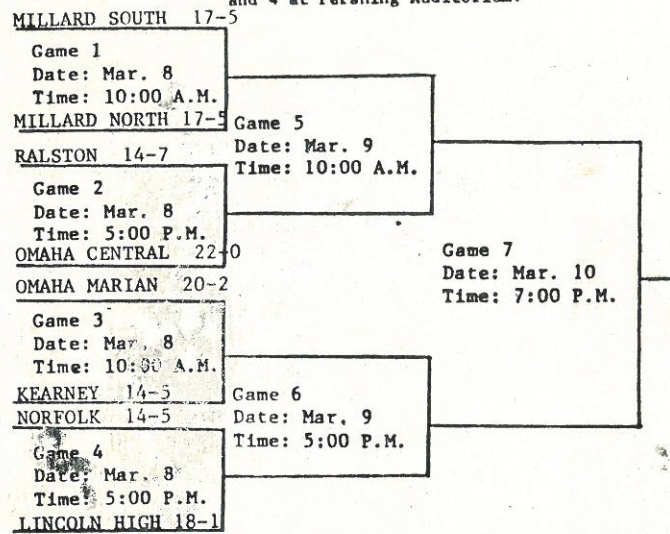
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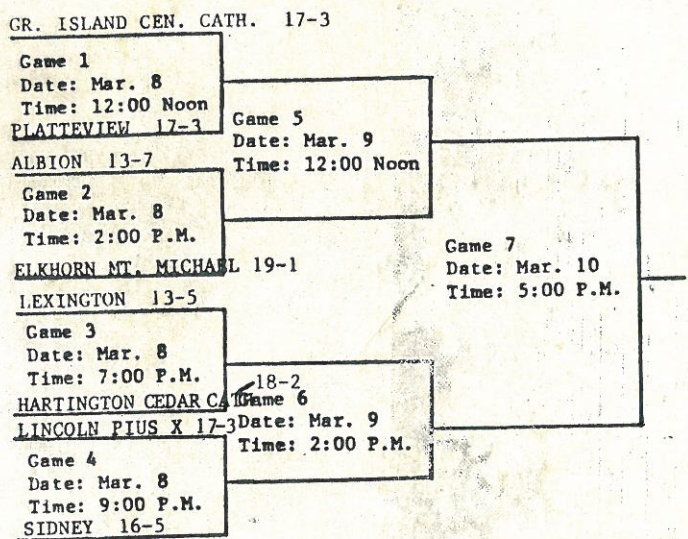
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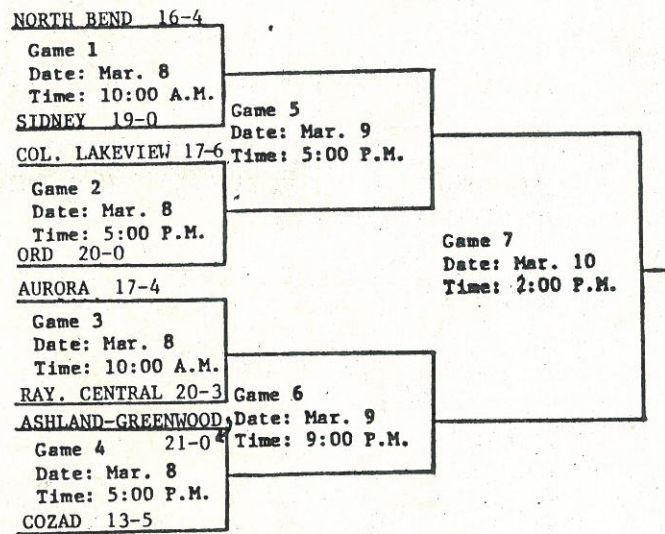
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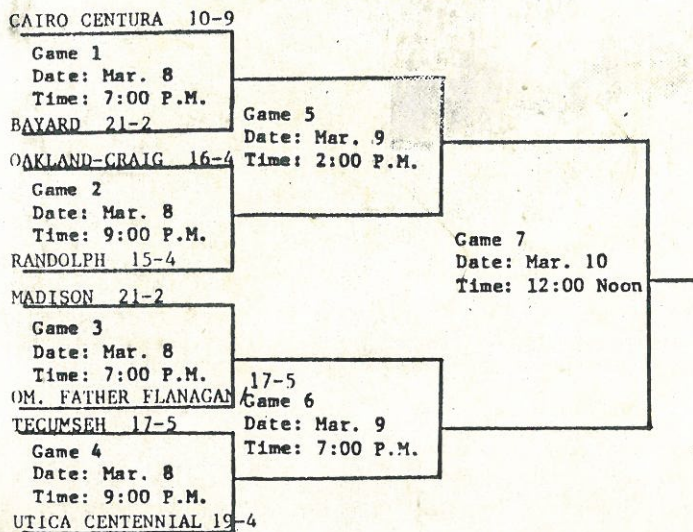
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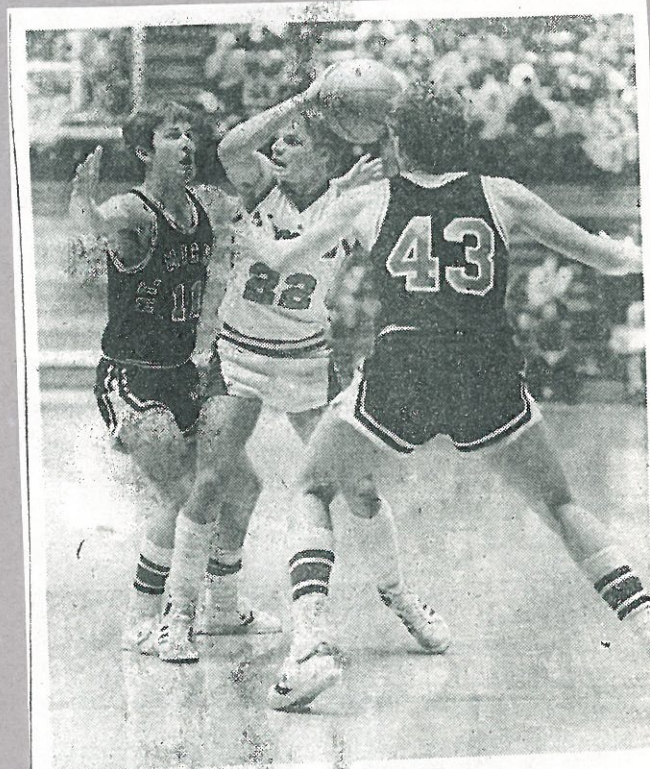
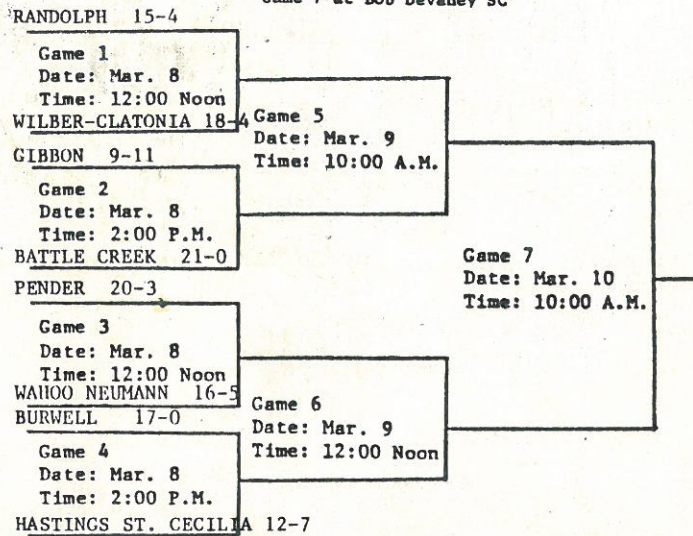
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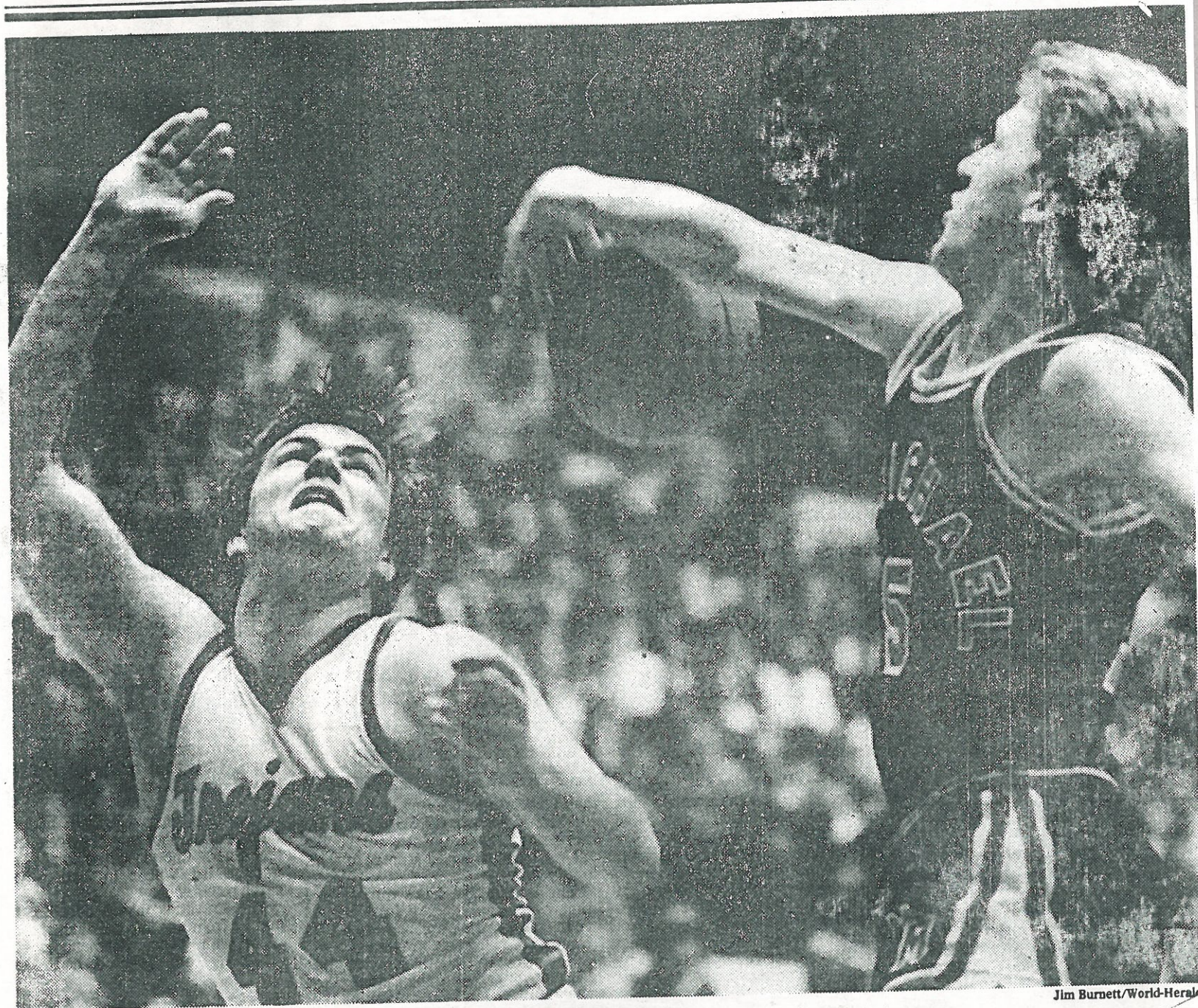


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Jim Paschal, No. 22, of Springfield Platteview looks for help . . . Elkhorn Mount Michael defenders are Jim Mayberger, No. 11, and Rich Boyle, No. 43.

State Basketball Tournament



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Thorn Mount Michael's Doug Wemhoff, right, blocks a shot by Springfield Platte-view's Monte Neitzel . . . Mount Michael survived a fourth-quarter rally by Platte-view to earn its second straight trip to the Class B finals.

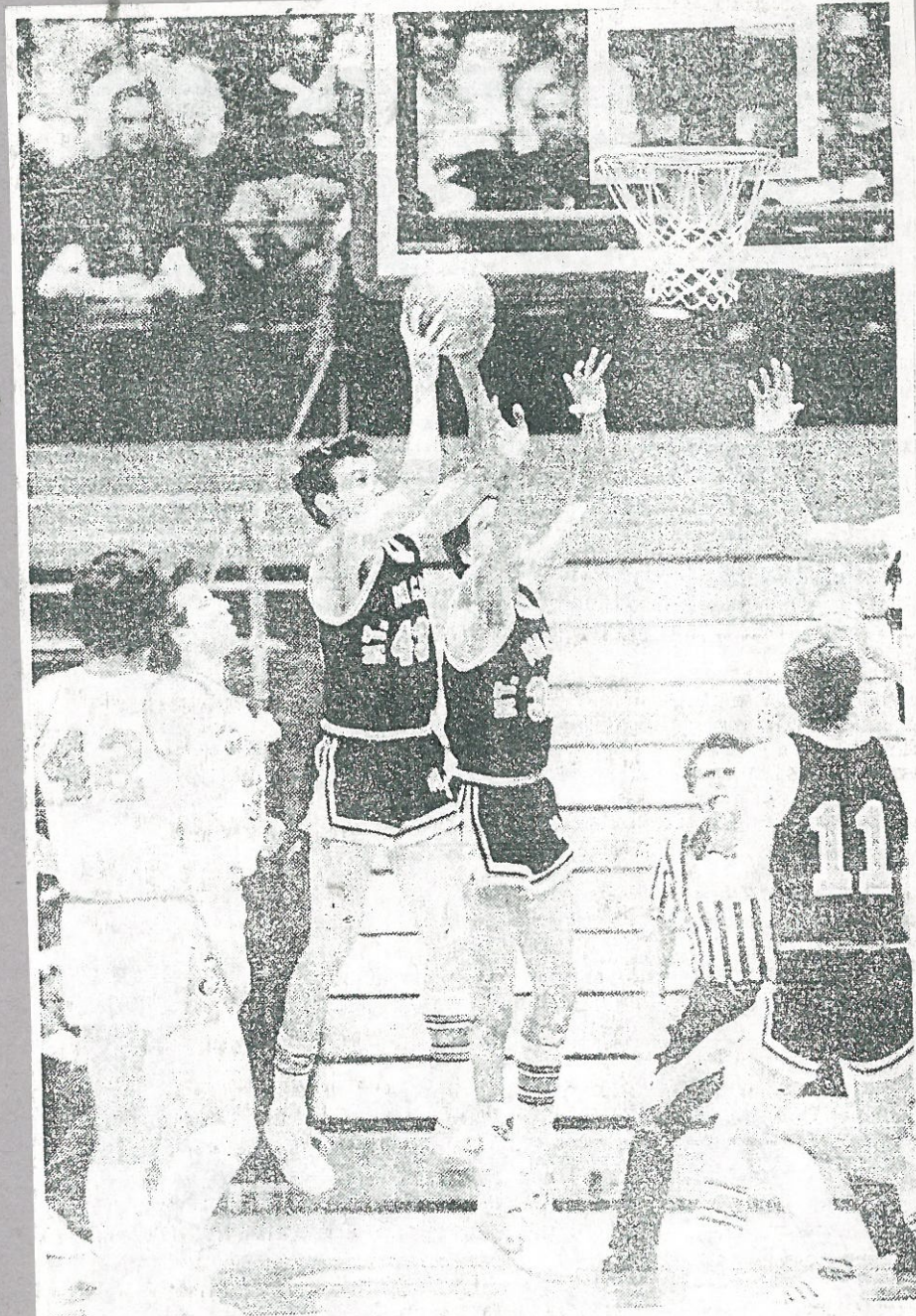
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Elkhorn Mount Michael's Rich Boyle, No. 43, grabs a rebound over teammate John Sojka while teammate Jim Mayberger, right, and Platteview's Chris DeMarque, No. 42, and Mike Gray look on . . . Mayberger's free throws iced the Knights' win. Story, Page 27.

From Near Death to 'B' Champs

Cedar Catholic Rally Stuns Elkhorn MM

By Larry Porter
WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — Hartington Cedar Catholic was laid out in the coffin and the mourners had gathered around to shed their tears Saturday night.

Then the body sat up and grinned. The Trojans shocked the Bob Devaney Sports Center crowd by rallying for a 47-42 victory over Elkhorn Mount Michael to capture their second Class B state basketball championship in four years.

Cedar Catholic trailed 38-30 with 6:40

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remaining. An eight-point lead for Mount Michael is usually as safe as the gold in Fort Knox. But not this time. The Trojans outscored Mount Michael 17-2 to register the stunning upset of the defending champions.

All-stater Tom Vlach, who led the Trojans with 16 points, was asked if he thought his team's chance of victory was dead at any point in the game.

"I had thought so," Vlach said, grinning. "We weren't completely dead but we were pretty close."

How could a team expect to make up eight points when it committed 12 turnovers in 17 first-quarter possessions? Or 17 turnovers in its first 24 possessions?

Mount Michael's 1-3-1 defense was so tight that Cedar Catholic managed to unleash just three shots in the first quarter and only 12 the first half.

But while Mount Michael's defense

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Cedar Catholic Stuns Mount Michael

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was creating non-stop turnovers, its offense was sputtering. Doug Wemhoff, who finished with 22 points, was the only Knight who could score with consistency.

Wemhoff hit 11 of 18 shots. Excluding his performance, the remainder of the Knights shot only 26 percent.

That poor shooting kept Mount Michael from breaking things open when Cedar Catholic had trouble hanging onto the ball. A shot from the lane by Wemhoff to open the third quarter gave the Knights their biggest lead at 28-14.

One reason Mount Michael was slowed on offense was the gimpy ankle of point guard Jim Mayberger. He re-injured it during Friday's semifinal victory over Springfield Platteview.

The tenderness of that ankle quickly surfaced as Mayberger tried to make a cut on Mount Michael's first possession. The ankle gave way and he turned the ball over.

Mayberger became the defensive target of Cedar Catholic during the fourth quarter when the Trojans began to mount their challenge. Several times he lost the ball on turnovers.

"They'd never have beaten us with a good Mayberger," Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane said. "It would have been no contest. But he was playing on one leg. They made him look bad tonight. That's unfair. He's the best guard in the state in Class B as far as I'm concerned."

Cedar Catholic's comeback started when Wemhoff drew his fourth foul while vainly trying to block Gayle Becker's layup attempt. Becker made the free throw and the three-point play pulled the Trojans to within 38-33 with 6:08 remaining.

Mount Michael then began to turn down good shots. The Knights were content to pass the ball around — and Cedar Catholic's aroused defense went to work.

Big Foul

"That really hurt when Wemhoff got his fourth foul," Kane said. "Offensively, he had carried us. The rest of them got tentative. The longer you go without shooting, the worse it becomes



Rudy Smith/World-Herald

Cedar Catholic players take Coach Bob Uhing for a ride . . . Trojans celebrate their second Class B championship in four years.

when it's time to shoot."

Cedar Catholic Coach Bob Uhing said his Trojans turned on the juice after Wemhoff picked up his fourth foul.

"We were looking to go inside," he said. "He was hurting us early. But if big kids get into foul trouble they have a tendency to back away. I think that happened."

Uhing also went to a half-court trap, which seemed to erect a screen between Mount Michael and its basket. The Knights hit only four of 11 shots and had four costly turnovers the fourth quarter.

"The key was when we went to the half-court trap," Uhing said. "We got more aggressive and we protected the passing lanes. And we kept the ball

away from the big kid (Wemhoff) down the stretch."

Cedar Catholic made up for its early turnovers by shooting 50 percent from the field and made 17 of 26 free throws. Mount Michael, meanwhile, did not shoot a single free throw.

"Take away their free throws and they scored only 30 points," Kane said. "We didn't play bad defense."

Vlach ended his competitive basketball career by scoring the last basket and the last two free throws he attempted. His pair of free throws with 1:36 remaining shoved Cedar Catholic in front to stay 41-40.

Uhing said this title is different than the one in 1980 "because no one ex-

pected us to be this good. We got knocked off in northeast Nebraska, but we kept improving. I still don't know how they did it. But the players thought all along they could do it.

"It took great courage. Mount Michael is a great team. When you battle back from 14 down against a team like that, you've done a great thing."

Elkhorn M.M. 14 12 8 8-42
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MM—Mayberger 2-12 0-0 4 Kinney 4-15 0-0 8, Matt 1-2 0-0 2, Soika 1-2 0-0 2, Andrews 0-0 0-0 0, Boyle 2-7 0-0 4, Wemhoff 11-18 0-0 22, Totals: 21-56 0-0 42.
C.C.—Miller 0-1 0-0 0, Vlach 7-15 2-3 16, Pinkelman 0-2 9-11 9, Kuchta 1-2 1-2 3, Weinand 1-1 0-0 2, Leise 5-6 1-3 11, Becker 1-3 4-7 6, Totals: 15-30 17-26 47.
Team fouls—Mount Michael 20, Cedar Catholic 8.
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All-Tourney Teams

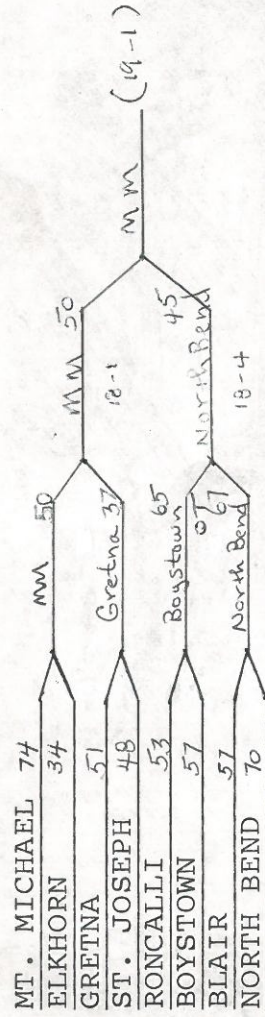
Boys All-Class			Girls All-Class		
Player, School	Class	Ht.	Player, School	Class	Ht.
Scott DeBoer, Millard South	Sr.	6-7	Maurice Ivy, Om. Central	Sr.	5-9
Joel Sealer, Millard South	Sr.	6-2	Jeanne Kardell, Om. Marian	Jr.	5-9
Derrick Helms, Om. Burke	Jr.	5-7	Holly Lynch, Om. Central	Jr.	6-0
Milton Shobe, Om. Burke	Jr.	6-2	Jessica Haynes, Om. Central	Jr.	6-0
Robbie Greene, Om. Northwest	Sr.	6-1	Laura Anderson, Raymond Central	Sr.	6-0
Class A Boys			Class A Girls		
Player, School	Class	Ht.	Player, School	Class	Ht.
Scott DeBoer, Millard South	Sr.	6-7	Maurice Ivy, Om. Central	Sr.	5-9
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Milton Shobe, Om. Burke	Jr.	6-2	Jessica Haynes, Om. Central	Jr.	6-0
Robbie Greene, Om. Northwest	Sr.	6-1	Jodie Witt, Millard South	Sr.	5-7
Class B Boys			Class B Girls		
Player, School	Class	Ht.	Player, School	Class	Ht.
Charlie Burt, Lincoln Pius X	Jr.	6-7 1/2	Laura Anderson, Raymond Central	Sr.	6-0
Tom Vlach, Hartington CC	Sr.	6-4	Shawn Banks, Sidney	Sr.	5-9
Jim Mayberger, Elkhorn MM	Sr.	5-8	Stacy Bartling, Sidney	Sr.	5-11
Monte Neitzel, Spr. Platteview	Jr.	6-3	Kim Cook, Ord	Sr.	5-9
Doug Wemhoff, Elkhorn MM	Jr.	6-5	Renee Reisen, Ashland	Sr.	6-1
Class C-1 Boys			Class C-1 Girls		
Player, School	Class	Ht.	Player, School	Class	Ht.
Kevin Hoffart, Madison	Sr.	6-2	Linda Schiltzer, Battle Creek	Jr.	5-8
Ron Michael, Bayard	Sr.	6-1	Carla Prauner, Battle Creek	Sr.	5-10
Mike Peterson, Oakland-Craig	Sr.	6-3	Mary Hohi, W. Neumann	Jr.	5-9
Nippy Jones, Omaha Flanagan	Sr.	5-8	Jeanne Osmera, W. Neumann	Jr.	5-10
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State Tournament Leaders

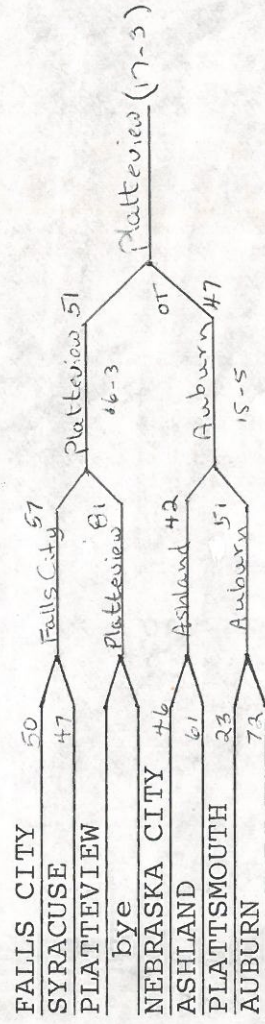
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Robbie Greene, Om. Northwest	3	46	15.0	Mike Peterson, Oakland-Craig	2	66
Scott DeBoer, Millard South	3	38	12.6	Kevin Hoffart, Madison	3	56
Derrick Helms, Om. Burke	2	36	18.0	Ron Michael, Bayard	3	49
Aaron Sprew, Om. Northwest	3	35	11.6	Kurt McCallum, Madison	3	47
Milton Shobe, Om. Burke	2	34	17.0	Mike Yates, Tecumseh	2	41
Tom Prince, Om. Northwest	3	34	11.3	Jim Smith, Bayard	3	38
Jay Sealer, Millard South	3	31	10.3	Chad Propp, Bayard	3	29
Terry Fisher, Om. Burke	2	29	14.5	Kelly Danielson, Oakland-Craig	2	28
Joel Sealer, Millard South	3	29	9.6	Nippy Jones, Om. Flanagan	1	27
Tim Shriver, Millard South	3	29	9.6	John Wolfgram, Madison	3	27
Jeff Wilmes, Om. Northwest	3	28	9.3	Jamie Yakei, Bayard	3	25
Tom Targy, Om. Gross	2	26	13.0	Ed Tharnish, Randolph	1	22
Brian Nemecek, Millard South	3	25	8.3	Jeff Mimick, Madison	3	21
Don Allen, Om. Bryan	1	22	22.0			
Derald Cummings, Om. Northwest	3	22	7.3			
Jim Toner, Grand Island	1	20	20.0			
Class B Boys				Class C-1 Boys		
Player, School	Games	Pts.	Avg.	Player, School	Games	Avg.
Tom Vlach, Hartington CC	3	61	20.3	Craig Lisee, Hartington CC	3	46
Doug Wemhoff, Elkhorn MM	3	53	17.6	Charlie Burt, Lincoln Pius X	2	40
				Jim Mayberger, Elkhorn MM	3	40
				Rich Boyle, Elkhorn MM	3	35
				Ken Cloyd, Spr. Platteview	2	34
				Monte Neitzel, Spr. Platteview	2	32
				Dave Sediak, Lincoln Pius X	2	22

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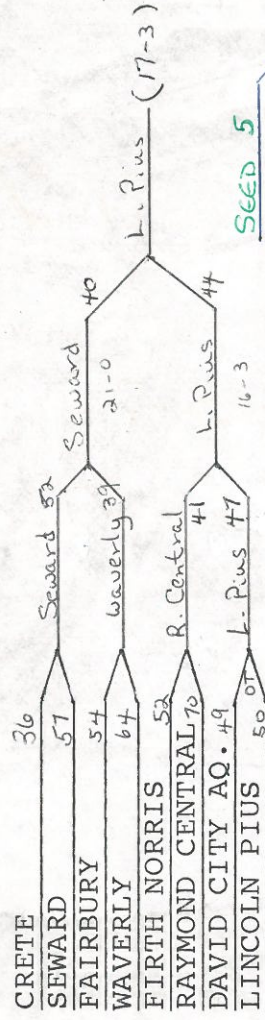
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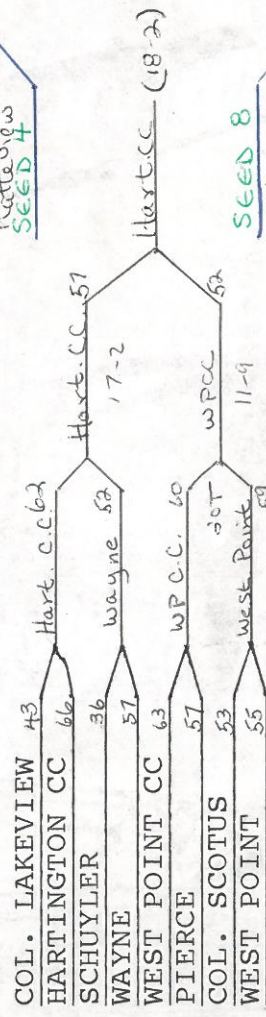
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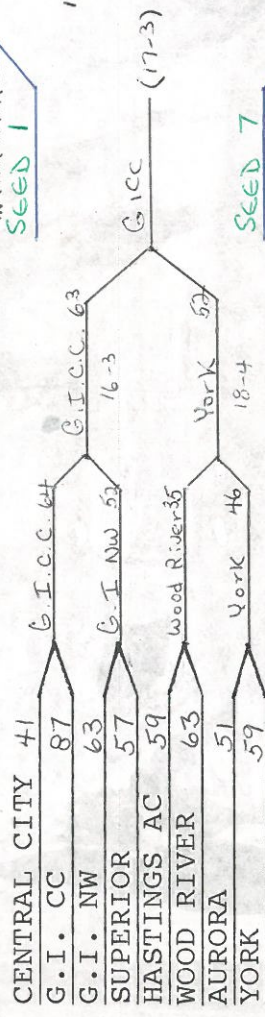
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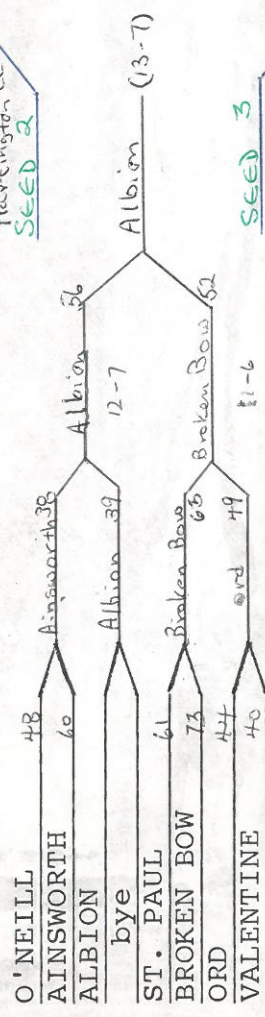
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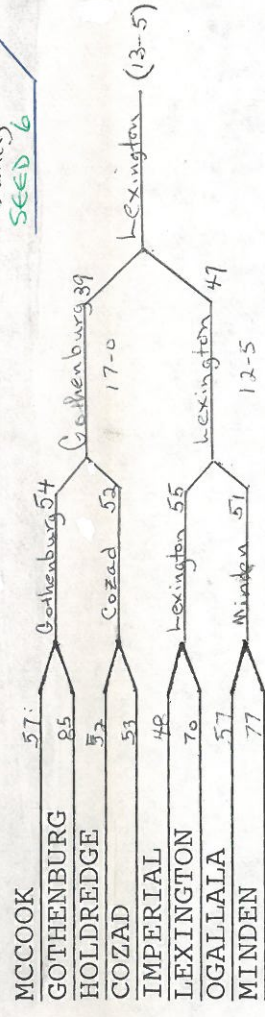
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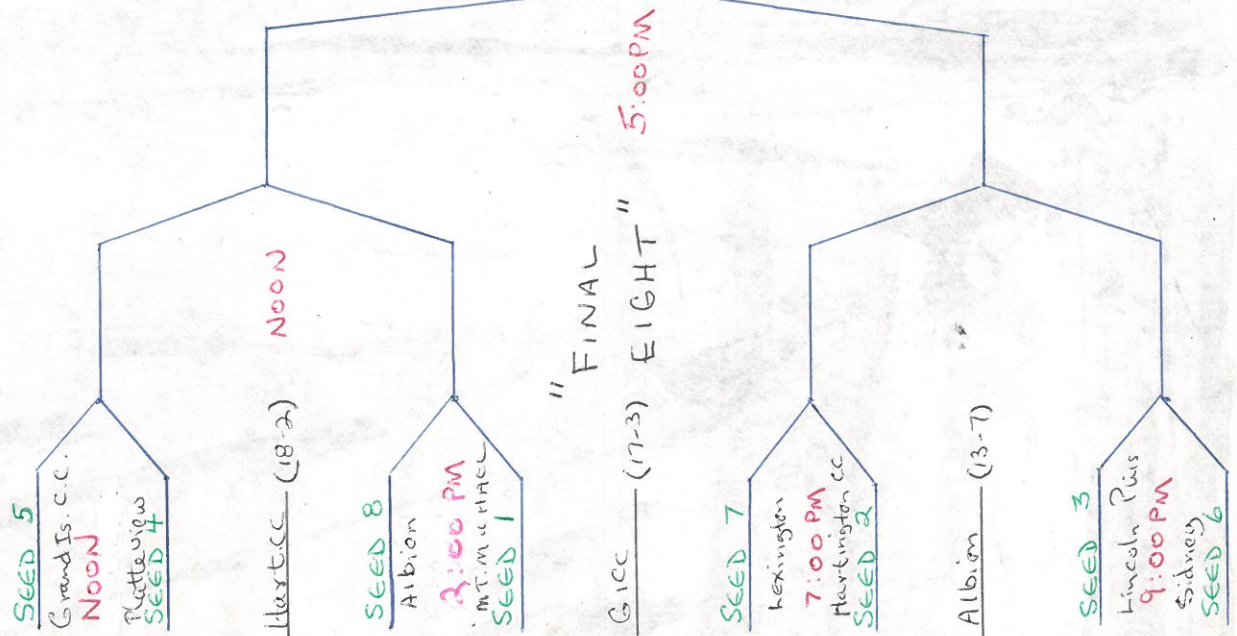
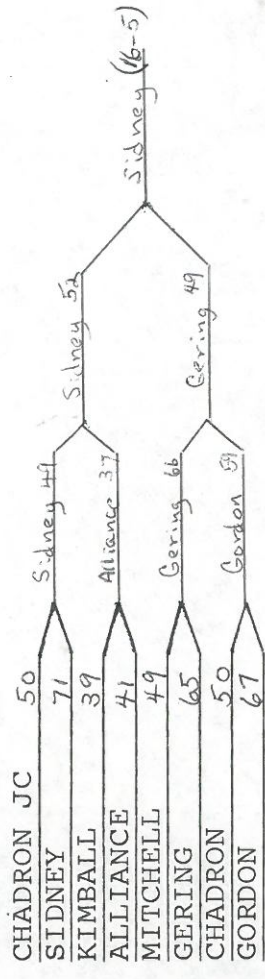
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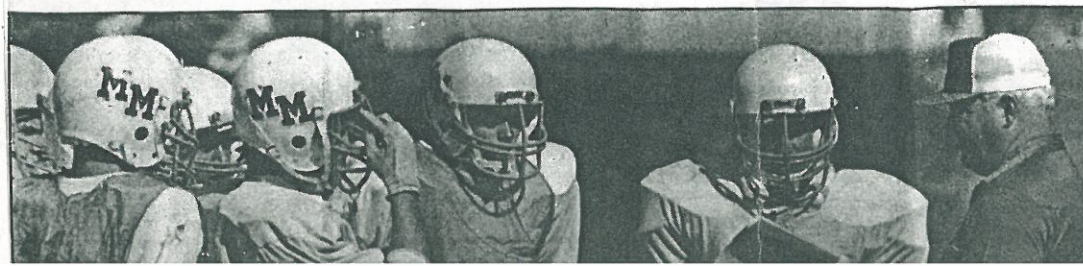
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Although academics is stressed, the school's athletic teams have earned excellent reputations. And non-varsity athletes can work out at the school's gymnasium, tennis and racquetball courts, weight room, track and hiking areas.

And although it's an all-boys' school, girls aren't left out of the picture. According to a school brochure, the student council sponsors monthly dances, including a prom in May.

However, girls probably won't become a permanent part of the picture at Mount Michael, according to Father Abbot.

One reason is because school facilities aren't made for women. "And we've got our hands full with what we've got," Father Abbot said with a smile.

More seriously, he said, "Our boys have a balanced social life. Our emphasis is on academics, not creating social relationships."

All of this costs \$2,300 per year, including room and board in the school's dormitories. These funds are supplemented by monies raised at the abbey's yearly festival, and the combination "keeps Mount Michael from being a rich boy's school," Father Abbot said.

Outside of priests and students, there are 22 faculty members, three of whom are women. Not all of these teachers, however, have full-time positions. "A lot of us have several jobs here," Father Abbot explained.

Also on staff are kitchen and custodial help, many of whom are from Elkhorn. They help pro-



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Arched walkways in front of Mount Michael Abbey in Elkhorn connect dormitories and lead to the chapel entrance.

Monks meet for chapel four times daily.

Students begin each day with Mass.

Forty-five freshmen at the school sleep in double bunks in a barracks-like room. Other

students have single rooms or share accommodations with two or three roommates.

Father Adrian teaches a senior economics class. He also teaches political science,

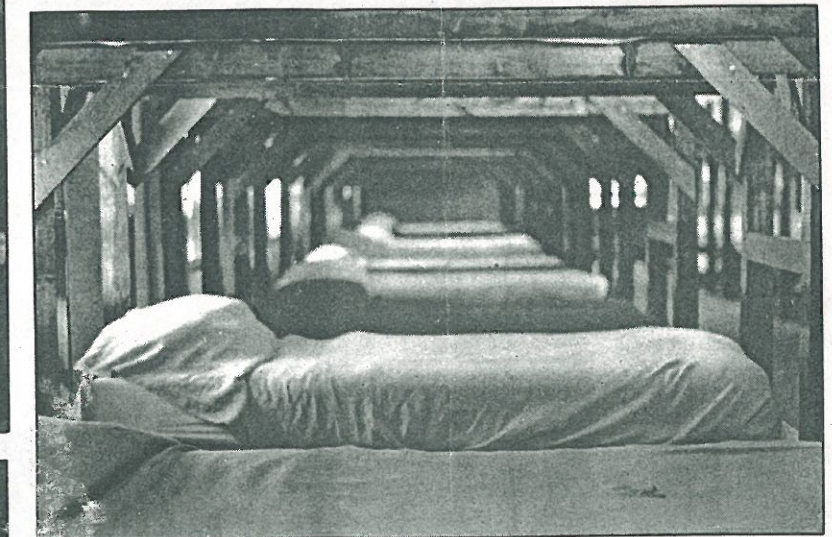
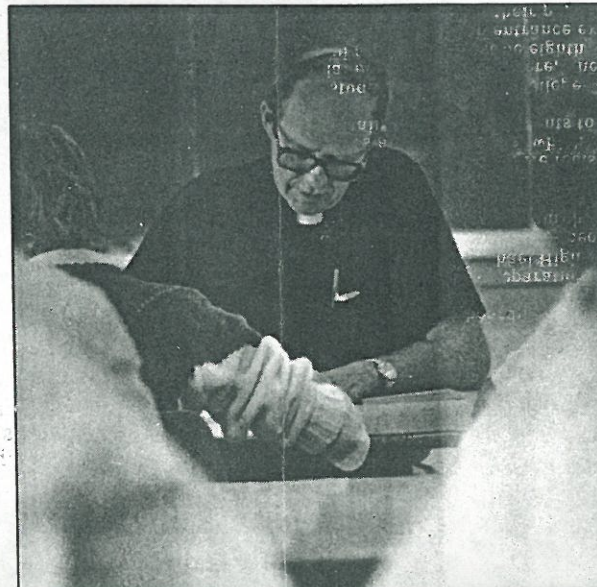
American history and foreign policy.

Football and basketball coach Jim Kane

conducts practice at the field north of the

school. Mount Michael teams are consistently

ranked in the state among others their size.



Story by Theresa Wulf
Photos by Jeff Beiermann

vide an understanding link between the town and the school.

"We get along just fine," Father Abbot said about Elkhorn and Mount Michael. "We have a very good working relationship."

One way they've preserved this is by not having Mount Michael play Elkhorn High School in athletics. "We don't want to start any rivalries." In the past couple of years, however, the schools have played each other in football and basketball.

All of this has helped Mount Michael Abbey and Mount Michael High School create "a good rapport with the town. I don't think they have the idea of, 'What are those funny monks doing out on the hill?'"

cusations that accompanied 20 of the attempted murder charges.

Because Young pleaded innocent and innocent by reason of insanity, a second phase of the trial will determine if he was sane during the incident. He faces a maximum of 106 years with parole eligibility after 53 years.

Young was accused of guiding his car down the crowded sidewalk in Los Angeles near the Olympic Village at UCLA last July 27, sending pedestrians flying like bowling pins.

Eileen Deutsch, 15, of New York City, was killed by the car. No Olympic athletes were involved in the accident.

He said he drove down the sidewalk because he was frustrated with his songwriting career.

The jury deliberated four days before returning their verdict.

Coach begins 2nd decade at Mount Michael

BY FRANCIS SKALICKY
Sports Writer

ELKHORN — More than two decades ago, the Rev. Jude Pansini asked Jim Kane, then a coach at Waterloo, if he wanted to coach at St. John's Vianney Seminary.

"Father, I don't want to coach at St. John's," Kane replied. "I don't even know where St. John's is."

Now, more than 20 years later, Kane is well-acquainted with the Catholic boys' boarding school since renamed Elkhorn Mount Michael. And, thanks to his efforts, many other people are too.

Kane has developed a highly successful athletics program at Mount Michael. State champion-

ship trophies in football, basketball, track and cross country attest to his achievements.

Kane, the only football coach that Mount Michael has ever had, has a career grid record of 94-46, including a state championship in 1983.

Before the school adopted varsity football in 1971, Kane kept his autumn days busy as the Knights' cross country coach. Although he no longer coaches that sport, he has two state championships (1967 and 1968) to remind him of those days.

He also has one state championship in track (1973) to his credit.

Basketball, however, is the sport in which Kane has ex-

perienced the most success.

In his 21 years as Mount Michael's first and only basketball coach, he has a career mark of 338-139. This includes a state championship in 1983 and state-tournament appearances in six out of the last seven years.

According to an article by the Grand Island Daily Independent in 1984, Mount Michael has had one of the most successful basketball programs in the state over a 10-year period (1974-1983).

The Knights' record in that time span (155-36) was tops among Class B schools and fourth-best overall. Last year's 21-2 season did nothing to harm that percentage.

While Kane has been good to

Mount Michael, he is quick to point out that the school also has been good to him.

"I think I'm in the best school in the state," he said. "I couldn't go anywhere else and be happier. Not to say that I couldn't make more money somewhere else but, all things considered, I'm satisfied."

Kane was a football and basketball standout for Wisner High School in the early 1950s before graduating in 1954. After graduating from the University of Nebraska in 1958, he played minor league baseball for the New York Yankees for three years before becoming a coach at Waterloo in 1961.

He spent three years at

Waterloo before beginning his 21-year success story at Mount Michael.

Since students have to be accepted into Mount Michael, Kane said that the Knights' athletic prosperity over the years has fostered notions that the school looks for individuals who are skilled in athletics as well as academics.

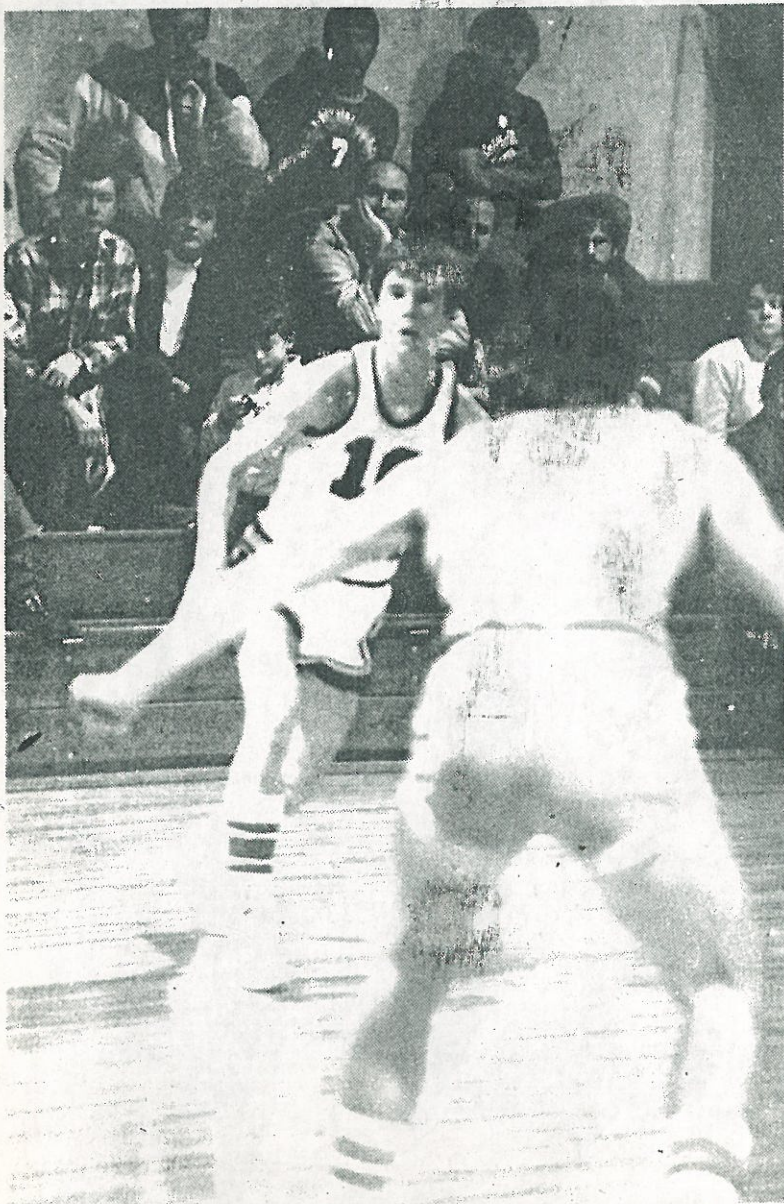
Not true, according to Kane.

"First of all, the kids want a good education," he said. "I think very few people come here to play sports."

"Sports are big here, but that sure isn't the main reason they come here. The thing we want

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Taking The Ball To The Defense



John Noble's intensity shows as he approaches an Omaha St. Joseph's defender in last Friday's game.

Photo by Joe Whitmore

Kane

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most is to have our school filled with good, smart kids."

Hard work, rather than recruiting, is the reason Kane gives for Mount Michael's continued success.

"We've practiced every day (in basketball)," he said. "I gave them Christmas Day off, but that was the only day. We even practiced Christmas Eve morning."

"I'm sure there's a happy medium between the way I do it and the way other coaches do it," he continued. "But the kids know when they come here that they are going to have to work."

Kane's intensity in practices and games has given him the reputation of a stern disciplinarian — and earned him the nickname of "Killer Kane." It is a reputation that he doesn't mind.

"Being popular is not always a good thing (for a coach)," he said. "The players don't have to adore you, but they do have to respect you. They just won't do things for you unless they respect you."

"I'm not a back-slapper," he added. "When I say something nice, then it really means something. If you give compliments all the time they aren't very meaningful."

In spite of his stern demeanor, the players have a great deal of respect for Kane, according to Mount Michael's athletic director, the Rev. Charles Zach.

"One of the best things about him is the way he captures the kids' attention and can hold it," Zach said.



Staff Photo/Francis Skalicky

Jim Kane is the first and only basketball coach at Elkhorn Mount Michael High School. His stern style of coaching has made him one of the most successful in the state.

"Some people think that Coach Kane is a real 'fire and brimstone' type of guy, but that's really not the case. The players have a high regard for him."

"He cares," Zach continued.

"The kids do what he tells them to do because they understand that that's why they are so successful."

When will Kane quit coaching?

"The time I'll quit coaching is when I hate to walk out to the field to practice football or I hate to go to the gym to practice basketball," he said. "Then that tells me it's time to get out."

Knights Overpower Chargers 73-47



John Sojka hopes the ball is going to drop as it sits on the rim.

Photo by Joe Whitmore

by Matt Schmidt Mt. Michael Reporter

Due to the outside shooting of John Noble and the inside play of Doug Wemhoff and John Sojka, the Mt. Michael Knights were able to defeat the Omaha St. Joseph's Chargers, 73-47.

Noble, who had a game-high 21 points, led four Mt. Michael players in double figures. Wemhoff and Sojka each had 13

rebounds and several blocked shots.

The Mt. Michael junior varsity easily defeated the St. Joseph's junior varsity by the score of 61-30. Ted Mikuls and Ryan Hendrickson scored 12 and 11 points respectively.

Mt. Michael, undefeated through six games, will play in its own holiday tournament

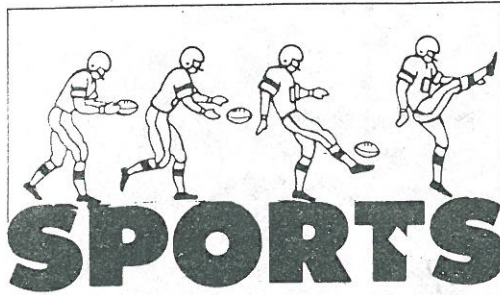
starting December 27 at the Elkhorn senior high gymnasium.

Scoreboard

St. Joseph, 10, 15, 7, 15-47.
Elkhorn MM, 15, 20, 16, 22-73.

Scoring

MM-J. Noble 21, McClellan 2, Berney 13, McCluskey 4, Beringer 2, Sojka 12, Wemhoff 19.



Badgers Fall To Gretna; Prepare For Aurora

Bennington, despite a 20-0 loss on the road to Gretna last Wednesday, will play Aurora this week in the first round of the Class B Nebraska high school football playoffs.

Last week, Gretna got all the points they needed in the second quarter on a one-yard touchdown run. Gretna added a 62-yard run later in the period, then closed out the game's scoring with another short run in the

third quarter.

The Badgers' rushing game was sluggish, gaining a total of 27 yards during the contest. Three Gretna interceptions blunted Bennington scoring drives.

Sporting a final regular season record of 7-2 in the school's first year of Class B competition, Bennington will travel to Aurora this Wednesday night looking for an important first round win.

Valley Volleyballers Win Conference Tourney

by Wendy Kuenning
Valley H.S. Reporter

Valley defeated Raymond Central in the semi-finals and Ashland in the finals of the Nebraska Capitol Conference Volleyball Tournament in Ashland, October 23.

In the first game Valley defeated Raymond Central in straight sets, 15-9 and 19-17.

Valley jumped ahead early in the game, 4-1, but the Mustangs were quick to come back and take a 6-4 lead.

After junior Pam Buscher had directed Valley to a 9-6 lead, senior Bernie Weberg advanced Valley's lead to 13-7. Valley went on to win 15-9.

Raymond Central took a 6-1 lead in the second set. Midway through the set senior Barbie Bray took control of the game with an 11-7 advantage. Junior Michelle Blazek of Central tied the game at eleven.

Valley regained a slim lead and Suzie Blacketer carried Valley to a 14-11 lead. With Valley trailing 16-17 non-starter Jodee Jensen served Valley to a 19-17 victory.

The key to the second game was seeing who could claim the momentum and

tied the game with Ashland at four. Senior Della Dargantes of Ashland broke a 5-5 tie and guided Ashland to a 9-5 lead. The Bluejays increased their lead to 13-6 and finally 15-7 for a victory in the first set.

In the second set the Terriers fell behind 0-4 right away. Bray brought Valley back to tie the game at four apiece. Following was a series of ties and lead exchanges.

The score was tied for the last time at nine when Blacketer served six straight to give Valley a 15-9 victory.

The deciding set was a battle of ties and lead exchanges again.

After two exchanges Ashland scored on a Patty Stander ace serve.

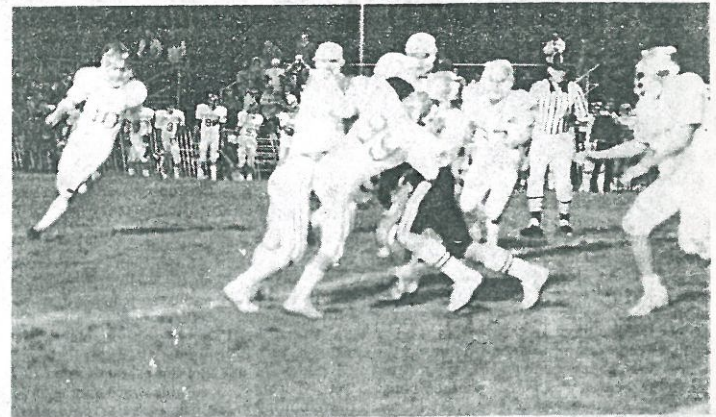
Before either team scored again five errors were made and a total of eight exchanges occurred.

Ashland took an 3-0 lead, however Valley came back and answered with a four point lead.

Ashland's last attempt to command a victory came when junior Brooke Flamig brought Ashland to within two, 12-10.

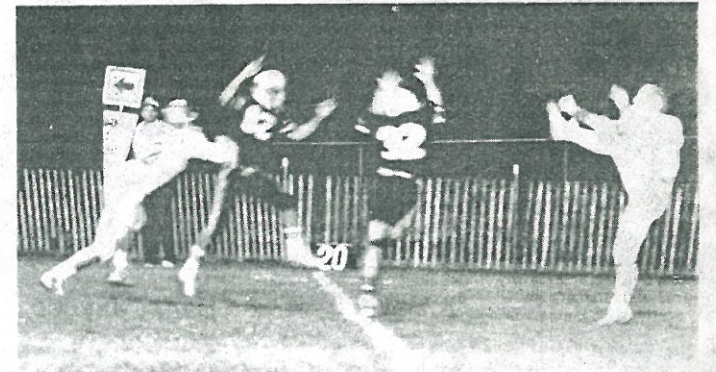
Substitute junior, Jodee Jensen came into the game and directed Valley to a 15-

Elkhorn Gets Victory Over Mt. Michael Knights, 23-0



Antler Tom Barker (No. 99) and company put the stop to a Mt. Michael runner as Brian Woods (No. 10) closes in.

Photo by Joe Whitmore



Knights Chuck Catalano (No. 82) and Mike Noble (No. 32) missed the block attempt on this punt.

Photo by Joe Whitmore

by Matt Schmidt
Mt. Michael reporter

As the Elkhorn Antlers ran onto the field Wednesday night, it appeared that they only had one thing on their minds, to avenge last year's 23-7 loss to Mt. Michael.

It only took one play for the Antlers to take the lead. This play was an 84-yard kickoff return by Dan McArdle. Jay Pilkington's kick was wide and the Antlers led 6-0.

Mt. Michael moved down the field to tie the score, only to be thwarted by a Brad Olson interception in the end zone. The teams traded possessions until a Mt. Michael punt put the ball at the Antler twenty-yard line.

Elkhorn drove down the field on two carries by Brett Vetter for long yardage. The Knights' defense stiffened and Elkhorn had to settle for a 26-yard field goal by Pilkington.

With 1:08 remaining in the first half Elkhorn struck again as Brett Vetter went in from sixteen yards out. The score was set up by a 34-yard pass reception by Dan McArdle from Pilkington. Pilkington's conversion made the score 16-0.

Elkhorn's first possession in the second half ended when Brett Vetter, the game's leading rusher with 138 yards, scampered in from thirteen yards out. Pilkington's kick was good and it was now 23-0.

Mt. Michael threatened twice in the second half. The

first was a 33-yard pass completion from John Noble to Doug Wemhoff, giving the Knights a first down on the Antler ten-yard line. This was nullified by a holding penalty. The second time came when John Kinney tossed a 48-yard pass to Mike Noble, who was tackled at the Antler nine. But on fourth down Mike Noble was stopped inches short of the goal line, as time ran out.

The Knights end their season at 4-4. Elkhorn finishes the regular season at 7-2.

Stats: Mt. Michael and Elkhorn: First downs, 12, 11; Passing, 12-20, 3-7; Passing yards, 159, 61; Rushing, 30-86, 40-215; Total yards, 245, 276; Penalties, 4-58, 8-86; Turnovers, 2, 1.

Mount Michael Grabs Top Rating in Class B

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — Elkhorn Mount Michael has finally overtaken Minden and rules Class B in today's World-Herald high school basketball ratings.

Minden, the leader in Class B all season, dropped to second despite turning in one of its strongest performances of the season last Friday night. Minden shelled 6-4 Holdrege 76-51 and improved its record to 10-0.

It had been said earlier that the prep rater considers Mount Michael, Minden and No. 3 Seward as equals. That still holds true, although Seward was given a scare by Aurora before escaping with a 46-44 overtime victory.

Mount Michael rose in the ratings after it crushed West Point Central Catholic 72-46. On the surface, that wasn't a major accomplishment. Central Catholic is a C-1 club that has lost five straight and owns a 5-7 record.

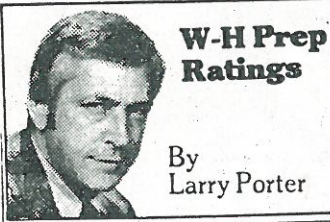
Five of those losses, though, have been by six points or less against such opposition as once-beaten David City Aquinas, C-1's No. 3 Howells and C-1's No. 5 Fremont Bergan.

The elevation of Mount Michael to the top spot is a reflection of its tradition as well as its 11-0 mark this season. The Knights have logged a 153-17 record the last eight years, including this campaign.

Coach Jim Kane's clubs during that span have won exactly 90 percent of their games. The heart and soul of Mount Michael's success is a 1-3-1 defense.

"Guys don't even come around and scout us anymore," Kane said. "We do the same things year after year. We don't change a thing."

Mount Michael won the Class B crown two years ago and were ranked No. 1 throughout the season last year



W-H Prep Ratings

By Larry Porter

Top 10 Boys

	W	L	Off. Avg.	Def. Avg.
1. Omaha Burke	12	0	68	50
2. Omaha Northwest	12	1	69	53
3. Lincoln East	10	2	72	54
4. Fremont	10	1	64	50
5. Omaha Westside	11	3	63	52
6. Omaha North	7	5	59	58
7. Omaha Central	7	6	64	63
8. Millard North	6	5	52	55
9. Grand Island	7	4	69	60
10. Omaha Benson	8	5	63	62

Class B Boys

	W	L	Off. Avg.	Def. Avg.
1. Elkhorn M.M.	11	0	69	38
2. Minden	10	0	63	48
3. Seward	11	0	54	34
4. Wayne	10	1	61	47
5. Valentine	11	1	66	45
6. Lexington	6	2	58	51
7. West Point	11	1	71	53
8. Wood River	11	0	64	44
9. Blair	9	1	61	49
10. Col. Lakeview	9	2	58	51

Class C-1 Boys

	W	L	Off. Avg.	Def. Avg.
1. Bayard	13	0	63	44
2. Arlington	12	0	64	42
3. Howells	10	1	60	44
4. Battle Creek	9	2	70	50
5. Fremont Bergan	9	3	63	58
6. North Platte S.P.	9	1	70	53
7. Newman Grove	11	0	63	43
8. Sutton	11	2	53	43
9. Lyons	10	2	75	56
10. Bloomfield	10	3	57	53

until losing to Hartington Cedar Catholic 47-42 in the finals.

"We were bitterly disappointed last

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year at the end because we felt we had the best team," Kane said. "Because of that, we haven't got hepped up about the ratings this year. Maybe last year kind of cooled our heels."

Mount Michael has outscored its opposition by an average of 31 points and its defensive average of 38 points is an indication the 1-3-1 is up to its old tricks. But Kane voiced some concern about his defense.

Defense Knights' Key

"If there's one area I'm not completely happy with, it's the defense," Kane said. "I know our defense isn't as good as it was a year ago. That's not to say it won't be in four weeks. We're trying to correct some things. "Offensively, we're better than last year. But we're not as good defensively."

Center Doug Wemhoff, perhaps an inch taller than his listed height of 6-foot-5, is the force on offense and defense. He scored 29 points and had 19 rebounds against West Point Central Catholic.

"That's the first full game he's played," Kane said. "The longest before that was when he played all but three minutes against David City. We've got to get into some good basketball games where we have to play hard for the full game."

That opportunity may come Feb. 2 when the Knights travel to Class C-1's No. 2 Arlington.



Knight John Kinney about to break the tape.

Photo by Fr. Charles Zach

Knights Run To Fourth Place Finish

by Matt Schmidt
Mt. Michael Reporter

On Saturday, May 4, the Mount Michael Knights competed in the Blair Invitational and despite five first place finishes placed fourth out of eight teams.

John Kinney kept his unbeaten string in the 800M dash intact but Ryan Hendrickson saw his unbeaten string broken in the 1600M run. Doug Wemhoff set a meet record and broke his own school record in the discus with a mighty toss of 172 feet. John Sojka also broke his own school record with a jump of 6'2" in the high jump to capture first place.

Knight medalists and their winning time or distance are

listed below.

Discus: Doug Wemhoff, first, 172'.

High Jump: John Sojka, first, 6'2"; Rob Noble, fifth.

300M Intermediate hurdles: Doug Wemhoff, third.

400M dash: John Kinney, second.

800M dash: John Kinney, first, 2:01; Jason Teal, fifth.

1600M run: Ryan Hendrickson, third.

1600M relay: Doug Wemhoff, Mike Youngblood, Chuck Catalano, John Kinney, first, 3:31.

3200M relay: Sean Weide, Ryan Hendrickson, Chuck Catalano, John Noble, first, 8:31.

Knights Place Third at Invitational

Matt Schmidt
Mt. Michael Reporter

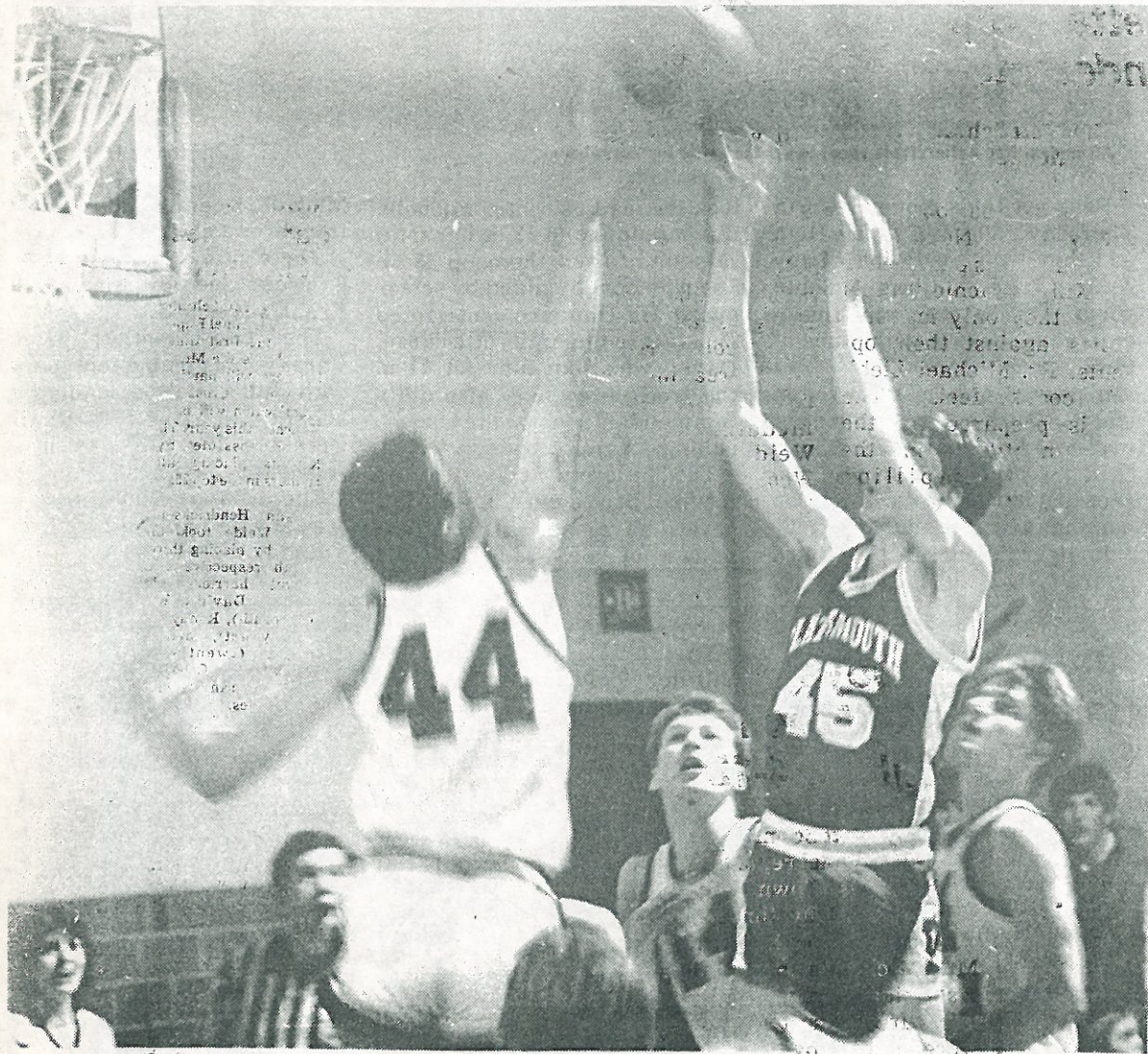
Last week the Mount Michael golf team traveled to Oakland to compete in the Oakland-Craig Invitational. After the nine hole contest was completed the Knights finished third behind the host team and Wayne. Brock

McClellan placed third and Rob Kathol eighth, to lead the Knights.

Earlier in the week, Mount Michael defeated Brownell-Talbot in dual play at Benson. The Knights won by an amazing score of 86 strokes. Leading the Knights was Rob Kathol, 38, Brock McClellan, 39, John McClellan 39, and Mike Wallace, 41.

Next week the Knights will compete in district play at Columbus.

Knights Win 10th Straight, 74-44



Doug Wemhoff goes for the block as John Kinney (no. 14) watches.

Photo by Joe Whitmore

by Matt Schmidt,
Mt. Michael Reporter

After a slow start, Mt. Michael put together two solid quarters to bury the Plattsmouth Blue Devils 74-44. Mt. Michael's offense scored 41 points, while the defense held the Blue Devils to only ten points in the second and third quarters.

The Knights had a balanced scoring attack and were led in scoring by Doug Wemhoff with 23 points and Bob Beringer with eleven points. Wemhoff and John Sojka each grabbed ten rebounds to lead the Knights in that category.

The Mt. Michael J.V. defeated the Plattsmouth J.V. 63-20 on the shooting of Brian Mark, who had

ten points.

Scoreboard

Plattsmouth, 12, 4, 6, 22-44.
Mt. Michael, 18, 19, 22, 15-74.

Scoring

MM-J. Noble, 9; McClellan, 2;
Kinney, 10; Mikuls, 5;
McCluskey, 2; Beringer, 11;
Sojka, 6; Hendrickson, 6;
Wemhoff, 23.

our win! we had some tough matches, we knew there would be, yet we showed our determination! Right now we're starting to practice for districts. I'd also like to mention Martin Thoendel is rated fourth in the state and still undefeated while Brad Schindler is rated fifth in state."

Individual scoring went as follows:

112-Martin Thoendel (WHS), superior decision, five points; 119-Gregg Heiman (WHS), decision, three points; 126-Neil Feldhacker (WHS), decision, three points; 132-Steve Booth

bye, six points.

The final score was 27-21 in the Panthers' favor. The Panthers head to the Fort Calhoun Invitational Saturday, January 19.

The Panther boys basketball team meets Prague at WHS January 18. Game time is at 7:45 p.m. On Saturday the 19th they head to Arlington (6:15-7:45). The Lady Panthers meet Valley at VHS on Thursday, January 17 and are at home again on January 18 to meet Prague in a girls' varsity-boys' varsity doubleheader (6:15-7:45).

Knights Cage Cardinals 68-42



Mt. Michael's Doug Wemhoff goes up for two as Knights John Sojka (35) and Bob Beringer (25) watch.

Photo by Fr. Charles Zach

by Matt Schmidt
Mount Michael
Reporter

The Mount Michael Knights scored 14 unanswered points in the first quarter to take a commanding lead in the win over the Class A South Sioux Cardinals 68-42. The Knight defense shut down the Cardinal attack, allowing only eleven points in the first half.

John Noble shot 11-13 from the

field to lead the Knights with 22 points. Doug Wemhoff and Bob Beringer were other Knights in double figures with 20 and 14 points respectively. Wemhoff with eight and John Sojka with seven led the Knights in rebounding.

Mount Michael, now ranked first in Class B in the Omaha World Herald, plays Elkhorn in Elkhorn on Friday. The Knights will meet Arlington, rated

second in Class C-1 on Saturday at Arlington.

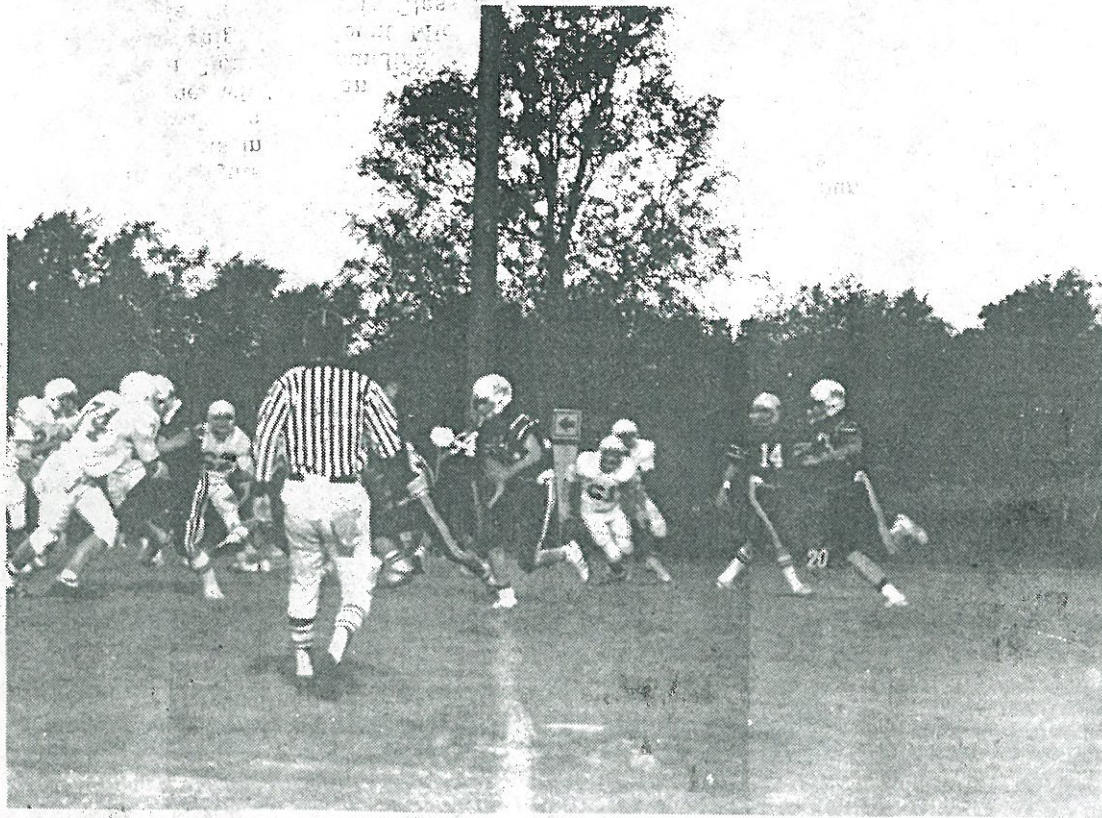
The Mount Michael Junior Varsity fell to the South Sioux City Junior Varsity 46-50.

Scoreboard

S. Sioux City 6, 5, 12, 19 - 42.
Mount Michael 20, 17, 21, 10 - 68.

MM J. Noble 22, McClellan 3, Kinney 4, McCluskey 2, Beringer 14, Sojka 2, Hendrickson 1, Wemhoff 20.

Running to Daylight!



An Elkhorn Mt. Michael back looks for running room against Boys Town last Friday night.

photo by Joe Whitmore

Runners Do Well At Valley Inv.

by Wendy Kuenning
Valley High
School Reporter

The Valley girls cross country team paced themselves to another third place triumph Thursday, September 13, at the annual Valley Invitational.

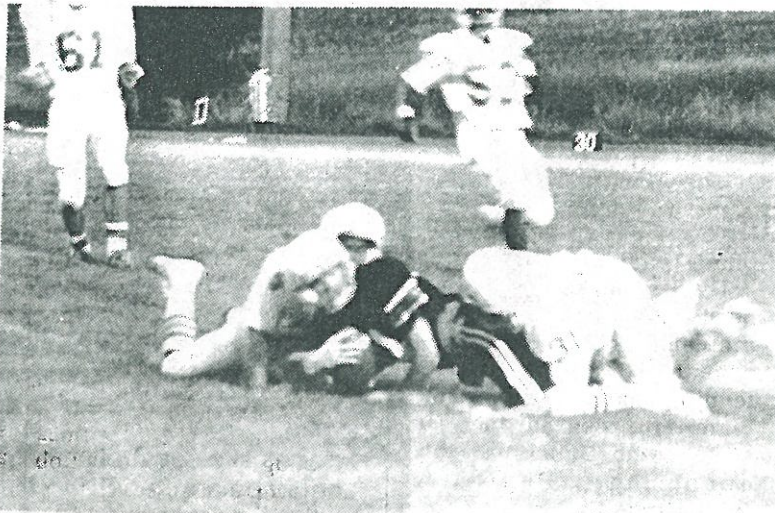
LexAnn Swahn did well in the girls division by running away with a sixth place finish out of fifty-five runners.

Nellie Penne finished eleventh and Cindy Andrew followed with a twelfth place finish.

The Valley team accumulated a total of fifty-two points, behind only North Bend with thirty-two and Bennington with 40.

In the boys run, Mount Michael, North Bend and Blair finished first, second and third respectively.

First and Ten?



An Elkhorn Mt. Michael player knows it's a game of inches as he checks the yardsticks on the sideline.

photo by Joe Whitmore

Mt. Michael Netters Still Undefeated

by Matt Schmidt
Mt. Michael reporter

The Mt. Michael tennis team conquered both the Ralston and Northwest tennis teams this past week.

The Knights achieved this because they only lost five matches against their opponents. Fr. Michael Liebl, tennis coach, feels, "The team is prepared for the stiff competition in the upcoming Papillion Invitational."

Knights Win Valley Invitational

by Matt Schmidt
Mt. Michael reporter

At the Valley Invitational last week, the Mt. Michael cross country team captured two first place finishes, a team and an individual.

Ryan Hendrickson, first place finisher, got off to a flying start and finished with a course record time of 15:33, breaking the previous record by 28 seconds. Other medalists were: Sean Weide, fourth; David Wooten, sixth; Tony Meyer, tenth; and Randy Kauten, fifteenth.

Cowboys Shoot Down Knights 24-12

by Matt Schmidt
Mt. Michael reporter

The Boys Town offense was sparked by three kick returns for touchdowns at Mt. Michael's home field last Friday night.

Returns for touchdowns were made by three different cowboys for 43, 59, and 79 yards. The Cowboys' only drive ended in a 25 yard field goal by Chad Eberlein. The game was filled with eight turnovers, each team committing four.

Mt. Michael's scoring came on drives of 73 and 79 yards. The first touchdown drive by the Knights consisted of passes to Doug Wemhoff and Matt Campbell, with Wemhoff scoring on a pass from John Noble covering 27 yards. The point after was blocked. The second score came in the third quarter with the drive being sustained on the ground. John Noble ran in from the five yard line capping off the drive.

Mt. Michael will play St. Joseph's at Boys Town on Thursday, while Boys Town will play C.B. St. Albert at Boys Town on Friday.

Knights Capture Second At Districts

by Matt Schmidt
Mt. Michael Reporter

For the first time in fifteen years the Mt. Michael harriers will participate in the State Cross Country meet which will be held in Kearney this year. This was made possible by the Knights placing all five runners in the top 25.

Ryan Hendrickson and Sean Weide took medals home by placing third and eighth respectively. Other Knight harriers placing were: David Wooten (thirteenth), Randy Kauten (twenty-first), and Tony Meyer (twenty-third). Coach Brian Osborne felt the team ran up to their capabilities.

Monarchs Clip Knights

by Matt Schmidt
Mt. Michael Reporter

David City Aquinas, led by fullback Cary Lyons, ran past the Mt. Michael Knights on Saturday night.

It took Mt. Michael only one play to score the first touchdown in the game but from then on the Monarchs did not allow the Knights inside their 30 yard line. Mt. Michael's lone touchdown was a pass play from John Noble to Doug Wemhoff covering 68 yards. A high snap prevented the point after kick from being attempted.

After Mt. Michael gambled on fourth down, and came up short, Aquinas marched down the field and eventually scored on a nine yard pass to Scott Ansel from Bob Gregurus. The kick was wide and with 26 seconds left in the half the game was tied up at six apiece.

Mt. Michael again failed on fourth down and Aquinas took over and scored on a 34 yard run by Cary Lyons. Lyons ran for three first downs in that drive. The kick failed and Aquinas led 12-6. Mt. Michael, in the fourth quarter, drove down the field twice only to come up empty each time.

On Wednesday, October 24 the Knights will face Elkhorn at 7:30 which will be the final regular season game for both teams. The game promises to be a good, hard-fought match.

Knights Bury Badgers 73-25



Despite the best efforts of Badger defenders, 2 more points are about to be added to Mt. Michael's total, which ended the game at 73.

Photo by Joe Whitmore

by Matt Schmidt
Mt. Michael reporter

The Mt. Michael Knight's 1-3-1 zone defense dictated the season-opening basketball game at Bennington Friday night.

The Knights rolled to a 73-25 victory as the defense shut out the Badgers in the first quarter. Bennington finally found their basket with 6:36 remaining in the second quarter on a jump shot by Jeff Dumont.

The Knight's offense quickly caught fire as the Knights jumped out to a 19-0 lead in the first quarter. All ten of the Mt. Michael varsity scored in the contest with John Noble and Doug Wemhoff leading the way with 18 and 15 points, respectively. Bob Beringer led the defensive charge with eight taceaways and eight rebounds.

In the first game the Mt. Michael Junior Varsity easily handled the Bennington Junior

Varsity 48-8.

Scoreboard

Elkhorn MM 19, 12, 20, 22, 73
Bennington 0, 11, 6, 8, 25

Scoring

MM: John Noble 18, McClellan 11, Kinney 5, Mikuls 1, McCluskey 2, Beringer 10, Mike Noble 2, Mark 2, Sojka 8, Wemhoff 14.

B: Jacobs 11, Beam 2, Anderson 2, Dumont 8, Monte Nelson 2.

Knights Survive Scare 42-35

by Matt Schmidt,
Mt. Michael Reporter

On Saturday, December 15, Mt. Michael defeated a scrappy and well-coached David City Aquinas team, 42-35.

The Knights trailed the Monarchs in the first quarter of play, but rallied to lead at the half 22-19. Senior Doug Wemhoff picked up four fouls in the first half, yet played the entire game.

Wemhoff took scoring honors for the Knights with 13 points. Other Knights in double figures were John Noble and John Sojka, each with ten points. Doug Wemhoff grabbed 14 rebounds to lead Mt. Michael.

The Mt. Michael junior varsity defeated the Aquinas junior varsity, 52-39.

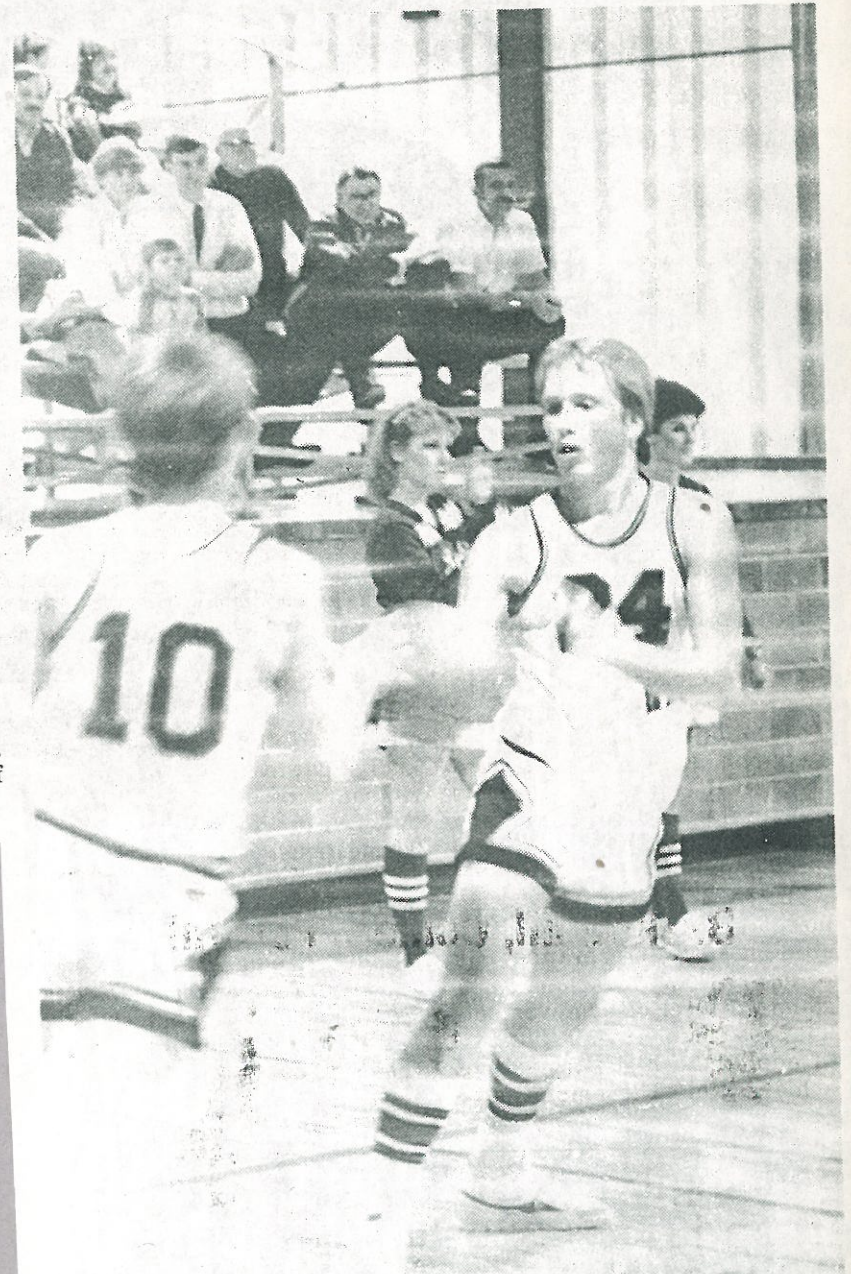
Scoreboard

Elkhorn MM, 8, 14, 10, 10-42.
D.C. Aquinas, 9, 10, 8, 8-35.

Scoring

MM-J. Noble 10, Kinney 4, Beringer 5, Sojka 10, Wemhoff 13.

Mt. Michael Defeats Bergan 71-44



John Noble (No. 10) passes to Mt. Michael teammate Bob Boringer.

Photo by Joe Whitmore

by Matt Schmidt,
Mt. Michael Reporter

In a joust of rival mascots, the Mt. Michael basketball team kept their perfect record intact as they defeated Fremont Bergan 71-44. Mt. Michael got off to a quick start as Doug Wemhoff made his first six shots.

Wemhoff led Mt. Michael in scoring with 26 points, including a break-away slam dunk in the fourth quarter, and in rebounds with ten. John Noble and John Kinney also had hot hands as they had 13 and 11 points respectively.

The Mt. Michael J.V. suffered

their first loss of the season to the Fremont Bergan J.V., 40-38.

Scoreboard

Fremont Bergan, 9, 11, 12, 12-44.

Elkhorn MM, 24, 16, 15, 16-71.

Scoring

MM-J. Noble 13, McClellan 2, Kinney 11, Mikuls 2, McCluskey 1, Beringer 8, M. Noble 2, Sojka 4, Hendrickson 2, Wemhoff 26.

Earlier in the week, the Mt. Michael freshman team continued their winning ways as they defeated Boys Town 60-32 and Fremont Bergan 61-43. The frosh Knights are now 3-0.

Knights pound Cavaliers 68-26

by Matt Schmidt
Mt. Michael Reporter

On Tuesday, December 4, Mt. Michael traveled to Wahoo and defeated the Wahoo Neumann Cavaliers, 68-26. A sluggish start by the Knights in the first quarter netted only nine points. The Knights dominated both ends of the court in the second half.

The leading scorers for the Knights were Doug Wemhoff with 17 points and John Noble with 12 points. Wemhoff led all rebounders as he grabbed 10 rebounds.

In the Junior Varsity game, the Mt. Michael J. V. defeated the Wahoo Neumann J.V. 52-46 behind the shooting of Ted Mikuls who had 14 points.

Scoreboard

Elkhorn MM, 9, 15, 23, 21 - 68.
Wahoo Neumann, 4, 10, 6, 6 - 26.

Scoring

MM J. Noble 12, McClellan 8, Kinney 9, Mikuls 2, McCluskey 3, Beringer 8, M. Noble 2, Mark 2, Sojka 5, Wemhoff 17.

Knights Slay Dragons 73-40



John Noble (No. 10) and John Kinney (No. 14) are among the Knights battling for this rebound.

Photo by Joe Whitmore

by Matt Schmidt
Mt. Michael Reporter

Despite foul trouble for two Mt. Michael starters, the Knights breezed past Gretna 73-40 in the Knights' home-opener. The Knights' defense caused 15 takeaways and created other turnovers for Gretna.

The Knights were led in scoring by John Sojka, who had

a career high 17 points, and Doug Wemhoff with 16 points. Sojka and Wemhoff also led the team in rebounds with nine and eight respectively.

The Mt. Michael Junior Varsity won a hard-fought battle over the Gretna Junior varsity 52-39.

On Thursday, December 6, the Mt. Michael freshman team

defeated the Elkhorn freshman 43-38 behind John McCluskey's 22 points.

Scoreboard

Gretna, 11, 9, 5, 15 - 40.
Elkhorn MM, 17, 16, 16, 24 - 73.

Scoring

MM J. Noble 12, McClellan 2, Kinney 8, Mikuls 2, McCluskey 6, Beringer 8, Sojka 17, Hendrickson 2, Wemhoff 16.

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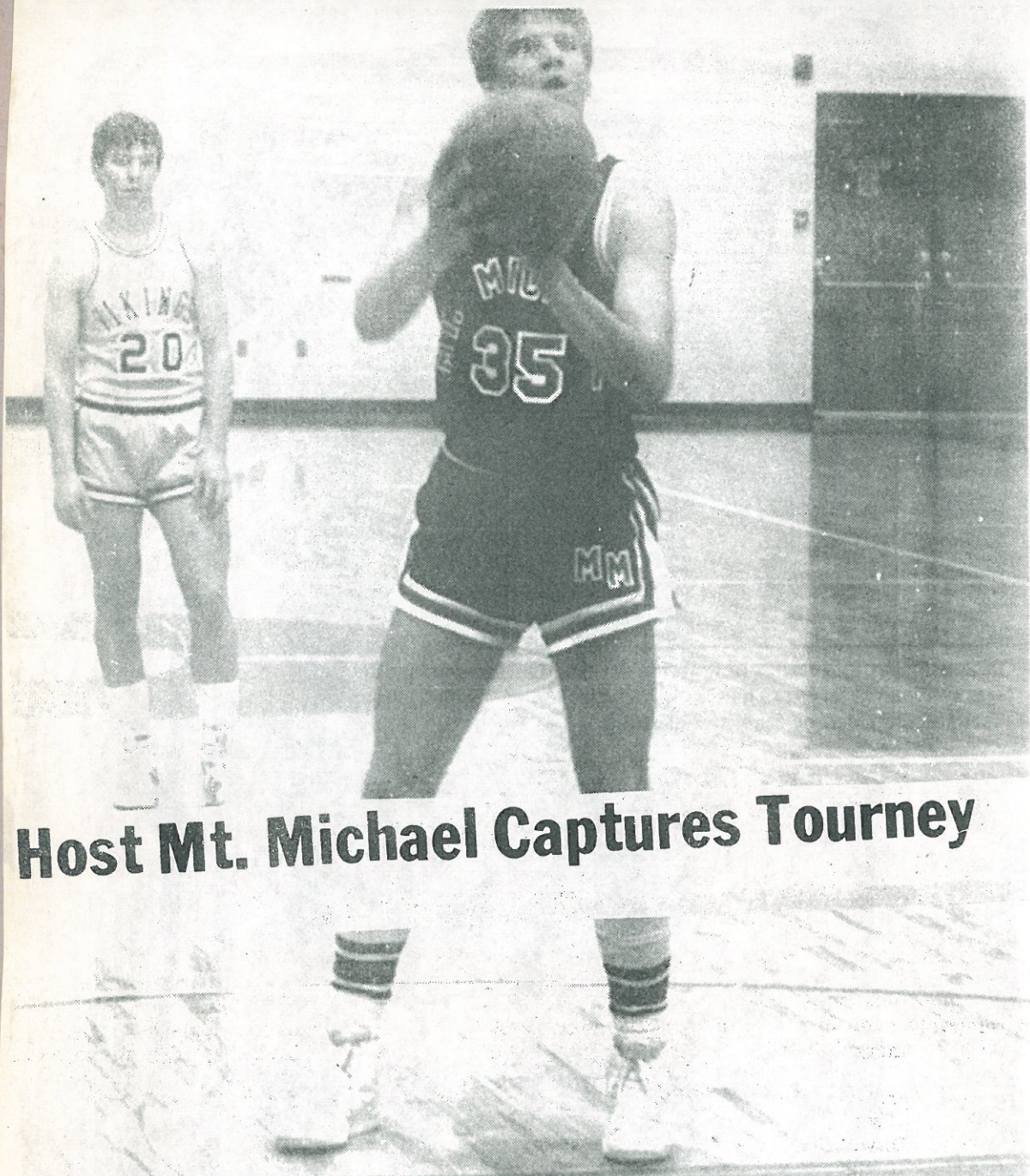
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Basketball, Come On Down!



Mike Noble of Elkhorn Mt. Michael lets one fly for the hoop against Fort Calhoun last Friday. Maneuvering for rebound position is Knight Bob Beringer.

Photo by Fr. Charles Zach



Host Mt. Michael Captures Tourney

Mt. Michael's John Sojka concentrates on a free throw during the Knights' opening round victory over Waverly as Jeff Neal looks on.

Photo by Joe Whitmore

by Matt Schmidt,
Mt. Michael Reporter

In the opening round of the Mt. Michael Holiday Tournament the Mt. Michael Knights defeated the Waverly Vikings 80-50, and the David City Scouts defeated the Elkhorn Antlers 50-38. The Knights topped Waverly on the play of Doug Wemhoff and John Sojka. This pair combined for 45 points and 18 rebounds. John Noble and John Kinney added 14 and ten points, respectively, for Mt. Michael.

Scoreboard

Waverly, 13, 9, 14, 14-50.
Elkhorn MM, 22, 25, 23, 10-80.

Scoring

MM-J. Noble 14, McClellan 4,

Kinney 10, Mikuls 2, Beringer 1, M. Noble 2, Sojka 19, Hendrickson 2, Wemhoff 26.

Wav-Galligan 3, Neal 6, Scheef 11, Rohren 2, Stoddard 4, Hoy 4, Juilfs 1, Keith 2, Vodehnal 4, Malone 9, Boellstorff 4.

For the fourth straight year the host Mt. Michael Knights won their holiday tournament. The Knights defeated the David City Scouts 58-38 in the championship game Friday night at the Elkhorn senior high gymnasium.

The Knights jumped out to a 17-6 lead after the first quarter. They continued to build on that lead. Mt. Michael was led in scoring by Doug Wemhoff with

30 points, 20 of those coming in the first half. Wemhoff and Bob Beringer led the Knights in rebounds as they grabbed eleven and nine, respectively.

Elkhorn won the consolation game, on a second half charge, over Waverly 53-45.

Scoreboard

David City, 6, 18, 4, 10-38.
Elkhorn MM, 17, 21, 14, 6-58.

Scoring

MM-J. Noble 2, Kinney 8, Mikuls 1, Beringer 8, Sojka 8, Hendrickson 1, Wemhoff 30.

DC-Lange 2, Howe 2, Alexander 7, Mi. Henry 4, Ma. Henry 2, Arnold 8, DeWispelare 11, Thege 2.

Knights Are District Champions

by Matt Schmidt
Mount Michael Reporter

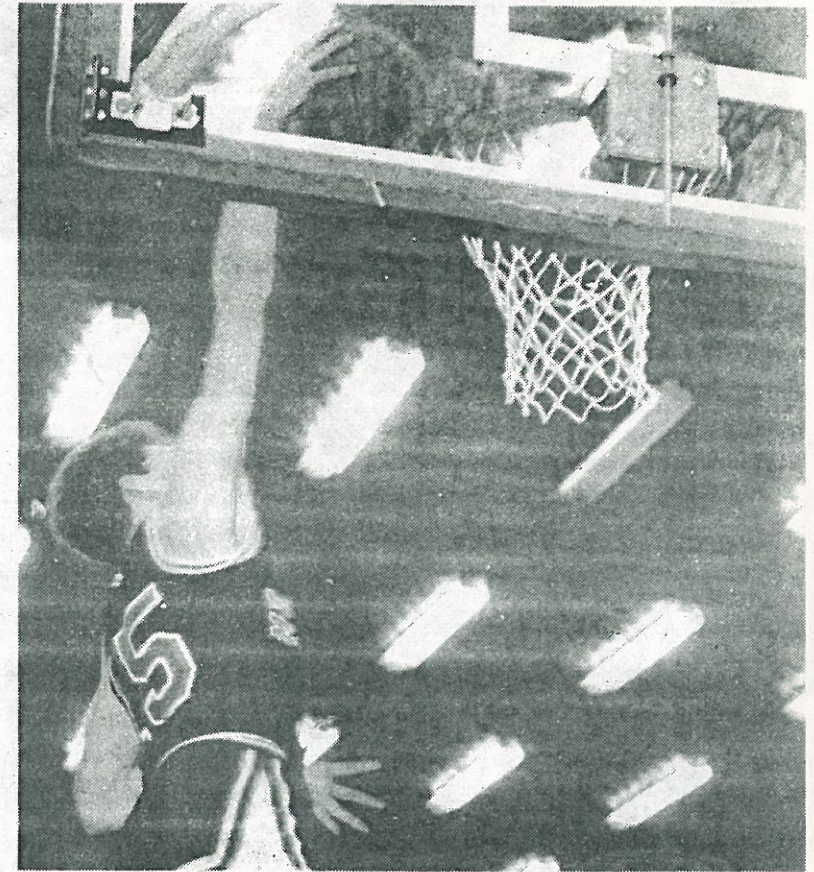
For the fourth straight and the seventh time in eight years the Mount Michael Knights will travel to Lincoln for the Class "B" State Basketball Tournament.

The Knights were able to do this by avenging a regular season loss to the Blair Bears. Mount Michael used a balanced scoring attack and a tenacious defensive effort to defeat the Bears by the score of 59 to 48.

Mount Michael jumped to a 17 point lead at halftime, but watched it dwindle to five points in the fourth quarter. The Knights overcame this dry spell by making eight of twelve free throws in the closing minutes.

Doug Wemhoff was the leading scorer and rebounder for the Knights as he had 20 points and grabbed twelve rebounds. Bob Beringer broke out of a shooting slump to score 15 points. John Kinney and John Noble scored twelve and ten points respectively for Mount Michael.

Mount Michael will play Wayne in the first round of the State Tournament at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday at the Devaney Sports Complex.



John Kinney prepares to stuff in two points in an earlier district game against Logan View.

Photo by Joe Whitmore

Scoreboard

Blair, 7, 6, 16, 19-48.
Mount Michael, 16, 14, 10, 19-59.

Scoring

MM-J. Noble 10, Kinney 12, Beringer 15, Sojka 2, Wemhoff 20.

Mount Michael Blasts Logan View 62-25

Mount Michael's stingy 1-3-1 zone defense worked to perfection Monday night as they allowed Logan View only 15 points in the first three quarters. Eleven of the twelve varsity players scored for the Knights.

The only game highlights were two slam dunks, one an "alley oop" from John Noble to

Doug Wemhoff and the other a breakaway by John Kinney.

The Knights were led in scoring by Doug Wemhoff with 21 points. John Kinney added ten points to the Knights' total. Wemhoff led all rebounders with ten.

Scoreboard

Logan View, 4, 7, 4, 10-25.
Mount Michael, 16, 14, 16, 16-62.

MM-J. Noble 8, McClellan 4, Kinney 10, Mikuls 3, McCluskey 2, Beringer 2, M. Noble 2, Mark 2, Sojka 4, Hendrickson 2, Wemhoff 21.

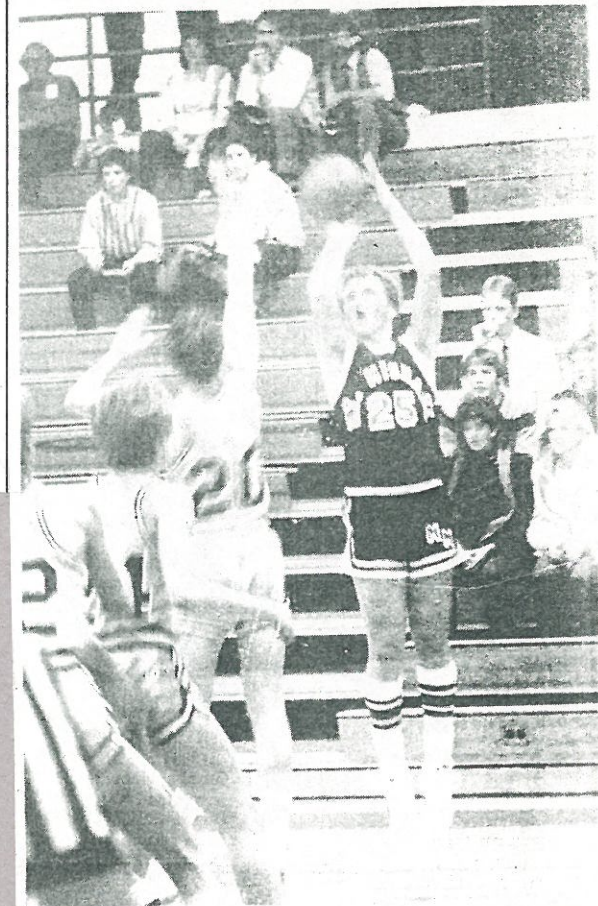
Antlers Split Two Contests In Elkhorn Mt. Michael Tourney



An unidentified Antler leads Elkhorn's charge up the floor during Mt. Michael tourney play.

Photo by Joe Whitmore

Up, Up, Over And Away To The Hoop For Two Points



Knight Bob Beringer goes over Waverly defenders for a bucket in the Mt. Michael Tourney Thursday.

Photo by Joe Whitmore

Mt. Michael Win Streak Ends At 13

by Matt Schmidt
Mt. Michael Reporter

In front of a packed house the Arlington Eagles handed Mount Michael its first loss of the season 64-60.

The Knights fell behind early but jumped out to a 29-24 half-time lead as they shut down the Arlington attack. Arlington fought back to tie the game near the end of the third quarter, but Mount Michael quickly ran off eight unanswered points. The Knights, who shot only 43 per-

cent from the field as a team, hit a dry spell as Arlington grabbed a six-point lead. The winning margin seemed to be at the free throw line as Arlington made 16 of 19.

Doug Wemhoff scored 19 points despite shooting only twice in the first half. John Noble, John Kinney and John Sojka were the other Knights in double figures. Wemhoff had ten rebounds to lead Mount Michael. The Mount Michael J. V.

defeated the Arlington J. V. 41-30.

Next week Mount Michael will play Blair at Blair, on Tuesday and Omaha Roncalli at Mount Michael on Friday.

Scoreboard

Arlington - 16, 8, 16, 24 - 64.

Mount Michael - 12, 17, 13, 18 - 60.

Scoring

MM J. Noble 14, Kinney 14, Beringer 3, Sojka 10, Wemhoff 19.

Blair Stands Tall, Gains Big Win

By Larry Porter
World-Herald Staff Writer

Blair, Neb. — Blair, already big in stature, grew up mentally Tuesday night by toppling Elkhorn Mount Michael 52-39 before an estimated crowd of 1,500 that at times showed state tourney frenzy.

It was the second straight loss for Class B's third-ranked Mount Michael and was the 10th consecutive victory for No. 7 Blair, which raised its record to 15-1.

"Blair hasn't had too much success in basketball in the past," Coach Dale Smith said. "It was kind of nice to play in a big game and win it for a change. This will do a lot for our confidence."

Mount Michael was clipped by Class C-1 leader Arlington last Saturday 64-60. Arlington also tagged Blair with its only

loss 62-53 early in January.

Lob Passes
"We haven't lost two in a row in the last 10 years," Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane said. "That's unbelievable. But it's also unbelievable the way we shot tonight. I can't get mad at the kids, though. They're not trying to miss."

Mount Michael shot only 31 percent, and the only Knight in double figures was 6-foot-5 senior Doug Wemhoff, who collected 18 points and led all rebounders with 10.

But Wemhoff was no match for Blair's front line of 6-8 senior Brad Hunsley, 6-5 junior Scott Flynn and 6-4 junior Jay Kruse.

Guards Phil Seevers and Jeff Smith were the keys to the victory. They constantly lobbed passes over Mount Michael's 1-3-1 zone. Blair's front-line trio patiently patrolled the baseline. When

the lobs came, the big guys turned them into easy buckets.

"Our height is our strength," Smith said. "That's what we use. And I thought we did a good job of using it. We were patient and we didn't make a lot of silly turnovers. Those were tough passes by our guards."

Firm Command

Seevers was credited with 10 assists and Smith with four. Hunsley led the Bears with 18 points. Kruse and Flynn each tallied 12.

Blair opened a 22-11 lead with 6:15 left in the first half on a jumper by Seevers. The Bears were still in firm command at 36-17 with 3:15 remaining in the third quarter.

Hunsley, Kruse and Flynn each had

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Blair Hands Knights Second Loss in Row

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10 points at that stage of the game.

"That's a change we've made the last half of the season," Smith said. "We're a lot more balanced now. Brad carried us early. But now the other kids are stepping in."

Mount Michael, though, still had some scrap. The Knights had slapped on a press at the beginning of the second half, and it began to take its toll midway through the third quarter. Four straight turnovers enabled Mount Michael to cut the deficit to 36-33 with 2:05 remaining.

But the shots quit falling for Mount Michael, and Blair shook off the effects of the press.

Take the Tech

"We were a little disorganized right then, Smith said. "We told them they had to score. They had to take it to the basket as soon as they broke the press

and not wait for the defense to catch up."

An important bucket during that surge was a slam by Hunsley. The big senior was given a technical foul for hanging on the rim, but Wemhoff missed the free throw, and the Bears' momentum was preserved.

"We'll take the technical," Smith said, grinning. "That was the first slam we've had all year. It was a good game to get it in. We have three kids who can do it, but it's kind of hard to get one in a game."

Elkhorn Mount Michael 9 8 16 6-39
Blair 16 10 12 14-32
MM—Noble 4-12 0-3 8, Kinney 3-10 0-0 6, Beringer 2-9 0-0 4, Sojka 1-4 1-2 3, Wemhoff 7-15 4-6 18, McCluskey 0-2 0-0 0, McClellan 0-2 0-0 0. Totals: 17-54 5-11 39.
B—Smith 3-5 0-1 6, Kruse 5-7 2-3 12, Hunsley 8-12 2-2 18, Seevers 1-6 2-3 4, Flynn 5-9 2-4 12, Andersen 0-2 0-0 0. Totals: 22-41 8-13 52.
Turnovers—Mount Michael 15, Blair 15. Field goal percentage—Mount Michael 31.4, Blair 53.6. Fouls—Mount Michael 16, Blair 12. Fouled out—Mount Michael, Sojka. Technical foul—Blair, Hunsley. Rebounds—Mount Michael 31 (Wemhoff 10), Blair 30 (Flynn 8).

Mount Michael Regrouped After Rare 2-Game Slump

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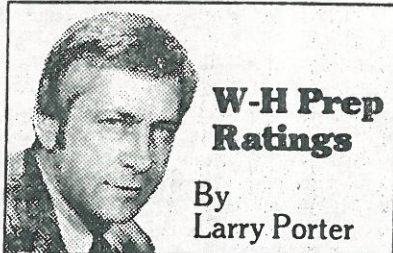
Lincoln — Jim "Killer" Kane had a little chat with his players late in the season after Elkhorn Mount Michael lost two straight basketball games for the first time in nine years.

"I told them they had to remember who had taken them to the dance," Kane said. "I told them after those two losses that we had to get the ball into Doug Wemhoff."

The Knights obeyed, as they always do. Kane brooks no nonsense. There is no room for freelancing on his club.

The result was an emotion-packed march to the Class B state championship. Mount Michael's final four victories came against teams that had a combined record of 83-4 before losing to

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W-H Prep Ratings

By
Larry Porter

Final Class B

	W	L	Off. Avg.	Def. Avg.
1. Elkhorn M.M.	22	2	64	42
2. Wayne	18	3	58	48
3. Valentine	22	2	64	44
4. West Point	20	2	69	54
5. Blair	20	2	62	48
6. Seward	23	1	54	38
7. Auburn	18	5	58	45
8. Minden	19	1	65	48
9. Col. Lakeview	16	6	57	50
10. Gering	16	4	59	52

Knights Regrouped After 'Slump'

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the Knights.

"We beat Blair in the district finals, then Wayne, Seward and Valentine," Kane said. "We took on the best in the state and we beat them all."

"I'm so proud of this bunch. They over-achieved their ability. I've never been happier in my life because I think I stole one this year."

"You take the top 10 teams in the Class B ratings, bring them to Lincoln for a tournament and we might finish out of the money. Talent-wise, we might be the worst of the bunch."

"But God touched us. We just win. I know a lot of teams think they're better than we are. I've had three or four teams that were better than this bunch."

"Everybody knows how disciplined we are. We have a secret society. Everyone who goes to Mount Michael loves each other. Those who played in the past aren't envious of those who win something now. It isn't like that at a lot of schools."

164-19 Over 8 Years

Kane is a flamboyant, colorful coach who to outsiders may appear to coach by intimidation. He says he sometimes gets into trouble by saying what he believes. But the results are impressive.

"I feel so good from the standpoint of the level of basketball at our place," Kane said. "We're 164-19 over the last eight years and five of those losses were in the state tournament. I'm not talking about Jim Kane. I'm talking about Mount Michael. I'm just happy with the type of kids we have."

There is a paper-thin difference between the Knights and the rest of the teams that are in The World-Herald's final ratings.

Second-ranked Wayne lost a first-round tourney battle to Mount Michael in what is believed to be the second three-overtime affair in state tourney history. Gibbon defeated Stanton 78-75 in three overtimes in the first round of the 1963 Class C tourney.

No. 3 Valentine, which won the admiration of everyone in the state for the way it performed in the face of adversity, lost to the Knights 53-46 in the

finals. The game was closer than the score indicated.

Blair Fifth

West Point did not reach the state tournament, but still wound up fourth. The Cadets split a pair of two-point verdicts with Wayne — winning during the season and losing in the district finals 60-58.

Fifth-ranked Blair defeated Mount Michael during the season and then lost to the Knights in the district finals. Blair's other loss was to Class C-1 king Arlington, which also defeated Mount Michael.

Sixth-ranked Seward and No. 8 Minden each suffered their first loss in the state tourney. But they can't fit in higher than the teams ahead of them.

Auburn, unranked before the state tourney, slipped into seventh ahead of Minden after edging the Whippets 42-40 on a last-second shot in the first round.

Columbus Lakeview, the only team to beat Valentine during the season, is ninth. Lakeview clipped the Badgers 58-56 during its holiday tourney. Lakeview also lost to Wayne 50-46 during district play.

Illness Hobbled Wayne

Gering fills out the ratings at No. 10. The Bulldogs lost a seven-point decision to Valentine in the state tourney. It also lost twice to the Top-10's No. 7 Scottsbluff and to Torrington, Wyo. Gering ended its regular season with a victory over Torrington.

Several what-ifs crop up when the final ratings are studied. Wayne, for instance, was hobbled by sickness. Two starters had strep throat and congested lungs when they played that marathon against Mount Michael.

Valentine Coach Lynn Moeller suspended two starters 10 days before the start of district play for drinking. The Badgers then lost 6-foot-7 Greg Vanderbeek midway through their semifinal game with Auburn because of a sprained ankle.

Kane agreed that luck played a part in Mount Michael's drive to the championship. He has only to look back to last year for a refresher on how bad luck affects teams.

Kane still believes his Knights would have beaten Hartington Cedar Catholic in last year's finals had it not been for the sprained ankle suffered by guard Jim Mayberger.

"I was heartbroken a year ago after the Hartington game," Kane said. "I hated it when they beat us. Now there are some people this year who know how we felt last year."

Kane, though, isn't gloating over the misfortunes of Wayne and Valentine. He has the utmost respect for those clubs.

"I really thought we'd win easily against Valentine," Kane said. "We had everything going for us. We had been sleeping in our own beds. They had been staying in a motel since Wednesday."

"I thought we were set to play a whole game. We didn't. We didn't play a good game at all. We were tired. Wayne and Seward took a lot out of us."

"When I say that, I'm detracting from Valentine and I don't want to," Kane continued. "I love their grit and determination. We weren't able to put them away and that's a tremendous compliment to them. Gee, they played hard."

'Slugged It Out'

But so did the Knights, particularly Wemhoff, who emerged as the dominant player in Class B this season.

"You couldn't find four better teams than the ones we ended with," Kane said. "And we whipped them with one great player and a bunch who played with him."

"I had five players. That was it. And they slugged it out with the best of them."

Mount Michael owned the No. 1 spot in February, but dropped to seventh after losing to Arlington 64-60 and to Blair 52-39. That was the first time since December of 1976 that the Knights had lost two straight games.

"That's when I had a talk with these kids," Kane said. "One thing we all can do is listen. They listened good and did the right thing. They learned their roles. That's a great tribute to our school and the type of kids we have."

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Knights Escape With Win Over Antlers



Mt. Michael's Doug Wemhoff takes the ball to the basket as Tim McArdle, No. 34, and an unidentified Antler defend.

Photo by Joe Whitmore

Matt Schmidt Mount Michael Reporter

Despite the Elkhorn Antlers scoring 32 points in the second half, Mount Michael held on to win 52-49. Bob Beringer provided the winning margin as he made three free throws in the final 43 seconds.

Doug Wemhoff led the way for Mount Michael with 23 points, 17 of those coming in the first half. John Sojka was the only other Knight in double figures as he tallied twelve points. Wemhoff

was the leading rebounder as he grabbed 18 rebounds.

The Mount Michael Junior Varsity fell to the Elkhorn Junior Varsity 44-43.

Scoreboard

Elkhorn - 9, 8, 15, 17 - 49.
Mount Michael - 15, 19, 10, 9 - 52.

Scoring

MM J. Noble 4, McCluskey 4, Beringer 9, Sojka 12, Wemhoff 23.

Elk Olsen 4, Pilkington 15, Trouba 8, Thompson 3, McArdle 10, Rippe 9.

'Typical' start lifts Elkhorn MM to Class B top spot

By Ken Hambleton
of The Lincoln Star

In the last eight years, no team has been more successful than Elkhorn Mt. Michael.

"But that's going to end soon," said Jim Kane, coach at Elkhorn MM for the last 21 years. "I think it might get awful tough after this year."

The Knights are 148-16 over the last eight seasons, including a 6-0 start this season. Only 11 of those losses have been in the regular season, the other five have been in the state tournament.

Elkhorn MM holds a slim edge over Minden for the No. 1 spot in the first Journal-Star Class B prep boys basketball ratings of the year. There are eight unbeaten teams in Class B.

All six of the unbeaten teams in Class A are among the top ten in the first Class A ratings with Omaha Burke, Fremont, Omaha Northwest, Lincoln East

and Omaha Westside taking the top five spots, respectively. Burke, Northwest and Westside are all matched in the Metro Conference Holiday tournament which concludes Saturday.

Howells, winner of five state titles in the last 11 years, holds the top spot in Class C-1.

"There are a lot of good basketball teams, but I don't know if anybody in Class B is playing all that great right now," Kane said. "I'm not even too sure how well we're doing."

"We've always gotten off to a good start and December has kind of been our month to play," he said.

Of the sixty teams ranked in the top tens in the first Journal-Star boys basketball ratings for the 1984-85 season, Elkhorn Mt. Michael has the second best defensive average in the state, giving up 36 points a game.

The Knights' winning margin is more

than 30 points a game, and that would be more if not for a 42-35 victory over David City Aquinas.

"Well, we couldn't hit a thing that night and Doug Wemhoff got in foul trouble early and we couldn't use him much that game," Kane said.

"Our top five guys haven't played much more than two and a half quarters a game this season and I don't know how much that helps. It could hurt us because we haven't had the experience of playing in the close ones yet," he said.

Mt. Michael finished second in Class B last year with a 21-2 record. The year before, the Knights won the state basketball title after taking top honors in the state football playoffs. EMM has been to the state basketball tournament seven of the last eight years.

Wemhoff, a 6-6 all-stater last year,

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Class A
1 — Omaha Burke 5-0
2 — Fremont 5-0
3 — Omaha Northwest 5-0
4 — Lincoln East 5-0
5 — Omaha Westside 5-0
6 — Millard North 3-1
7 — Columbus 5-0
8 — Omaha North 4-2
9 — Omaha South 4-2
10 — Lincoln Northeast 2-2
Contenders — Bellevue West 4-1, Grand Island 3-1, Millard South 2-4.

Class B
1 — Elkhorn Mt. Michael 6-0
2 — Minden 6-0
3 — Auburn 4-0
4 — Seward 5-0
5 — Blair 4-0
6 — Wayne 5-1
7 — Wood River 6-0
8 — Columbus Lakeview 3-1
9 — York 5-1
10 — Wood River 6-0
Contenders — Lexington 4-1, Logan View 5-0, Hartington CC 5-0, West Point 3-1, Gering 4-1.



Boys Basketball Ratings

By Ken Hambleton

Class C-1
1 — Howells 4-0
2 — Arlington 5-0
3 — Bayard 5-0
4 — Gibbon 6-0
5 — Sandy Creek 5-0
6 — North Platte SP 4-0
7 — Newman Grove 6-0
8 — Tri County 5-0
9 — Bridgeport 4-1
10 — Milford 4-1
Contenders — Fremont Bergon 4-2, Tecumseh 4-1, Lyons 5-1, David City 4-2, Genoa 6-1.

was a starter on the state championship team in 1982. He's the leading scorer on this year's team averaging 18 points a game. Junior guard John Nobel is averaging 14 points, senior 6-6 forward John Sojka (the fourth Sojka to play for Kane) is scoring 10 a game, 6-3 forward John Kinney 10 points a game and guard Bob Beringer 8 points a game.

"They're all scoring pretty well and we have that situation where if one guy is off somebody else is capable of picking up the slack," Kane said.

"Wemhoff is playing very well and is probably one of the better players I've ever had," Kane said. "He suited up for us as a freshman when he was a 6-foot-3 big, clumsy kid. Since then, he's progressed well and he's a polished player."

"He's already seen a triangle-and-two, box-and-one, and every other kind of zone and he knows he'll see more of the same all season," Kane said. "He understands that he's going to draw a lot of attention from other teams, but he's adapting well."

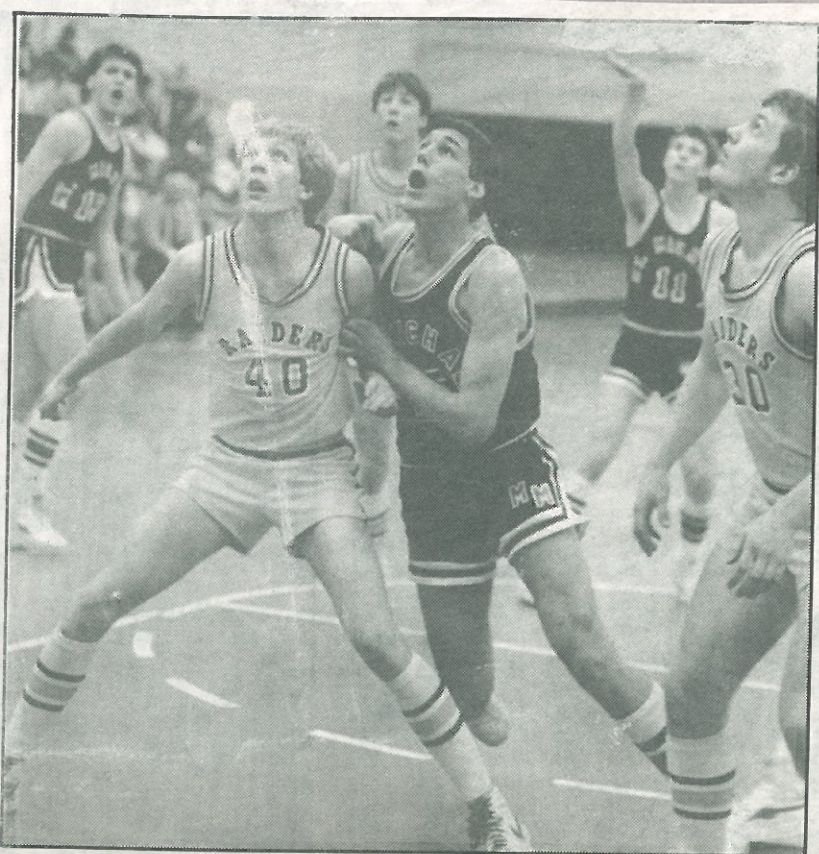
Wemhoff, Kinney and Beringer are

Omaha-area natives, while Sojka is from Columbus and Noble is from Gothenburg. "A lot of people think we just go out and recruit people, but the only contacts we make, other than word of mouth, is by visiting the eighth graders in school in the Omaha area," Kane said.

"We're a Catholic boarding school run by the Benedictine Order. Every student here takes an academic test to qualify for entrance. We get about 200 applicants every year and we take 45, usually the top 45 academically, every year. No more, no less."

"It doesn't hurt us that we win in sports, but that's only a secondary consideration by the school. If a student can excel at athletics, I'm happy. But they don't consider my desires when they accept a student," Kane said.

Mt. Michael will host a holiday tournament next Thursday and Friday at Elkhorn High School. Mt. Michael opens the tournament against Waverly, while Elkhorn meets David City in the other first round game.



Mount Michael's Doug Wemhoff, center, battles for position with Logan View's Cory Wedergren (40) after a shot by John Noble (11) in the B1 district tournament. Also watching is Logan View's Daryl Brodd (30).

Mt. Michael has own spring rite

BY FRANCIS SKALICKY
Sports Writer

ELKHORN — Various things have come to be associated with the month of March.

Temperatures begin to move up above the freezing mark, birds begin to fly north for the summer and, in Nebraska, Elkhorn Mount Michael's boys' basketball team makes its annual pilgrimage to the Class B state basketball tournament in Lincoln.

Mount Michael's yearly trips to the state tourney may not be as renowned as the other signs of spring, but they have become nearly as regular. The Knights have qualified for the Class B tourney eight of the last nine years.

This year was no exception as Mount Michael sailed through the year with a 22-2 record and wound up Class B state champions for the second time in the last three years.

Mount Michael's frequent appearances at the state tourney should come as no surprise, since that is what the Knights build their entire season around.

"We gear our whole season for districts," Coach Jim Kane said. "We don't play in any conference. All the other teams really get up for conference tournaments and things like that, but we don't have that."

"Most of those years that we've lost one or two games, they've always come about the last of January," he said. "But in most of those years, in most of those years, come districts, we're playing the best that we can play."

If that is the case, this was a typical season for Mount Michael.

The Knights began the season with 13 straight wins. In this streak, the Knights were almost untouchable as they outscored their opponents by an average of 28.8 points per game.

Suddenly, though, Mount Michael became vulnerable as it suffered consecutive defeats to Arlington (Feb. 2) and Blair (Feb. 5).

"We ran into a hard part of the season and they were all on the road," Kane said. "We started playing a little better teams and all those games were on the road."

Following the loss to Blair, the Knights got back on the winning track and ended the regular season with three straight wins.

Mount Michael opened the district tournament in formidable fashion, posting a 34-point victory over Bennington and a 37-

Mt. Michael Coach Jim Kane: 'Too many young guys come out coaching and say they have five or six equal guys. I don't care who you have, some one or two are better....'

point win over Logan View. Then, in the district finals, Mount Michael avenged its earlier loss to Blair by downing the Bears 59-48 to earn a trip to the state tourney.

After edging Wayne 58-53 in triple overtime in the first round of state, the Knights had an easier time the rest of the way. They defeated Seward 48-36 in the semifinals and then downed Valentine 53-46 in the Class B title game.

Kane said that one of the keys to the Knights' success this year was that every player understood what role he had to play.

"Too many young guys come out coaching and say they have five or six equal guys," Kane said. "I don't care who you have, some one or two are better than the others. You can go right down the line (of the starters) and number them one through five."

"Each guy has to understand what he's got to do to help the team the most," he continued. "When they understand that — then you have a basketball team."

One of the most important roles for the Knights was played by senior Doug Wemhoff. The 6-foot, 6-inch center led Mount Michael with a 23.1 scoring average and also topped the Knights with 277 rebounds. The two-time all-stater topped the 30-point mark five times this year, including a season-high of 37 against Boys Town (Feb. 9) and Wayne (March 7).

"I don't care what level you're on, you just don't get players like that all the time," Kane said. Wemhoff's 61 percent field goal shooting also was tops on the Knights.

Another player who played an important part in Mount Michael's state championship was 6-0 junior guard John Noble.

Noble finished second on the team with an 11.7 scoring average.

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After seeing action only as a reserve last year, Noble proved early that he could handle the role of starter as he scored in double figures in his first seven games.

From his point guard position, Noble was not often called upon to be a big scorer. However, he showed on different occasions that his offensive talents could not be taken lightly. Noble scored a season-high 22 points against South Sioux City on Jan. 25 and also had a

21-point game earlier against Omaha St. Joseph on Dec. 21.

Kane also praised the performances of John Sojka, John Kinney and Bob Beringer. Sojka, a 6-4 senior averaged approximately eight points and seven rebounds per game.

Kinney, a 6-3 senior, and Beringer, a 6-0 senior, also made substantial contributions according to Kane. Kinney led the team in steals, averaging around seven per game.

Lopsided Wins Posted by Blair, Mount Michael

By Larry Faus

World-Herald Correspondent

Fremont, Neb. — Blair and Elkhorn Mount Michael ran away with the semifinal round of the Class B-1 district basketball tournament Monday to advance to tonight's championship at Midland Lutheran College.

Blair extended its winning streak to 15 games with a 70-42 romp over Elkhorn while Mount Michael eliminated Hooper Logan View 62-25.

Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane said he's seen enough of Blair after watching the Bears eliminate Elkhorn prior to Mount Michael's game with Logan View. "Everytime I see them, they're getting better," he said. "I won't have to see them much longer."

The district title game matches the fourth-ranked Bears at 20-1 against Mount Michael's seventh-rated Knights, 18-2.

Mount Michael had little trouble with Logan View. The Raiders were flushed by Mount Michael's defense in closing the season at 12-7.

"They took away our outside game, they took away our inside game," Logan View Coach Al Ott said. "Their 1-3-1 zone — we're certainly not the only

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team they've shot down in the state of Nebraska."

Mount Michael's starters played about 2½ quarters each as the Knights quickly built an insurmountable margin, leading by 12 at the end of the first quarter, 19 at the half and 31 after three quarters.

Logan View's slow start that saw the Raiders score just two field goals in the first quarter destroyed any hopes the Raiders had for an upset.

"When you play a team like Mount Michael, if you can't get some baskets early and get some points on them, they're going to annihilate you," Ott said.

Despite the margin of victory, Kane tempered his enthusiasm.

"I've coached too long to get excited about games like this," Kane said. "Sometimes you want to look like gangbusters every night, but you can't do it. I'm satisfied. A win's a win."

Blair broke open its game with Elkhorn in the second period when the Bears poured in nine consecutive points in a 2½-minute span to go up by 12. Elkhorn had stayed within three through most of the first 11 minutes.

Senior Brad Hunsley keyed Blair's attack with a 10 field-goal performance, mostly from the perimeter. At 6-foot-8, he teamed with 6-5 junior Scott Flynn for 19 rebounds to keep Elkhorn in a hole at both ends of the court.

Elkhorn Coach Vic Porter said Blair's rebounding was the difference from two previous meetings, both won by Blair by two and seven points.

"They killed us (on the boards)," Porter said. "It was real lopsided, espe-

Lopsided Victories Posted By Blair, Mount Michael

cially early."

Blair had 10 offensive rebounds and led Elkhorn 27-14 in total rebounding at the intermission.

Blair Coach Dale Smith said Blair's defense was at its best.

"I can't remember a shot they had when we didn't have someone flying at them with a hand up."

Porter said Blair's size advantage over his shorter Elkhorn squad took its toll.

"Size-wise, it's not much of a matchup," he said. "We didn't do the things we needed to do to interrupt their flow."

The 28-point loss was the worst for Elkhorn in this year's 11-9 campaign. The previous largest margin was a 12-point defeat at the hands of David City in the first round of a holiday tournament.

Elkhorn	19	18	17	15	42
Blair	10	14	14	14	56
Eisen	0-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Trouba	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3
Rippe	3-10	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3
Baker	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Nielsen	1-1	2-5	4-7	4-7	11-19
Hunsley	10-13	4-7	4-7	4-7	30-31
Sellon	0-1	2-2	2-2	2-2	6-7
F. totals	25-51	24-37	24-37	24-37	76-101
Free throw percentage	Elkhorn .225	Blair .451	Elkhorn .225	Blair .451	Elkhorn .225
Rebounds	Elkhorn 31	Blair 41	Elkhorn 31	Blair 41	Elkhorn 31
Turnovers	Elkhorn 20	Blair 14	Elkhorn 20	Blair 14	Elkhorn 20
Elkhorn Mount Michael	16	14	16	16	62
Blair	10	14	14	14	56
MW	10	10	10	10	40
Noble	4-9	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-9
Wemhoff	5-10	1-10	1-10	1-10	13-30
Beringer	1-4	0-2	0-2	0-2	2-6
Sojka	1-1	3-5	3-5	3-5	8-9
Kinney	1-1	2-5	2-5	2-5	6-8
Wemhoff	9-14	3-21	3-21	3-21	25-55
C. Coarman	6-7	0-6	0-6	0-6	12-19
Wederger	3-10	2-8	2-8	2-8	8-10
Man	1-3	2-4	2-4	2-4	5-7
C. Coarman	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
D. Oarman	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Totals	9-46	7-11	7-11	7-11	23-42
Field goal percentage	Mount Michael .454	Blair .451	Elkhorn .225	Blair .451	Elkhorn .225
Rebounds	Elkhorn 32	Blair 41	Elkhorn 32	Blair 41	Elkhorn 32
Turnovers	Elkhorn 15	Blair 15	Elkhorn 15	Blair 15	Elkhorn 15
Team fouls	Mount Michael 13	Blair 13	Mount Michael 13	Blair 13	Mount Michael 13
Logan View	14	A	2,000	(est.)	

Knights Drub Badgers In Districts

by Matt Schmidt

Mount Michael Reporter

The Mount Michael Knights used balance scoring to defeat the Bennington Badgers 69-35 in the first round of district competition at Midland. The Knights jumped out to a ten-point lead after the first quarter and extended its lead by 29 points in the second and third quarters.

John Sojka, with 16 points, led five Mount Michael players scoring in double figures. Doug Wemhoff and John Noble each added twelve points. John Kinney and Bob Beringer tallied eleven and ten points respectively. Wemhoff and Sojka were the leading rebounders for the Knights as they grabbed twelve and ten rebounds.

Mount Michael will play Hooper Logan View on Monday night.

Scoreboard

Bennington, 12, 6, 6, 11-35.

Mount Michael, 22, 21, 20, 6-69.

Scoring

MM-J. Noble 12, Kinney 11, McCluskey 4, Beringer 10, Mark 2, Sojka 16, Hendrickson 2, Wemhoff 12.

B-Jacobs 16, Beam 4, Anderson 5, Wegner 2, Dumont 4, Nelson 2, Holling 2.



Knight Doug Wemhoff goes up and over Badger defenders for two points.

Photo by Fr. Charles Zach

Mount Michael Knights



The 1984-85 Elkhorn Mt. Michael basketball team. Front row, left to right: Ted Mikuls, Tony Meyer, John Noble, John Kinney, Doug Wemhoff, John Sojka, Bob Beringer, Mike McCluskey, John McClellan. Back row: Ryan Hendrickson, Mike Noble, John Heineman, Jeff Jaworski, Matt Akromis, Brian Mark, Robert Matya, Brock McClellan. Head Coach: Jim Kane.

Knights' Starting Five



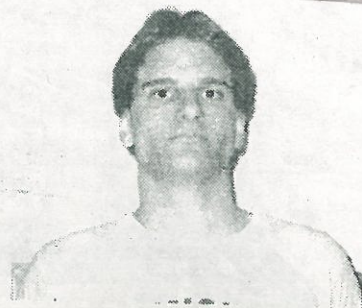
DOUG WEMHOFF - Probably premier player in area, has been at or near the top of area scorers with a 23.5 average through 18 games on 60% field goal shooting and 67% free throw shooting. Also averaging 11.1 rebounds from center spot.



JOHN KINNEY - A guard, has averaged 7.4 points and 3.8 rebounds through 18 games. Has been a 40% field goal shooter and a 45% free throw shooter.



JOHN NOBLE - At the guard position, has averaged 12.3 points and 2 rebounds through 18 games. Has shot 46% from the field and 70% from the foul line.



JOHN SOJKA - Has averaged 8.4 points and 6.6 rebounds through 18 games. Primarily a forward, has shot 49% from the field and 75% from the charity stripe.



BOB BERINGER - Through 18 games has averaged 6.5 points and 4.4 rebounds. Normally a forward, has shot 31% from field and 65% from free throw line.

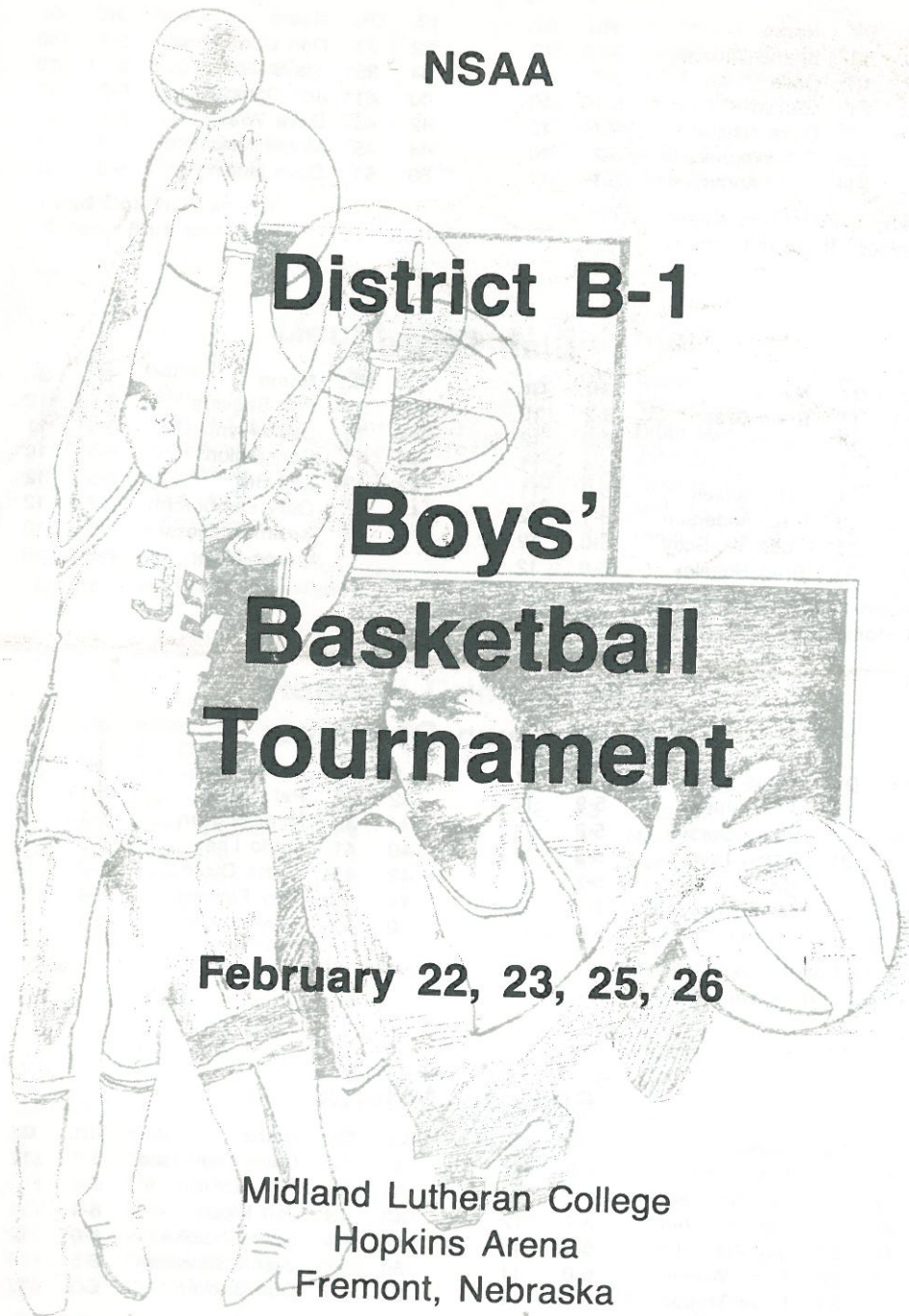
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Boys' Basketball Tournament

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Midland Lutheran College
Hopkins Arena
Fremont, Nebraska



Knights Rip Blair to Gain State Berth

By Stu Pospisil

World-Herald Staff Writer

Fremont, Neb. — Elkhorn Mount Michael earned its seventh trip to the state tournament in the past eight seasons Tuesday night as the No. 7 Knights defeated No. 4 Blair 59-48 in the finals of the Class B-1 boys basketball tournament at Midland Lutheran College.

A standing-room only crowd of more than 2,000 in Hopkins Arena saw Mount Michael make 11 of its first 14 shots in taking a 30-13 halftime lead.

Mount Michael's strong start was unlike its January game with Blair, when the Knights trailed 16-5 early before losing 51-39.

"I told the kids before the game, 'Let's get away even with them, but not behind,'" said Mount Michael Coach Jim "Killer" Kane, whose team enters the state tournament with a 19-2 record. "We knew they were going to concentrate on Doug Wemhoff, and I told the kids they had to shoot them in from the outside."

John Kinney and Bob Beringer did exactly that, making five of the first seven shots they took from 17 feet or longer.

Blair's Scott Flynn scored all seven of his team's first-quarter points in the first 3:35 of the game as the Bears trailed 16-7 after one quarter.

The Knights increased their lead to 27-9 with 4:32 left in the first half on two Kinney free throws.

"The difference was they were hot and we were cold," Blair Coach Dale Smith said. "I guess we dug too big of a hole in the first half."

Smith said he felt his team "got a little tentative on offense" in the first half. The Bears were six of 17 from the field against Mount Michael's standard 1-3-1 zone defense.

"We tried to deny their inside game," Kane said. "I don't think their first shots hurt as much as second or third shots. We kept them off the boards and did a pretty good job."

The Knights outrebounded Blair 14-5 in the first half, and Blair scored just one basket following an offensive rebound.

Blair, which hasn't been to state since 1963, gave Mount Michael a scare in the second half. Its allies were improved shooting and foul trouble to Mount Michael.

"We lost John Sojka in there on fouls, and they started lobbing inside," Kane said. Mike McCluskey, a 6-0 junior, replaced the 6-4 Sojka, who committed his last four fouls in the third quarter. After Mount Michael took a 36-19 lead, Blair scored 12 of the last 16 points in the third quarter — six from the free throw line. Brad Hunsley, the Bears' 6-8 center, and Phil Seevers each had five points in the run.

Mount Michael uncharacteristically made five turnovers early in the fourth quarter as its lead shrank to 49-44 on Flynn's short jumper with 3:21 left.

Wemhoff scored with 3:02 left, then the Knights made eight of 12 free throws in the final 2:33 for the win.

"I really feel sorry for Blair," Kane said. "They have a nice club. It was just that the first half went as well as it possibly could for us."

Wemhoff finished with 20 points and 12 rebounds for Mount Michael, which shot 63.6 percent for the game, Beringer scored 17 and Kinney 12.

Flynn had 19 and Hunsley 12 for Blair, which ended its season at 20-2.

Elkhorn Mt. Michael 16 14 10 19-59
Blair 7 6 16 19-48
EMM—Noble 2-3 4-6 8; Kinney 4-9 4-6 12; Beringer 6-10 5-7 17; Sojka 1-2 0-0 2; Wemhoff 8-9 4-5 20; McCluskey 0-0 0-0 0; McClellan 0-0 0-1 0. Totals 21-33 17-25 59.

B—Smith 1-4 0-0 2; Kruse 0-1 0-0 0; Hunsley 3-8 6-8 12; Seevers 2-8 5-7 9; Flynn 9-16 1-6 19; Anderson 0-1 0-0 0; Sellon 2-4 2-2 6; VanScoy 0-0 0-0 0; Bro 0-0 0-0 0; Nielsen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-43 14-23 48.

Turnovers: EMM 15, Blair 10. Rebounds: EMM 29 (Wemhoff 12), Blair 19 (Flynn 5). Team fouls: EMM 19, Blair 22. Fouled out: Sojka, Sellon. Field goal percentage: EMM .636, Blair .396. A—2,000 (est.).

Mount Michael Advances in 3 OTs

By Larry Porter
World-Herald Staff Writer

Lincoln — Jim Kane rousted his Elk-horn Mount Michael players out of bed early Thursday morning and the Knights went for a 6 o'clock walk.

"We had to do something to wake up," Kane said.

That leisurely stroll was in stark contrast to what awaited the Knights four hours later in the first round of the Class B boys high school basketball

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tournament. They required three overtimes to defeat Wayne 58-53 in a rugged marathon.

Doug Wernhoff led seventh-ranked Mount Michael as he scored 37 points and spaced 16 rebounds.

"Wernhoff is outstanding," Wayne Coach Bob Uhing said. "We went to a special defense in the second half — a diamond-and-one — and he still got 19 points."

Wayne, too, earned respect.

"They have a nice team, a real nice team," Kane said. "They are so strong inside. This was a heck of a first game for the state tourney. It might be the best of them all."

Chances to Win

Sixth-ranked Wayne ended its season at 18-3. Starters Don Larsen, a 6-foot-5 junior center, and point guard Ted Lueders, a 5-10 junior, played, although each had strep throat and congested lungs.

"They couldn't breathe," Uhing said. "We had to call two timeouts just so they could get their breath."

Despite those hardships, Wayne still had two chances to win from the free-throw line — once at the end of regulation play and again at the end of the first overtime.

Mount Michael owned a seven-point lead early in the third quarter, but it had melted to 44-43 in the final seconds of the game. Wayne's Brent Pick launched a shot that missed, but Rod Dahl, Wayne's 6-8 senior forward, grabbed the rebound and was fouled by John Sojka as the buzzer sounded.

Dahl, who had pulled Wayne back into contention with eight fourth-quarter points and six rebounds, missed his first free throw. But he fought off the pressure and drilled the next one to set up the first overtime.

Similar Predicament

Larsen found himself in almost the same predicament as Dahl, except there were three seconds left in the first overtime when he went to the line with Mount Michael ahead 47-46.

Larsen missed his first attempt. His second, however, tied the score again and forced the second overtime.

The only scoring in the second overtime was a basket for Wayne by Pick and two free throws by Mount Michael reserve John McClellan.

Dahl, who drew his fourth foul with 6:48 left in the third quarter, finally fouled out with 2:22 remaining in the third overtime. He drew his fifth by fouling Wernhoff going for a rebound.

That triggered a surge by Wernhoff that finally decided the game. Wernhoff hit four of five free throws and then, with 37 seconds left and Mount Michael ahead 53-51, made his biggest contribution of the game.

Teammate John Noble missed the front end of a one-and-one, but Wernhoff powered inside, grabbed the rebound — his fourth in the third overtime — and put in the follow shot.

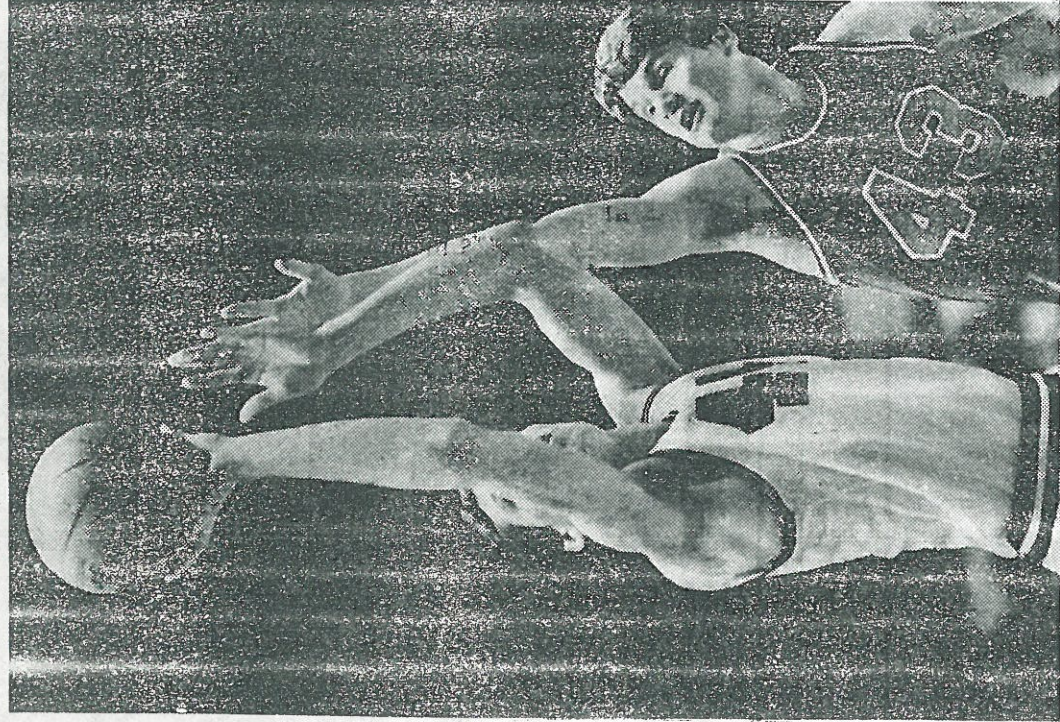
Knights Now 20-2

Wayne countered Wernhoff's scoring effort with a three-pronged attack. Dahl scored 17, Larsen 16 and Pick 14.

Mount Michael will take a 20-2 record into the semifinals against Seward today. Did the Knights leave their best game on the Bob Devaney Sports Center floor?

"Naw," Kane said. "These kids would be mad at me if I said they'd be too tired. We can rest after Saturday. We've been beaten down here before, but we've never played bad here. We won't tomorrow, either."

Wayne.....10 9 8 17 3 2 4-53
Elkhorn Mount Michael.....10 14 8 17 2 2-58
Lincoln.....7 12 3 16 0 0 2-38
14, Larsen 7, 12, 3, 16, Dahl 5, 17, 0, 17, Hausmann 0-2-0-0, Uhwiler 0-0-0-0, Warne 0-0-0-0. Totals: 22-50
WAYNE: Noble 2:10-2-4-6, Kinney 0:30-0-0, Berneer 3-7-1-2, Sojka 2-7-0-2, Wernhoff 15-21-7-8-37, McClellan 0-0-0-4-4, McCuskey 0-0-0-0. Totals: 22-49 14-20
Seward.....10 9 8 17 3 2 4-53
Team fouls—Wayne 19, Mount Michael 15. Fouled out—Wayne, Dahl, Mount Michael, Kinney. Rebounds—Wayne 39 (Dahl 13), Mount Michael 34 (Wernhoff 11). Total fouls—Wayne 44, Mount Michael 41.
School 14. Field goal percentage—Wayne 44.0, Mount Michael 41.9.

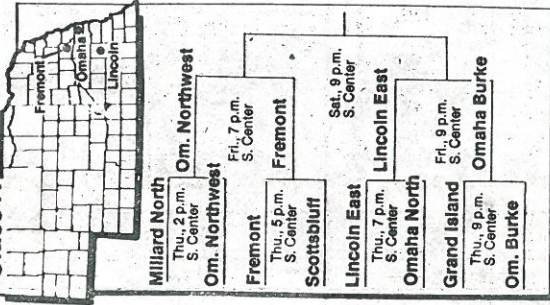


Doug Wernhoff shoots as Wayne's Brent Pick defends . . . "Wernhoff is outstanding," Wayne Coach Bob Uhing said after the Mount Michael player scored 37 points in the first-round game.

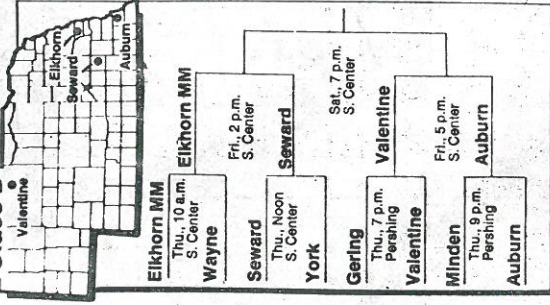
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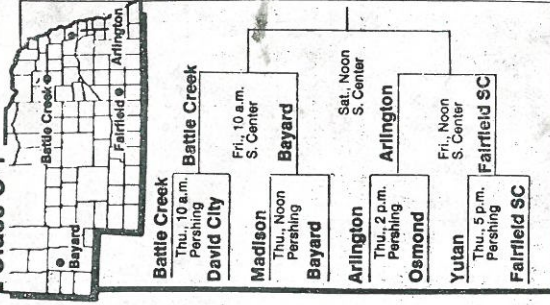
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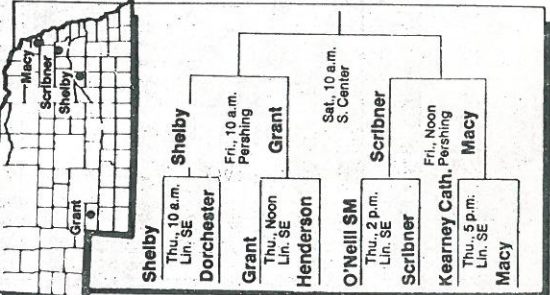
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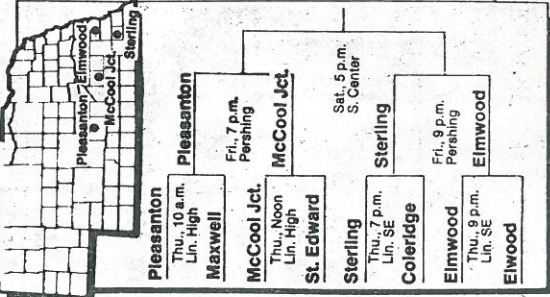
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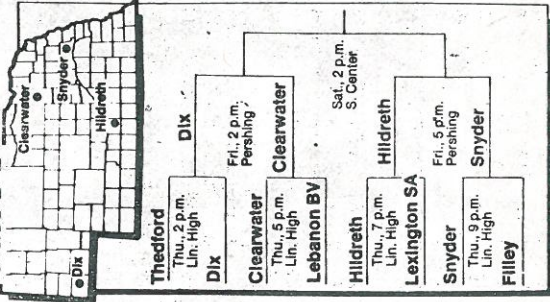
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Class D-1



Class D-2



Platteview to meet Elkhorn Mt. Michael

By Ryly Jane Hambleton

of The Lincoln Star

Platteview counted on a defensive switch to advance to the Class B semifinals in the Boys State Basketball Tournament, but defending champion Elkhorn Mt. Michael relied on its standard defense.

Platteview rallied from a 10-point deficit early in the second quarter to take a 26-24 halftime lead over Grand Island Central Catholic and pull away to a 52-40 win over the Crusaders Thursday before an afternoon-session crowd of 3,250 at Pershing Auditorium.

Mt. Michael outscored Albion 19-0 to pull away from a 4-all tie and raced to a 60-29 victory over the Cardinals to advance to Friday's noon semifinal against Platteview at the Sports Center.

Eighth-ranked Platteview suffered through a 1-for-9 shooting slump in the first quarter while Central Catholic raced to an 18-8 lead.

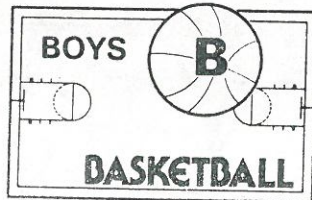
But the Trojan full-court press and a switch in defenses helped Platteview score eight unanswered points, including two baskets off steals by Jim Paschal, to cut the margin to 18-16 with 5:01 left in the half.

Platteview tied the game at 22-all on a tip-in by Mike Neitzel and, after Paul Stockman scored for the Crusaders, Steve Isenberg hit back-to-back jumpers to give the Trojans the lead for good.

"We started sagging in on their big people and that made them shoot outside," said Platteview Coach John McGill, whose team outrebounded GICC 24-11 in the second half. "They were missing and we got the momentum."

"We had to make the change defensively to help Neitzel on their big men (Mike Staab and Paul Lewandowski). Before, they were getting the ball inside. I'd rather take my chances with them shooting outside."

Neitzel led the way for the 18-3 Trojans with 15 points, while Ken Cloyd added 13 and Isenberg had 12. Neitzel and Cloyd had nine rebounds each, with Cloyd pulling down seven in the second half.



"All year long, we've had great balance," McGill said. "And, as usual, when we needed it, Cloyd and Paschal came through like troopers for us."

Lewandowski paced Grand Island Central Catholic, which ended its season at 17-4, with 14 points.

Mt. Michael's stingy 1-3-1 zone defense stymied Albion and forced 26 Cardinal turnovers.

"Our defense bothered them a bit and created some problems for them," said Mt. Michael Coach Jim Kane. "We put a lot of pressure on the ball and when you put the two together, it made our defense look a little tougher."

"We've held our opponents to 36 points a game, which is the lowest in the state," he said. "That's what we try to do, so we work a lot on defense."

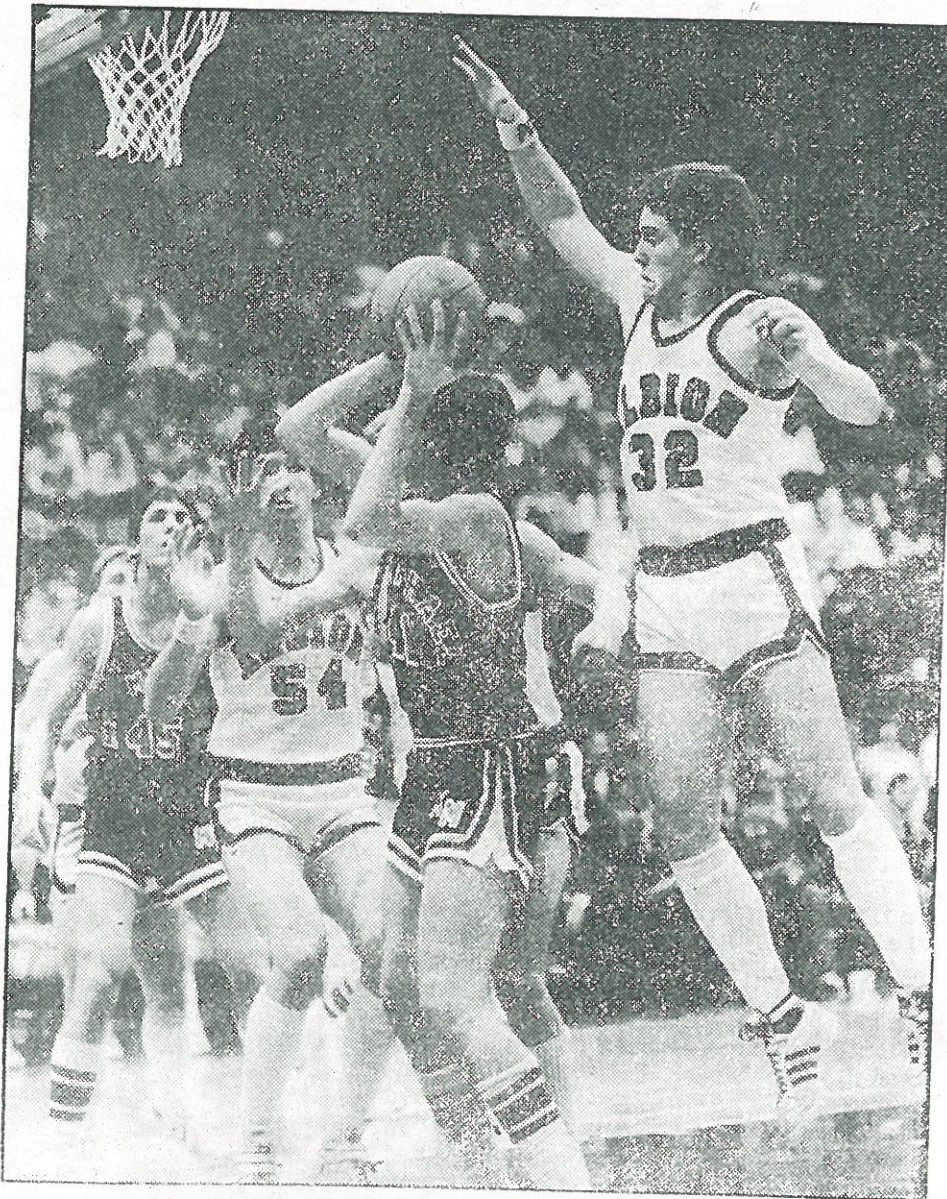
During the Knights' 19-0 spurt, Jim Mayberger hit five baskets and Doug Wemhoff added five points.

"Experience really helps at the state tournament and we've been here six of the last seven years," Kane said. "Mayberger and Wemhoff both started last year and this is their third tourney. It's difficult if you're not used to it."

Mt. Michael, now 20-1, defeated Platteview earlier this year by nine points, and Kane said he expects a similar game.

"They have good athletes — football proved that," he said. "I'm sure we'll be saddled with their press."

Wemhoff paced Mt. Michael with 16 points and eight rebounds, while Mayberger and Jim Boyle added 14 points each. Todd Suey led Albion, which closed its season at 13-8, with 14 points and 12 caroms.



Elkhorn Mt. Michael's Tim Andrews (41) tries to shoot between Albion's Dan Zoucha (54) and Shannon Sullivan (32).

Gail Foldo/Lincoln Star

Minden Favorite in Tal 'B' Field

By Larry Porter

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — There is a common thread that runs through the Class B state tournament field. Every team has at least one starter that is 6-foot-5 or taller.

"It's pretty amazing there are that many big kids in Class B," Auburn Coach Chet DeVaughn said. "It's unusual to have eight ballclubs with that much size."

The runt of the litter is Gering, which has a front line of 6-5, 5-11, 5-11. The other front lines are Wayne, 6-8, 6-6, 6-4; Valentine, 6-7, 6-5, 6-1; Seward, 6-5, 6-3, 6-2; Elkhorn Mount Michael, 6-5, 6-4, 6-3; Minden, 6-5, 6-4, 6-0; York, 6-5, 6-3, 6-2, and Auburn, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Auburn is making its first trip to state since 1968 and has drawn top-ranked Minden as its opening-round opponent.

Few Veteran Teams

Normally a matchup between an unranked team and a No. 1-rated club would perk little interest. But Minden is not the class of this tournament. No team is.

"How can you pick the winner of this tournament," Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane said. "There are too many good teams. It's impossible to know what's going to happen."

If Minden has an edge, it's that the Whippets are in the lower bracket opposite undefeated Seward, 19-2 Mount Michael and 18-2 Wayne.

"There are not a lot of veteran teams in the other bracket," Wayne Coach Bob Uhing said. "That might give them an advantage. There are three pretty

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GAMES THURSDAY

10 a.m.—Elkhorn MM (19-2) vs. Wayne (18-2)
Noon—Seward (21-0) vs. York (17-5)

All Pershing Auditorium
7—Gering (16-3) vs. Valentine (20-1)
9—Minden (19-0) vs. Auburn (16-4)

GAMES FRIDAY

10 a.m.—Elkhorn MM-Wayne winner vs. Seward-York winner
5—Gering-Valentine winner vs. Minden-Auburn winner

GAME SATURDAY

Championship—7 p.m. at Sports Center

good teams on our side. Whoever comes out of it might be worn down by the time the finals are played."

The most attractive first-round matchup will send Wayne against Mount Michael at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

"That's a dastardly time to play basketball," Kane said. "I've told the kids that they'd better hit the floor running when they get up that morning."

'Fortunate to Play Minden'

Other first-round pairings match Gering against Valentine and Seward against York. First-round games in the other five classes also begin Thursday. The World-Herald carried Class A capsules Sunday. Today, Class B is featured.

Seward defeated York twice during the season, 44-34 in the finals of the Central Conference tourney and 56-43 early in February.

Auburn may be the team most likely to be overlooked. That would be a mis-

Class B Field at a Glance

Minden (19-0) — First appearance in 10 years. Whippets are best shooting team in tourney with 54 percent accuracy from field and 72 percent from line. Shane Monthey, although tallest starter at 6-5, will gun from long range. Leads balanced attack with 13.6 scoring average. Also top rebounder with 10.5 average, shade above 10.3 of 6-4 center Gary Klassen. All five starters average in double figures and only guard Mike Miller, who shoots at 48 percent, is below 50 percent.

Auburn (17-4) — Played 13 of 19 regular-season games on road. All four losses were on road and three were by four points or less. Must be considered tourney darkhorse. Shooting 50 percent as team. Kevin Mowery, 6-7 senior center, 57 percent shooter and is scoring leader at 13.2. Right behind at 13.0 and 12.6 are 6-4 forward Brian Fabry and 6-3 guard Alan LaFollette. Roger Grable is floor general. Committed only 35 turnovers in 21 games.

Valentine (20-1) — Only one question mark: Has easy schedule prepared Badgers for rigors of tourney action? No one questions talent. Badgers must run to be effective. Richard Bracha, 5-7 sophomore guard, is sure to be crowd-pleaser if running game is established. Height provided by 6-7 senior Greg Vanderbeek, leading scorer at 17.5, and 6-5 junior Richard Lutter, 11.2 average. Those are only two in double figures, but 67-point team average suggests all can score. Class B's best rebounding team with average of 42 a game. Board strength must continue in order to trigger break. First appearance in 15 years.

Seward (22-0) — Surprise team of year. Lost four starters from last year's 21-1 club, yet reloaded and produced undefeated season. Matt Wullenwaber, 5-10 senior guard, is holdover starter and

take.

"We feel fortunate that we're playing Minden," DeVaughn said. "They're undefeated, rated No. 1 and might be feeling a little pressure coming in. They have size, but we match up with those people really well."

Most observers believe the tourney favorite will not emerge until after Wayne and Mount Michael square off. The winner of that game must be considered the leading title contender.

"It's tough to have such a hard game right out of the blocks," Uhing said. "Whoever wins might be worn down right away. But there are no breathers. Every team that gets there is a good team."

Cedar Catholic Success

Wayne is making its first state tournament appearance in 26 years. Mount Michael has qualified six of the last seven years.

"I'm hoping they not being there for so long will help us," Kane said. "I'm hoping they'll be somewhat apprehensive early. Playing in the state tournament is not like going out for your everyday jog."

But Kane knows Wayne has a link to tourney experience.

"Bob Uhing has been there," Kane said.

Uhing moved to Wayne this year from Hartington Cedar Catholic, where he took three teams to state in five years. Two emerged as state champions, including last year when Cedar Catholic defeated Mount Michael-47-42 in the finals.

starter taller than 5-11. Still averaged 34.2 rebounds a game, an excellent figure for such a small front line. Forwards Brad VanWyne (7.9) and Greg Carrier (7.2) head rebounders. VanWyne also leading scorer with 16.4 average. Mike Palomo, 5-9 sophomore guards, has potential to become one of state's top players before his career ends. Is averaging 14.9 points. Two of three losses were to Class A qualifier Scottsbluff. Split with Torrington, Wyo. Shooting 46 percent as team.

Wayne (18-2) — Strong challenger despite fact that 6-8 Rod Dahl is only senior starter. Had five returning starters from last year's 11-7 outfit. But Steve Overin, 6-1 point guard, played five games then suffered shoulder injury in auto accident. Guard Pete Warne broke hand in football and has been sixth man. Newcomers to lineup are 6-4 junior Brent Pick and 5-10 sophomore Ted Lueders. Lost season-opener to Blair 54-41. Only loss since was 55-53 to West Point, which was reversed in district finals 60-58. Dahl, a good shooter from outside, leads balanced attack with 12-point average. Don Larson, 6-6 junior, has excellent moves inside and averages 11.9.

Gering (16-3) — Young club with only one senior, guard Chad Hilyard. Junior Rodney Randall, 6-5 center, is only

Mount Michael Defense Traps Seward

By Lee Barfknecht

World-Herald Staff Writer

Lincoln — For the third straight year, the Class B boys high school championship basketball game will include Elkhorn Mt. Michael.

The seventh-ranked Knights, champions in 1983 and runners-up in 1984, advanced to the 1985 title game with a 48-36 upset of No. 2 Seward on Friday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

There was no secret to how 21-2 Mt. Michael gave Seward its first loss in 24 games. The Knights used their 1-3-1 zone defense to hold the Bluejays to 16 points in the second half.

"They play good defense, and everybody knows it," Seward Coach Rod Felix said.

But knowing about it didn't mean Seward could do anything about it.

"We thought their two guards were their scorers," Mt. Michael Coach Jim Kane said. "So if you notice, we came out high and trapped hard, hoping to make them go to the corner."

Seward noticed — the hard way.

"We were getting our guards caught down there and eating the ball," Felix

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said. "That will take you out of your offense."

Through the first half, Seward matched Mt. Michael with a sagging defense of its own. The Bluejays held Knight center Doug Wemhoff, who had 37 points Thursday, to nine in the first two quarters as the teams fought to a 20-20 tie.

Late in the third quarter, the 6-foot-5 Wemhoff got some shots.

"We quit trying to be so fancy," Kane said. "We were trying to do four or five different things. So we just kind of started to power it in there."

Wemhoff scored with 1:41 left in the third quarter to give Mt. Michael a 28-27 lead.

Then to start the fourth quarter, the senior scored twice in three possessions as the Knights broke out to a 34-27 advantage.

"He's the best player I've seen in Class B," Felix said. "He's got that nice soft shot. If you can't keep the ball out of his hands, he's going to score."

With the lead and the ball going into Wemhoff, who finished with 21 points, Mt. Michael drew 13 fouls in the fourth quarter. The Knights made 14 of 21 free throws to keep Seward from making a run.

Seward was hampered in trying to guard Wemhoff when 6-5 center Doug Lindner, the Bluejays' second-leading scorer, drew three fouls in the game's first four minutes. The junior missed the rest of the first half and finished with just 10 points.

"We were glad to get him out of there," Kane said. "He's tough for us to handle."

But Felix didn't use that for an excuse.

"Doug would have helped us on the boards," he said. "But they took our inside game completely away."

Seward.....8 12 7 9-36
Elkhorn Mt. Michael.....14 6 8 20-48
S—Roll 1-2 1-2 3, Wullenwaber 2-13 4-4 8, Goldsmith 3-6 1-2 7, Lindner 4-5 2-4 10, Hansen 3-9 0-0 6, Lindquist 0-2 0-0 0, Haase 0-2 0-0 0, Russell 0-0 0-0 0, Nordmeyer 1-1 0-0 2, Oetting 0-0 0-0 0, Ringler 0-0 0-0 0, Ortlieb 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 14-40 8-12 36.
E—J. Noble 4-11 5-11 13, Kinney 3-7 4-6 10, Beringer 1-4 0-1 2, Sojka 0-1 2-2 2, Wemhoff 8-15 5-8 21, McCluskey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 16-38 16-28 48.
Team fouls — Seward 22, Mount Michael MM 11.
Rebounds — Seward 30 (Lindner 7), Mount Michael 27 (Wemhoff 9). Turnovers — Seward 18, Mount Michael 15. Field-goal percentage — Seward 35.0, Mount Michael 42.1.

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Larry Porter's selections in bold type. First round: 23 right, 1 wrong. Second round: 10 right, 2 wrong. Tourney total: 33 right, 3 wrong.

Results Friday

CLASS A	
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Games Today

At Sports Center	
CLASS A	
9 p.m.—Omaha NW (22-2).....	vs. Lincoln East (21-2)
CLASS B	
7 p.m.—Elkhorn MM (21-2).....	vs. Valentine (22-2)
CLASS C-1	
Noon—Bayard (25-0).....	vs. Arlington (24-0)
CLASS C-2	
10 a.m.—Grant (23-1).....	vs. Scribner (16-6)
CLASS D-1	
5 p.m.—McCool Jct. (23-0).....	vs. Elmwood (20-4)
CLASS D-2	
2 p.m.—Clearwater (18-5).....	vs. Hildreth (20-2)

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Class B FIRST ROUND

10 a.m. at Sports Center — WAYNE (18-2) over ELKHORN MT. MICHAEL (19-2) — A tourney eye-opener matching the most successful team in the state the last eight years in Mt. Michael, against the most successful state tournament coach the last six years in Wayne's Bob Uhing, who won three titles in six years at Hartington Cedar Catholic. EMM's Doug Wemhoff is one of the best, but outside shooting has been sporadic and depth is questionable. Wayne's balance could be the difference.

Noon at Sports Center — SEWARD (21-0) over YORK (17-5) — This is a good rivalry. Seward didn't expect to be unbeaten at this point but has found the right formula, led by Doug Lindner and Matt Wullenwaber. York's John Seigel is tough to stop. Seward won two earlier meetings between the two teams and should get a third.

7 p.m. at Pershing — VALENTINE (20-1) over GERING (16-3) — Valentine has lost only to Columbus Lakeview in a holiday tournament in Columbus. 6-7 Greg Vanderbeek leads the way with 17.8 ppg and 11.6 rebounds per game. Gering starts three juniors, a sophomore and a senior, but has lost only to Class A entry Scottsbluff since Dec. 1.

9 p.m. at Pershing — MINDEN (19-0) over AUBURN (16-4) — Minden is back at state after a 10-year absence and the top-ranked Whippets are the most-balanced team in the tourney with five starters averaging in double figures. Auburn went to the state tournament only in 1968, but this year's entry could make up for lost time. Four Auburn starters can dunk the ball and they could surprise the Class B field.

SEMIFINALS

Friday 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. at Sports Center — Seward over Wayne; Minden over Valentine.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 7 p.m. at Sports Center — Minden over Seward. Longshot special — Elkhorn Mt. Michael.

IVIT. Michael outlasts Wayne; Seward handles York again

By Mike Babcock
of The Lincoln Star

For Elkhorn Mount Michael, the third time was a charm.

For York, it wasn't.

That's why second-ranked and undefeated Seward will play sixth-ranked Mount Michael, 20-2, in the semifinals of the Class B Boys State High School Basketball Tournament at 2 p.m. Friday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Seward advanced by defeating unranked York for the third time this season, 40-32, in Thursday's opening round at the Sports Center.

Earlier, Mount Michael needed three overtimes to eliminate seventh-ranked Wayne from the tournament, 58-53.

Doug Wernhoff scored 37 points and grabbed 16 rebounds to boost Mount Michael into the semifinals.

"I'm getting too old for this," said Knights' head Coach Jim Kane.

SEWARD COACH ROD Felix must have felt a little older after watching his Bluejays score 12 points in the first half and shoot 35 percent from the field for the game against York.

Still, Felix was understanding.

"It's the opener, and they were nervous," he said.

Doug Lindner, a 6-5 junior, did a good job of hiding his nervousness, finishing with 14 points and 14 rebounds in Seward's 23rd straight victory.

The Bluejays beat York 44-34 and 56-



Class B

43 during the regular season.

"Everybody says it gets easier the third time, but that's a lot of baloney," York Coach Tim Pehrson said.

"If it's not a good team, that's a different story. But it's just as tough to beat a team like Seward the third time."

Felix compared Thursday's game to the teams' first meeting in the finals of the Central Conference tournament.

York led at halftime of that game, 22-15, something Felix discussed with his players at halftime Thursday.

The Bluejays trailed 15-12.

"I told 'em they were down more than this in the conference tournament," said Felix.

The law of averages finally caught up with York. Midway through the third quarter, Seward's shots started to drop.

Guards Matt Wullenwaber and Mike Roll warmed up, and the Bluejays hit 11 of their final 16 shots.

Roll scored nine points, seven of them in the fourth quarter, and Wullenwaber finished with eight points.

YORK'S LEADING SCORER was Dan Smith with 10 points. Corey Hedrick pulled down nine rebounds for the Dukes, who finish with a 17-6 record.

Half of those losses were to Seward, and "we played 'em the same way three times," Pehrson said.

"Our defense has never been the problem against them. Where we got killed was offensively. They didn't give us any second and third shots.

"I can't remember getting more than one or two the whole game."

Seward's Micky Goldsmith struggled offensively, but the 6-2 senior helped Lindner control the boards.

York's first shots weren't dropping, which compounded the problem, and the Dukes contributed to their own demise by committing 22 turnovers.

"These two teams have played better basketball than this," said Felix.

Mount Michael almost didn't get a third chance at Wayne in Thursday's first game at the Sports Center.

Wayne's Rod Dahl had two free throws with no time remaining in regulation and the Blue Devils trailing 44-43.

The 6-8 senior, who scored 17 points and pulled down 13 rebounds before fouling out in the third overtime, missed the first free throw but sank the second to send the game into overtime.

"To put anybody in the world up there in that situation and ask him to make two free throws is tough," Kane said. "It's a lot to ask."

-WAYNE FACED A similar situation with three seconds remaining in the Turn to: Seward, Page 21

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first overtime. Lon Larsen, who finished with 16 points, hit the second of two free throws to tie the game at 47.

Mount Michael's final 10 points were free throws; the Knights won by hitting 7-of-10 in the third overtime.

Wayne, which finishes 18-3, had three players in double-figure scoring.

In addition to Dahl and Larsen, junior Brent Pick scored with 14 points, eight of them in the overtimes.

Their combined efforts, however, weren't sufficient to offset the play of Wernhoff, who was 15-of-21 from the field and 7-of-8 from the free throw line.

"Doug's just a hell of a player," said Kane. "He's been doing that all year."

Class B

ELKHORN MM 58, WAYNE 53, 3 OT

Wayne 10 9 8 17 3 2 4 — 53
Elkhorn MM 10 14 8 12 3 2 9 — 58
Wayne — Lueders 3-8 0-0 6, Gross 0-3 0-0 0, Pick 7-21 0-2 14, Larsen 7-12 2-5 16, Dahl 5-14 7-10 17, Hausmann 0-2 0-0 0, Urwiler 0-0 0-0 0, Warne 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-50 9-17 53.
Elkhorn Mt. Michael — Noble 2-10 2-4 6, Kinney 0-3 0-0 0, Beringer 3-7 1-2 7, Soika 2-7 0-2 4, Wernhoff 15-21 7-8 37, McClellan 0-0 4-4 4, McCluskey 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 22-49 14-20 58.

Total fouls — Wayne 19, Elkhorn MM 15. Fouled out — Dahl, Kinney. Rebounds — Wayne 39 (Dahl 13), Elkhorn MM 34 (Wernhoff 16). Turnovers — Wayne 18, Elkhorn MM 14.

SEWARD 40, YORK 32

York 8 7 5 12 — 32
Seward 16 6 14 14 — 40
York — Smith 5-7 0-0 10, Hedrick 2-7 1-3 5, Gocke 3-3 0-0 6, Seigel 1-7 2-2 4, Lind 1-3 1-2 3, Hinkle 1-4 2-2 4, Schrader 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 13-32 6-9 32.
Seward — Roll 4-9 1-2 9, Wullenwaber 4-13 0-1 8, Goldsmith 2-8 1-2 5, Lindner 6-11 2-2 14, Hansen 1-5 0-3 2, Russell 0-3 0-0 0, Lindquist 1-2 0-0 2, Haase 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-51 4-10 40.

Total fouls — York 12, Seward 11. Fouled out — none. Technicals — none. Rebounds — York 29 (Hedrick 9), Seward 32 (Lindner 14). Turnovers — York 22, Seward 14.

VALENTINE 44, GERING 37

Valentine 8 11 14 11 — 44
Gering 9 10 7 11 — 37

Totals 13-52 12-25 58.

Arlington — Greunke 7-13 0-2 14, Brainard 2-5 0-1 4, Graver 7-18 0-2 14, Swanson 2-6 1-5 5, Krueger 4-8 1-6 9, Mentzer 1-5 3-4 5, Satter 2-4 0-0 4, B. Grefe 1-2 0-0 2, Green 0-0 0-0 0, Walkenhorst 0-1 1-2 1, Gnuse 0-1 0-0 0, M. Grefe 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-64 6-22 58.

Total fouls — Osmond 19, Arlington 22. Fouled out — Daly, Swanson, Krueger. Technicals — none. Rebounds — Osmond 47 (Schmit, Buchanan 16), Arlington 51 (Swanson 10). Turnovers — Osmond 29, Arlington 19.

Valentine plays with heart, but EMM tough

By DENNY FUEHRER
Sports Editor

LINCOLN — Elkhorn Mount Michael returned to the Class B throne of the Nebraska HS boys' state basketball tournament here Saturday night, but (pardon the pun) give the runner-up Valentine Badgers credit as the "team with all the heart."

Despite playing minus three regulars from a month ago, Lynn Moeller's sandhills bunch gave Jim Kane's kings fits for the entire championship run before bowing shamelessly, 53-46. "In my mind, they're champions. They're just great kids," losing coach Moeller said of his Badgers while trying in vain to hold back some dampness around the eyes.

Mount Michael players were quick to agree Valentine was no slouch. "I'd hate to play them healthy," some of the Knights were overheard saying.

Elkhorn MM went into Saturday night's showdown opposite Valentine as the No. 7-rated "B" club in Nebraska; Valentine owned No. 3 on some charts (behind unbeaten Seward and Minden) and was No. 1 in the Daily News' Northeast Nebraska Top 10. But the Badgers had earned

their position with three other starters in the lineup. Halfway through Friday's semifinal win over Auburn, the final straw was broken for Moeller when his 6-7 postman, Greg Vanderbeek, went down with a severely sprained ankle.

He was on crutches Saturday at courtside, lending his moral support. "Oh, there were some little things that went wrong for us," Moeller analyzed following the loss. "But these guys gave a super effort. Our easy shots — even layups — wouldn't stay in the hole," he complained.

Even then, Valentine had its moments in the contest. Like the first eight minutes when the teams took their first rest stop with VHS in front 13-10. But three free throws — all by Kevin Pettigrew — was all the offense the losers could muster in the second stanza, and the 0-for-6 shooting (field goals) Badgers fell behind 23-16 at the intermission. The two teams played even the rest of the way, even though Valentine made several serious runs at Kane's Knights.

"I had a feeling they'd (Valentine) play like that with their star missing," said Kane. "They were really

inspired, but we had this one coming after what happened to us last year." Kane was referring to the loss of his star point guard, Jim Mayberger, to injury before facing Hartington Cedar Catholic (and losing) in the championship game. In the past three years, EMM has been champ twice and runnerup on the third occasion.

In the first 2½ minutes of the second half VHS outscored the victors 10-4 to close the deficit to one (26-27) and the Badgers were down only 32-35 late in the period before all-stater Doug Wemhoff came alive, along with Bob Beringer, for the final four points of the quarter, 32-39.

VHS closed that to 39-41, 41-43 and 43-45 in the fourth canto, but that's as close as the westerners could come.

"The key for us was we had to be the aggressor," Moeller felt. "We wanted to attack Wemhoff and we almost got the job done." What difference would Vanderbeek have made in there, coach?

"I don't think they (EMM) could control both (Vanderbeek and Rich Lutter) of them. You're talking about 18 points and 11 rebounds per game — that's hard to get along without," said Moeller. "But my two defensive tackles (Pettigrew, Brice Sunderland) did a heckuva job filling in tonight."

And what about Valentine's basketball future, coach? "I'll tell ya," said Moeller, "I've got three good basketball players coming back. If they put in as much time and effort as these seniors did, we'll be back here again, but I wouldn't trade this team for any team down here," he concluded.

Wemhoff, of course, was the key to EMM's win with 26 points, while Sunderland canned 17 for the Badgers. Mount Michael made good on 43 percent of its shots (24-56) and VHS hit 46 percent (18-39). Mount Michael really beat Moeller's club on the boards with Vanderbeek missing, 38-24. Wemhoff grabbed 16. Turnovers favored EMM, 15-18.

So, the champs conclude a 22-2 campaign, the same mark for Valentine, which lost only to the Knights after a Holiday tourney loss to Lakeview.

Score by quarters:
Valentine 13 3 16 14 - 46
Elkhorn MM 10 13 16 14 - 53

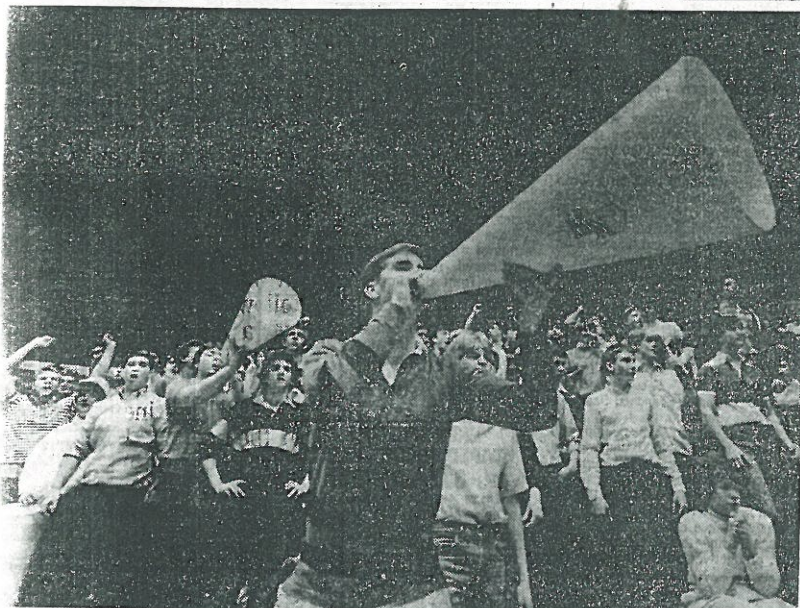
Valentine scoring
Rich Bracha 6; Mike Nieuwenhuis 9; Rich Lutter 7; Brice Sunderland 17; Kevin Pettigrew 7.

Elkhorn MM scoring
John Noble 10; Bob Beringer 13; John Sojka 4; Doug Wemhoff 26.

Boys' state results

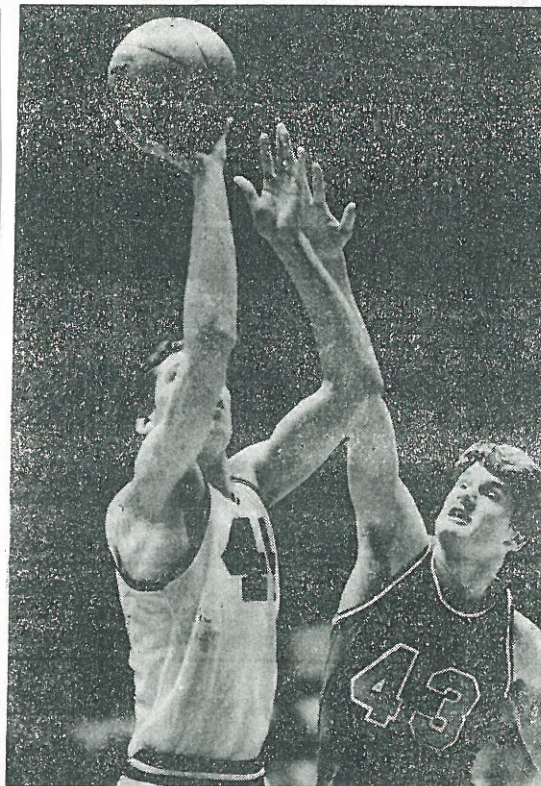
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Nebraska Boys Basketball Tournament



Paul Foral leads the cheers for Mount Michael . . . There was plenty to cheer about in three-overtime thriller against Wayne.

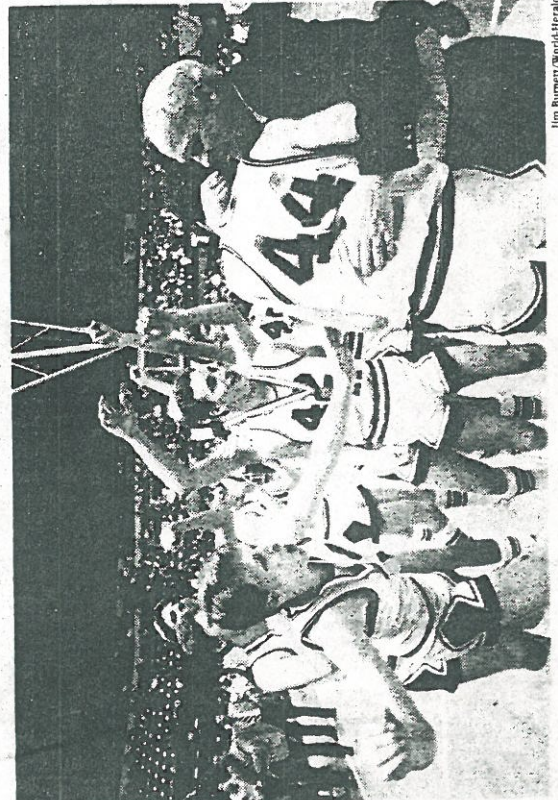
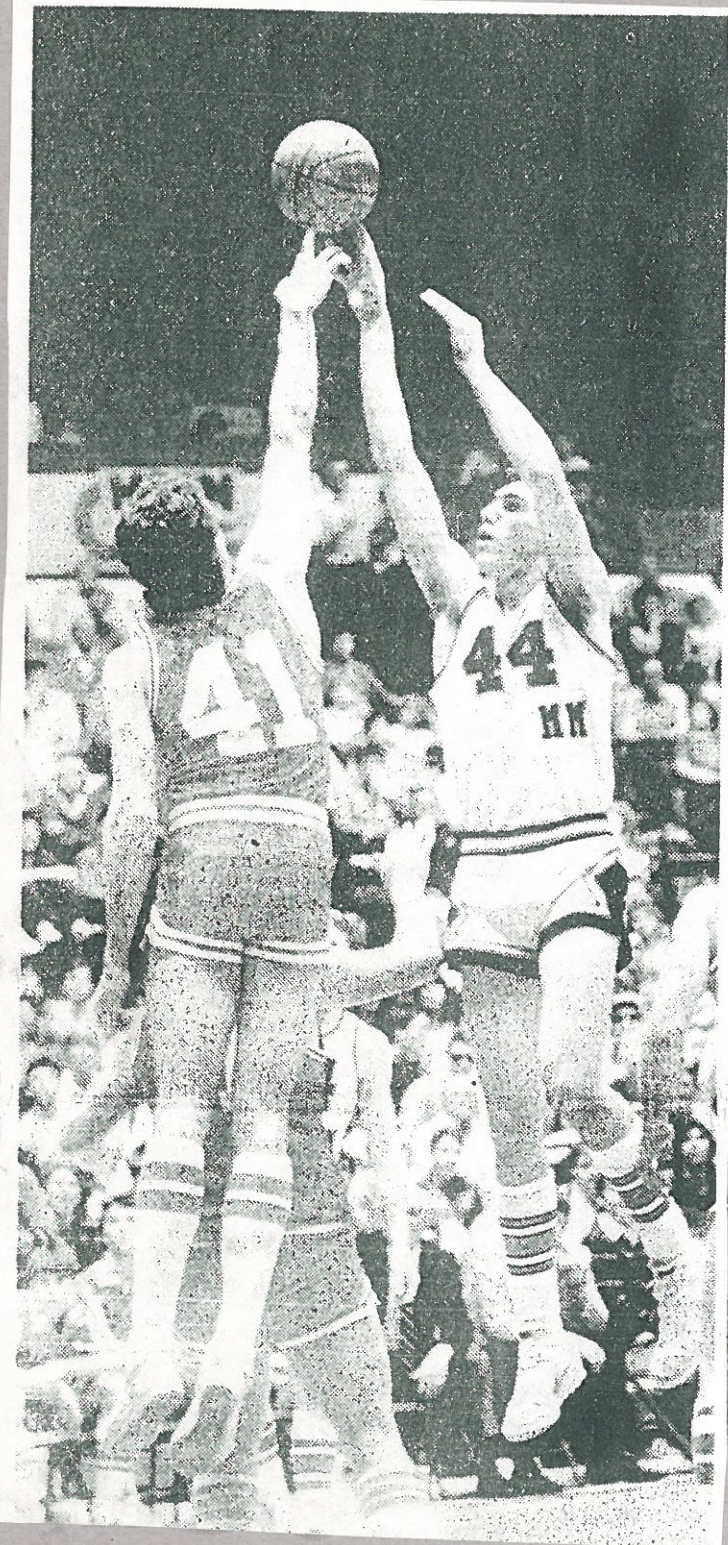
Mount Michael Advances in 3 OTs



Doug Wemhoff shoots as Wayne's Brent Pick defends . . . "Wemhoff is outstanding," Wayne Coach Bob Uhing said after the Mount Michael player scored 37 points in the first-round game.

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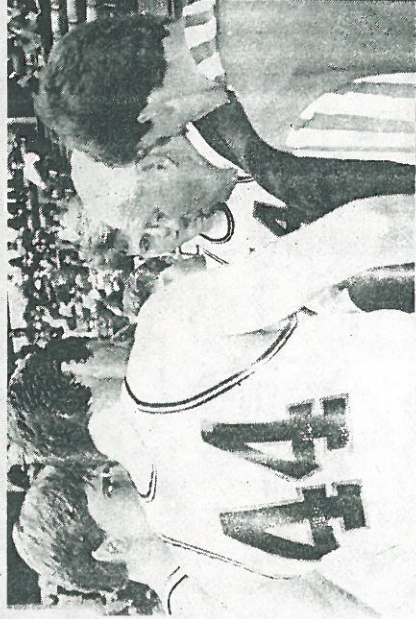
Player	School	Points
Steve Brugman	Lincoln East	6-5
Darrick Helms	Omaha Burke	5-8
Milton Shobe	Omaha Burke	6-2
Doug Wemhoff	Elkhorn Mt. Michael	6-5
Steve Brugman	Lincoln East	6-5
Darrick Helms	Omaha Burke	5-8
Milton Shobe	Omaha Burke	6-2
Rodney Hall	Omaha Northwest	5-9
Red Dahl	Wayne	6-6
John Fabry	Academy	6-5
Doug Wemhoff	Elkhorn Mt. Michael	6-5



Return Trip More Satisfying for Mount Michael
Elkhorn Mount Michael Coach Jim Uhing says Saturday's 53-46 win over Valentine helped the Knights return to the state finals less than a year ago.

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Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane gives his players some pointers during a time-out. Kane has led the Knights to an outstanding 164-19 record the last eight years.

KNIGHTS CONQUER CLASS B

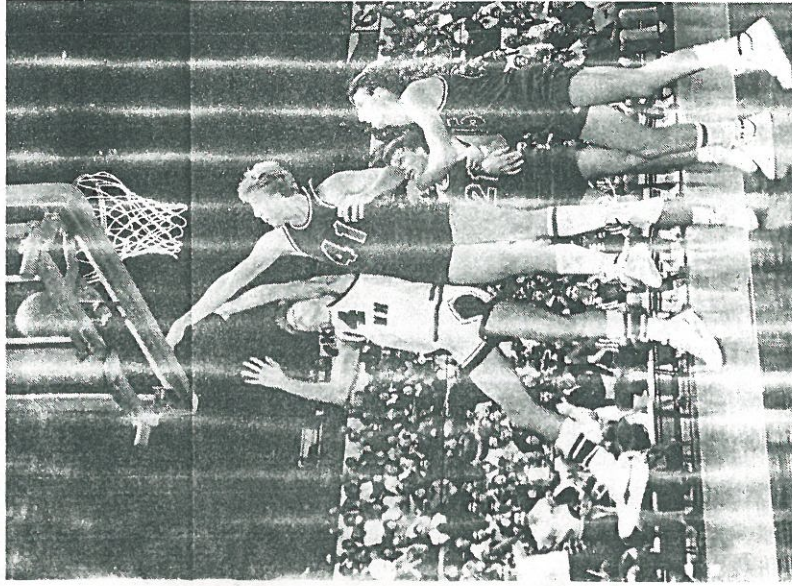
Elkhorn Mount Michael captured the Class B state championship for the second time in the last three years by beating Valentine 53-46 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln last Saturday night.

Knight center Doug Wemhoff, a 6-5 senior, gunned in 26 points in the title game, bringing his three-game tourney total to 84. Wemhoff's scintillating performance earned him a spot on the All-Tournament Team, along with four Class A players.

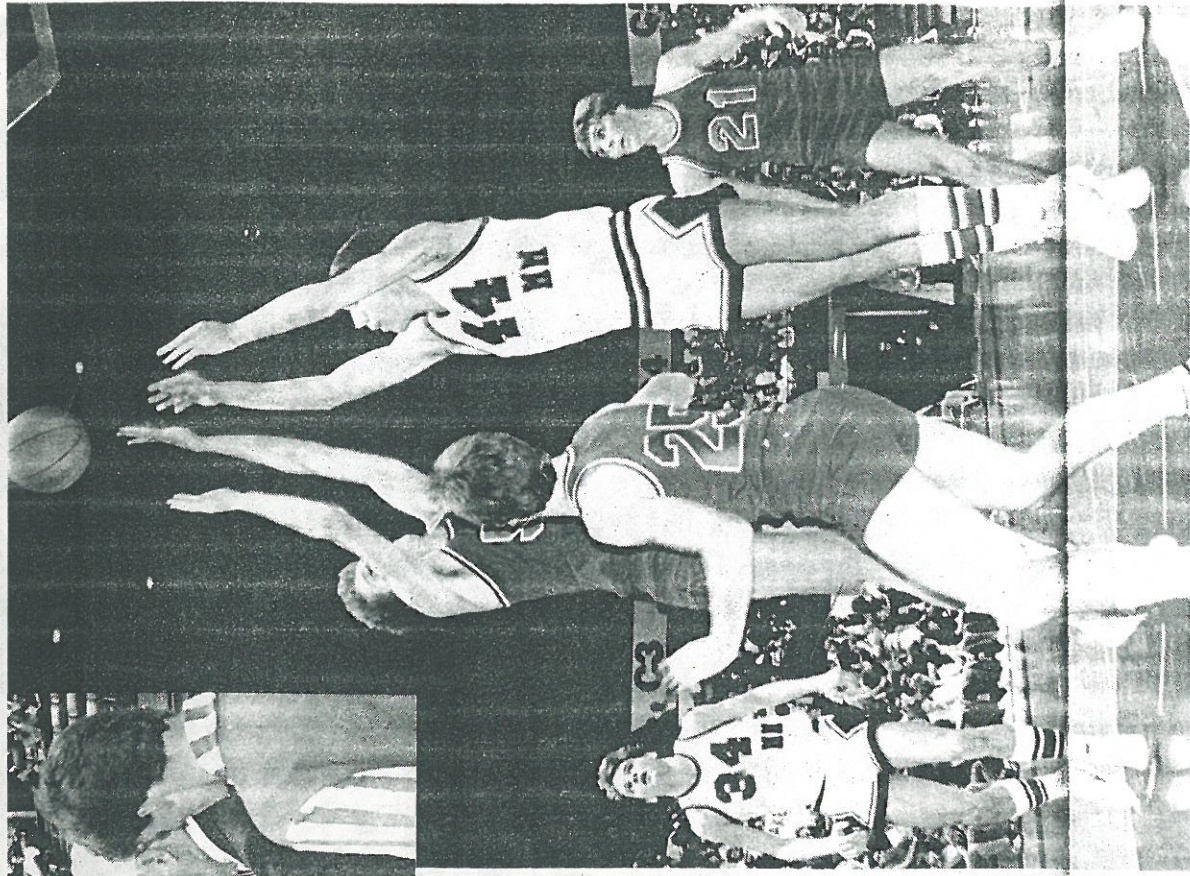
Mount Michael, 22-2, defeated Wayne (58-53) and Seward (48-36) in the state tourney's preliminary rounds. The Knights were runners-up in last year's state tournament, losing to Harrington Cedar Catholic in the finals.

In Class C-2 competition, O'Neill St. Mary fell to Scribner 71-61 in the opening round.

TVC Photos by Charlie Wieser



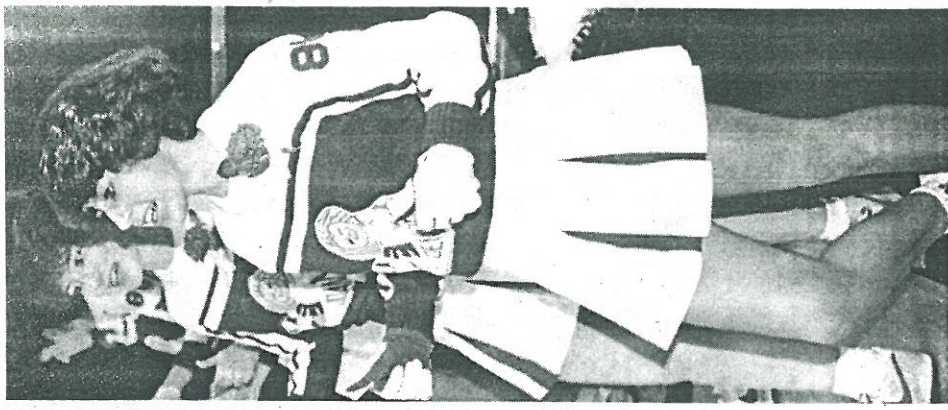
Knight John Sojka, a 6-foot forward, battles under the boards with Wayne's Jeff Hausmann (41).



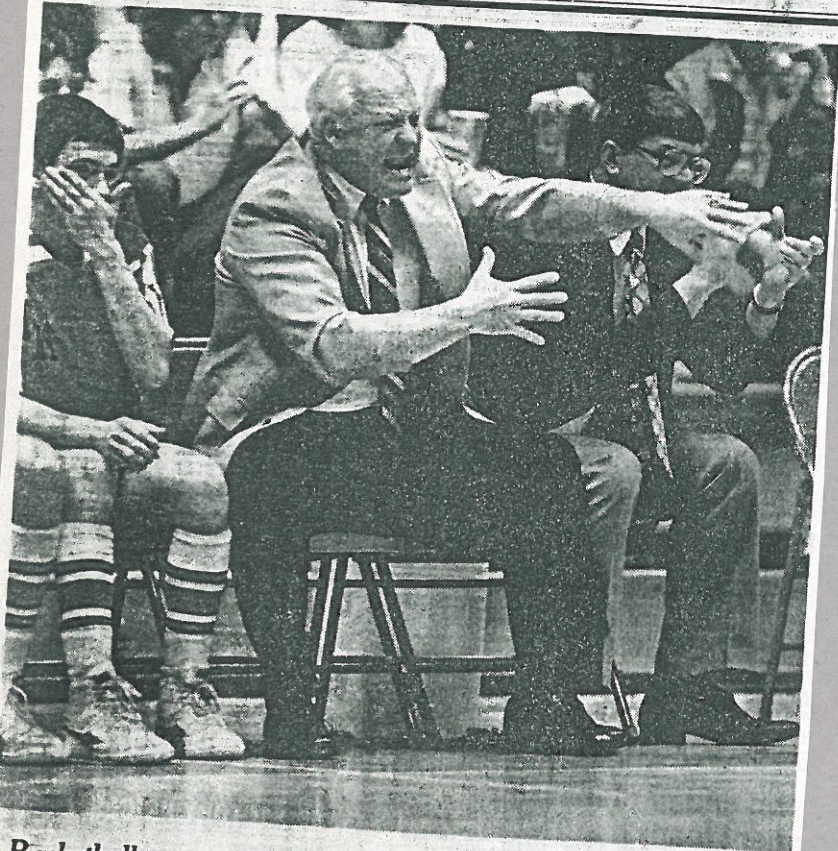
Mount Michael's Doug Wemhoff (44) pumps in two of his 37 points in the Knights' 58-53 triple-overtime victory over Wayne during the opening round of the state tournament. Wemhoff, a 6-5 senior center, led his team to the Class B championship by scoring 84 points in the three-game tourney.



O'Neill St. Mary fans (above) and cheerleaders (far right) enthusiastically supported their team, but the Cardinals' hopes were dashed in the first round of the C-2 state tourney after faking out Scribner's Daryl Poppe (44).



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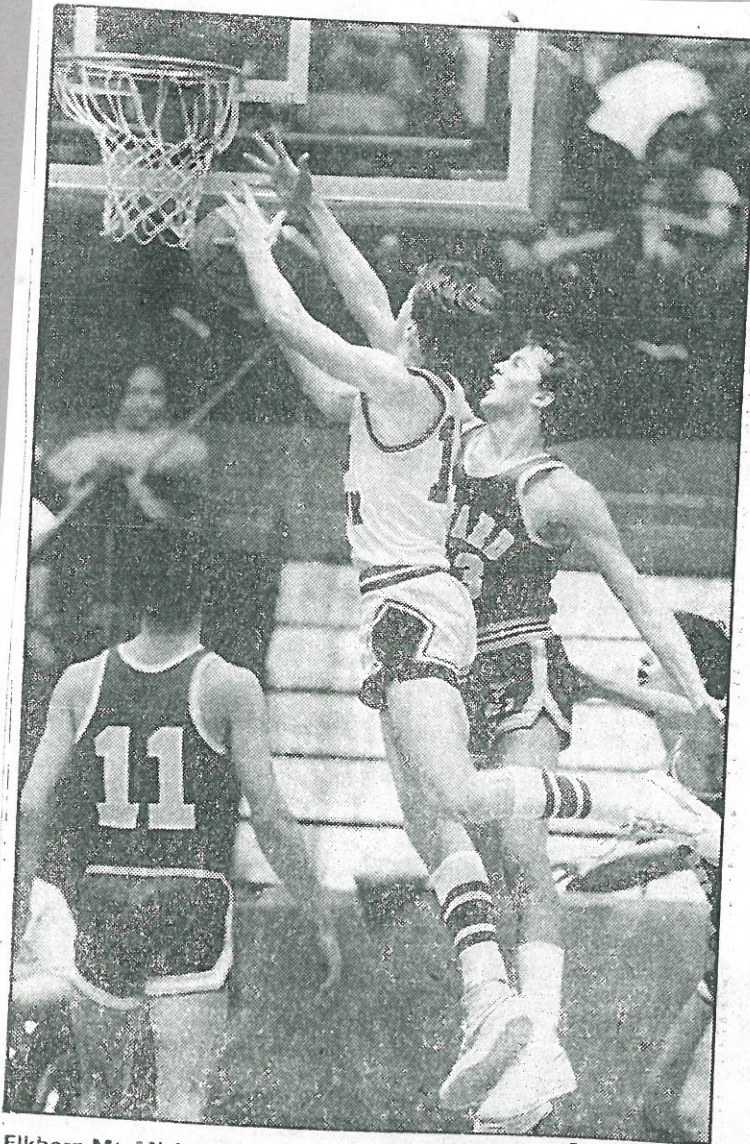
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Basketball: It's Something To Shout About

Elkhorn Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane yells instructions to his team Friday in the semifinals at the Nebraska boys state basketball tournament in Lincoln. Kane's team defeated Seward 48-36 to advance to today's finals. Coverage of the tournament begins in Sports, Page 21.

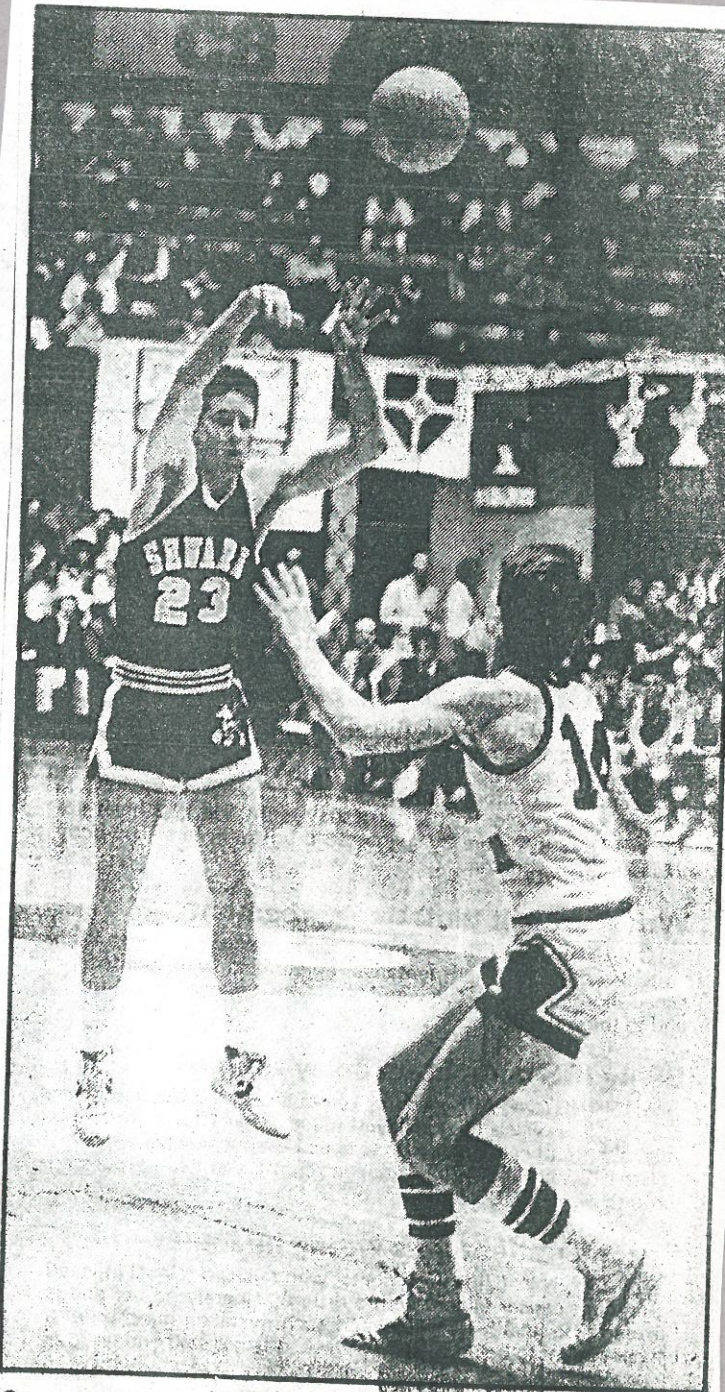
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Elkhorn Mt. Michael's John Kinney goes in for a layup as Seward's Mike Nordmeyer (13) defends.



Randy Hampton/Lincoln Star

Seward's Micky Goldsmith passes inside over defender John Kinney of Elkhorn Mt. Michael. Mt. Michael won the game 48-36.

'Feed Wemhoff' Plan Buoys Mount Michael

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — Jim "Killer" Kane had a little chat with his players late in the season after Elkhorn Mount Michael lost two straight basketball games for the first time in nine years.

"I told them they had to remember who had taken them to the dance," Kane said. "I told them after those two losses that we had to get the ball into Doug Wemhoff."

The Knights obeyed, as they always do. Kane brooks no nonsense. There is no room for freelancing on his club.

The result was an emotion-packed march to the Class B state championship. Mount Michael's final four victories came against teams that had a combined record of 83-4 before losing to the Knights.

Kane 'Steals' One

"We beat Blair in the district finals, then Wayne, Seward and Valentine," Kane said. "We took on the best in the state and we beat them all.

"I'm so proud of this bunch. They over-achieved their ability. I've never been happier in my life because I think I stole one this year.

"You take the top 10 teams in the Class B ratings, bring them to Lincoln for a tournament and we might finish out of the money. Talent-wise, we might be the worst of the bunch.

"But God touched us. We just win. I know a lot of teams think they're better than we are. I've had three or four teams that were better than this bunch.

"Everybody knows how disciplined we are. We have a secret society. Everyone who goes to Mount Michael loves each other. Those who played in the past aren't envious of those who win something now. It isn't like that at a lot of schools."

164-19 Over 8 Years

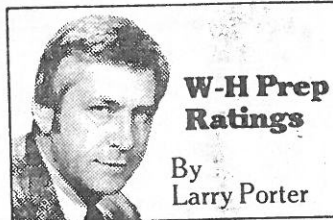
Kane is a flamboyant, colorful coach who to outsiders may appear to coach by intimidation. He says he sometimes gets into trouble by saying what he believes. But the results are impressive.

"I feel so good from the standpoint of the level of basketball at our place," Kane said. "We're 164-19 over the last eight years and five of those losses were in the state tournament. I'm not talking about Jim Kane. I'm talking about Mount Michael. I'm just happy with the type of kids we have."

There is a paper-thin difference between the Knights and the rest of the teams that are in The World-Herald's final ratings.

Second-ranked Wayne lost a first-round tourney battle to Mount Michael in what is believed to be the second three-overtime affair in state tourney history. Gibbon defeated Stanton 78-75 in three overtimes in the first round of the 1963 Class C tourney.

No. 3 Valentine, which won the admiration of everyone in the state for the way it performed in the face of ad-



**W-H Prep
Ratings**

By
Larry Porter

Final Class B

	W	L	On. Avg.	Def. Avg.
1. Elkhorn M.M.	22	2	64	42
2. Wayne	18	3	58	45
3. Valentine	22	2	64	44
4. West Point	20	2	69	54
5. Blair	20	2	62	48
6. Seward	23	1	54	38
7. Auburn	18	5	58	45
8. Minden	19	1	65	45
9. Col. Lakeview	16	6	57	50
10. Gering	16	4	59	52

versity, lost to the Knights 53-46 in the finals. The game was closer than the score indicated.

Blair Fifth

West Point did not reach the state tournament, but still wound up fourth. The Cadets split a pair of two-point verdicts with Wayne — winning during the season and losing in the district finals 60-58.

Fifth-ranked Blair defeated Mount Michael during the season and then lost to the Knights in the district finals. Blair's other loss was to Class C-1 king Arlington, which also defeated Mount Michael.

Sixth-ranked Seward and No. 8 Minden each suffered their first loss in the state tourney. But they can't fit in higher than the teams ahead of them.

Auburn, unranked before the state tourney, slipped into seventh ahead of Minden after edging the Whippets 42-40 on a last-second shot in the first round.

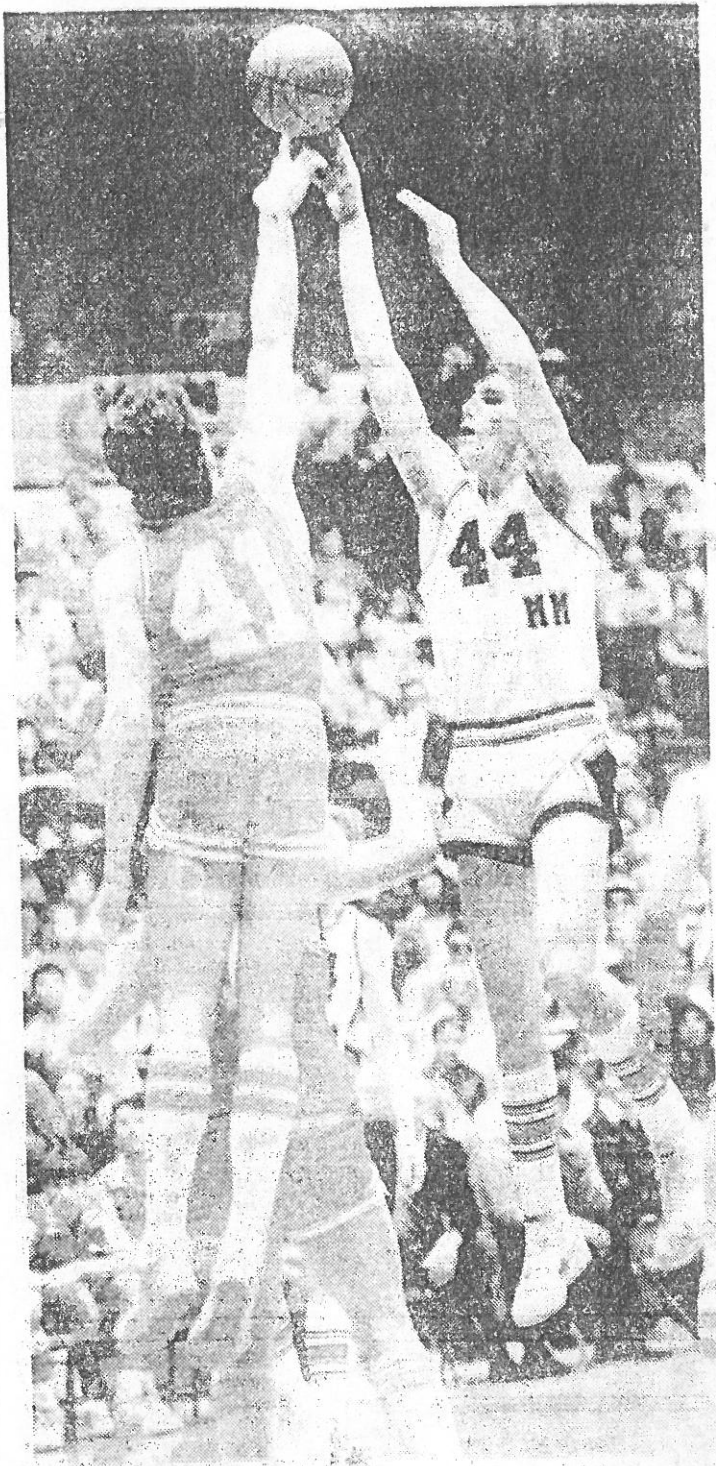
Columbus Lakeview, the only team to beat Valentine during the season, is ninth. Lakeview clipped the Badgers 58-56 during its holiday tourney. Lakeview also lost to Wayne 50-46 during district play.

Illness Hobbled Wayne

Gering fills out the ratings at No. 10. The Bulldogs lost a seven-point decision to Valentine in the state tourney. It also lost twice to the Top 10's No. 7 Scottsbluff and to Torrington, Wyo. Gering ended its regular season with a victory over Torrington.

Several what-ifs crop up when the final ratings are studied. Wayne, for instance, was hobbled by sickness. Two starters had strep throat and congested lungs when they played that marathon against Mount Michael.

Valentine Coach Lynn Moeller suspended two starters 10 days before the start of district play for drinking. The Badgers then lost 6-foot-7 Greg Vanderbeek midway through their semifinal game with Auburn because of a sprained ankle.



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Wemhoff Helps Mount Michael to No. 1

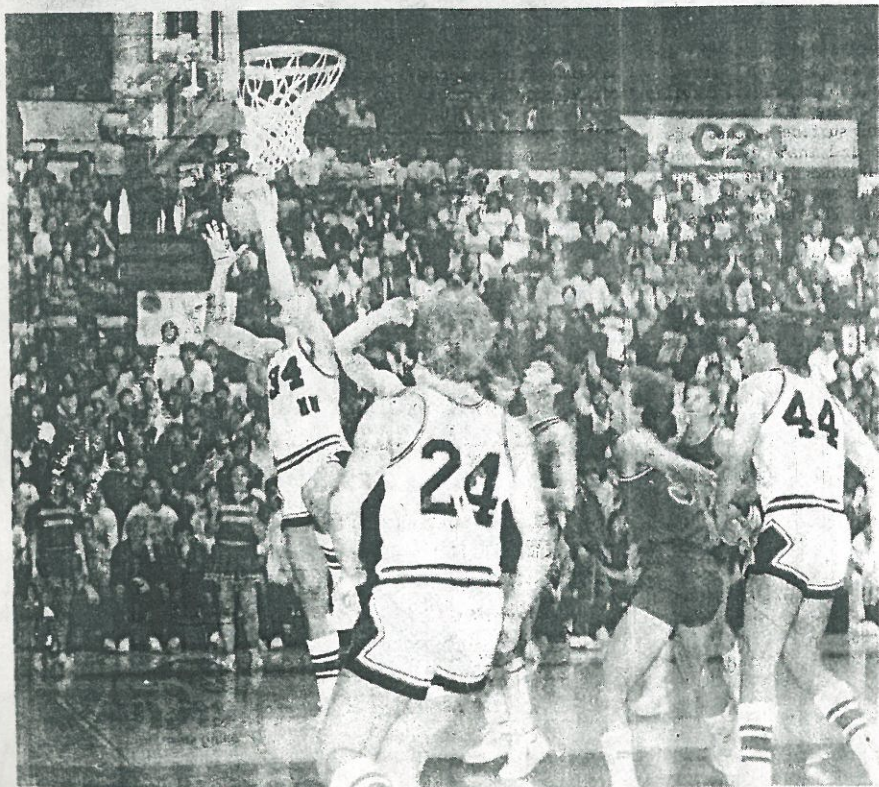
Coach Jim "Killer" Kane's advice to "get the ball into Doug Wemhoff" helped pull Elkhorn Mount Michael out of a two-loss slump and set the course to the Nebraska boys basketball tournament Class B championship. Here,

Richard Lutter, left, of Valentine and Wemhoff reach for the ball in the state tournament final. Mount Michael won 53-46. Today, Mount Michael ranks No. 1 in the final World-Herald Class B ratings. **Story on Page 27.**

A State Championship Revisited



There's little doubt about who this crowd was for - the Mt. Michael Knights!



John Sojka controls the ball in the triple overtime victory over Wayne, the Knights' tournament-opening game. Looking on are Bob Beringer (24) and Doug Wemhoff (44).

70 Blair
41 Roncalli
80 Elkhorn
70 O. St. Joe
60 Hooper LV
47 Boys Town
35 Bennington
69 Mt. Michael

B-2

75 Seward
36 Raymond Central
83 Ashland
69 Gretna
71 DC Aquinas
37 Waverly
57 S. Platteview
45 Plattsmouth

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Auburn (BYE)
54 Crete
49 Falls City
63 Syracuse
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51 Nebraska City
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48 Schuyler
67 Col Lakeview
51 Hartington CC
54 Wayne
41 Col. Scotus

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60 Wood River
47 Hastings AC
54 Aurora
47 Grand Island NW
72 Superior
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Valentine (BYE)
76 Ord
66 St. Paul,
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34 Loup City

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72 Minden
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38 Cozad
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51 Lexington
53 Ogallala
55 Imperial
69 Gothenburg

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54 Sidney
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42 Ogallala

56 Gering
51 Gordon

Mt. Michael (4)

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Minden (1)

Gering (6)

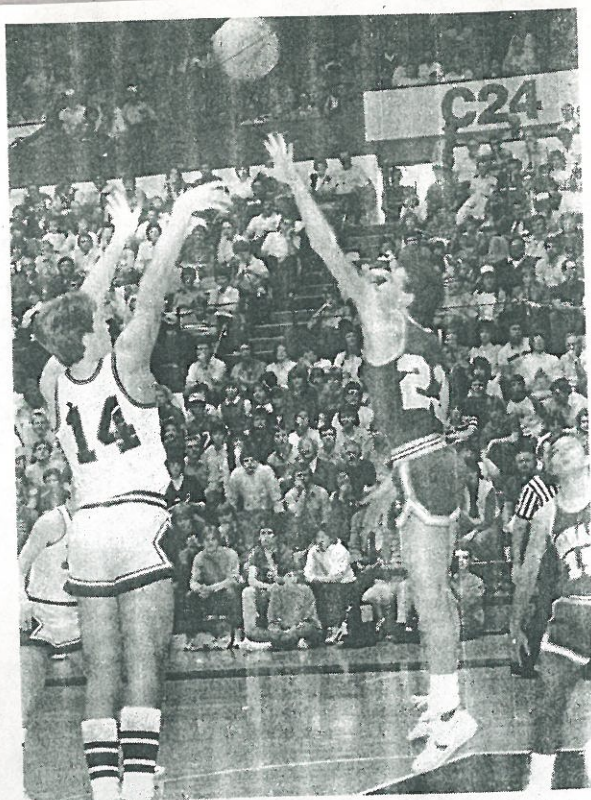
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John Kinney launches a shot over the outstretched hand of a Seward player in semifinal action.



John Noble eyes the hoop on a free throw attempt against Seward.

Photos by Joe
Whitmore & Fr.
Charles Zach

Congratulations
Mt. Michael
Class B Champs!!

1985 BOYS' STATE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

CLASS A BOYS

Games 1-7 at Bob Devaney Sports Center

MILLARD NORTH (11-10)

Game 1
Date: March 7
Time: 2:00 P.M.

OMAHA NORTHWEST (20-2)

FREMONT (16-3)

Game 2
Date: March 7
Time: 5:00 P.M.

SCOTTSBLUFF (14-4)

LINCOLN EAST (19-2)

Game 3
Date: March 7
Time: 7:00 P.M.

OMAHA NORTH (17-5)

GRAND ISLAND (14-7)

Game 4
Date: March 7
Time: 9:00 P.M.

OMAHA BURKE (20-2)

CLASS B BOYS

Games 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7 at Bob Devaney Sports Center
Games 3 and 4 at Pershing Auditorium

ELKHORN MT. MICHAEL (19-2)

Game 1
Date: March 7
Time: 10:00 A.M.

WAYNE (18-2)

SEWARD (21-0)

Game 2
Date: March 7
Time: 12:00 Noon

YORK (17-5)

GERING (16-3)

Game 3
Date: March 7
Time: 7:00 P.M.

VALENTINE (20-1)

MINDEN (19-0)

Game 4
Date: March 7
Time: 9:00 P.M.

AUBURN (16-4)

Game 5

Date: March 8
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Game 7

Date: March 9
Time: 7:00 P.M.

Game 6

Date: March 8
Time: 5:00 P.M.

CLASS C1 BOYS

Games 1-4 at Pershing Auditorium
Games 5-7 at Bob Devaney Sports Center

BATTLE CREEK (18-3)

Game 1
Date: March 7
Time: 10:00 A.M.

DAVID CITY (19-4)

MADISON (11-10)

Game 2
Date: March 7
Time: 12:00 Noon

BAYARD (23-0)

ARLINGTON (22-0)

Game 3
Date: March 7
Time: 2:00 P.M.

OSMOND (15-4)

YUTAN (18-4)

Game 4
Date: March 7
Time: 5:00 P.M.

SANDY CREEK (20-2)

CLASS C2 BOYS

Games 1-4 at Lincoln Southeast
Games 5-6 at Pershing Auditorium
Game 7 at Bob Devaney Sports Center

SHELBY (16-4)

Game 1
Date: March 7
Time: 10:00 A.M.

DORCHESTER (18-4)

GRANT (21-1)

Game 2
Date: March 7
Time: 12:00 Noon

MACY (14-7)

O'NEILL ST. MARY (18-3)

Game 3
Date: March 7
Time: 2:00 P.M.

SCRIBNER (14-6)

KEARNEY CATHOLIC (19-1)

Game 4
Date: March 7
Time: 5:00 P.M.

HENDERSON (13-6)

Game 5

Date: March 8
Time: 10:00 A.M.

Game 7

Date: March 9
Time: 10:00 A.M.

Game 6

Date: March 8
Time: 12:00 Noon

CLASS D1 BOYS

Games 1 and 2 at Lincoln High
Games 3 and 4 at Lincoln Southeast
Games 5 and 6 at Pershing Auditorium
Game 7 at Bob Devaney Sports Center

PLEASANTON (17-5)

Game 1
Date: March 7
Time: 10:00 A.M.

MAXWELL (16-4)

MCCOOL JUNCTION (21-0)

Game 2
Date: March 7
Time: 12:00 Noon

ST. EDWARD (8-10)

STERLING (21-2)

Game 3
Date: March 7
Time: 7:00 P.M.

COLERIDGE (11-8)

ELMWOOD (18-4)

Game 4
Date: March 7
Time: 9:00 P.M.

ELWOOD (15-5)

CLASS D2 BOYS

Games 1-4 at Lincoln High
Games 5 and 6 at Pershing Auditorium
Game 7 at Bob Devaney Sports Center

THEDFORD (8-9)

Game 1
Date: March 7
Time: 2:00 P.M.

CLEARWATER (17-5)

Game 2
Date: March 7
Time: 5:00 P.M.

LEBANON BEAVER VALLEY (14-3)

HILDRETH (18-2)

Game 3
Date: March 7
Time: 7:00 P.M.

LEXINGTON ST. ANN (13-5)

SNYDER (15-5)

Game 4
Date: March 7
Time: 9:00 P.M.

FILLEY (21-3)

Game 5

Date: March 8
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Game 7

Date: March 9
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Game 6

Date: March 8
Time: 5:00 P.M.

STATE TOURNAMENT WEEK 1985

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 6-7-8-9

Wednesday

7:30 pm - - - - - REGULAR EVENING STUDY HALL FOR ALL - - - - -
 9:00 pm - - - - - PEP RALLY - - - - -

Thursday

7:00 am - - - REGULAR EARLY MORNING SCHEDULE/DAILY WORK ASSIGNMENTS - - -
 8:00 am - - - STUDENT ALL BUSES DEPART FOR DEVANEY SPORTS CENTER - - -
 8:15 am - - - FACULTY BUS DEPARTS FOR DEVANEY - - -
 STUDENT BUSES WILL RETURN AFTER THE 1ST HALF OF THE SECOND GAME
 AND LUNCH IN LINCOLN. (All Students will be given \$3.00.)
 10:00 am - - - QUARTERFINAL GAME VS. WAYNE - - -
 5:30 pm DINNER AT REGULAR TIME FOR FROSH AND SOPHS. 5:45 FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS.
 7:30-8:30 pm - - - STUDY HALL FOR ALL - - -

TO BE ANNOUNCED: Intramural times
 Pep Rally time
 Titles, sites and times for movies

Students will retire at the regular time.

Friday

(NOTE: Room numbers are listed under each class.)

	FROSH	SOPHS	JUNIORS	SENIORS
7:00 am	- - - REGULAR EARLY MORNING SCHEDULE/DAILY WORK ASSIGNMENTS - - -			
8:00	Bio A/Alg B LAB #1	Eng II B/WHist A #2 #3	Phys A/Geom B LAB #4	Peace Studies TV Room (all seniors)
8:45	Bio B/Alg A LAB #1	Eng II A/WHist B #2 #3	Phys B/Geom A LAB #4	Peace Studies TV Room (all seniors)
9:30	FrI GrI SpI Lang classrooms	Chem B/Alg A #1 #2	English III A & B TV Room (juniors)	AP Bio/AP Physics LAB LAB
10:20	Eng A/Geog B #1 #2	Chem A/Alg B LAB #6	English III A & B TV Room (juniors)	Econ/Govt AV Room (all seniors)

11:00 am Lunch for all Juniors and Seniors
 11:15 am Lunch for all Frosh and Sophomores
 11:45 am Students board buses for departure to Lincoln

STUDENTS WITH WORK COMMITMENTS, ETC., CHECK WITH YOUR DEAN.

12:00 Monks, faculty, and employees board bus for departure
 2:00 pm Game vs. winner of Seward-York game

FOLLOWING THE GAME ALL ARE TO BOARD BUSES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

NOTE: PARENTS WHO WISH TO TAKE THEIR SONS HOME FROM THE DEVANEY CENTER ARE TO SEE THE RESPECTIVE DEANS.
 (The bus routes "A" and "B" will run, departing Mt. Michael at 5:00 pm.)

IF WE SHOULD LOSE THE THURSDAY GAME WE WILL BEGIN SPRING BREAK FOLLOWING THE CLASSES AS NOTED ABOVE. The bus routes "A" and "B" would then run at 11:30 pm.

Saturday

4:45 pm Faculty bus departs
 7:00 pm STATE CLASS "B" CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AT DEVANEY

Boys All-State Honor Roll

Class A

Jon Theobald, Dave Karloff, Millard South; Grant Hinze, Scott Wentz, Scottsbluff; Tom Booher, Lincoln East; Charlie Burt, Lincoln Plus X; Rod Gourdin, Lincoln High; John Jennings, Mark Luger, Omaha South; Mike Canada, Millard North; Tom Woods, Mike Hinneman, Grand Island; Brian Taylor, Hastings; Mike Longe, Lincoln Northeast; Lamont McIntosh, Omaha Creighton Prep; Mike Bath, Omaha Westside; Jim Egan, Bellevue East; Jarron Bradley, Bellevue West; Rodney Hall, Ken Gordon, Omaha Northwest; Dana Jenkins, Omaha Burke; Todd Koca, Papillion; Andy McDowell, Lincoln Southeast; Ken Cribbs, Darryl Roddy, Omaha North; Shawn Cotton, Omaha Central; Quentin Jones, Omaha Benson; Brad Feuerbacher, Norfolk; Pat Puente, Grand Island; Dale Martin, Millard North; Kelly Muma, Papillion; Andy Wolfe, South Sioux City; Tim Gleason, Beatrice; Greg Mays, Hastings; Mitt Roddy, Omaha North; Dan Olson, Omaha Burke; David Piatkowski, Scottsbluff.

Class B

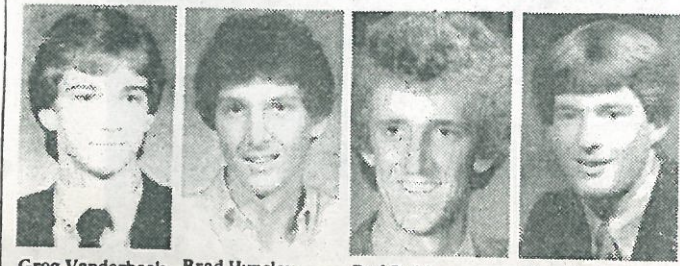
Kelly Hoffman, Paul Ernesti, West Point; Andy Hall, Falls City; Dane Nannen, Syracuse; Alan LaFollette, Auburn; Mike Barrett, Nebraska City; Todd Stanton, Fairbury; Monte Kratzenstein, Gothenburg; Jeff Curtis, Ogallala; Jon Panzer, Gordon; Doug Banks, Imperial; Brian Hoff, Mitchell; Chris Neil, Lexington; Scott Flynn, Phil Seever, Blair.
 Jay Pilkington, Elkhorn; Brian Fabry, Auburn; John Noble, Elkhorn M.M.; Randy Varina, David City Aquinas; Lee Vern Berry, Chadron; Brad Van Wyhe, Gering; Denis Dunbar, Alliance; Don Larson, Wayne; Doug Hailey, Schuyler; Keith Gehring, Columbus Lakeview; Doug Lindner, Seward; Ken Janicek, David City Aquinas; Brad Asche, Columbus Lakeview; Shane Monthey, Minden; John Seigel, York; Kory Petersen, Crete; Jeff Robins, Wood River; Greg Anderson, Holdrege; Kirk Penner, Aurora; Adam Frasch, Pierce; Craig Leise, Hartington C.C.; Richard Lutter, Richard Bracha, Valentine; Dan Smith, York; Russ Heins, Grand Island Northwest.
 Tom Haase, Aurora; Gary Klassen, Minden; Dave Eby, O'Neill; Dean Luehr, Wood River; Tom Anderson, Ashland; Jeff Basstford, Minden; Aaron Stauss, Gothenburg; David Legge, North Bend; Jeremy Hohlen, Hastings A.C.; Derrin Hansen, St. Paul; Shane Jacobs, Bennington; Troy Flowers, Boys Town; Kevin Miller, Superior; Scott Mazour, Wood River; Todd Rapschlaeger, West Point; Brian Sandfort, Holdrege; Mike Stehlik, Nebraska City.

Boys Class B All-State

First Team				
Player	School	Ht.	Cl.	Avg.
Doug Wemhoff	Elkhorn MM	6-5	Sr.	23.3
Greg Vanderbeek	Valentine	6-7	Sr.	17.5
Brad Hunsley	Blair	6-8	Sr.	19.2
Rod Dahl	Wayne	6-8	Sr.	14.0
Jim Placke	Superior	6-2	Sr.	26.2
Honorary captain—Doug Wemhoff.				
Second Team				
Player	School	Ht.	Cl.	Avg.
Monte Neitzel	Spr. Platteview	6-3	Sr.	19.2
Ted DiGiacomo	Om. St. Joseph	6-1	Sr.	23.0
Kevin Mowery	Auburn	6-7	Sr.	13.2
Matt Wullenwaber	Seward	5-10	Sr.	12.5
Pat Wordekemper	West Point	6-1	Sr.	11.6



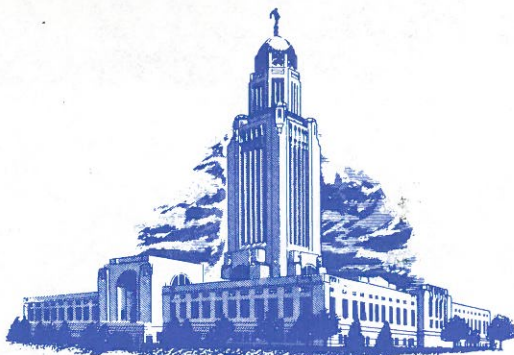
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EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

March 14, 1985

Rev. Charles Zach
Mount Michael High School
Elkhorn, Nebraska 68022

Dear Reverend Zach:

The Knights were great in their winning the Class B State Tournament, and I heartily congratulate them and the great school that they represent.

I had the pleasure of watching this game on television, and the Knights' comeback in the 4th quarter was the mark of a good team with determination.

Best wishes to you and your students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Clarence Jacobson".

Clarence Jacobson



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

HAL DAUB
SECOND DISTRICT
NEBRASKA

March 11, 1985

TO MOUNT MICHAEL BASKETBALL COACH JIM KANE & TEAM MEMBERS:

Your thrilling victory over Valentine on Saturday night is one which we'll long remember!

My heartiest congratulations to all the team members and coaching staff for a terrific game.

I realize that hard work and discipline are a very important part of your exciting team and that you've earned your No. 1 position in Nebraska Class B.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hal Daub".

HAL DAUB
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Mount Michael High School
Elkhorn, Nebraska 68022



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March 13, 1985

Rev. Charles Zach, OSB, Principal
Mt. Michael Benedictine High School
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Dear Father Charles:

I want to congratulate you and your basketball team on winning the state championship down at Lincoln last week. I should also include your fine coach in these congratulations. You may have some kind of a "secret society" there at Mt. Michael, but whatever it is you certainly have been outstanding in your athletic pursuits the past few years.

Please tell all the young men that I am very proud of them and want to extend to all of them my sincere congratulations.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Daniel E. Sheehan
Archbishop of Omaha

FOX RIVER BOND
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Chamber of Commerce ambassadors help state tourney teams feel at home

By L. Kent Wolgamott
Journal Writer

Sitting on the end of the bench at state high school basketball tournaments, Mike Thomas has been mistaken for a team doctor or the team's most loyal fan.

The Lincoln businessman, however, is really an emissary from the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, an ambassador to the team.

This week, Thomas will be dressed in the red and white of the Mead Raiders, hoping to help yet another winner through the tourney.

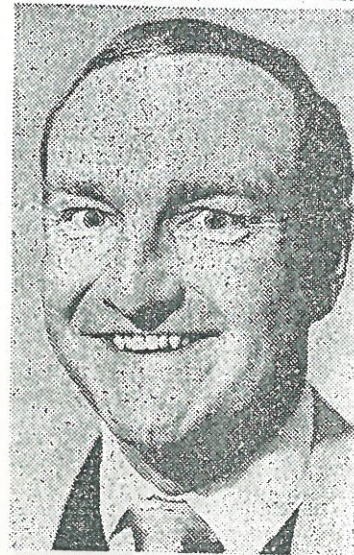
"I had a champion my first year and I got hooked," said Thomas, who joined the chamber's ambassador program in 1977, hosting Omaha Bishop Ryan. "Since then, I've had a lot of runners-up. I'm the Tom Weiskopf of the ambassadors."

Thomas' only other champion since Ryan was in 1983 with Elkhorn Mount Michael, led by Coach Jim "Killer" Kane, whose bench theatrics are almost unrivaled in the state.

"I had a great time with the Killer. I'm hoping they make it again this year," said Thomas, who has been the Knights' host for the last three boys' tournaments.

A total of 67 ambassadors, including 10 from the chamber's women's division, volunteered their time for the two basketball tournaments, volleyball tournament and state wrestling meet this year.

"We're there to help them with room accommodations, a



Mike Thomas

place to eat, arrange a practice site. We've even had ambassadors take a team's uniforms home and wash them at night," Thomas said. "I haven't done any laundry yet."

The chamber's Sports and Recreation Committee, which Thomas chairs, also sponsors a pizza dinner for the teams, feeding more than 1,000 people each week with more than 300 large Valentino's pizzas.

All this activity, Thomas said, is designed to make the visitors feel welcome in Lincoln and show the city's appreciation for hosting the tournaments. More than 115,000 people attended last year's basketball tournaments, ranking the high school hoops weekends with the State Fair and Cornhusker football as top events for Lincoln, said Judy McDowell of the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Although it is impossible to estimate exactly how much the visitors spend in the six days, full motels, crowded restaurants and busy stores indicate that a guess of millions of dollars wouldn't be wrong, McDowell said.

"It's obviously a very busy time," she said. "It's difficult to gauge because of varied expenses people have. But it's definitely a big boost to the economy of Lincoln. Everybody knows they're in town when they're here. Plus, I think the people in the community really enjoy it because everybody's spirits are up."

The high spirits are infectious, leading Thomas to arrange for time off from his job as traffic manager of Jantzen Inc. during the company's busiest month every year.

A stack of cards and letters thanking Thomas for his help from coaches, principals and players is rewarding, but he said being an ambassador is also a lot of fun. "Often we get to sit on the bench, which is a lot of fun. We haven't had an ambassador get a technical yet," Thomas said. "I tend to be a real rabid fan. I think that's why the kids appreciate me. I have a hard time sitting on the bench and not getting as excited as they do."

The hardest part about being an ambassador, Thomas said, is preservation of the vocal cords, particularly if both your girls and boys teams do well.

"It's really tougher being an ambassador than being a coach," he said. "They only have one team in the finals, not twice in two weeks."



Phil Johnson/World-Herald

A stable of basketball talent, as quick as the fast-finishers in the Omaha Gold Cup... Jerry Johnson, left, of Omaha Benson, Tony Manuel of Omaha Northwest, Derrick Helms of Omaha Burke, Doug Wemhoff of Elkhorn Mt. Michael and Milton Shobe of Omaha Burke.

World-Herald All-State Basketball Teams

Girls First Team	Player	School	Ht.	Cl.	Avg.
	Amy Stephens	Alliance	5-8	Sr.	35.4
	Jessica Haynes	Omaha Central	5-11	Sr.	22.2
	Kressy DeCamp	Gothenburg	5-9	Sr.	24.4
	Mary Hohl	Wahoo Neumann	5-9	Sr.	18.8
	Jeannine Kardell	Omaha Marian	6-3	Sr.	18.4

Honorary co-captains—Amy Stephens, Jessica Haynes.

Boys First Team	Player	School	Ht.	Cl.	Avg.
	Milton Shobe	Omaha Burke	6-2	Sr.	12.9
	Derrick Helms	Omaha Burke	5-8	Sr.	16.1
	Tony Manuel	Om. Northwest	6-6	Jr.	19.1
	Doug Wemhoff	Elkhorn MM	6-5	Sr.	23.3
	Jerry Johnson	Omaha Benson	6-6½	Sr.	23.7

Honorary captain—Milton Shobe.

The young men and women of the 1985 World-Herald all-state high school basketball teams hit the finish line of their season earlier this month.

But they recently donned their uniforms one more time — at Ak-Sar-Ben race course in Omaha — for The World-Herald's annual all-state photo session.

The setting for this season's all-state photos seemed appropriate, for these are first-rate all-staters — strong, quick and graceful. They are the basketball equivalent of Thoroughbreds. Stories on Pages 8-C and 9-C.

Athletes' Quickness Makes Boys All-Staters Special

•Continued from Page 8.

have the potential to play major college ball, the state's best player this season was Johnson. It was said at times during the year that Johnson was the only player Kansas Coach Larry Brown wanted to land.

"That depends on who you're talking to and when you're talking to them," Benson Coach Terry Shelsta said. "I'm not sure exactly how many scholarships Kansas has to give, but they were high on Jerry from the start."

Johnson will probably accept a Jayhawk scholarship offer. He has announced his decision to attend KU. But he opened the door to Nebraska a crack by saying recently he would visit NU.

Regrets Incident

Johnson is no longer a member of the Benson student body. He is enrolled in an independent study center after Benson officials suspended him for pushing a male teacher only four days before the start of district tourney play.

But Johnson, who said he regrets the pushing incident, will return to Benson later this spring to participate in graduation ceremonies.

"We had to play Jerry in the post position because we didn't have another inside player," Shelsta said. "But Jerry's best spot, without a doubt, is outside, facing the basket."

"I see him as a small forward in college. He has tremendous quickness, can handle the ball as well as any guard and can shoot from outside as well as any guard. He has tremendous leaping ability and has the potential to play great defense."

Johnson, Wemhoff and Manuel all were centers this season, but all will move outside when they reach the college level.

Wemhoff, the most dominating player in Class B this season, is the only all-stater who knows for certain that he'll not play Division I basketball.

"I think my future is in Division II," Wemhoff said. "Every high school player has a goal of playing for a Divi-

sion I school, but Mr. Kane has helped me realize my future is in Division II. I think we all have to realize what our ability is."

Kane's Best

Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane doesn't sugar-coat Wemhoff's abilities.

"We haven't heard from a Division I school," Kane said. "Nobody's beating down his door. He's just a darn nice high school basketball player."

So nice, in fact, that Kane said Wemhoff is the best player he's ever coached. Wemhoff became a starter after the third game of his sophomore season, played on two state championship teams and helped forge a 63-5 record in the games he started.

Wemhoff shot 61 percent as a junior and 60 percent this season. He finished with school scoring records of 559 points this season (a 23.3 average) and 1,147 for a career. He also established a career mark of 656 rebounds.

Manuel hopes to prepare for the future next year by moving from center to forward.

"I like playing down low sometimes," the 6-6, 165-pound junior said. "All that banging against people makes you stronger. But I won't be able to play center in college. I'm too little."

Manuel made tremendous progress this season, Koch said. He spent most of last year on the junior varsity squad and wasn't even a starter on his freshman team.

"After he signed up at Northwest, I threw him the ball once and saw how soft his hands were," Koch said. "Then he took a 15-foot jump shot and I knew he was going to be a great player."

"The thing he had to work with was his confidence. When he was a sophomore, he realized I was pretty high on him. It certainly boosted his ego. He had a lot of success on the jayvee team and he just kept growing and growing this year."

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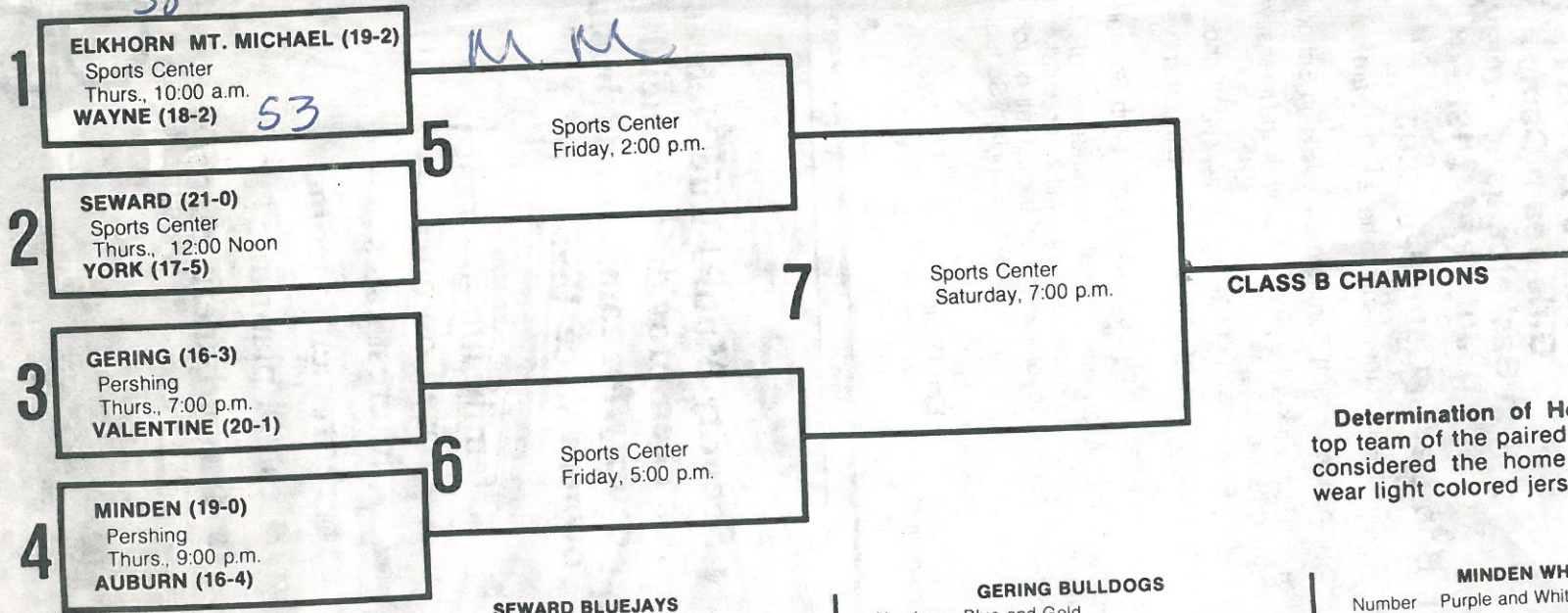
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Class B Championship Pairings



Determination of Home Team: The top team of the paired bracket shall be considered the home team and shall wear light colored jerseys.

ELKHORN MT. MICHAEL KNIGHTS

Number	Red, Black and White	Year
10	11 John Noble—6	11
12	13 John McClellan—5-7	12
14	15 John Kinney—6-3	12
20	21 Ted Mikuls—5-7	11
22	23 Mike McCluskey—6	11
24	25 Bob Beringer—6	12
30	31 Mike Noble—6	10
32	33 Brian Mark—5-11	10
34	35 John Sojka—6-4	12
40	41 Ryan Hendrickson—5-10	10
42	43 Matt Akromis—6	10
44	45 Doug Wemhoff—6-5	12

COACH: JIM KANE

SEWARD BLUEJAYS

Number	Blue and Gold	Year
10	11 Mike Roll—5-11	11
12	13 Mike Nordmeyer—5-10	11
14	15 Matt Wullenwaber—5-10	12
20	21 Scott Broekemeier—5-10	10
22	23 Micky Goldsmith—6-2	12
24	25 David Oetting—6	10
30	31 Marty Russell—6-3	11
32	33 Rob Ringler—5-11	11
34	35 Chuck Haase—6	12
40	41 Doug Ortlieb—6	10
42	43 Tim Fiala—6-2	11
44	45 Deron Lindquist—6-4	10
50	51 Doug Lindner—6-5	11
52	53 Andrew Hansen—6-3	11
54	55 Greg Mueller—6-2	11

COACH: ROD FELIX

GERING BULLDOGS

Number	Blue and Gold	Year
10	11 Chad Hilyard—5-8	12
12	13 Mike Palomo—5-9	10
14	15 Chuck Barr—5-6	11
20	21 Matt Annalora—5-9	11
22	23 Aaron Smith—5-10	10
24	25 Jeff Anderson—6-2	11
30	31 Brad VanWyhe—5-11	10
32	33 Cory Lopez—5-8	11
34	35 Greg Carrier—5-11	11
40	41 Rodney Randall—6-5	11
42	43 Bruce Benoist—6	10
44	45 Dan Banta—6-2	11
50	51 Mike Shurtleff—5-10	10
52	53 Hody Boltjes—5-11	10

COACH: JERRY BECKING

MINDEN WHIPPETS

Number	Purple and White	Year
10	10 Danny Scharff—5-10	10
11	11 Mike Miller—5-10	12
12	12 Jeff Bassford—5-10	12
13	13 Joel Smith—5-10	10
14	14 Shane Monthey—6-5	12
22	22 Dave Vitera—6	10
30	30 Rob Vitera—6	11
31	31 Rod Gardner—6-3	12
32	32 Kevin Jameson—6	11
33	33 Mark Richardson—5-10	11
35	35 Gary Klassen—6-4	12
44	44 Mark Boudreau—6	12
45	45 Matt Wilcox—6-3	10

COACH: ELDON JOHNSON

WAYNE BLUE DEVILS

Number	Blue and White	Year
10	11 Pete Warne—5-8	12
12	13 Ted Lueders—5-10	10
14	15 Shannon Dorcey—5-9	11
20	21 Dan Gross—5-10	11
24	25 Carl Urwiler—6-3	12
30	31 Tom Perry—6	11
32	33 Scott Baker—6-1	11
34	35 Troy Wood—6-3	10
40	41 Jeff Hausmann—6-3	11
42	43 Brent Pick—6-3	11
44	45 Don Larsen—6-5	11
50	51 Rod Dahl—6-8	12
52	53 Corey Dahl—6-4	10
54	55 Bill Liska—6-2	10

COACH: BOB UHING

YORK DUKES

Number	Buff and Blue	Year
10	11 Mike Eifert—5-9	11
12	13 Keith Hinkle—5-8	11
14	15 Dan Smith—5-11	11
20	21 Pat Gibson—6-1	12
22	23 Chris Jacobson—5-10	12
24	25 Corey Hedrick—6-1	11
30	31 Kent Schrader—6-1	11
32	33 Steve Gocke—6-2	12
34	35 John Seigel—6-3	12
40	41 Jason Hillmer—6-1	11
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COACH: TIM PEHRSON

VALENTINE HIGH SCHOOL BADGERS

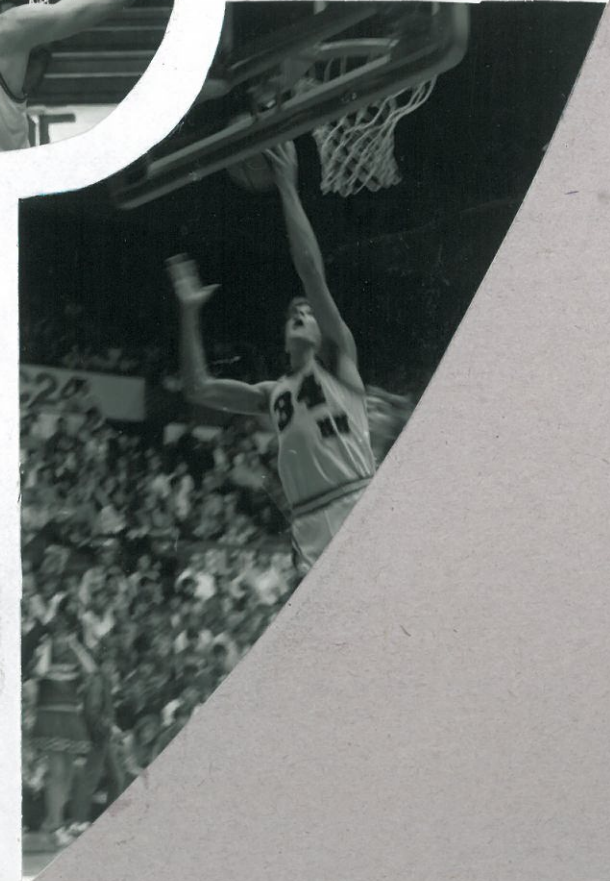
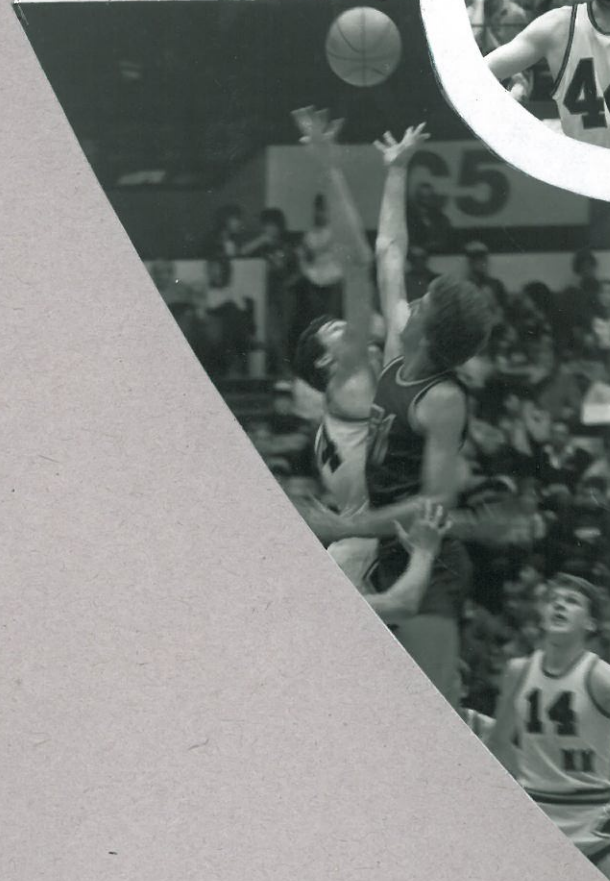
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12	13 Richard Bracha—5-7	11
14	15 Courtney Fowler—5-9	12
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22	23 Mike Nieuwenhuis—5-9	11
24	25 Butch Gifford—6	11
30	31 Craig O'Kief—5-10	11
32	33 Pat Mehrens—5-10	10
34	35 Greg Vanderbeek—6-7	12
40	41 Richard Lutter—6-5	11
42	43 Brice Sunderland—6-4	12
44	45 Dave Keller—6	11
50	51 Kevin Pettigrew—6-1	12
52	53 Justin Hammond—6-2	11

COACH: LYNN MOELLER

AUBURN BULLDOGS

Number	Red and White	Year
4	5 Darrin Goering—5-9	11
10	11 Mark McDonald—5-10	10
14	15 Roger Grable—5-11	12
20	21 Joel Bohken—5-10	11
22	23 Brian Fabry—6-4	12
24	25 Scott Black—6	10
30	31 Bruce Schutte—6-3	12
32	33 Sid Quince—6-1	11
34	35 Kevin Mowery—6-7	12
40	41 Alan LaFollette—6-3	12
42	43 Ken Toman—5-11	10
44	45 Eric Henning—6-4	11
50	51 Scott Gerdes—5-9	10
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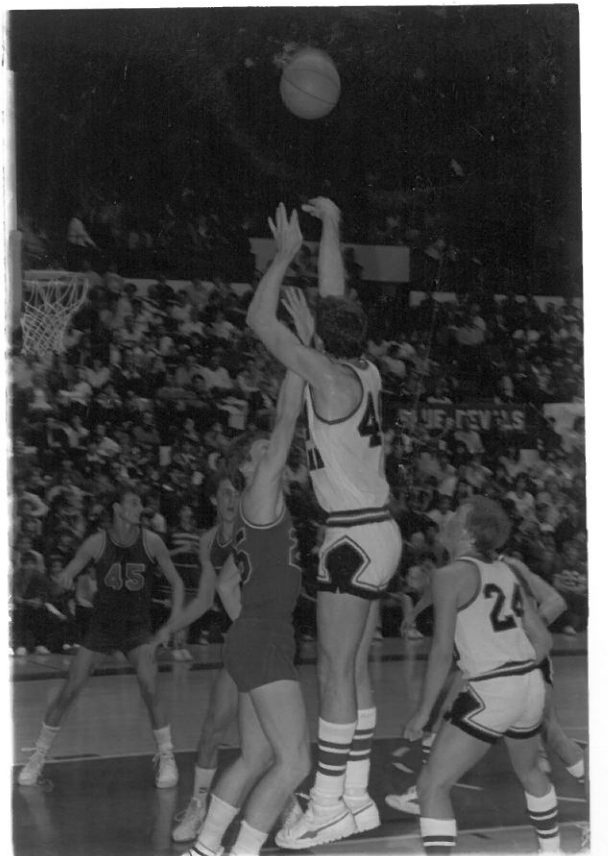
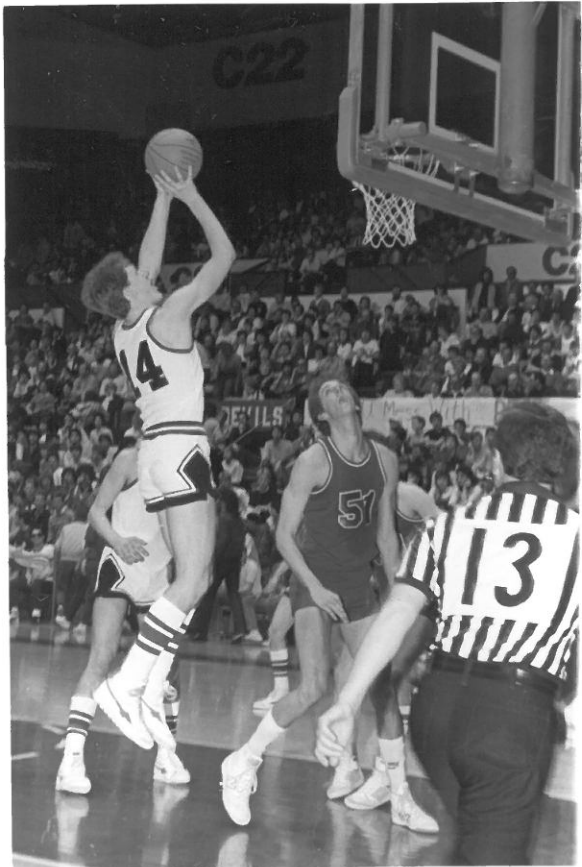
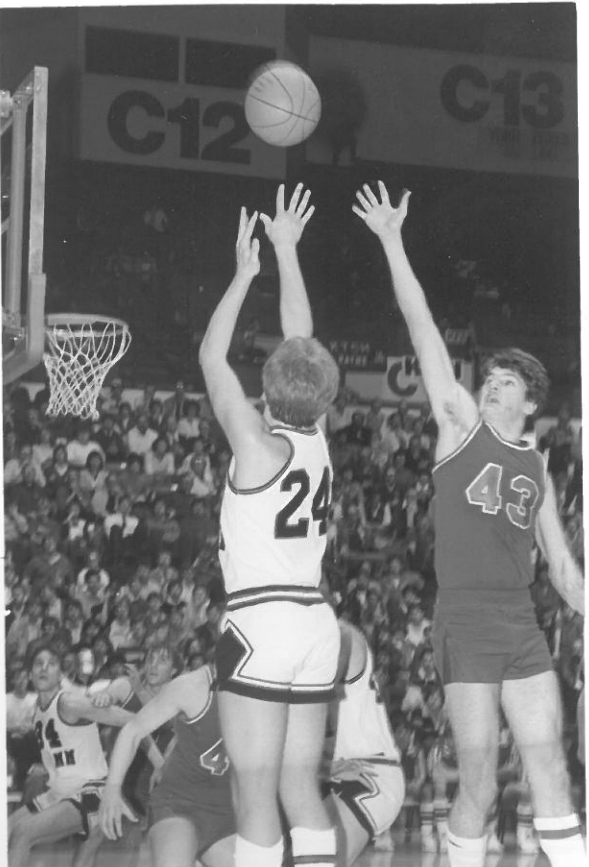
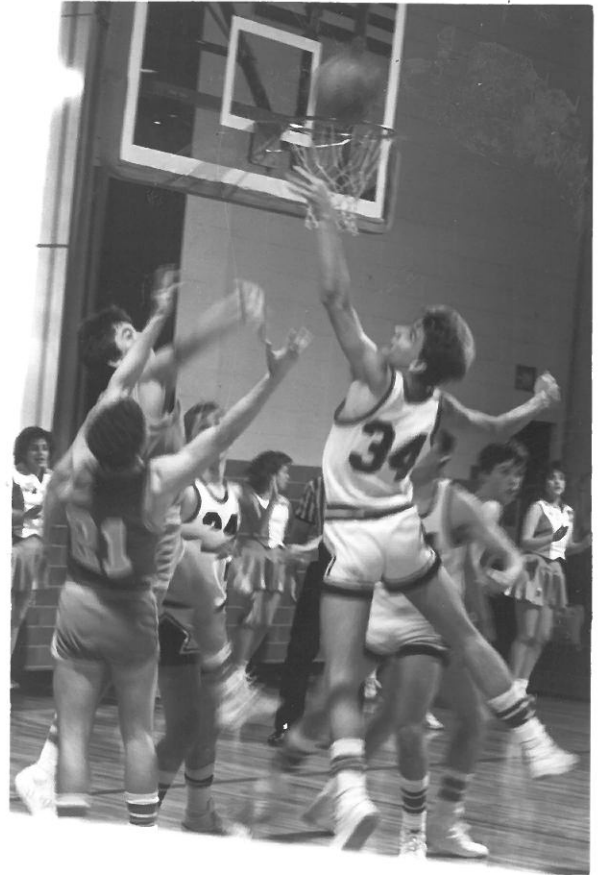
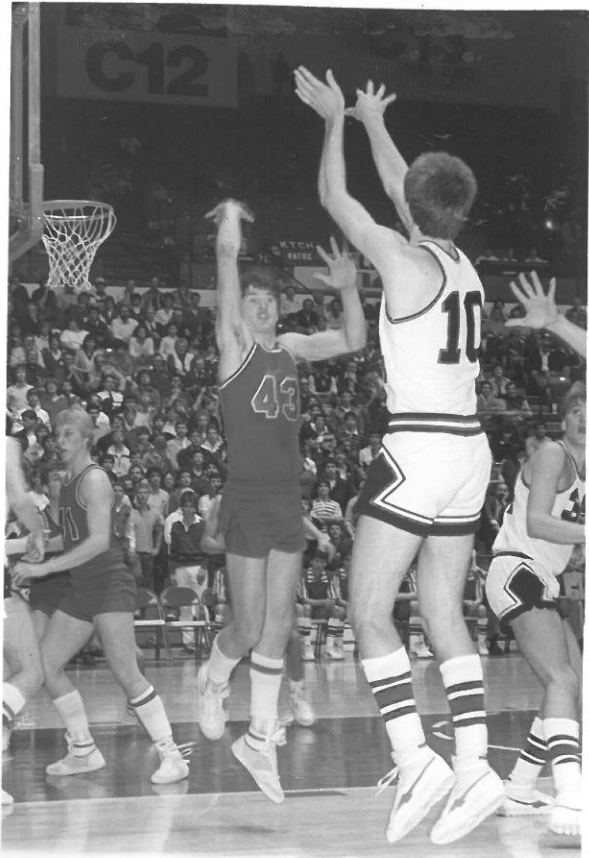


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The Elkhorn Mount Michael defense demonstrates the tough play which carried the team against St. Joseph's.

Knights Unseat Chargers With Defense

by Brian Mark,
Mt. Michael Reporter

On Friday, the Mt. Michael football team defeated the St. Joseph's Chargers 14-6, and in the process evened their record to 2-2.

The Knights, plagued by turnovers for most of the ball game, were able to shut down the St. Joseph's offense to minus one yard in total offense in the first half and just 101 yards for the game.

The Knights scored on their first possession. After receiving the opening kickoff, Mt. Michael put together a 16-play, 70-yard scoring drive capped by a one-yard run by Mike Noble. The PAT was good and the Knights led 7-0 with 4:36 remaining in the first quarter.

The only other scoring threat of the half came late in the second quarter. A pass in-

terference call gave the Knights a first and ten on the St. Joseph 16. But the Knights missed a 33-yard field goal attempt, and the half ended with Mt. Michael leading 7-0.

Mt. Michael increased its lead midway through the third quarter. On a first down from midfield, Ted Mikuls, who for the second straight week led all rushers with 130 yards on 19 carries, found an opening and raced 41 yards to the Charger nine before being run down. Two plays later, Mikuls dashed into the end zone from the four yard line. The extra point was good, increasing the Knight lead to 14-0.

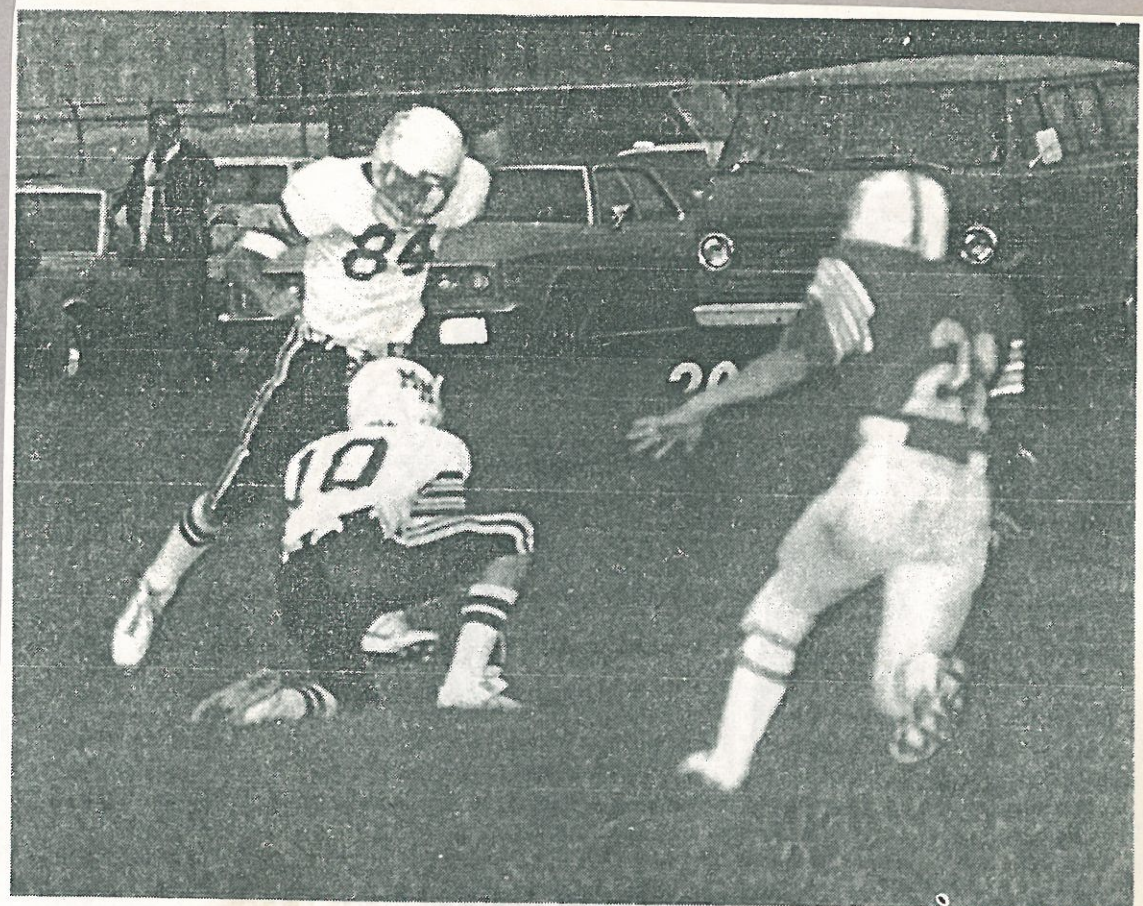
Although the offense stopped itself in the second half by committing turnovers and penalties, the Mt. Michael defense picked up the slack by

limiting the Chargers to just 15 yards rushing for the game. The Knights' defensive charge was led by Ted Mikuls and Brian Martin, who each had eight tackles, and Steve Fournier, who intercepted a Charger pass, squelching a drive.

The Chargers tried to create a little excitement by finally getting on the board late in the game. Quarterback Rob Williams connected with Matt Cushing for a 51-yard scoring strike. The two-point conversion failed and the Chargers trailed 14-6 with 58 seconds left in the game.

On the ensuing kickoff, Mt. Michael recovered the onside kick. The Knights were able to run out the clock, winning the ball game 14-6.

Next week Mt. Michael, 2-2, meets Auburn in Elkhorn.



Mt. Michael photo

Knight Matt Akromis, off the hold by Rob Noble, gets off a kick.

Mt. Michael Drops Heartbreaker

by Brian Mark,
Mt. Michael Reporter

The Mt. Michael football team put a scare into the number one ranked team in Class C-1, Wahoo Neumann. The Knights threatened to pull off an upset, leading several times during the game before losing a thriller to the Cavaliers 24-22 at Wahoo.

The Knights drew blood the very first time they touched the ball. After forcing Wahoo Neumann to punt, Mt. Michael's Mike Noble fielded the ball on his own 30 and raced virtually untouched 70 yards for the touchdown. The PAT was good and with just 2:33 gone in the game, the Knights held a 7-0 lead.

But the Cavaliers came right back with a big play of their own. Halfback Bill Dostal took the pitch off the option and sprinted 61 yards around right end for the score. Neumann went for two and with 7:03 remaining in the first quarter, the Cavs led 8-7.

Late in the first quarter, Mt. Michael took advantage of a Neumann-miscue. The Knights recovered a fumble on the Cavalier 44-yard line. Eight plays later, quarterback Rob Noble tossed a 6-yard touchdown pass to tight end Matt Akromis. The extra-point was good, giving the knights the lead, 14-8.

Midway through the second quarter, the Cavaliers retook the lead. Starting on their own 21, they put together an eight-play, 79-yard scoring drive capped by a one-yard run by quarterback Dave Snitley. The two-point conversion was good and Neumann took the lead 16-14 at the half.

Mt. Michael opened its first series of the second half with quarterback Rob Noble throwing an interception. The Cavs took over on the Knight 45. The Knight defense rose to the occasion by stopping the Cavaliers on fourth down and taking control of the ball on the

one-yard line.

Early in the fourth quarter, Neumann scored again. Beginning on their own 20, the Cavs marched all the way to the Mt. Michael 17. There, on fourth and two, Dostal ran 17 yards for the score. The two point conversion was good, increasing Neumann's lead to 24-14.

The Knights used a big play to claw back into the ballgame. From the Mt. Michael 39, Rob Noble hit Matt Akromis for a 61-yard scoring strike. The Knights elected to go for two and were successful, cutting the Cavalier lead to 24-22 with 2:42 left to play in the game.

On the ensuing kickoff, Mt. Michael tried an onside kick, but the ball rolled out of bounds. Wahoo Neumann took over at its own 41 and were able to run out the clock.

Friday, Mt. Michael travels to Boys Town. The cowboys last week beat Omaha Holy Name 20-12.

Badgers Shut Down Hobbled Knights

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The Mt. Michael Knights opened the 1985 football season without the services of their two starting running backs, injured Ted Mikuls and Mike Noble. Their streak of bad luck continued as they lost quarterback John Noble to injury while losing a fierce defensive battle to Bennington, 7-0.

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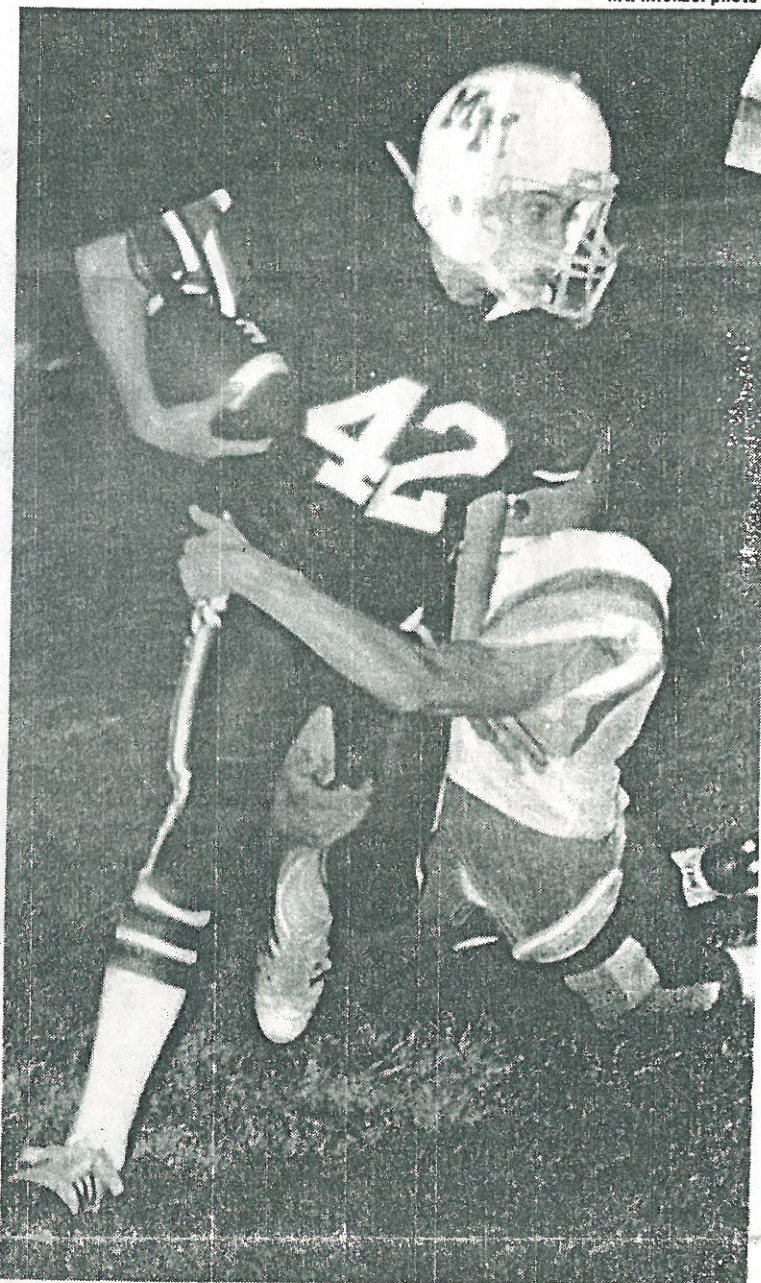
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The only score in the game occurred after the Knights fumbled the ball on their own 48. Bennington recovered and drove to the Mt. Michael three-yard line. There, on fourth down, Empkey punched it in with 6:56 remaining in the game. The extra point was good and Bennington had the lead.

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marched all the way to the Bennington 25. There, Mt. Michael lost the ball on downs with 5:00 left. The Badgers ran out the clock, ending the ball

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Mt. Michael photo

Monarchs Banish Knights in Fourth Quarter

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more before the half ended. Marty Kobza, who led all rushers with 175 yards, sprinted into the end zone from 16 yards out. The try for two was successful, giving the Monarchs a 14-6 lead with 10:20 to go in the half.

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On the next series, Mt. Michael decided to play Santa Claus by botching a pitch on an option play. Aquinas' Roger Pokorny picked up the loose ball and raced 43 yards for the touchdown. The PAT failed and Aquinas won the ballgame 34-19.

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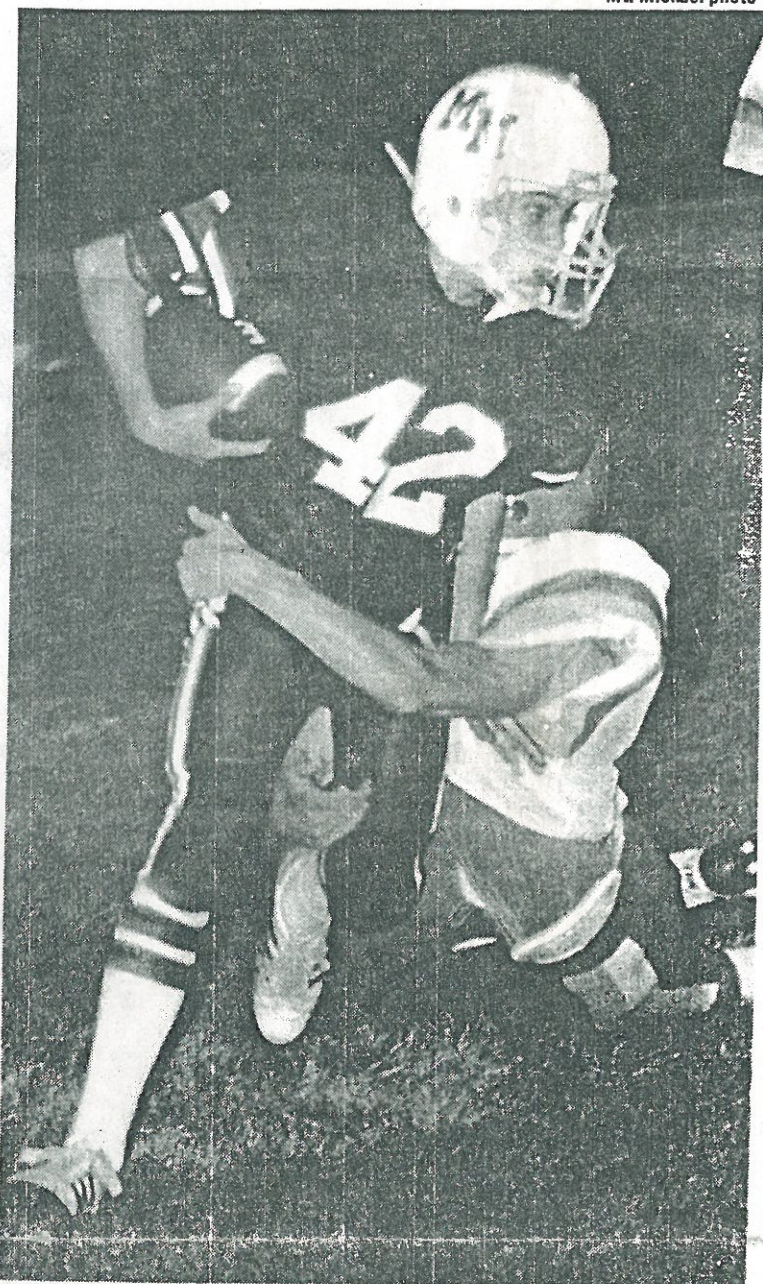
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Mount Michael Guns Down Cowboys

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Mt. Michael Reporter

On a cold, rainy night, the Mt. Michael football team recorded its first victory of the year by dumping Boys Town 15-14. On an evening which saw both offenses hampered by the steady drizzle, the Knights' defense determined the outcome.

The contest was decided on almost the last play of the ball game. Senior linebacker Ted Mikuls broke through the line and tackled the Boys Town quarterback, foiling a two-point conversion attempt and preserving the victory for the Knights.

Both offenses had trouble moving the ball in the first half. The only score occurred in the first quarter after Mt. Michael's Brock McClellan recovered a Boys Town fumble on the Cowboy 47. The Knights promptly marched to the Boys Town two-yard line. There, junior Mike Noble punched it into the end zone for the touchdown with 5:30 left in the first quarter. The PAT was good, giving the Knights a 7-0 lead at the half.

The second half began with Ted Mikuls returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown. However, the play was called back because of a clipping penalty against the Knights.

Boys Town got on the board late in the third quarter. Bruce Taylor, who rushed for 99 yards on 22 carries, scored from the five-yard line. The two-point conversion was good, giving the Cowboys an 8-7 lead with 3:29 remaining in the third quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter the Knights retook the lead. Brock McClellan intercepted a Boys

Town pass on the Mt. Michael six-yard line, squelching a Cowboy drive. Several plays later, Ted Mikuls, who led all rushers with 168 yards on 28 carries, broke loose and raced 75 yards to the Boys Town ten before being caught from behind. Mike Noble scored his second touchdown of the evening, this time from five yards out. On the next play, Noble sprinted into the end zone for the two-point conversion. With 8:45 left to play, Mt. Michael led 15-8.

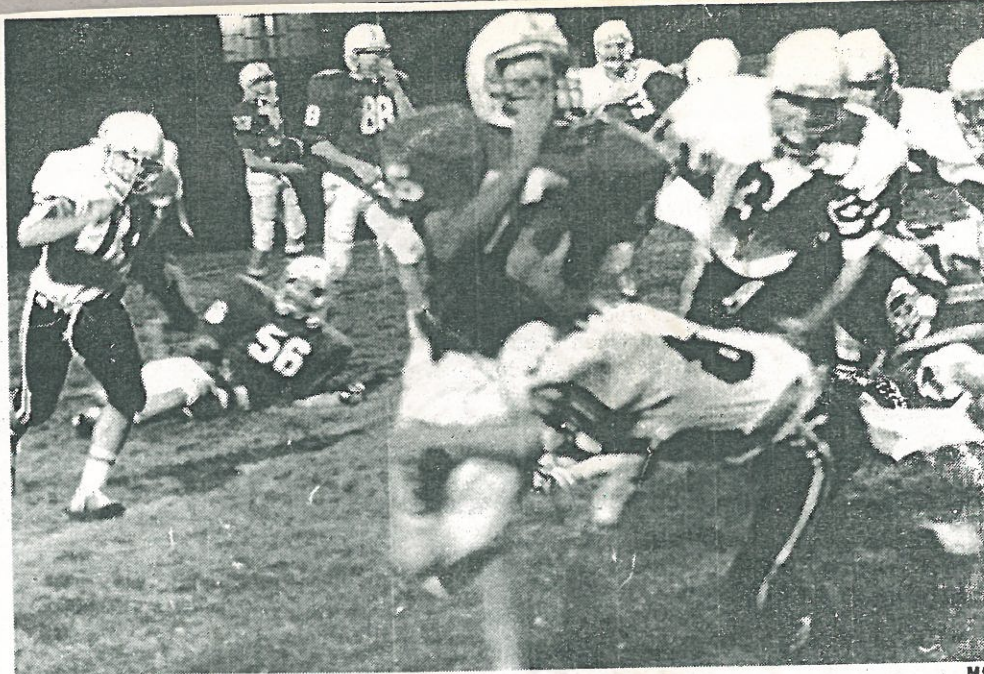
But the excitement had only just begun. Late in the fourth quarter, Mt. Michael was forced to punt deep in its own territory. The snap from center was low and punter Matt Akromis was tackled on the Knight ten-yard line. The Cowboys took control of the football and the Cowboy quarterback scampered in from the ten for the score.

The Cowboys, trailing 15-14 with just 1:58 left to play, elected to go for two. That's when Ted Mikuls made the play of the game. Mikuls broke through the line and corralled the Boys Town quarterback behind the line of scrimmage, thwarting the two-point conversion.

Mikuls, also Mt. Michael's snapper on punts and PATs said later, "We had a blitz on and he was just where I was. Really, I was just trying to make up for my mistake."

Mt. Michael covered the onside kick and was able to run out the clock, winning the ball game 15-14.

Friday, the Knights, 1-2, return home to face St. Joseph's in Elkhorn.



The Mount Michael defense prepares to swarm over a Platteview ball carrier.

Platteview Plows Under Knights

by Brian Mark
Mt. Michael Reporter

The Springfield-Platteview football team was able to plow through the Mt. Michael defense to the tune of 310 yards en route to a 14-0 victory last Wednesday.

The Trojan defense was able to bottle up the Knight offense, while Platteview's Shane Keller put on an offensive exhibition, gaining a total of 207 yards on 18 carries.

The only score of the first half came in the middle of the second quarter. The drive, set up by an

80-yard run by Keller, was capped by a one-yard run by John Moore. Tim Bishop added the extra point to make it a 7-0 Springfield lead at the half.

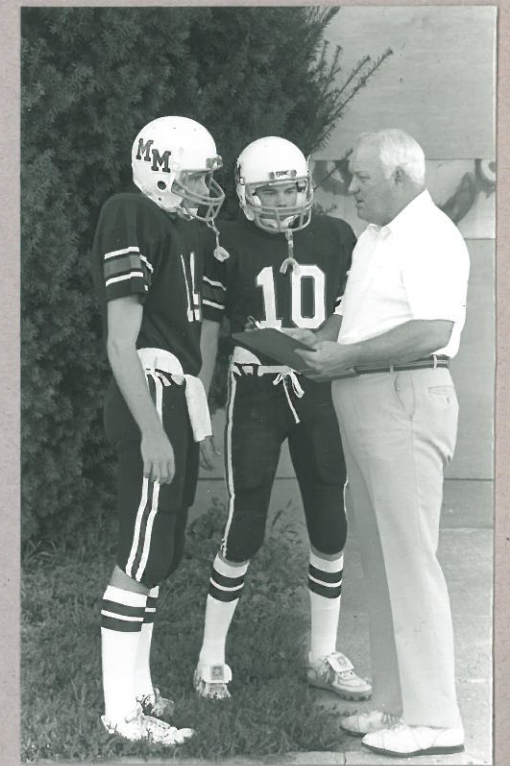
Mt. Michael's only scoring threat of the second half came on its opening drive. Combining the run and pass beautifully, the Knights were able to move the ball the length of the field before the drive was halted deep in enemy territory by an interception.

The defensive effort by both teams was outstanding. John

Roll led the Trojan charge with 13 tackles. Mikuls had 12 tackle. Noble and Ed Lanine each for Mt. Michael.

But it wasn't enough. Knights as Platteview its lead in the fourth quarter. A ten-yard run by John Moore. The PAT was good. The Trojans won the ball game.

Mt. Michael closes its schedule with a meeting with crosstown rival Elkhorn Thursday.



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Mt. Michael "Drop" Game to Hartington C.C.

by Brian Mark
Mt. Michael Reporter

On a cold, rainy evening, on a field reduced to a quagmire and the numbers on the jerseys barely distinguishable from the sidelines, the Mt. Michael Knights dropped a 13-6 decision to Hartington C.C.

Mt. Michael not only dropped it figuratively, but literally as well by leaving the ball lying in the mud four times, thwarting any comeback thoughts the Knights entertained in the second half.

Mt. Michael jumped out to an early lead. On its second possession of the game Ted Mikuls, who rushed for 98 yards on nine carries, ran ten yards

for the score. However, the PAT failed and the Knights led 6-0.

In the second quarter, Hartington C.C. took the lead. Quarterback Steve Miller punched it into the end zone from three yards out. The PAT was good, and the half ended with the Trojans leading 7-6.

The Knight offense, already handicapped by the sloppy field conditions, further hindered itself in the second half through fumbles and penalties. Mt. Michael lost the ball three times in the second half, stopping crucial drives as the Knights struggled to retake the lead. The Knights also committed more

than their share of penalties. In the end, the flag fell seven times for a total of 50 yards.

The Trojans increased their lead in the fourth quarter. On fourth and goal, Hartington quarterback Steve Miller sprinted into the end zone from the one-yard line. The PAT failed, making it 13-6 and leaving the door wide open for Mt. Michael.

But the Knights had the door slammed in their faces. On their last drive they lost the ball on downs at midfield.

Next week Mt. Michael, 3-3, plays David City Aquinas in David City.

Antlers Gore Knights 23-7

by Brian Mark,
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The Mt. Michael football team ended its year on a sour note, losing its final contest of the season to cross-town rival Elkhorn, 23-7.

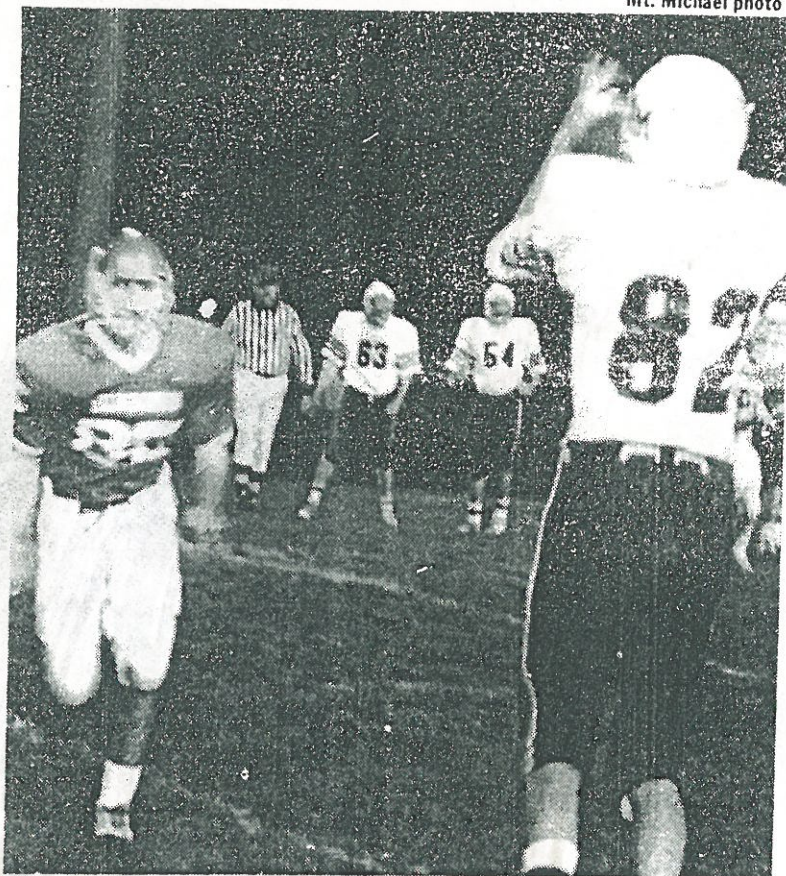
The Antler's Brian Nicholson gored the Knight defense, rushing 21 times for a total of 172 yards. Meanwhile, the Elkhorn defense came up with two big plays to keep the Knights out of the game, and out of the end zone until late in the second half.

Elkhorn scored on its first possession of the ball game. Beginning on their own 21, the Antlers put together a 6-play, 79-yard drive capped by a five-yard run by Nicholson. The PAT was good, giving Elkhorn a 7-0 lead with 9:04 left in the first quarter.

The next Elkhorn score was set up by an interception. Brad Hays intercepted a Mt. Michael pass, giving the Antlers the ball on the Elkhorn 48. They took just seven plays to cover the 52 yards. Bob Boothe scored from six yards out, and the PAT was good, giving Elkhorn a 14-0 lead.

The Knight offense then came to life, marching 75 yards to the Antler ten yard line. But Brad Hayes intercepted his second pass, squelching the drive, and the half ended with Elkhorn leading 14-0.

Early in the second half, the Knight offense again began to make some noise. Mt. Michael took the opening kickoff and marched all the way to the Antler 14 yard line. But on fourth and inches, quarterback Rob Noble was tackled behind the line, failing to make the first



Knight Chuck Catalano goes up for a pass as Antler Mike Bridges closes in.

down, and turning the ball over to the Antlers.

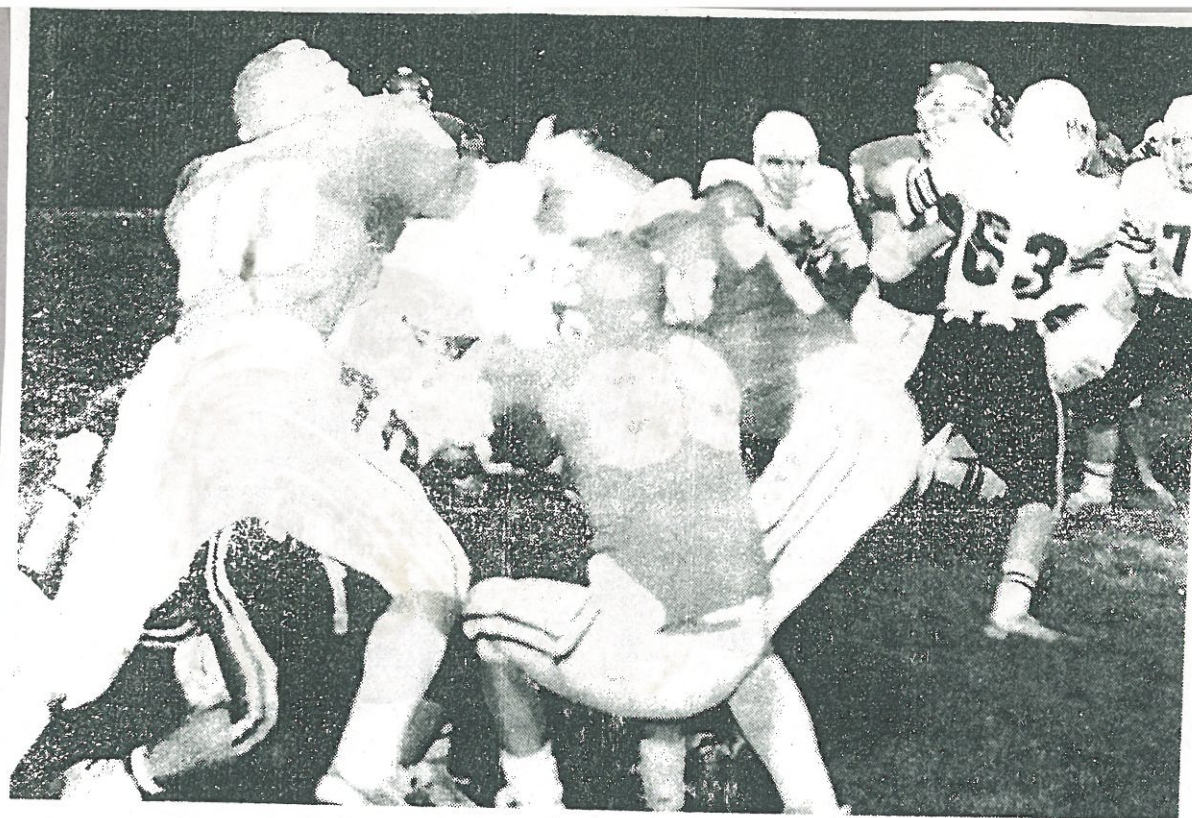
Later in the third quarter, Elkhorn scored again. Antler Hayes sprinted 31 yards for a touchdown on a fourth down play. The PAT failed and with 1:05 left in the third quarter Elkhorn increased its lead to 20-0.

Ray Bennett added a 32-yard field goal for Elkhorn, making it 23-0 with 3:20 left in the ballgame. Mt. Michael found the

end zone on the next series. Starting on their own 36, the Knights drove to the Elkhorn 28. There, Mike Noble broke loose, and raced 28 yards into the end zone for the touchdown. Matt Akromis added the extra point, making the final score 23-7.

This was also the last performance Mt. Michael fans will see of starting seniors Chuck Catalano, John McCarthy, and Ted Mikuls. Mt. Michael ended the season at 3-6.

Mt. Michael photo



Antlers Brian Woods (10) and Mark Peterson (88) get involved in a tangle of players.

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Mt. Michael Nets First Victory

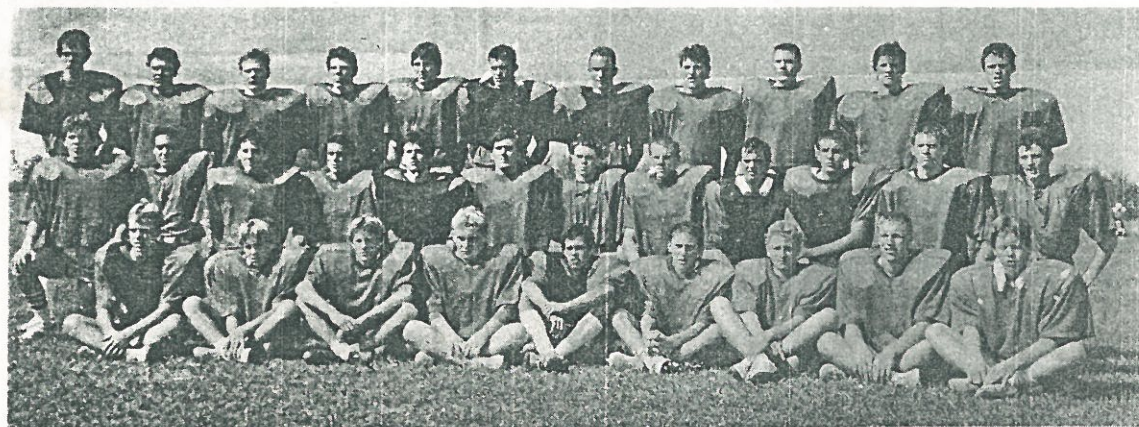
by Brian Mark
Mt. Michael Reporter

The Mt. Michael tennis team got off to a roaring start by soundly defeating Omaha Northwest in the season's first dual. The Knights won six out of seven singles matches and three out of four doubles matches on

September 5.

On September 6, the Knights traveled to Lincoln Christian. This time they didn't fare as well. They won only two singles matches and one doubles match.

Chris Caudill was undefeated in both his singles matches.



Elkhorn Mt. Michael football team members, front row, l-r: Steve McTaggart, Troy Berens, Shawn Berens, Matt Jambor, Brock McClellan, Jeff Jaworski, Matt Bianchi, Brian Martin, George Buckler. Middle row: Sam Fischer, Chris Foix, Jake Render, Steve Phipps, Ed Lankas, Steve Fournier, Rob Noble, John McCarthy, Ted Mikuls, Chuck Catalano, Paul Gutchewsky, Paul Higgins. Back row: Jim Belitz, Paul Leuschen, Eric Swanson, Rick Kauten, Matt Schmidt, Mike Noble, Matt Akromis, Tom Lewis, John Noble, Walt Bahr, Steve Benish.

Head coach: Jim Kane. Assistant coach: George Roshone.

Football

School: Elkhorn Mount Michael.

Team Nickname: Knights.

Head Coach: Jim Kane.

Conference: Independent.

Last Year's Record: 4-4.

Number of Returning Lettermen: Seven.

Number of Returning Starters: Two.

Coach's Comment on Schedule: "Four of the teams made it to last year's playoffs."

Team Strengths: "John Noble, quarterback."

Team Weaknesses: "Inexperience. Could start as many as four sophomores."

Coach's Evaluation: "Awful young. Hope to improve as season goes along."

Well Done Elkhorn-Mount Michael Harriers!

Jason Teal and Ryan Hendrickson, who individually finished 11th and 12th, respectively, paced Elkhorn Mt. Michael to a sixth place finish at the state cross country meet.

Both runners will be back next year to pace the Knights.

The season summary and individual top ten finishers for the Knights in meets includes:

Plattsmouth Invitational, September 5. Hendrickson had a 70-meter lead with only 100 meters left in the race before he fell and became injured. That twist of fate dropped the Knights to a sixth place finish. Dave Wooten assumed the lead of the Mt. Michael team as he placed third. Teal came in sixth place.

Wahoo Invitational, September 13. With Hendrickson still out of action, the Knights finished third as a team. Individually, Wooten placed third, while Teal came in ninth.

Blair Invitational, September 19. From 11 teams entered, Elkhorn Mt. Michael placed second, while Wooten finished first overall. In the course of winning, he set a new invitational record. Teal came in second place.

Bryan Invitational, September 28. The Knights had some bad luck as Hendrickson was still out of action, and Wooten was under the weather. As a team, the Knights placed 15th against the field, which included some Class A teams. Teal, however, finished third in the sophomore division.

Boys Town Invitational, October 4. Mt. Michael's harriers came in second place out of ten teams. Wooten returned to the team to place third, while Teal was close behind in fourth place. Tony Meyer rounded out the scoring for Mt. Michael as he placed tenth.

Triangular at Boys Town, October 8. Placing four runners in the top five, the Knights outran both Boys Town and Omaha St. Joseph to claim the victory. Hendrickson returned to lead the harriers, placing first, Wooten finished second, while Teal came in third. Meyer came across the finish line for fifth place.

District Meet, October 19. The Knights qualified for their second straight state appearance as they finished third at districts. Teal proved to be the Knights' top runner on this day as he finished fourth. Hendrickson placed seventh to help the team make its trip to Kearney.



Elkhorn Mt. Michael cross country team members, front row, l-r: Scott Nun, Paul Spackman, Scott Hendrickson, Chris Jensen, Eric Thoendel, Bill Lamson, Mark Collins, Glenn Henkel, and Phil Gill. Back row: Coach Brian Osborne, Chris Faucher, Tony Meyer, Daniel Weber, Jim Morrison, Ryan Hendrickson, Jason Teal, Bert Matya, Dave Wooten, and Tom McCarthy.



Mt. Michael harriers at state and their finishes were, front row, l-r: Ryan Hendrickson, 12th; Bert Matya, 85th; Jason Teal, 11th. Back row: Coach Brian Osborne; Chris Faucher, 109th; Dan Weber (alternate); Tony Meyer, 70th. Not pictured - Dave Wooten, 29th.

Knight Harriers Sixth at State

by Brian Mark
Mt. Michael Reporter

On October 25, the Mt. Michael cross country team traveled to Kearney for the 1985 State Cross Country Meet. The Harriers returned home with a

sixth place finish.

The highest Knight finish was by sophomore Jason Teal, who finished eleventh. Teammate Ryan Hendrickson followed Teal, finishing twelfth.

Junior Ryan Hendrickson,

who spent four weeks season on crutches, say afterwards: "It's as good as I could circumstances. And good team this year looking forward to even more."

Mt. Michael Runs Away With Triangular

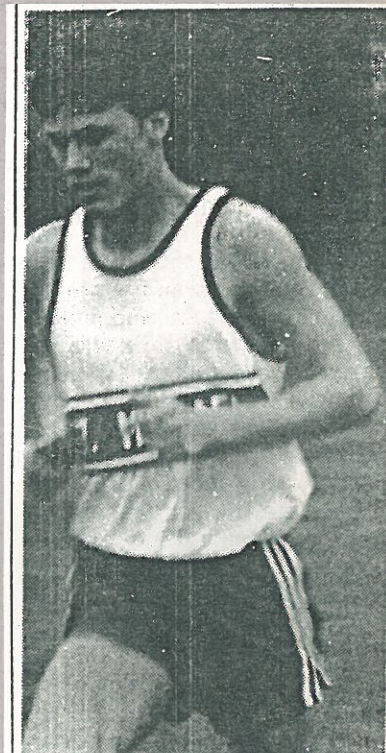
by Brian Mark
Mt. Michael Reporter

On October 8, the Mt. Michael cross country team won the Boys Town Triangular by sweeping the top three places and finishing with four runners in the top five.

The Knights easily outdistanced Boys Town and Omaha St. Joseph to capture the meet.

Ryan Hendrickson ran his first complete race of the year after coming back from injury. In convincing style, Ryan ran to a first place finish.

Teammates David Wooten and Jason Teal finished second and third, respectively. Tony Meyer raced to a fifth place finish for the Knights.



Jason Teal...Mt. Michael's top harrier at the district meet.

Knights Stumble To Sixth Place Finish

by Brian Mark
Mt. Michael Reporter

On September 5, the Mt. Michael cross-country team traveled to Plattsmouth for the Plattsmouth Invitational.

The Knights finished sixth, but they probably would have placed higher had not harrier Ryan Hendrickson who had a 70m lead with a little over 100m left, fallen. He was unable to continue the race.

Dave Wooten raced to a third place finish to lead Mt. Michael. Jason Teal and Tony Meyer finished sixth and twenty-seventh respectively for the Knights.

Mount Michael Harrier Gets Course Record

by Brian Mark
Mt. Michael Reporter

On September 19, the Mt. Michael cross country team traveled to Blair for the Blair Invitational, held on the campus of Dana College. The Knight Harriers finished second out of the 11 teams entered.

Dave Wooten finished first with a time of 17:58, shattering the old course record of 18:36 by 38 seconds. Jason Teal followed right behind Wooten, finishing second, with a time of 18:17. Tony Meyer finished nineteenth for the Knights.

Knight Harriers To Run At State

The Mt. Michael Cross Country team will be making its second consecutive trip to the state cross country meet in Kearney following a third place finish in the Class B-2 district race held last Thursday at Omaha Roncalli.

On a day not conducive to running because of the steady rain, Mt. Michael placed third behind Elkhorn and Arlington, qualifying the team for state.

Jason Teal led the Knight harriers by racing to a fourth place finish. Ryan Hendrickson finished seventh, David Wooten finished 12th and Tony Meyer ran to a 21st place finish for Mt. Michael.

State will be held on October 25 in Kearney.

Elkhorn Mount Michael Knights



Elkhorn Mt. Michael tennis team members, back row, l-r: Coach Father Michael, Tim Boyle, Jason Smith, Sean Morrow, Chuck Youngblood and David Peace. Front row: Ed Peterson, Mark Ellis, Chris Caudill, Lynn Snyder, Mike Fahey and Wes Bond.

Tennis

School: Elkhorn Mount Michael.

Team Nickname: Knights.

Head Coach: Father Michael Liebl.

Last Year's Record: Won eight matches.

Number of Returning Lettermen: Four.

Number of Returning Starters: Two.

Team Strengths: "Sophomore Mike Fahey did a lot of summer preparation."

Team Weaknesses: "Lack of returning players with much tournament experience."

Coach's Evaluation: "Need to do better at large tournaments like Papillion Invitational and Lincoln Pius X Invitational to have a chance at state tourney."

Lincoln — There's another side to Jim "Killer" Kane. Sure, the Elkhorn Mount Michael coach has a reputation for being quick-tempered. He coaches football, basketball and track, and officials in all three sports have been scourged by his tongue. His trademark is his red face. But many who have played for Kane know a softer side. John Noble knows why.

Noble, a quarterback in football, was the starting point guard for the Knights last season when they won the Class B state championships in basketball. He may be back on the court this winter. It all depends on how quickly his ankle heals.

The senior broke his ankle on the third play of the game last Friday night and is out for the remainder of the football season.

"I called him Saturday night," Kane said. "He was crying. I was crying. It just broke my heart. He's like a son to me."

Sophomore Robbie Noble took over as the quarterback after his brother went down. Bennington beat Mount Michael 7-0.

"At one time I was playing nine

sophomores," Kane said. "What happened to John was a shame. He was one of the better quarterbacks in the state and he had prepared himself so darn well for this season. He was going to make a whole bunch of sophomores real good."

One of the biggest shockers last week was Elgin Pope John's 42-7 victory over defending Eight Man-1 champ Leigh. Leigh was ranked No. 1 again this year. Pope John was not included in the ratings.

How did it happen? The answer can be traced to Craig Moser, a 6-foot-1, 180-pound senior running back.

Moser set a school rushing record by gaining 289 yards. He also scored two touchdowns and made 10 tackles.

The World-Herald's Star-of-the-Week feature has been discontinued, but the sports department is most interested in recognizing outstanding performances and in news and notes about players.

Coaches and teams throughout the state.

Coaches: please send noteworthy performances to Larry Porter, Box 80866, Lincoln, Neb. 68501.

They will be published in a weekly notes package. Fans are also invited to write. Some mailing gleanings:

Brian Brunbaugh, a 5-9, 160-pound senior, has been a starter at Springview since he was a sophomore. He had never started in a game won by the Indians.

But Brumbaugh helped snap Springview's 16-game skid by scoring five touchdowns and rushing for 202 yards in a 54-26 triumph over Ewing.

Ord's Clint Ellingson got off on the right foot when he raced 60 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the game. He finished with 178 yards on 14 carries in a 27-20 win over St. Paul.

Davenport fullback Doug Smith carried 16 times for 132 yards and had touchdown runs of 7 and 36 yards. He also caught two passes, including a 55-yarder for a touchdown in a 42-0 win over Shickley. Smith led the Tigers in tackles with 10.

Wyot hasn't had a winning record since a 6-3 campaign in 1979. The Blue Devils were 5-35 over the next five

Prep Notes

Mount Michael's 'Killer' Kane Has Softer Side

By Larry Porter
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Knight Netters Capture York Invitational

by Brian Mark,
Mt. Michael Reporter

The Mt. Michael tennis team captured the York Invitational in a bizarre ending, which put the topper on a rather strange day.

Throughout the day, the meet was stopped due to rain, causing several lengthy delays. And when the matches finally ended, Mt. Michael was tied with York for the championship. To

determine the winner the officials compared the winning percentage of both teams. The Knights managed to squeak out a victory by the slimmest of margins - two percent.

The Knights continued to dominate in dual play by defeating Roncalli this past week. The netters won five out of six singles matches and both doubles matches.

Knight Netters Stopped Short At State

The Mt. Michael tennis team didn't fare as well as it would have liked at the Class B state tennis tournament on October 19. The Knights failed to advance beyond the third round.

Mike Fahey, playing number one singles, and Chris Caudill, playing number two singles, advanced as far as the third

round before being eliminated.

The number one doubles team of David Peace and Sear Morrow also advanced to the third round before losing. The number two doubles team consisting of Wes Bond and Lynn Snyder, made it to the second round before being eliminated.

Mt. Michael's John Puente A Semifinalist

John C. Puente, a senior at Mount Michael Benedictine High School in Elkhorn, has been named a semifinalist in the third annual National Hispanic Scholar Awards Program sponsored by the College Board under the terms of a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Puente of Omaha. An

honor roll student, John has received letters for his participation in school musical and athletic activities.

The National Hispanic Scholar Awards Program serves to recognize superior academic achievement by Hispanic high school seniors, as well as to identify other academically well-prepared Hispanic students and encourage their recruit-

ment by postsecondary institutions. The 2,500 semifinalists nationwide have been selected on the basis of their performance on the 1984 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test-National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

These students will compete for 500 college scholarships and 500 honorable mention awards which will be made by the College Board in April 1986.



Mt. Michael photo

Mount Michael's junior hippies for a night show off the costume that helped win the competition among classes.

Mount Michael Invaded by Hippies?

by Brian Mark
Mt. Michael Reporter

Hippies invading the Mount? Come on, surely you jest. But what's that you say? There were Madonnas, farmers, and punkers also seen roaming the grounds of Mount Michael last Tuesday, October 29. What happened to all the peaceful, fun loving students?

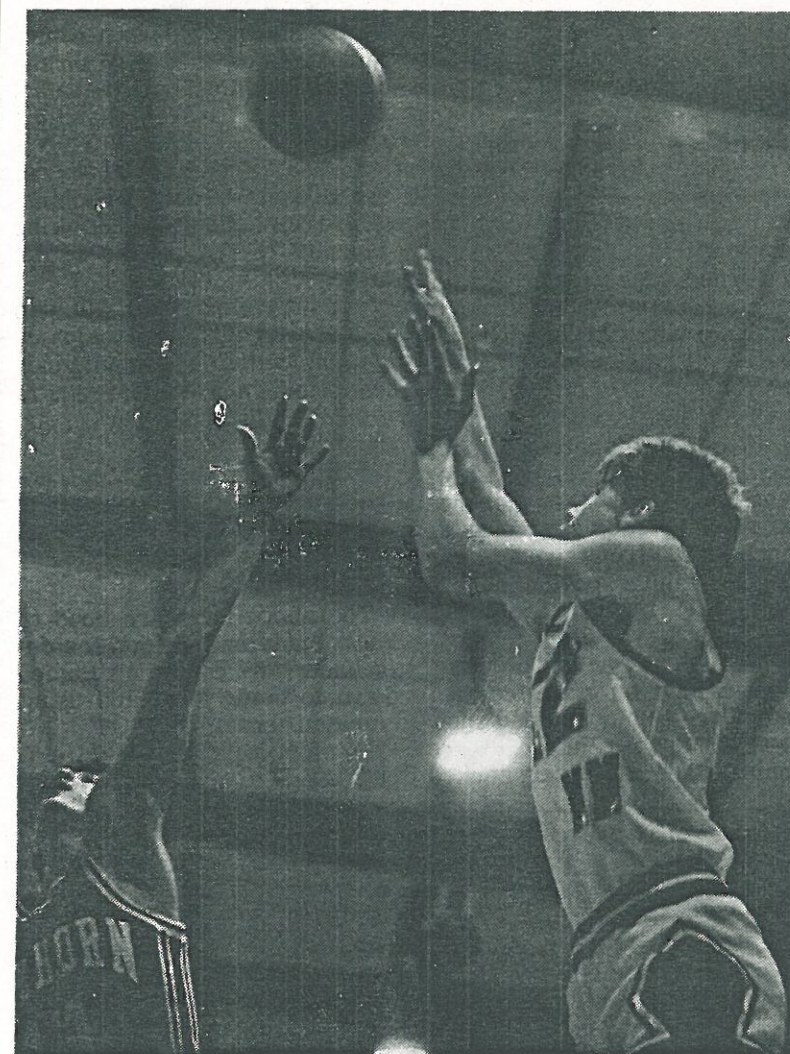
Nothing. But for one night, they simply disappeared for the

annual Halloween party featuring games and a dance for the students and their girlfriends.

Each class came disguised as a different character in hopes they would win a free evening with pizza by winning the games and the costume contest. The seniors dressed as Madonnas, the juniors came as hippies, the sophomores as good ol'country boys, and the freshman as punkers.

When all the points had been counted, the juniors came away victorious. Then it was a quick change for all before heading to the dance.

Needless to say, these strange characters disappeared as quickly as they came. No traces were left the following day. It was probably a good thing too, for it is uncertain whether the monks could have sustained another day of this fun.



Antlers, Knights Seek Heights

Elkhorn High School's Derek Lodwig (left) puts a hand in the face of Mount Michael's Rob Noble as he shoots for the bucket. The Antlers topped the Knights 51-44 in last Friday's game at Mount Michael. For story on this game and other sports action last week, see pages 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Mount Michael Seniors In Semis

Matthew J. Dillon and Steven J. Tamisiea, seniors at Mount Michael Benedictine High School in Elkhorn, have been named among the 125 Nebraska semifinalists recognized in the 1986 National Merit Scholarship competition.

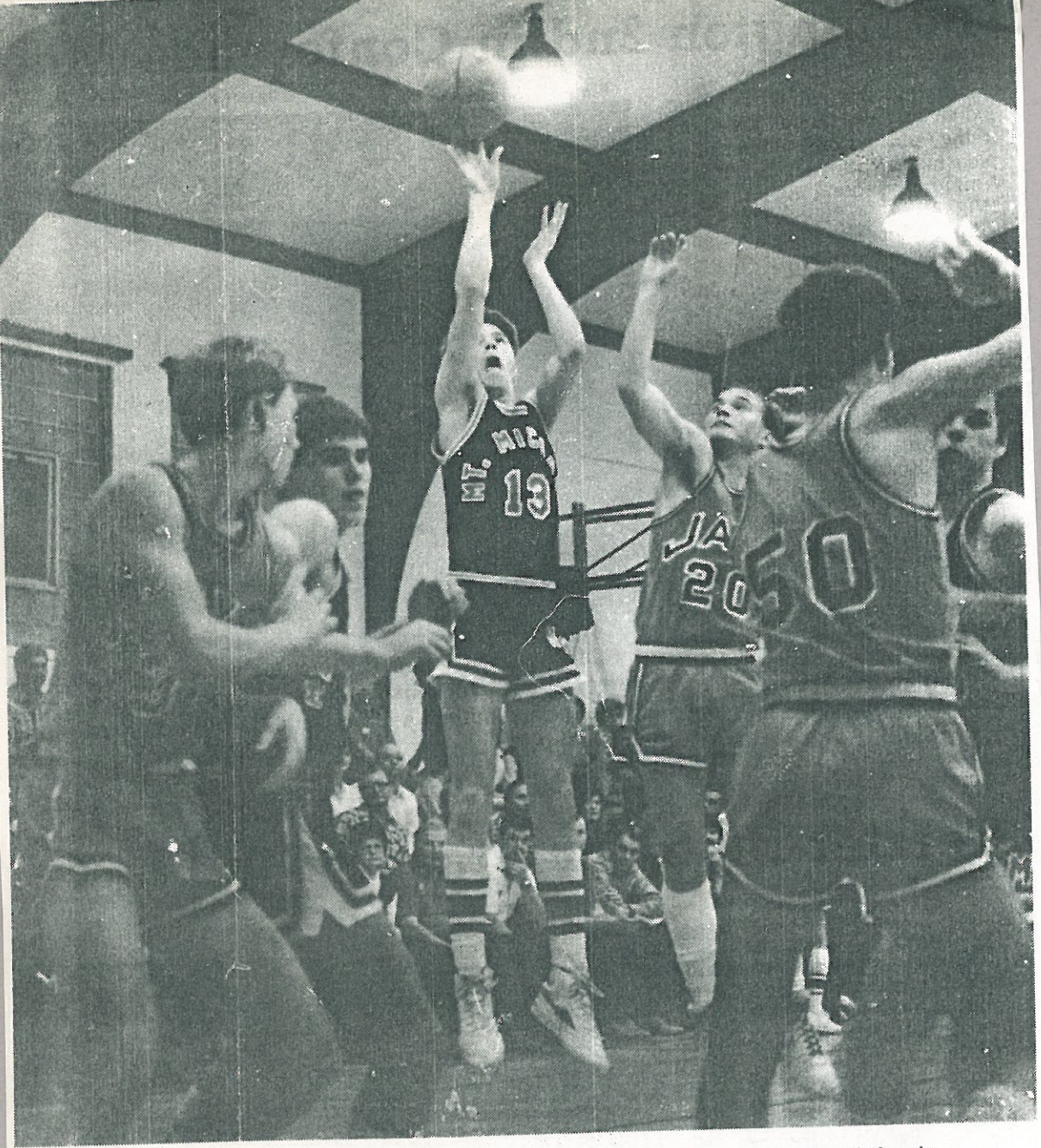
Matthew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dillon of Gretna. He is a National Honor Society member, has run track, has appeared in school musical and drama productions and has had work published in the Mount Michael Literary Supplement.

Steven is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul E. Tamisiea of Omaha. He is a three-year National Honor Society member, and belongs to Quill and

Scroll, the national high school journalism honor society. He has also been active in music and drama, and his drawings have won recognition in area art competitions.

The 15,000 semifinalists named nationwide represent the top one-half of one percent of each state's high school senior class as indicated by achievement on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test administered in high schools each fall.

About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to qualify as finalists. They will compete for 5,800 National Merit Scholarships which will be awarded in March and April.



Knight Rob Noble shoots over a tangle of players as Jay Troy Ortmeier defends.

Bluejays Escape Knight Cagers

Photo by Bryan Strom, Mt. Michael

by Brian Mark,
Mt. Michael Reporter

Last Tuesday, the West Point C.C. Bluejays flew the coop moments before the Knights of Mt. Michael could slam the cage door shut, escaping with a thrilling 50-49 victory.

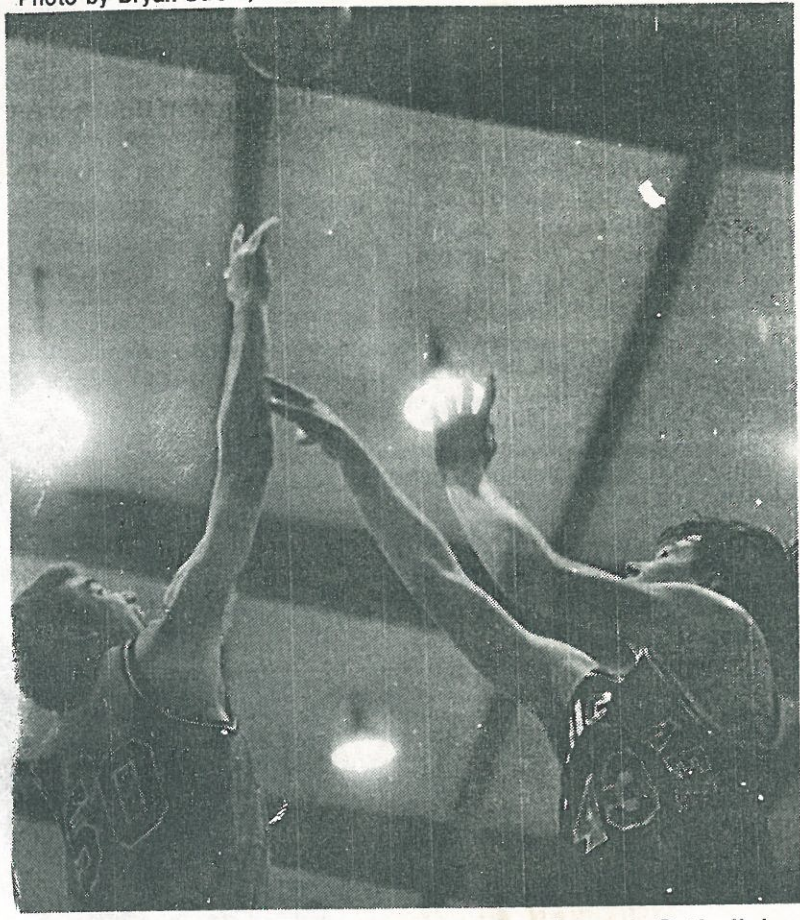
West Point C.C., rated second in class C-1, was given a scare by the Knights, who flirted with an upset before falling in the closing seconds.

The Knights looked sluggish in the first quarter as they struggled to find the range. But through some scrappy defense, the Knights hung close, trailing just 11-6 after the first quarter.

Senior Ted Mikuls came off the bench to spark Mt. Michael in the second quarter. Mikuls hit three in a row from the top of the key and had eight points in the quarter as Mt. Michael rallied to trail just 26-24 at intermission.

The ballgame became a seasaw affair in the third quarter, in which the lead changed hands several times. The Bluejays' Duane Hagedorn's 28 points in the game enabled the Bluejays to stay on top until late in the third quarter. Then the Knights, thanks to some key turnovers, were able to grab a 40-38 lead at the end of the quarter.

The fourth quarter opened with a series of traded baskets that produced several lead changes. With 16 seconds left, Mt. Michael found itself trailing 49-47. On the next possession, John Noble hit a 15-foot jumper with four seconds left to tie the ballgame and send



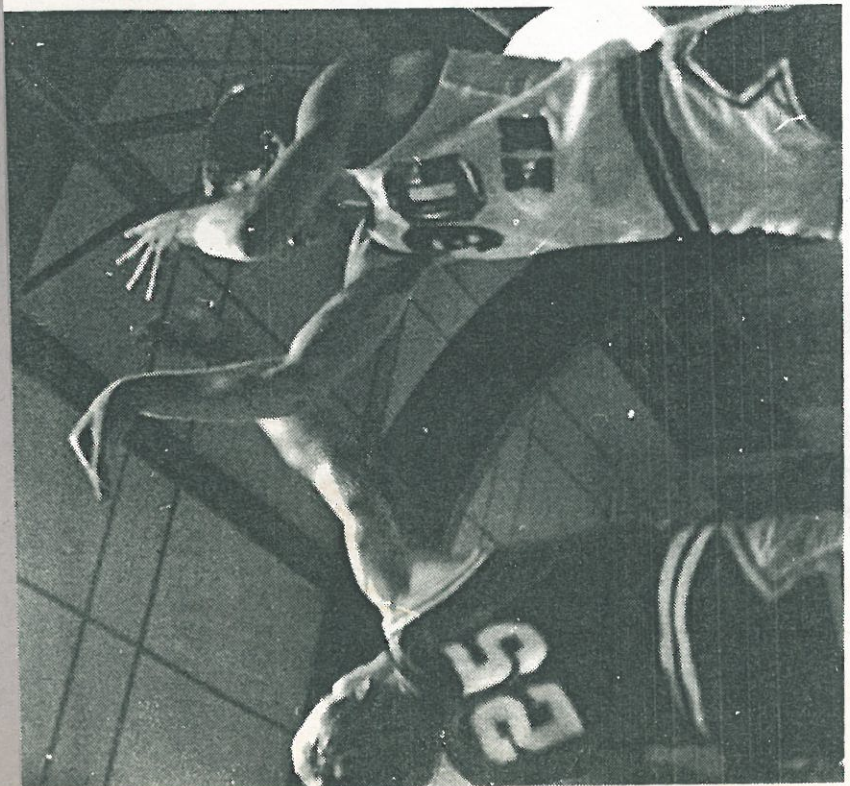
Knight John McCluskey battles with Central Catholic's Duane Hagedorn for control of the ball.

it into apparent overtime. But, Mt. Michael committed a two-shot intentional foul on the inbounds pass. With four seconds showing on the game clock, Troy Ortmeier sank one of two free throws enabling the Bluejays to escape with the 50-49 victory.

Duane Hagedorn led all scorers

with 28 points. John Noble led Mt. Michael with 14 points. Ted Mikuls added 13 points and Mike Noble contributed 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Mt. Michael drops to 5-4 on the year and plays this Saturday at home against South Sioux City.



Mount Michael's Mike Noble follows through on his shot as Arlington's Lonnie Graver defends.

Eagles Fly Over Mt. Michael

by Brian Mark

Saturday, the number one team in Class B, the Arlington Eagles visited Mt. Michael. And so did many of their fans, some showing up as early as 4:00 p.m. They didn't come away disappointed as, despite the determining effort by Mt. Michael, the Eagles were just too much winning the ballgame 53-44.

Arlington opened the game like gangbusters. The Eagles' Brian Gruenke led the attack with his 13 first quarter points and before the Knights could look up, they found themselves trailing 16-2 with 2:00 left in the first quarter. Several Arlington turnovers helped the Knights regain some lost ground, however, as they trailed 18-7 at the end of the quarter.

Arlington experienced a couple of scoring droughts in the second quarter, one time failing to score for as many as three minutes. But, unfortunately, Mt. Michael was just as cold from the field, shooting just 34% for the game. The two sides traded baskets en

route to a 28-16 Arlington lead at intermission.

When play resumed, the Eagles threatened to blow the game open, leading by as many as 18 points in the quarter. At the end of the third quarter, the Eagles held a comfortable 42-26 lead.

But the game wasn't over yet. Due to some turnovers, and Arlington shooting 5-11 from the free throw line in the quarter, the Knights rallied. Senior Ted Mikuls was instrumental in the comeback. His back to back steals and fall away jumper brought the Knights to within ten, but Mt. Michael could come no closer, eventually losing 53-44.

Brian Gruenke led all scorers with 23 points. Lonnie Graver added nine points for Arlington. Rob Noble led Mt. Michael with 18 points. Ted Mikuls added ten points for the Knights.

Mt. Michael, 6-6 on the year, entertains ninth ranked Blair Tuesday night, and then travels to Roncalli on Friday.

Mount Michael has 24-hour education

By Lise Olsen
Journal Writer

A hooded figure makes his way down the concrete path in the shadowy, columned courtyard near Mount Michael monastery built on the cornrowed Elkhorn River bluffs about 18 miles west of Omaha.

The solemn young man wears a Walkman and a pair of tennis shoes and has the lean, hungry look of an athlete.

He is one of 150 students who give up their car keys, homes and female classmates for five days a week of what the Mount Michael High School principal calls a 24-hour education.

Each boy pays \$2,300 for each year of education at the college preparatory school, where most of the classes are taught by Benedictine monks.

Actual costs per student of one year of schooling here average at about \$3,800. The difference traditionally has been made up through donations, investments, mission work and the abbey's annual fall festival.

But this year, for the first time in the 30-year history of Mount Michael Abbey, a \$1 million fund-raising drive has been announced. The colony wants to create an endowment fund that will provide a continuing source of new income.

Fewer men joining

One of the reasons behind the financial difficulty is a decrease in young men joining the monastic community, said Abbot Raphael Walsh, the president of the high school. In the last five years, only six men have committed themselves to a lifetime at Mount Michael. Two more are expected to join in 1986, the abbot said.

Because of the shortage of monks, the lay teaching staff has been expanded and more help is needed to care for the sick and elderly within the abbey community, Walsh said.

To avoid raising tuition, working monks perform several tasks.

The abbey's current principal, the Rev. Charles Zach, O.S.B., doubles as a coach, a dean of students and a religion teacher.

Zach left the home he shared with 11 brothers and sisters in 1959 to enroll at St. John Vianney Seminary, the school which became Mount Michael High School in 1970. Today, Zach says, Mount Michael students and faculty are also his family.

"My whole life is wrapped up in every corner of this place," he said.

Zach, like the other 16 teaching monks, took a vow of stability in addition to other vows of poverty, celibacy and obedience. Each has promised to remain at the school for the rest of their lives. So when Mount Michael alumni return to visit they will always be able to visit former instructors.

"They'll either be here teaching or they'll be in our cemetery," Zach says.

Mount Michael faculty strive to maintain a stable, structured and scholastic environment through discipline, high academic standards, religion, sports and other extracurricular activities.

Except in special circumstances, students are restricted to campus for five days a week. They are required to wear ties, dress slacks and shirts to class. Alcohol, drugs and gum are strictly prohibited and curfews are enforced.

But the vigorous school day schedule, which begins with a 7 a.m. wake-up call, leaves students little time to worry about breaking rules, Walsh said.

"We really don't allow a lot of time for the kids to feel they're pent up, blocked up or locked away from reality," he said.

Does not envy freedom

However, one junior, Chris Caudill Jr. of Lincoln, said he does not envy the freedom enjoyed by his friends who attend Lincoln high schools.

Caudill, one of eight Lincoln boys who attends Mount Michael, praises the academic and athletic standards and the close relationships between students and with teachers at the school.

Caudill chose Mount Michael after touring the school and attending a basketball game as a 13-year-old. He liked what he saw.

"There seemed to be a closeness in the eyes of the teachers and students kindling there," Caudill said.

The freshman year, his first year away from home, was the toughest, Caudill said. He spent most of his time feeling homesick and trying to make new friends.

Unlike older students who have private rooms, freshmen live in a dorm that is segregated from the rest of the students. For the first two weeks, a sort of initiation period, they wear beanies that are decorated by the upperclassmen. Freshmen also have curfews of 10 p.m., compared to 11 p.m. for sophomores through seniors.

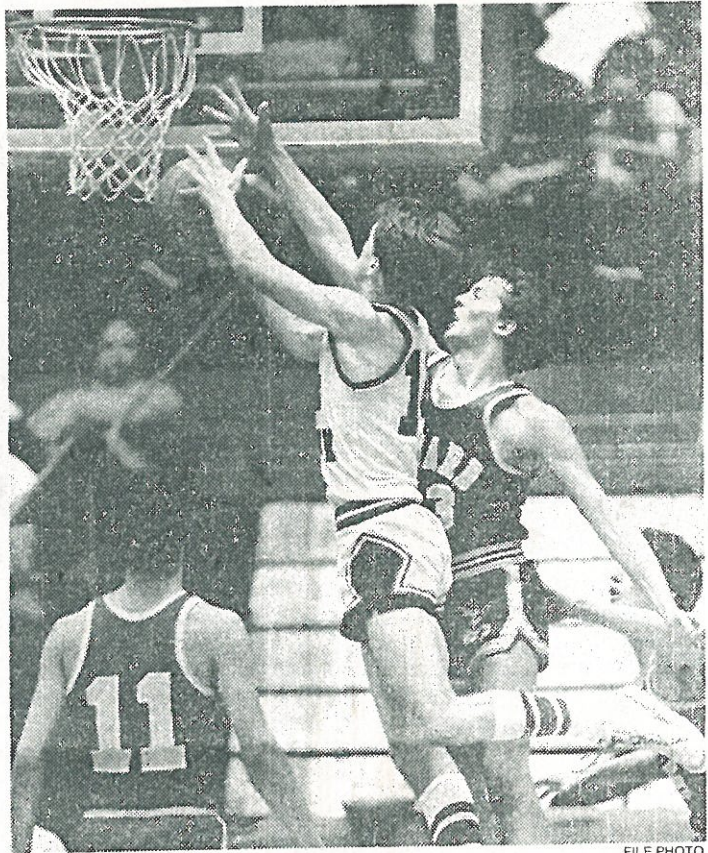
In some of those less happy times Caudill admits he thought about quitting.

But Caudill stuck it out, and with only one year left at Mount Michael, he said he feels well-prepared for his future college career.

Despite their relatively sheltered high school environment, Zach said the Mount Michael graduates who attend college (98 percent) adjust easily. The transition is smooth because Mount Michael students have well-developed study skills and are used to living in an environment that is similar to a college dormitory, Zach said.

Dances and events

Mount Michael faculty try to compensate for a potential deficit in social skills



FILE PHOTO

Elkhorn Mount Michael's John Kinney goes in for a layup as Seward's Mike Nordmeyer (13) defends in last year's state basketball tournament. Mount Michael won the Class B title.

by inviting Omaha's catholic girls' schools, Duchesne, Marion and Mercy, to dances and other annual events, such as Halloween and Christmas parties.

Zach also teaches "Human Sexuality" and "Marriage" courses as part of the religion class requirement of the Mount Michael curriculum. As a priest, Zach said he gets some guff from students about his qualifications. However, Zach compensates for his own lack of practical experience with guest speakers, couples and good textbooks.

Most of the upperclassmen at Mount Michael have girlfriends, Zach said.

"The disadvantage is distance, the advantage is you can be creative," Zach said. "Our guys write a lot of letters."

Almost all students, 90 percent of whom are from Omaha, go home every weekend.

Although some students may complain about their cramped social life from Monday through Thursday nights, Zach said Mount Michael's work could not be performed as effectively without the isolation. In another environment, peer pressure, idols, materialism and other factors would interfere with learning, Zach said. Even on campus, a 400-acre tract of land off county road 80, outside forces can interfere.

Most students graduate in four years. But for Zach and other Mount Michael monks, the struggle to educate young men in spirit, mind and body continues.

"You just want to cry sometimes wondering if you've accomplished anything," Zach said. "You don't know with kids. You don't know where they're going."

Antlers Escape Pesky Knights

by Brian Mark
Mt. Michael Reporter

Last Friday, the Mt. Michael Knights were everything the tenth ranked team in Class B, the Elkhorn Antlers, bargained for in escaping with a 51-44 victory at Mt. Michael. The Antlers were forced to fight off repeated Mt. Michael rallies down the stretch in order to preserve the win.

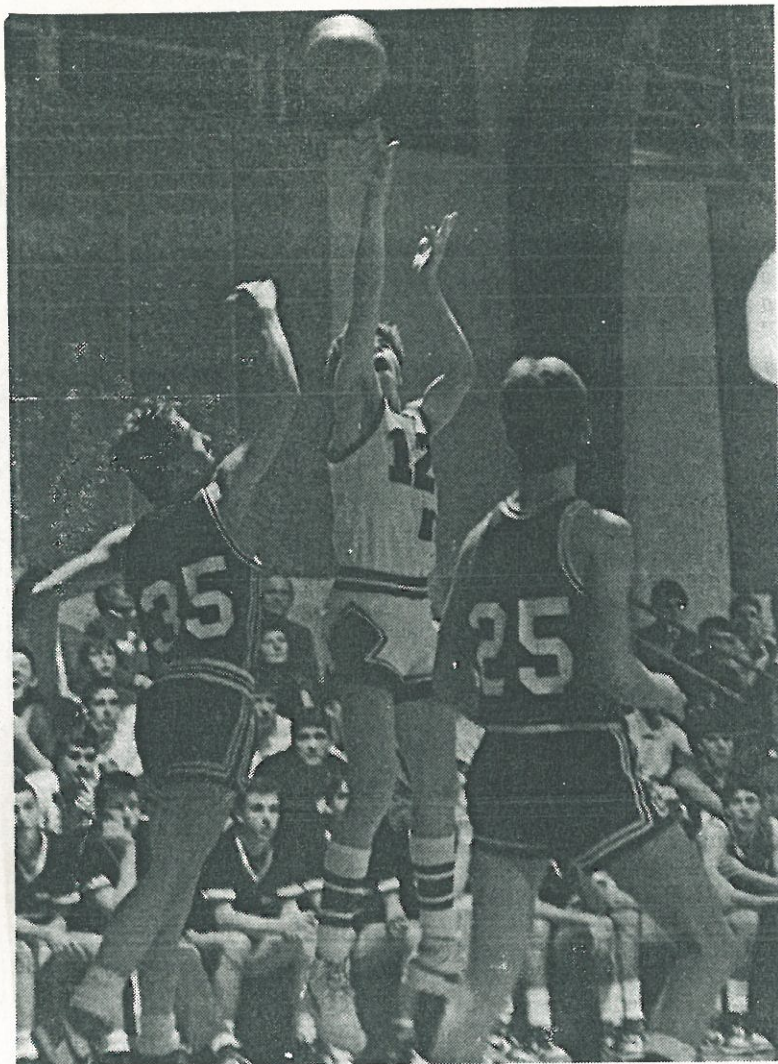
Neither side shot well to open the ballgame. John McCluskey fueled the Mt. Michael attack early in the first quarter. His six first quarter points enabled the Knights to stay close despite their shooting troubles, trailing just 13-10 after one quarter.

Sophomore Rob Noble took over the show for Mt. Michael in the second quarter as his long range bombs began finding the mark. But fellow sophomore, Derek Ludwig of Elkhorn, was equal to the task. The two threatened to turn the ballgame into a long distance shooting contest while the two teams played relatively even. At the half, Elkhorn held a slim 25-22 lead.

In the third quarter, the Knights began to peck away at the Elkhorn lead. At the end of the quarter, Mt. Michael had trimmed one off the Antler lead to just 34-32.

Missed free throws enabled the Knights to rally midway through the fourth quarter. The Knights pulled to within one at the 4:00 mark, but Jeff Rippe answered with a rebound on a missed shot to re-establish Elkhorn control. From then on, Elkhorn was never seriously threatened, increasing its lead to as many as 11 in the closing moments before winning 51-44.

Rob Noble led Mt. Michael with 20 points. John Noble and John McCluskey added eight points apiece. Jeff Rippe led Elkhorn with 16 points. Teammate David Trouba had ten points.



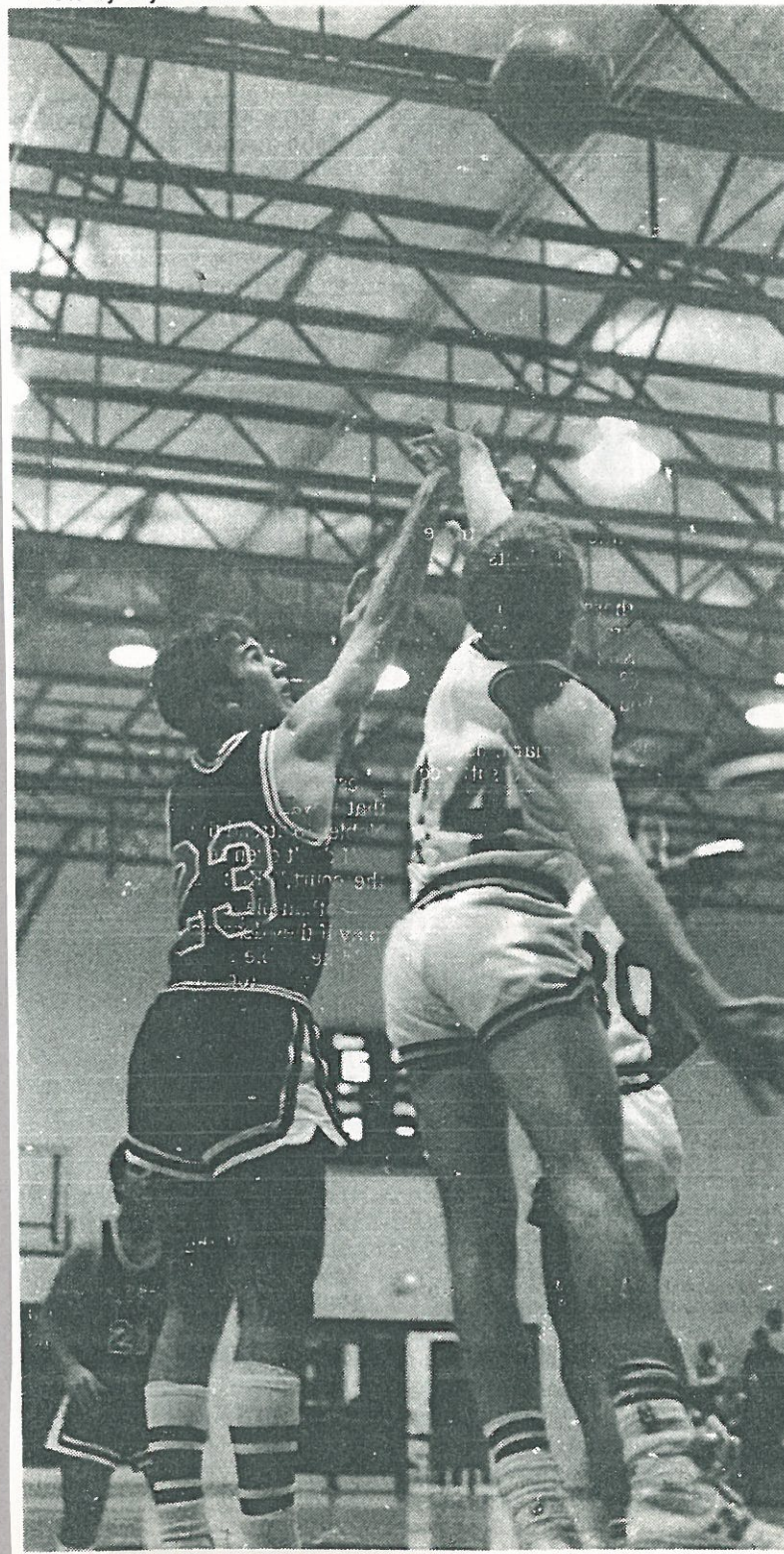
Knight Rob Noble fires away as Elkhorn defenders Bob Booth (35) and Dave Trouba look on.



Elkhorn's Brian Thompson (33) battles an unidentified Mount Michael player for the ball.

Knights Burn Blue Devils

Photo by Bryan Strom



by Brian Mark,
Mt. Michael Reporter

Last Saturday, Mt. Michael traveled to Plattsmouth for a meeting with the Blue Devils. The Knights controlled the ballgame from the outset and won in convincing fashion, 49-40.

Mt. Michael jumped out to an early lead behind the play of John and Rob Noble. Taking advantage of Plattsmouth's zone, John and Rob canned several long-range bombs in forging a 14-8 first quarter lead.

The second quarter saw a flurry of traded baskets which ended in a stalemate. At the half Mt. Michael led 26-20.

The Knights were able to blow the game open in the third quarter. Mike Noble found the hot hand and scored on two back door lay-ups and several 12-foot bank shots as Mt. Michael increased its lead to as many as 16 in the quarter. After three quarters of play, the Knights held a commanding 42-26 lead.

Plattsmouth's Don Pecha helped the Blue Devils chip away at the deficit in the fourth quarter. Led by his 16 points, the Blue Devils pulled to within eight, but it was too little too late. The Knights hit their free throws down the stretch to claim the win.

Rob Noble led Mt. Michael with 14 points. John and Mike Noble added 13 apiece.

This Tuesday Mt. Michael, now 5-3, takes its act on the road to West Point where they will be entertained by West Point, C.C. The Knights are then idle until February 1 when they play South Sioux City at Mt. Michael.

Knight Mike McCluskey shoots over Blue Devil Fran Lucas during Mt. Michael's 49-40 win.

Mount Michael Is Getting A Noble Effort on Court

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Elkhorn Mount Michael's top three scorers always give the Knights a Noble effort.

The Noble brothers — John, Mike and Rob — have started the past four games for the 4-3 Knights. In their most recent game, a 63-53 win last Friday over Fort Calhoun, they scored 45 points.

John, a 6-foot-1 senior guard, has recovered from a broken ankle suffered during the football season. The only returning starter from last year's Class B state championship team, he averages 12.1 points per game.

Mike, a 6-1 junior forward, "gets a lot of his baskets off the boards," Mount Michael Coach Jim "Killer" Kane said. He averages 8.6 points and 6.7 rebounds per game.

Rob, a 5-9 sophomore who averages 11.1 points, "is potentially the best shooter of the bunch," Kane said. "He didn't start until we played Fremont Bergan, and he had 22 points that night." Bergan won 66-64.

Also getting in on the family act at the boarding school located northwest of Elkhorn are the McCluskey brothers — Mike and John, both of whom have started games.

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The Nobles, sons of Roger and Sally Noble of Omaha, enrolled at Mount Michael last year after the family moved

Knights' Nobility

The season averages for John, Mike and Rob Noble of Elkhorn Mount Michael:

	Pts.	Rebs.
John	12.1	2.6
Rob	11.1	3.7
Mike	8.6	6.7

from Gothenburg, Neb.

Kane said Mrs. Noble's brother is a priest at the Mount Michael abbey, and that it was "a manifest destiny" for the Nobles to attend the school.

"I don't even see them as brothers on the court," Kane said. "I see them as basketball players, and they're going to play if they deserve to."

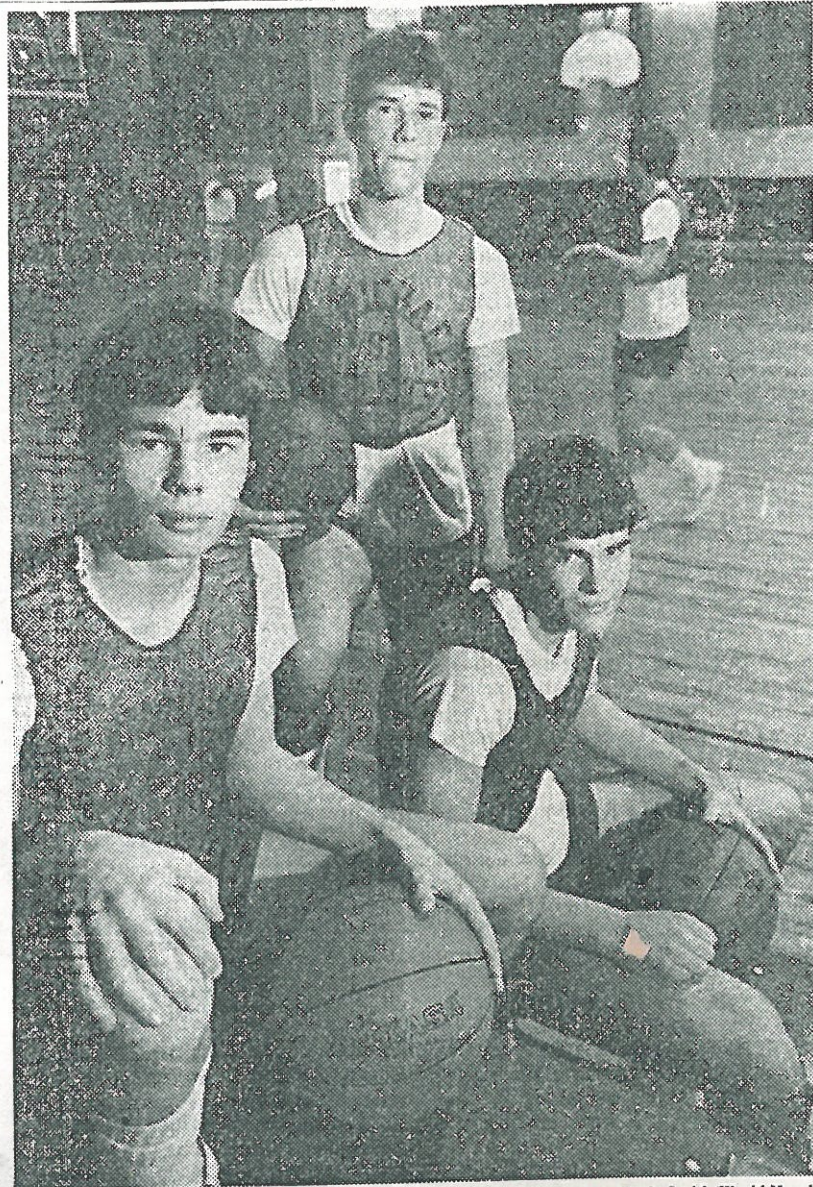
Mike Noble said they feel comfortable playing together. They had never been on the same organized team until this season.

"We get to know what each other can do and recognize what our weaknesses are so we can help out," Mike said.

Said John: "We get along well on the court. When we're playing, we never fight. But that's not always true at home."

Rob said he "was kind of surprised when I started the first time, being a sophomore."

The Nobles also excel in the classroom, Kane said. Rob is a 4.0 student, with his older brothers having grade-point averages between 3.7 and 3.8.



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