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# Mt. Michael in different situation than a year ago

A different kind of Elkhorn Mt. Michael will be playing in the 1979 state basketball tournament than the one that played there in '78.

"It's a big help having been there already. We got rid of those jitters that bother so many teams the first time they go to state," Knight coach Jim Kane said.

Last year Mt. Michael competed in Class C and lost by 11 points, 61-50, to state runner-up Lyons in first-round action.

In that game, Mt. Michael offered little more than all-state guard Steve DiGiacinto.

DiGiacinto was practically the whole show.

That's changed this year.

"We're more balanced and more confident. Last year we had a bunch of scared kids out there (on the state tournament playing floor). This year we're a five-man team...and one that should be among the favorites in Class B," said Kane, who's in his 15th year at the rural Elkhorn school.

Additionally, the Knights are up a class to B, but the move from Class C to Class B hasn't had much of an effect on the team. Because Mt. Michael is an independent (not affiliated with a conference), it played virtually the same opponents as a year ago.

On top of that, "C" ball, in general, is superior to "B" ball in the Fremont area, "so we're not suffering any competition problems," Kane said.

DiGiacinto, who ranks along with Lyons' Jim Gustafson as the area's finest guards, is averaging 18.7 points per game—nearly a full point below last year's 19.5.

But he's shooting over 50 per cent from the field and is averaging about 10 assists per game. On top of that, he's the man on top of Mt. Michael's powerful 1-3-1 zone, one of the most impenetrable around.

That's the same 1-3-1 Kane's used every year he's been in coaching.

"I just picked it up somewhere along the line in college, I guess," said Kane, a native of Wisner.

The Knights of '79 are "more business-like than last year," Kane said.

The Knights are seeded No. 4 in the Class B state tournament—the same place they were rated in the most recent "B" state ratings.

The biggest feathers in Mt. Michael's hat are playing awesome Lyons to a 68-64 decision on the Lions' home court and avenging third-rated Omaha

Cathedral, 47-40, in the district finals. Cathedral beat the Knights by 15 points in regular-season play.

DiGiacinto and 6-2 senior forward Zach Nelson form one of the area's best 1-2 punches. Nelson is averaging 15.7 points and 10 rebounds per game. He also was the No. 2 scorer and No. 1 rebounder on last year's ball club.

Kane feels his team has an excellent chance of becoming the state champion in Class B this weekend.

The Knights' biggest advantage—next to having played at state last year, of course—if "our balance. We've got good balance. We're sound in every area. On top of that, our kids are awfully smart kids," said Kane, who has over 200 basketball wins at Mt. Michael and also serves as the school's head football and track coach.

DiGiacinto and Nelson also were ringleaders of the Mt. Michael football team the past two years. Both squads won berths in the state playoffs (Class C in 1977, Class B in 1978).

Mt. Michael's first-round opponent Thursday (2 p.m., Pershing Auditorium) will be Hartington Cedar Catholic, which, like Mt. Michael, played a lot of Class C teams this winter.

Mt. Michael is 18-3 compared to the Trojans' 17-3.

"I don't know too much about their competition. I do know they have a big and balanced and young team, but I have no doubt that we're a stronger team," the outspoken Kane said.

Kane said heavy work on a leaper machine at school makes Nelson, 6-2 Mark Sojka, 6-2 John Fellows and 6-3 Doug Hettinger play "about three or four inches taller than they really are—that and the fact that they're just plain great natural athletes."

Kane summarized the main difference between state, '78, and state, '79, in the following way: "Last year it was fun. This year it's business, and we're going to take it."

## MT. MICHAEL

Record—18-3.

Coach—Jim Kane.

Average—68 offense, 43 defense.

Starters—Steve DiGiacinto, 6-0 senior, 18.7 ppg; Zach Nelson, 6-2 senior, 15.7; Mark Sojka, 6-2 junior, 13.0; John Fellows, 6-2 senior, 9.0; Doug Hettinger, 6-3 junior, 8.0, or Steve Linse, 6-5 senior, 1.0.

## HARTINGTON C.C.

Record—17-3.

Coach—Gary Dunn.

Average—65 offense, 52 defense.

Starters—Tom Feilmeier, 5-11 sophomore, 7 ppg; Keith Becker, 6-5 junior, 11.0; Mikt Litz, 6-3 senior, 15.2; Russ Uhling, 6-1 junior, 14.1; Jeff Zimmer, 6-2 junior, 7.0.

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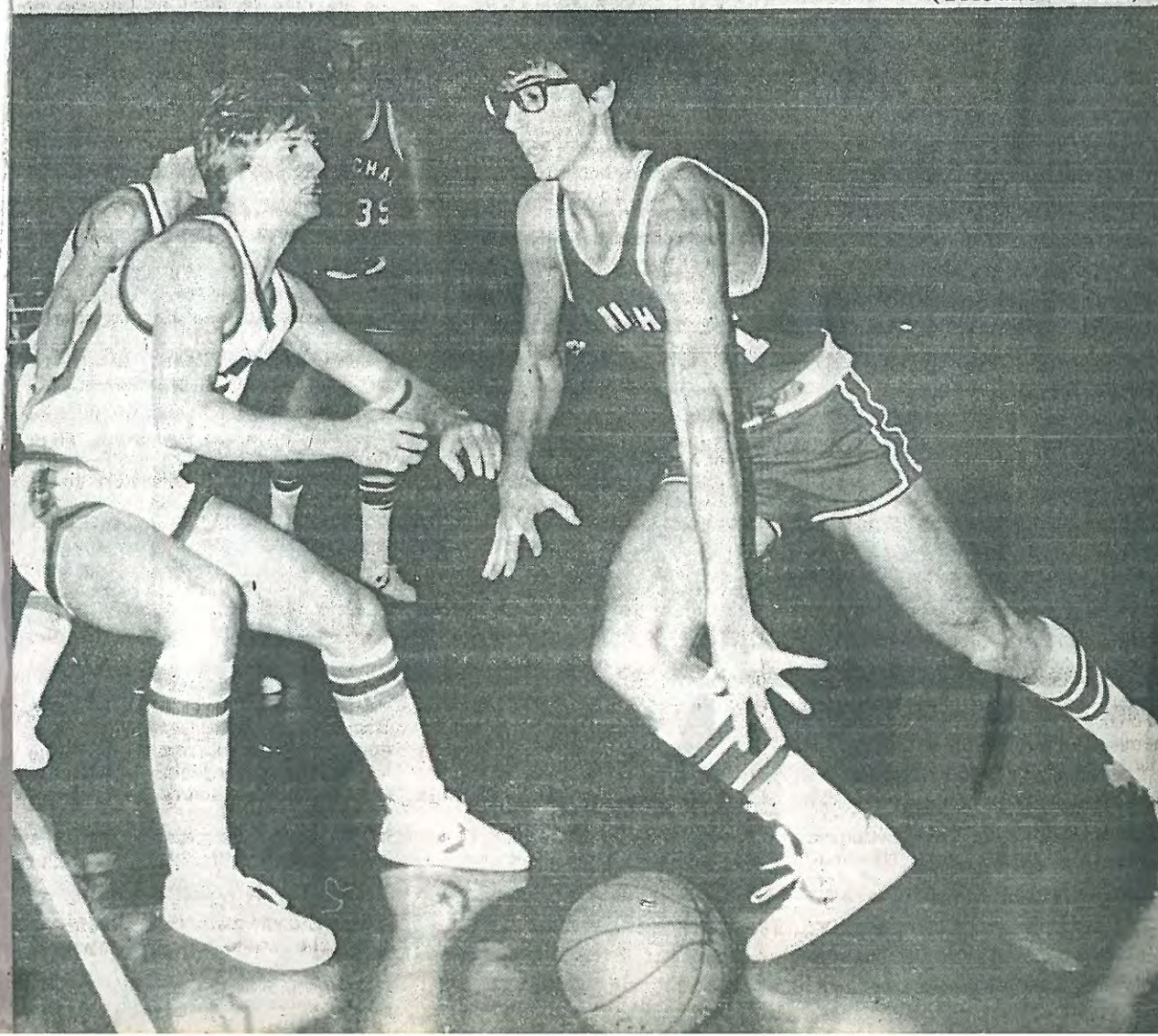
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Yutan playmaker Dean Egr, with ball in top photo, ponders his next move. Meanwhile, Eckstrom. Defending Fellows is Elkhorn Elkhorn Mt. Michael center John Fellows, High's Brad Gosch. No. 35, in background, is with ball in bottom photo, drives straight for Doug Hettinger.

(Tribune Photos)



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# B-3 semis to feature

o Meet in District Semifinals

## Mt. Michael, Elkhorn Win

By Larry Fauss

World-Herald Correspondent

Remont, Neb. — Two Elkhorn teams square off Thursday night in District B-3 semifinals as Mount Michael and Elkhorn make a rare appearance together.

Mount Michael easily disposed of opening-round opponent Omaha Paul VI 78-36, while Elkhorn struggled past Blair 51-46 Tuesday night at Midland College.

Mount Michael was never seriously threatened, taking command at the outset of the first quarter while building a 14-4 lead.

The big guns for Mount Michael were Steve DiGiacinto with 13 first-half points and Ken Nelson, who also had 13 before intermission. The 42-11 Mount Michael halftime lead they have left Paul VI Coach Ken Moore in a daze.

"We've been looking pretty good in practice," Moore said. "I didn't expect anything like this."

### A Little Stale?

Paul VI, whose last regular season game was Feb. 16, may have been a little stale, although Moore didn't use that as an excuse. "You go nuts trying to figure out why things don't open," Moore said.

Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane said he expects a hard tie against Elkhorn.

"For one thing, it's a big rivalry. That rivalry might stem from the few times that the schools have met," he said.

In his 16 years at Mount Michael, Kane estimated that his teams have played Elkhorn only four times.

### 63 Percent Shooting

Mistakes plagued Paul VI, which committed 21 turnovers and 11 for Mount Michael in the first three quarters while Mount Michael's starting unit was on the floor.

Mount Michael also hit 63 percent from the field in the first half, while the Paul VI offense

before finally taking charge again.

Blair successfully shut off Elkhorn center Doug Bohuslavsky with only 4 free throws in the first half.

He ended the night with 14 points on only four field goals as Blair denied the middle to Elkhorn.

### Lantz Steals Show

Blair almost pulled the game out behind the inside-outside punch of Mark Otte and Terry Lantz.

Otte, a 6-4 center, hit 7 of his 14 points in the third quarter as Blair edged to a 2-point lead.

The 5-10 Lantz stole the offensive show, however, as he hit 12 field goals, all from long range.

Blair Coach Ken Rohwer credited Elkhorn with taking away the quick tempo that Blair was looking for. "They took a lot of what we wanted to do away

from us," he said.

Elkhorn Coach Bill Davis thought the key to the game was evident in rebounding statistics. "They (Blair) didn't get an offensive rebound in the second half. That's got to be the key," he said.

He noted that in a 59-31 loss to Blair early in the season, "They just killed us on the boards."

Elkhorn will take a 6-11 record into the matchup with Mount Michael. Blair ended its season at 13-7.

In the other semifinal Thursday, Omaha Cathedral meets Arlington at 6:15.

Elkhorn	16	6	12	17	51
Blair	8	11	17	10	46
E—Gottsch 13, Reither 3, Thomas 5, Gosch 13, Bohuslavsky 14, Wolf 3.					
B—Lantz 24, Seevers 2, Moore 2, Peterson 4, Otte 14.					
Elkhorn MM	16	26	21	15	78
Om. Paul VI	7	4	13	12	36
MM—DiGiacinto 20, Casey 3, Sojko 18, Dombrowski 4, Nelson 19, Fellows 6, Hettinger 4, Moyberger 4.					
PVI—Antaldo 2, Zymball 4, Lorkovic 2, Pietramole 2, Hall 2, Lovelle 2, Cherek 7, Gates 8, Higgins 3, Caspar 4.					

## 'Battle of Elkhorn'



## Mt. Michael Takes Both Advice, Title

By Larry Porter

World-Herald Staff Writer

Remont, Neb. — Elkhorn Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane heeded his Knights around 1 Friday afternoon and imparted some advice.

"Don't stick your heads in the sand," Kane said, looking a few days ahead to when Mount Michael would tangle with Omaha Cathedral for the Class B-3 district crown and a ticket to the state tournament. "You have to get ahead early, because if we're behind, we're in trouble." The Knights, following the instructions of their coach to the letter, never trailed as they edged Cathedral 47-40 at Midland College.

The triumph was sweet retribution for fourth-ranked Mount Michael, which had been humiliated during the season by No. 3 Cathedral 60-45.

### 'Another Night'

"They got ahead of us 12 or 13 points in that first game and put it into their 5-game," Kane said. "Then they started taunting us. I told the kids there would be another night."

It was different this time around — in two major areas. Mount Michael's 1-3-1 zone defended off the inside almost completely, unlike the last time the two clubs met. The second difference was that Mount Michael seemed impervious to Cathedral's pressure defense. In the regular-season game, Cathedral's Kirk Nelson scored 20 points, many of which came either he either stole the ball or forced a turnover.

This time, however, Mount Michael's Steve DiGiacinto fought the ball up against Nelson's pressure without making any mistakes. Nelson scored just 2 points this time. "Nelson is a good hustler," Kane said. "Cathedral's kids gave a good defensive effort. They work you. That's harder than (cond-ranked) Aurora hawks

Cathedral's John Higgins in the corner much of the night with their finely tuned 1-3-1 zone. Higgins finished with 13 points, but he only had 2 until finally breaking loose in the final 5:24.

Higgins scored 22 against Mt. Michael in the first game.

### 6-0 Lead

Mount Michael, which has yielded opponents an average of only 43 points, was deadly on defense the first half against all three district foes. The Knights held Omaha Paul VI to 11, Elkhorn to 8 and Cathedral to 14.

Mount Michael jumped to a 6-0 lead and stretched it to 12-4 before Kane picked up a technical foul. Higgins sank both free throws, and it appeared that provided some spark to Cathedral's offense as the Cardinals closed to within 12-9 after one quarter. But Mount Michael owned a 23-14 cushion at intermission.

"I shouldn't have gotten that technical, but I was kind of fired up myself," Kane said. "I was out there (in front of the scorer's table) before I realized where I was. That was a bad spot to get one, because it could have lost the momentum for us."

Cathedral, which at one point early in the third quarter trailed by 11, held Mount Michael to 6 points in that stanza and crept to within 29-26. Three times in the final period the Cards got to within 1, but each time Mt. Michael repelled the surge.

### 'Poise Lost'

"If they had gotten ahead, it could have been different," Kane said. "They run the 5-game (delay) as well as anyone in the state. That's why we couldn't get behind early."

Cathedral Coach Terry Conroy said his Cardinals were hurt by their slow start.

"We didn't play well the first half," Conroy said. "We lost our poise, and had to play catch-up all night. Mount Michael has been playing awfully tough defense in the first half. It's tough to come back against that zone."

"Our offense (or lack of it) was what beat us," Conroy continued. "We didn't seem to play with intensity until we had to — until we were down by 11. I'll

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## Sojka for an easy one

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# Oh, now sweet it is! Mt. Michael avenges Cathedral

By DEWAINÉ GAHAN  
 "This one feels about as good as any I've ever had," said a papa-proud Jim Kane as his Elkhorn Mt. Michael Knights avenged favored maha Cathedral in the finals of the 3 district basketball tournament at Midland College Friday night.

said Kane, who has 216 wins (against 88 losses) in his long and distinguished basketball coaching career at Mt. Michael.

Mt. Michael's superb playmaker, all-stater Steve DiGiacinto, elaborated on Kane's feelings.

"Cathedral's behavior last time

DiGiacinto was the man whom Nelson guarded in the earlier showdown, and he held the Knight star scoreless from the field in the first half.

This time, things were different. DiGiacinto was in control from start to finish.

Balance has been a Mt. Michael asset, and such was the team's most impor-

the field (5 for 5) and from the line (8 for 8)...a nifty touch of class by a classy bunch of basketball players.

Mt. Michael takes an 18-3 record to next week's Class B state tournament. Cathedral, seeded No. 1 in the district tournament, bows out with an identical 18-3 record.

Last year the Knights were elimi-

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## That 'Killer Kane' defense

Juniors Doug Hettinger, 35, and Mark Sojka show the kind of defense, left photo, that put Elkhorn Mt. Michael in the Class B state tourney. With ball is Cathedral's John Higgins. After the Knight zone did the trick, it was a time of celebration for head coach Jim

"Killer" Kane (dark suit in right photo) and his stars. Players in the happy huddle are, from left, John Fellows, Steve Linse, Steve DiGiacinto (11) and Zach Nelson.

(Tribune Photos by Chris Gahan)

Arlington, which utilizes only one senior in the starting lineup, received a 26-point performance from junior guard Scott Hamre. He was 10 for 17 from the field (59 per cent).

The Eagles' all-state forward, Rusty Hansen, added 22 points to finish the season with a near-20 average. He's the team's lone senior starter.

Phil Kollars, another of the Arlington juniors who matured into an effective basketball player this winter, contributed 16 points.

Mt. Michael will be trying for its second straight state tournament berth tonight. Last year, Jim Kane's Knights went 20-3, losing to Lyons in the opening round of the Class C state tourney.

Arlington 10 23 17 18—68  
 O. Cathedral 17 27 18 14—76

ARLINGTON — Scott Hamre 10, 6-8, 4, 26; Jim Becher 0, 0-0, 4, 0; Rusty Hansen 9,

4-7, 4, 22; Phil Kollars 6, 4-6, 2, 16; Jon Misfeldt 1, 0-0, 3, 2; Dwight Wrich 1, 0-0, 5, 2; Jeff Fallon 0, 0-0, 3, 0; totals—27, 14-21, 25 68.

CATHEDRAL — Joe Rohan 1, 0-0, 1, 2; Mike Engen 2, 0-0, 4, 4; Kirk Nelson 10 8-11, 2, 28; Ted Rohan 2, 0-0, 5, 4; John Moran 5, 3-3, 5, 13; John Higgins 6, 10-13, 4, 22; Mike Scarpello 0, 3-4, 0, 3; totals—26, 24-31, 21, 76.

Elkhorn High 2 6 10 9—27  
 Elkhorn Mt. Michael 13 20 19 15—67

MT. MICHAEL — Steve DiGiacinto 4, 1-1, 3, 9; Pat Casey 1, 0-1, 2, 2; Mark Sojka 6, 3-4, 2, 15; Mark Dambrowski 0, 0-0, 1, 0; Zach Nelson 8, 0-2, 2, 16; John Fellows 4, 2-3, 3, 10; Kevin Sullivan 1, 0-0, 1, 2; Doug Hettinger 4, 0-1, 8; Matt Sojka 2, 0-0, 1, 4; Joe Mayberger 0, 1-2, 1, 1; Steve Linse 0, 0-0, 1, 0; totals — 30, 7-14, 18, 67.

ELKHORN — Dave Polk 0, 0-0, 1, 0; Bill Welsh 0, 0-1, 1, 0; John Wollen 1, 0-0, 0, 2; Brad Gosch 0, 0-0, 3, 0; Doug Bohustavsky 0, 3-6, 2, 3; Mike Thomas 6, 1-1, 4, 13; Eric Reither 1, 0-0, 4, 2; Dan Wolf 1, 0-0, 1, 2; Kevin Bridges 0, 0-0, 1, 0; Mike Gottsch 1, 2-3, 0, 4; totals—10, 7-14, 17, 27.



Elkhorn Mt. Michael's 1-2 punch of Zach Nelson, 25, and Steve DiGiacinto, 11, happily accept the B-3 district championship trophy from Midland's Jerry Johnson after the Knights upset

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# Killer Kane an Able Disciplinarian

By Larry Porter

World-Herald Staff Writer

Elkhorn, Neb. — Dusk was gathering and the sun looked like a huge, red basketball as it dropped on the horizon.

Birds were chirping as Jim Kane stood on a hillside perch high above the Elkhorn Valley.

"This is the highest point in Douglas County," Kane said. "Look. Over there is Fremont. There's Valley. And Waterloo is right down there."

Kane dropped his pointing arm, turned and sniffed the air.

"Lilacs," he said of the sweet scent drifting from a clump of nearby bushes. "I love it out here. It's so quiet."

The visitor stifled an urge to laugh. It was such a strange contradiction — the bear-like coach who owns the nickname "Killer" and a reputation as a referee-baiter out here smelling flowers, listening to birds and watching the fading sun.

But the 400 acres of rolling hilltops, site of the Elkhorn Mount Michael campus, have been Kane's home for 19 years.

The former baseball catcher, who spent three years in the New York Yankee organization, lives in a monastery. He teaches physical education and coaches football, basketball and track.

His football and basketball teams captured Class B state championships this past year. In other years, he has produced two state championship cross-country teams and one state championship track team. Today he is honored as The World-Herald's High School Coach of the Year.

There is a mystique about Mount Michael. And its coach. To many fans in the state, Killer Kane is Mount Michael. But what is Mount Michael?

"This was a cornfield 27 years ago," said the Rev. Charles Zach, principal of the Catholic boarding school three miles northwest of Elkhorn.

Priest monks of the Benedictine order — a group that is 1,500 years old and has a tradition of schooling — operate Mount Michael.

The school began in 1956 as a seminary.

"It was St. John's Seminary," Kane said. "It was just a high school for aspiring priests. We had kids from all



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Jim Kane holds court . . . He demands discipline, develops champions.

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over the country."

Kane was not there in the beginning. At that time the native of Wisner was near the end of his college baseball career at the University of Nebraska. A three-year stint in the Yankee farm system followed. Then it was time to embark on his high school coaching career.

## 'Father Kane'

He began at Waterloo in the fall of 1961 and stayed three years. St. John's, meanwhile, was beginning to look to athletics. The seminary had not yet fielded a team in any sport, but in the fall of 1964 Kane became its first coach.

"I didn't know where St. John's was — and it was only four miles from Waterloo," Kane said. "But I felt it was intriguing to go to a seminary that never had a coach."

Kane is a layman. He is not ordained nor has he taken any vows. But during those early years, other coaches used to kiddingly call him "Father Kane."

Kane, now 47, was asked if he had ever thought about joining the order.

"No, I don't think so," he said. "People used to kid me when I was younger, but that would be kind of outlandish for me to think about it at this time."

Kane coached St. John's to Class C state cross country championships in 1967 and '68. But the seminary ended the following year.

"Our total enrollment in 1969, the last year of the seminary, was 77," Kane said.

The seminary became a Catholic boarding school for boys in the four high school grades.

## Academic Emphasis

"People still get us confused with the seminary," Kane said. "They say, 'Are all these kids going to become priests?' I say, 'That's been 13 years ago.'"

The students now pay \$2,100 for nine months of room, board and tuition. More than 200 applications were reviewed last year, Kane said. "But we took 45 freshmen, no more and no less, just like we always do."

The emphasis for entrance is on academics, not athletics, Kane said.

"God strike me dead if I'm lying," Kane said. "We've never gone out and got a kid for his athletic ability. We get accused of that all the time, but we just can't."

"The academics are too tough. If we took a kid who was poor academically, he'd be lost in three weeks. You can't put a kid with a 90 IQ in with a kid who has a 150 IQ."

The fact that Mount Michael produces good students is a bonus when it comes to athletics, Kane said.

"What I like about it is when I look in that huddle. I look into those eyes and they're twinkling. The kids are listening and the wheels are turning. You can improvise a little more in a tight situation. They understand."

There are other things Mount Michael athletes must understand before they play for Killer Kane. Their task is to do, without question, what their coach says.

## Little Touches

"Every game is important to me," he said. "I think that's one reason why Mount Michael has good basketball and football teams — because I make the kids make it important to them."  
"I demand things. If you don't demand anything you don't get anything."

The sooner the kids who play for me understand that, the better off we're going to be."

One of Kane's little touches is the drill-like precision of his offensive line in football. The linemen resemble a snappy color guard as they set. Usually they fire off the ball at the first sound.

"Other coaches say when we come out of that huddle their kids had better be ready because we're just going to go," Kane said.

"The kids like that. They like to get down and get going because it looks good and it's snappy. It's a mentally refreshing thing."

Kane is also known for his 1-3-1 defense in basketball. That zone, more than anything else, is his trademark.

"I can count on maybe two fingers how many times I've played some other defense," he said.

It works. The Knights are 121-15 over the last six seasons. They have been to the state tournament five of those six years.

The Knights mirror their coach's jut-jawed image the most when they are on defense.

## Pride in Defense

"Bill Davis, a friend of mine, used to coach," Kane said. "He said people just get paranoid against our 1-3-1. I'll bet we've led the state six or seven years in defense."

"It takes pride. The kids coming up see the old bunch and want to do even better. I scream and holler and they want to see just how hard they can really play it."

That attitude on defense comes from discipline, Kane said.

"This is a unique situation here," he said, "but I'm just arrogant enough to think I could win in practically any situation. It might take awhile, and I'm not saying I could win state championships, but there are some things you have to do. You have to develop some pride and set down some rules."

"I hate to be around people who can't take criticism. That's the first thing you have to get over to play for me. I'm not mad at you every time I yell at you. I'm trying to help you."

"I still think we're in this business to win basketball games and to give the kids who play for us something else besides basketball," Kane said.

"Our kids wear coats and ties. I make them cut their hair. I make them shine their shoes. If I ask a kid to cut his hair and he balks at it, why should he do anything else I ask him to do? Kids say, 'Why?' Well, I don't want to hear why. It's because I said so. If he won't get his hair cut and act like a gentleman, then he's undisciplined. And he won't play for me."

"The kids like that, too. They're proud of it."

## Dapper Dresser

Kane said discipline is an important part of the success he's achieved.

"In a roundabout way, that's what this place is all about," he said. "I hope the kids come out of here with some different standards than maybe they came in with."

Kane is a dapper dresser. His gray hair is neatly combed and he looks like he's ready for the Boardwalk moments before a game. But he changes at the opening tip. His face becomes beet-red and steam fairly spews from his ears.

"People who have never played sports or coached can't understand it

and I really can't explain it," Kane said. "Winning creates a feeling. It's the best feeling in the world."

"I hear all the time, 'Well, we're going to have some fun.' Oh? The only time I've ever had any fun is when I've won."

"A guy says, 'Oh, it doesn't make any difference.' The hell it doesn't. If it didn't, the scoreboard people would go out of business. Nobody would keep score. How many people would come to a game where they didn't keep score?"

But Kane said his attitude has changed somewhat over the years.

"I don't think you can live or die the win-and-loss deal," he said. "I was just terrible when I got beat. I wouldn't talk to people for two or three days. I used to feel terrible. I still do feel bad, but it's just not going to affect me like it used to."

Living with a group of priests and brothers has done much to change Kane's outlook on life, he said.

"I'm not the raving maniac you sometimes see out on the court," he said. "What I do out there has nothing to do with this life. The people I work for understand that. I'm not under any wraps. I can't coach that way. I just can't sit there and quietly let things go on about me."

"But I can honestly say I have learned more good things from these people than anybody. Being around them for 19 years has meant a great deal toward my outlook. Not just the religious outlook, either. I mean life itself."

"I just don't say uncle very easily. My kids are like that, too. I know I'm a good competitor. I always compete hard. My teams always compete hard, too, and I'm sure some of that comes from me."

## Past Winners

- 1951—Robert Faris, Fremont
- 1952—William Pfeiff, Lincoln High
- 1953—Wayne Binfield, Scottsbluff
- 1954—Jerry Lee, Grand Island
- 1955—Jack McIntire, Falls City
- 1956—"Skip" Palrang, Boys Town
- 1957—Ed Haefler, Grant
- 1958—Don McKillip, Red Willow
- 1959—Dell Miller, Columbus
- 1960—Jess Keifer, Holdrege
- 1961—Frank Smagacz, Omaha Central
- 1962—"Dutch" Zorn, Gothenburg
- 1963—Don Leahy, Omaha Creighton Prep
- 1964—Art Bauer, Lincoln Northeast
- 1965—John Reta, Lincoln Northeast
- 1966—Joe Greene, Kearney
- 1967—Bill Hoyt, Omaha Westside
- 1968—Ed Johnson, Lincoln Northeast
- 1969—Tom Brosnihan, Omaha Creighton Prep
- 1970—Dale Bubak, Hayes Center
- 1971—Bill Ramsay, Cozad
- 1972—Roger Higgins, Omaha Cathedral
- 1973—Bill James, Bellevue
- 1974—Vince Aldrich, Lincoln Plus X
- 1975—Jim Martin, Omaha Central
- 1976—Lee Zentic, Lincoln East
- 1977—Cal Bentz, Omaha Westside
- 1978—Ken Cook, Adams
- 1979—Jim Nemetz, Hastings St. Cecilia
- 1980—Tom Hall, Omaha Westside
- 1981—Al Gaston, Grant
- 1982—Bob Schnitzler, Battle Creek

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# Mt. Michael rolls to district championship

By CLARK BENNE  
 ELKHORN-Elkhorn Mount Michael advanced to the regional playoffs with a 58-46 win over a surprising Fort Calhoun team in district C-2 play here Friday night.

The Knights will take a 19-2 record into against the regional playoff game the winner of the Humbolt and Nebraska City Lourdes game. If Mt. Michael wins in the regionals it will be the first time they have been to state since 1968 when they finished as runner-up to Grant.

At the half, some of the Knight fans were probably shaking their heads. After all, Fort Calhoun had won only seven games all year, and in an earlier meeting between the two teams Mt. Michael blasted the Pioneers 72-48. Considering this, almost everyone was surprised at the 28-26 Pioneer lead.

In the third quarter however, the Knights came out smoking. They had rolled up 21 points and limited the vis-

itors to only 9. With an 8 point lead and about 4:30 remaining in the game coach Jim Kane called time out and put his team in a delay game. With junior guard Steve DiGiacinto controlling the ball, the Pioneers never got closer than seven the rest of the way.

DiGiacinto was the game's leading scorer with 23 counters. He hit 8-15 shots from the field, most of them in the 20 foot range. His scoring average is about 19.5 points per game.

The key to game was probably the Knights defense as they limited Fort Calhoun to only 18 second half points. The 1-3-1 zone forced the Pioneers offense outside and they were forced to take bad shots: The one exception was 6'5" Mark Ryan. His 22 points kept the Pioneers in the game.

Tom Daley and Zach Nelson were leading rebounders for the Knights with 12 and 10 each. Dan Loeffelholz passed for four assists and John Fel-

## Classes A, B District Schedule

A-5 at Columbus — Monday: FREMONT (10-7) vs. South Sioux City (5-14), 6:15 p.m. Also entered: Columbus 1-15, Omaha North (?), Norfolk 12-4. Finals Tuesday.

B-2 at WAHOO NEUMANN — Tonight: WAHOO (5-13) vs. Gretna (13-6), 6:30. Also entered: Plattsmouth 16-4, Ashland 3-14, Raymond Central 7-10, Waverly 7-9, Lincoln Pius X (?), Springfield-Platteview 3-14. Semifinals Monday, finals Tuesday.

B-3 at Gretna — ARLINGTON (17-3) first round bye. Tonight:

BLAIR (6-13) vs. Omaha Paul VI (10-8), 5; ELKHORN (10-7) vs. Omaha Cathedral (8-11), 6:45. Also entered: Omaha Ryan (?), Boys Town 11-6. Semifinals Monday, finals Wednesday.

B-4 at Columbus (Platte) — Today: Hartington Cedar Catholic (7-10) vs. SCHUYLER (7-8), 2:30 p.m.; WISNER-PILGER (9-8) vs. Wayne (7-11), 6:30. Also entered: Madison 15-2, Columbus Lakeview 6-13, Pierce (?), Columbus Scotus 5-10. Semifinals Tuesday, finals Wednesday.

### BOYS TOP TEN

Name and School	SCORING:		
	Points	Games	Average
Steve DiGiacinto (Mt.M.)	408	21	19.43
Eric Claussen (Elk.)	324	19	17.05
Ron Shurts (Ben.)	327	21	15.58
Leo Venteicher (Ben.)	317	21	15.10
Jim Socha (Val.)	284	21	13.52
Larry Peterson (Val.)	262	21	12.48
Zach Nelson (Mt.M.)	261	21	12.43
Mark Schellen (Wat.)	193	16	12.06
Ron Richardson (Wat.)	176	16	11.00
Jim Rolfs (Elk.)	170	19	8.95

### REBOUNDING:

Name and School	Rebounds Games Average		
	Rebounds	Games	Average
Scott Weikhorst (Wat.)	224	16	14.00
Leo Venteicher (Ben.)	234	21	11.14
Chris Leaver (Val.)	220	21	10.48
Tom Daley (Mt.M.)	217	21	10.33
Eric Claussen (Elk.)	184	19	9.68
Jim Socha (Val.)	150	21	7.14
Zach Nelson (Mt.M.)	138	21	6.57
Jim Rolfs (Elk.)	114	19	6.00
John Fellows (Mt.M.)	117	21	5.57

### FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE:

[Minimum 4 shots per game]

Name and School	Shots		
	Made	Att.	Pct.
John Fellows (Mt.M.)	64	106	60.38
Jim Rolfs (Elk.)	63	114	55.26
Tom Daley (Mt.M.)	51	93	54.84
Steve DiGiacinto (Mt.M.)	167	328	50.91
Eric Claussen (Elk.)	117	240	48.75
Leo Venteicher (Ben.)	124	256	48.44
Mark Sojka (Mt.M.)	52	108	48.15
Chris Leaver (Val.)	64	135	47.41
Ron Shurts (Ben.)	142	333	42.64
Larry Peterson (Val.)	112	265	42.26

### FREE THROW PERCENTAGES:

[Minimum 2 shots per game]

Steve DiGiacinto (Mt.M.)	74	94	78.72
Eric Claussen (Elk.)	88	112	78.57
Bill Eckstorr (Val.)	33	42	78.57
Ron Shurts (Ben.)	43	55	78.18
Mike Fletcher (Elk.)	44	59	74.58
Larry Peterson (Val.)	38	51	74.51
Zach Nelson (Mt.M.)	53	76	69.74
John Fellows (Mt.M.)	32	50	64.00
Jim Rolfs (Elk.)	44	69	63.77
Leo Venteicher (Ben.)	69	112	61.61

**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK:** Mount Michael guard Steve DiGiacinto, who led his team to the regionals with outstanding performances against Holy Name and Fort Calhoun. "Dr. Deeg" swooshed 24 points through the mesh during the Holy Name contest.



Going to the hoop

Steve DiGiacinto, 11, is driving toward the basket in this play Thursday night during C-2 district boys basketball tournament play at Elkhorn High School. DiGiacinto scored 24 points and led Mt. Michael to a 59-39 semi-

final win over Omaha Holy Name. The Knights play for the district championship tonight against Ft. Calhoun. Defending on the play is Holy Name's Jeff Oehm, 43.

(Tribune photo)

lows had 4 steals.

As a team, Mt. Michael won the rebound battle 32-17 and also outshot the Pioneers at the free throw line.

Fort Calhoun finishes the season with a 7-12 record.

Ft. Calhoun	6	22	9	46
EMM	9	17	21	11-58

Elkhorn Mt. Michael—Steve DiGiacinto, 8, 7-8, 3, 23; Mark Sojka, 2, 0-0, 1, 4; Zach Nelson, 2, 0-1, 2, 4; John Fellows, 1, 5-8, 3, 7; Dan Loeffelholz, 4, 0-0, 1, 8; Doug Hettlinger, 1, 0-0, 0, 2; Tom Daley, 4, 2-3, 4, 10; Totals, 21, 4-7, 11, 46.

Ft. Calhoun—Bill Marcheck, 8; Paul Christiansen 7; Bill Fitzgerald, 5; Mitch Robinson, 2; Mike Mallory, 2; Mark Ryan, 22; Totals, 22, 14-20, 14, 58.

### Elkhorn MM Rules Class C-2 District

World-Herald News Service.

Elkhorn, Neb. — Elkhorn Mount Michael limited Fort Calhoun to 18 points in the final half as the Knights blasted their way to the Class C-2 District title Friday night with a 58-46 win at Elkhorn High School.

Mount Michael is rated sixth in The World-Herald's Class C rankings.

The Knights blew the game open in the third period as they exploded for 21 points while holding Fort Calhoun to nine.

Steve DiGiacinto led all scorers with 23 points, while Mark Ryan had 22 for Fort Calhoun.

Fort Calhoun	6	22	9	46
Elkhorn MM	9	17	21	11-58
At Elkhorn High				
FC — Marcheck 8, Christensen 7, Fitzgerald 5, Mallory 2, Robinson 2, Ryan 22.				
EMM — DiGiacinto 23, Sojka 4, Nelson 4, Fellows 7, Loeffelholz 8, Hettlinger 2, Daley 10.				

The lone survivor, thus far, in the boys competition is Mount Michael, which was to take on Humboldt in the regionals, Wednesday night. Coach Jim Kane anticipated Humboldt to press most of the game, which should present little problem to the slick-ballhandling Knights. Led by the top scorer and free throw shooter in the area (Steve DiGiacinto) and the top field goal shooter (John Fellows), the Knights ranked as a strong favorite to advance to Lincoln next Thursday.

## Knights To Clash With Lyons

ELKHORN — The Mount Michael Knights and the Lyons Lions will square off in the opening round of the Nebraska State High School Boys Basketball Tournament on Thursday, March 9, at the Sports Center in Lincoln.

The two teams are veritable strangers to state tournament competition. The Knights last played in the tournament 10 years ago, when the then-Elkhorn St. John team lost 67-60 in the Class C finals to Grant. Lyons hasn't competed at state since 1923 and is hungry for the chance to prove itself.

Despite the similarity in the records of the 21-2 Lions and the 20-2 Knights, the teams are drastically different. Lyons relies on its height and speed to outscore opponents. The team is anchored by 6'7" center Jim Going, one of the most dominant sophomores in the state with a 15.1 point-per-game average and 13.1 rebound-per-game average. He is backed up by 6'4" junior forward Jeff Hayes, who is scoring at a 20.3 clip and hauling down 11.9 rebounds each game.

Junior guard Jim Gustafson, at 6'1", is the outside threat, averaging 15.2 points-

per-contest. Junior guard Jim French (6'0") and senior forward Mark Sunderman (6'3") round out the starting five.

Mount Michael neither scores as much nor gives its opponents as many points as Lyons. Coach Jim Kane's squad is slower and more methodical in running its patterns. Junior guard Steve DiGiacinto (6'0") is the team leader. DiGiacinto is averaging 19.5 points-per-game, with a high game of 33 points. Senior center Tom Daley (6'3") handles the rebounding chores to the tune of 10-per-game.

Zach Nelson, a 6'1" junior forward, is dangerous both from the court and on the boards. His 13-point-per-game average speaks for itself, and his seven-rebound-per-game average is deceiving. Junior forward John Fellows (6'2") and senior guard Dan Loeffelholz (6'0") complete the starting quintet.

The winner of the game will be the team which is able to control the tempo. If Mount Michael gets into a "run-and-gun" contest with the Lions, the Knights are in trouble. Conversely, the Knights will attempt to control the ball and the clock. Should they get ahead early, they will take their time and work the ball around to the open man out of their four-corner offense.

The Lyons team, despite all talent, is young, aggressive and impatient. If they are unable to get the ball away from the slick ballhandling Knights, Mount Michael is liable to spend quite a bit of time at the charity line.

Only two teams in the state tourney have been more successful from the line than the Knights—Class B Plattsmouth (with a 72 per cent average) and Class D Hildreth (averaging 68 per cent). The Knights have been scoring at a 67 per cent clip from the line, as opposed to Lyons' 55 per cent.

If Mount Michael can get past coach Greg Kamp's squad which is ranked third in the state, it will take on the winner of the Randolph-Wood River game. Randolph is 21-0 and Wood River is 13-8.

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FOLLOWING a 20-2 SEASON RECORD the Knights of Mt. Michael Benedictine High School in Elkhorn captured the boys' Class C district basketball championship. The team's only losses were to Arlington, ranked third in Class B, and to seventh-ranked Dodge. The team's first game in the Class C state championship playoffs took place last night against Lyons, ranked third in Class C with a 21-2 record in season play. (Above) Members of the championship team include (front row, from left): Zach Nelson, Steve DiGiacinto, Dan Loeffelholz, Kevin Sullivan, Rich Tokheim, (back row, from left): coach Jim Kane, Doug Kettinger, Tom Daley, John Fellows, Steve Linse, Matt Sojka, Mark Sojka, Pat Pawol and George Roshone.



Goin' for two

Elkhorn Mt. Michael's Tom Daley drives past Ft. Calhoun nemesis Mark Ryan. Daley scored 10 points and hauled down 12 rebounds in the Knight's 58-46 win over the Pioneers. The win gives the Knights the C-2 title and sends them to the regional playoffs with a 19-2 record.

(Tribune Photo)

## Mt. Michael C-2 finalist

ELKHORN—Elkhorn Mt. Michael had little trouble Thursday night improving its record to 18-2 and earning its way to the finals of the C-2 district boys basketball tournament.

The Knights took an easy 59-39 win over Omaha Holy Names. They will play Ft. Calhoun, 7-11, tonight at 8 for the championship.

Steve DiGiacinto led the way for the Knights Thursday with 24 points. He scored 12 in the second quarter when Mt. Michael outscored Holy Names 17-6 and he scored 22 in the last three quarters.

Teammate Tom Daley led the Knights in rebounding with 14.

"They like to run and we kept them from that," said Knight coach Jim Kane.

Mt. Michael spent most of the fourth quarter at the free throw line. Ft. Calhoun earned its way into the

finals with a 54-53 win over Valley. The Terriers led throughout the game before losing in the final period. It was their seventh loss this year after leading going into the final period.

"We've had tremendous trouble with not shooting well in the fourth quarter," said Valley coach Ed Johnson.

Valley tied the score with 20 seconds remaining in the game.

Ft. Calhoun's Mark Ryan was fouled with four seconds left and sank one of two free throws. The Terriers picked up a foul on the ensuing rebound but missed the free throw attempts. There was a jump ball, on the next play but the tip went away from the basket and time ran out.

Larry Peterson led Valley with 17 points and Chris Leaver had 11 rebounds.

The Terriers end the season with an

8-13 record.

Valley 18 14 10 11—53

Ft. Calhoun 10 15 12 17—54

Valley—Larry Peterson, 6, 5-6, 4, 17; Bill Eckstrom 5, 2-3, 0, 12; Gary Gottsch 4, 2-4, 1, 10; Joe Johnston 2, 1-2, 3, 5; Chris Leaver 3, 0-1, 0, 6; Jim Socha 1, 1-2, 5, 3; totals 21, 11-18, 13, 53.

Ft. Calhoun—Mark Ryan 20, Bill Marcheck 9, Robinson 6, Christensen 2, Bill Robinson 12, Hansen 5.

Omaha Holy Names 8 6 7 18—39

Elkhorn Mt. Michael 10 17 13 19—59

Omaha Holy Names—Ken Long 2, 5-8, 5, 9; Jerry Carew 2, 0-0, 5, 4; Mark Cutsor 1, 0-0, 0, 2; Jim Houston 2, 0-0, 4, 4; Embr Lollar 7, 1-6, 5, 15; Jeff Oehm 0, 0-0, 4, 0; Mike Buchta 0, 1-2, 2, 1; Jim Malefski 0, 2-3, 2, 2; Randy Schaefer 1, 0-0, 0, 2, totals 15, 9-19, 27, 39.

Elkhorn Mt. Michael—Steve DiGiacinto 8, 8-13, 2, 24; Zach Nelson 4, 1-3, 5, 9; John Fellows 4, 3-6, 4, 11; Dan Loeffelholz 1, 2-4, 1, 4; Doug Hettinger 0, 0-0, 1, 0; Tom Daley 3, 1-5, 3, 7; Mark Sojka 1, 0-1, 1, 2; Matt Sojka 1, 0-0, 0, 2; totals 22, 15-32, 17, 59.



Tom Daley [42] battles for rebound [insert] and afterwards "nets" the victor's spoils. [Gazette Photo]

## Knights Take District C-2 Crown

By Howard Berger

ELKHORN — The Mount Michael Knights added Omaha Holy Name and Fort Calhoun to its list of victims, as they won the district C-2 title. The Knights overwhelmed the Ramblers, 59-39, before downing the determined Pioneers, 58-46, in the finals.

The semifinal match was expected to be closer than it was. The Knights had put on a lackluster performance during a first-round rout of Dominican and the talented Ramblers seemed capable of the big upset.

But coach Jim Kane's squad completely dominated every facet of the game and established control immediately. Junior Steve Digiacinto, who scored 20 or more points in each of the playoff

games, gained game honors with 24 points. John Fellows, the most accurate field goal shooter in the area, also hit double figures, with 11 points.

They were backed up by the slumping Zach Nelson, who hit for nine, and Tom Daley, who added seven. Nelson, who has not been scoring as much as he had earlier in the season, is still attacking the boards ferociously.

The next night, the Knights took the district title with an exciting win over a fired-up bunch of Pioneers. Calhoun, the prohibitive underdog, came out determined and hit an amazing 77 per cent of their shots in the first half to take a 28-26 lead into the lockerroom.

Senior Mark Ryan, who finished with a team-high 22 points, was connecting both

from the inside and outside at will. He was also doing a brilliant defensive job on Mount Michael center Tom Daley.

But Ryan and junior Bill Fitzgerald both picked up their fourth fouls of the game in the third quarter. At the same time, their torrid shooting cooled off, and the Knights ran off to a 21-9 advantage during the third period. Mount Michael was then able to coast home to their 12-point victory before several hundred of their screaming fans.

Dr. Deeg again led all scorers with 23 points. Daley came back strongly in the second half against Ryan to finish with 10 points, and Dan Loeffelholz and Fellows connected for eight and seven points, respectively.

## Free Throw Touch Sends Mount Michael to State

World-Herald News Service.

Syracuse, Neb. — Elkhorn Mount Michael got its ticket to the state tournament at the free throw line Wednesday night in a 45-38 victory over Humboldt in a Class C regional championship game.

Mt. Michael hit 13 of 19 free throws. Humboldt made two of five.

Elkhorn MM ..... 11 14 4 16-45  
 Humboldt ..... 8 10 10 10-39  
 MM — Digiacinto 18, Nelson 6, Fellow 3, Loeffelholz 5, Daley 13.  
 H — Nolte 12, McKim 16, Nanninga 2, Herr 8.

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## Gahan's Game Plan

### Raising a little Kane



By DEWAINE GAHAN

Lovable, ornery old Jim Kane is at it again. Kane, Elkhorn Mt. Michael's coaching genius, is the area's foremost purveyor of the understatement—or the overstatement, if the situation calls for it. He's honorary captain of the All-Area Bull-Shooting Team.

When I informed him Thursday that his Knights would be paired with the most area rival Lyons in first-round Class C state tournament play, he responded by saying, "Jeez (if you know Kane, you know that wasn't the word he used), you just ruined my day. I was feeling pretty good before you loaded that on me. Looks like we won't be in Lincoln very long."

Concerning his short, underclass-laden team's match-up with the underclass-laden Lions (21-2), he said, typically, "there's no way we can compete with them. Anybody who's ever watched us play knows we don't do much. We're really not that good (20-2)."

He further understated his team's chances by saying, "Bob Kremke, Arlington head coach, (also taking his team to state) told me that Lyons has far the most talent of any team in Class C. I don't know how in heck we're going to handle all that height. We're just a bunch of little squirts."

### A bunch of smarties

Kane feels his team has one distinct advantage over other teams: smart. "We aren't very talented, but our kids are awfully smart. No kidding, top seven players own grade-point averages between 3.8 and 4.0 (4.0 in fact). Five of them have never gotten a B at Mt. Michael. Any coach will tell you that smart kids make the best athletes," Kane said.

"They can handle any situation. They've really got their heads screwed right. Their intelligence makes up for all our deficiencies," he added.

Kane isn't above speaking on the level concerning the Lyons-Mt. Michael game. He CAN be serious.

He's dead serious when he says, "we've played a heckuva schedule this season. We've gone against the likes of Arlington and Gretna, and Lyons can be any better than them. We're not scared of Lyons. We'll give 'em a heck of a scrap. And I promise you this: it'll be a close game. Nobody's every going to embarrass Mt. Michael. They say Lyons has the best offense around. We don't think it's possible to play defense any better than we do."

Hey, this has the makings of a real donnybrook, doesn't it?

### Not since 1932

The Lyons-Mt. Michael pairing next Thursday raises an interesting question: does anybody out there know when the last all-area match-up at the state tournament occurred? I don't know of one in recent years. Any help in answering this question will be greatly appreciated.

I do know this: the last time two Fremont area teams met in the finals of the state tournament was in 1932 when Mead conquered Arlington in the Class C title game.

I have a hunch that this year, finally, after a 55-year drought, another area finals will take place at state. Keep your fingers crossed in Class C. Howells in one bracket and the Lyons-Mt. Michael winner in the other.

### It's no accident

Jeff Hayes' phenomenal 67 percent field goal accuracy this winter is no accident.

The Lyons star's red-hot shooting (he's averaging 20.7 points per game) is the result of years and years of pounding the pavement.

Hayes loves basketball with a passion. He's shooting hoops just about every spare minute he has, whether it's at practice in the school gym, on his driveway on a frigid winter weekend or on somebody else's concrete court on a hot summer day.

Lion coach Greg Kamp provides a classic example of Jeff Hayes' love affair with basketball: "He went out for track last spring, not because he liked it because he knew it was good for a budding athlete like himself. (Track coach Floyd) Brown would run the heck out of him. He'd have Jeff running so much he was just dragging. He'd be absolutely pooped every day after practice. Whenever I'd drive by his house, there he'd be outside shooting baskets. No matter how tired he was, he was never too tired for basketball."

There you have it, all you young basketball players: a lesson in the value of hard work, dedication and sandlot ball, courtesy of Mr. Accuracy, Jeff Hayes. And keep in mind: this 6-4 marvel is only a junior.

Good things happen to those who are willing to pay the price.

# Bob Kremke, Jim Kane—

# College roommates take area teams to state

By DEWAINE GAHAN

A pair of college roommates take Fremont area high school teams to the state basketball tournament today.

Bob Kremke and Jim Kane, two of the biggest names on the area coaching scene, will be pulling for each other during the three-day tourney.

Kremke is head coach of the Arlington Eagles, who battled Fairbury at 2 this afternoon in a Class B first-round game.

Kane is head coach of the Elkhorn Mt. Michael Knights, who go against another area entry, Lyons, at 7 tonight in Class C play.

"We were college roommates (in the mid- to late-50's) at the University of Nebraska," Kremke said.

Both were lured into coaching by their love of athletics. Neither doubted, 20 years ago, that he'd still be in coaching in 1978.

"Bob's one of my best friends, both in and out of the coaching business,

and I'm real happy for him that he finally got Arlington to state," Kane said.

The Eagles had been without a state tourney entrant since 1960.

While Kremke has had five-year coaching stints at three different schools in northeast Nebraska, Kane has found health and happiness at one school. He is in his 14th year as the Knights' coach.

Mt. Michael's only other state tourney entrant was in 1968 when the school was known as St. John. That team finished runner-up in Class C.

Both men are extremely good at their chosen profession.

Kremke boasts a 15-year record of 237-89.

He's taken all three of his schools to state. His 1961 Weeping Water club won the Class C state tournament. He later guided two Papillion teams to the Class B state meet, Madison eliminating the Monarchs both times.

His five-year Arlington record

stands at 82-20. The worst—if you can call it that—Eagle team he had, percentage-wise, was the 15-6 club of 1976-77.

Kremke is the one and only state to have been honored as head coach at three different all-star basketball classics. He served in Omaha's Metro Classic in 1974. Last year he piloted the North in the state all-star games. This year he will guide the East in the third annual Tribune All-Star Game in Fremont.

Kane, slightly younger than Kremke's age of 44, is the busiest coach in the Fremont area.

He is a throwback to the old days of coaching when one man did it all.

Kane serves as Mt. Michael's head coach in football, basketball and track.

He took the Knights to the Class C state playoffs in football last fall. They finished with a 9-1 record, putting his record during the last four seasons at 29-7.

Kane's isn't sure about his 14-year basketball record.

"I don't keep track of things like that," he said.

When informed that it might be 200-85, he said, "that sounds about right."

Kane's and Kremke's powerful teams opposed each other this season, and the result was a shockingly easy 60-42 win Feb. 4 for Arlington.

During Kane's 14-year tenure at the Elkhorn school, the Knights seldom lost at home, let alone by 18 points.

"His boys really had a bad night and we really had a good one," Kremke said.

Arlington takes a 19-3 record to state. Mt. Michael stands at an all-time best 20-2.

Both drew rugged first-round assignments.

In Fairbury, the Eagles go against one of the perennially best Class B basketball teams in the state. The Jeffs (18-3) qualify for state practically every year and will be out to

avenge a 61-60 loss to Kremke's club Dec. 29.

Mt. Michael has the task of battling one of the area's most talked-about and most talented teams ever, Lyons. The Lions, 21-2, boast the area's best triple-threat attack in years (Jim Gustafson, Jim Going, Jeff Hayes).

This is the first meeting of the season between the two Class C powers.

Neither Kane nor Kremke is shy about his team's chances of winning at state.

"Our goal all season long has been to win state, not just get there. We have exceptional balance, which is definitely to our advantage, and we know we can beat Fairbury again. But we also know it probably will be every bit as close as last time," Kremke said. "We have a very special group of seniors."

Kane knows his Knights, talent-wise and man-on-man, can't match up to Lyons, but "I promise you this: it will be a close game. We're not

scared of Lyons. We'll give them a heck of a scrap."

While Lyons carries the state's highest point-per-average offense (78.6), Mt. Michael plays defense "about as well as you'll ever see a team play it," Kane said.

The Fremont area's fourth state tournament entrant, defending Class C state champion Howells, opened the big event known as March Madness this morning.

The 23-1 Bobcats, appearing at state for the fifth time in six years and seeking their fourth Class C title in that span, took on underclass-laden Fairfield Sandy Creek, 17-6, at 10 o'clock.

If they win today, the area teams will play in the following semifinal schedule Friday: Lyons-Mt. Michael, 7:30 p.m.; Howells, noon; Arlington, noon.

The Class C finals will be played at noon Saturday, followed by the Class B championship tussle at 2.

## Elkhorn's Players 'Know How to Win'

By Steve Pivovar

World-Herald Staff Writer

Elkhorn Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane is uncertain of the affect his successful football team had on his basketball squad this year.

He is certain of one thing, though.

"The most important thing about this whole bunch is that they know how to win," said Kane. "Kids are all different, and I've had some real good teams get to the gate but couldn't get through."

"We've had a lot of games this year when we were down. For some reason, we were able to win. I think we've surprised ourselves — I don't think anyone of us thought we'd be 20-2."

"These kids just think winning."

Mount Michael will have to do more than just think if it hopes to get by its first round opponent in the Class C state tournament Thursday. The Knights meet 21-2 Lyons in a 7 p.m. game at the University of Nebraska Sports Center.

### Lyons' Height

Lyons boasts a front line of 6-7 sophomore Jim Going, 6-4 Jeff Hayes and 6-3 Mark Sunderman. At 6-1, guard Jim Gustafson is as tall or taller than three of the five Mount Michael starters.

"For a Class C team, they have good size," said Kane. "I think that we have the toughest

draw of the tournament. They're awfully big.

"I haven't seen them play, but I've talked to a lot of people who have. They say Going can really play. Talentwise, they are awfully good."

Hayes is the leading Class C scorer going into the tournament with a 20.3 point average. Gustafson and Going rank 7-8 in scoring while Going is the

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### ELKHORN MOUNT MICHAEL (Visitors)

No.	Name	Grade	Height
11	Steve DiGiacinto	11	6'0"
12	Rich Tokheim	11	5'9"
15	Kevin Sullivan	10	6'0"
21	Mark Sojka	10	6'1"
23	Pat Pawol	11	6'0"
25	Zach Nelson	11	6'1"
31	John Fellows	11	6'2"
33	Dan Loeffelholz	12	6'0"
35	Doug Hettinger	10	6'2"
41	Matt Sojka	11	6'1"
43	Tom Daley	12	6'2"
45	Steve Linse	11	6'5"

COACH: Jim Kane  
ASS'T: George Roshone

## Thought Puts Elkhorn 20-2

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leading rebounder with an average of 13.1 per game.

Mount Michael will counter with its front line of 6-2 John Fellows, 6-1 Zach Nelson and 6-3 center Tom Daley. The backcourt starters are Dan Loeffelholz and leading scorer Steve DiGiacinto. Daley and Loeffel-

holz are seniors, the others are juniors.

### Improved Average

DiGiacinto is a two-year starter for Kane. Last year, the 5-11 guard averaged 14 points a game. This year, his average has grown to 19.5.

DiGiacinto was naturally counted on to carry a big share

of the load, Kane said. The development of his supporting cast has pleased the coach.

"I was uncertain of this team's chances at the beginning of the year," said Kane. "We really didn't have that many kids back who had played much."

"We knew DiGiacinto was good. He was a starter. But the only other kids we had back who played much were Fellows and Daley, who shared a starting spot last year."

"But we felt we had some basketball players in the other kids, too. When our juniors were freshmen, they were 15-0."

The Knights won their first 10 games before dropping a one-point loss to Dodge. Mount Michael's other loss was by 60-42 to Arlington, a Class B tournament qualifier.

"Those two wins before Christmas were very important to us," said Kane of victories over Gretna and West Point Central Catholic. "We beat Gretna at Gretna, then came back and beat West Point, a team that had all five starters back off their state tournament team last year."

"Those wins kind of surprised us. But they were big wins. I don't know how the season would have come out if we would have lost those."

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# Hayes does it again, Lyons advances

LINCOLN— When Jeff Hayes goes into his act, they might as well turn out the lights. His shots probably would find the mark even in the dark.

Hayes, Lyons' phenomenal-shooting 6-4 junior forward, scored 14 second-half points to carry the Lions to a 61-50 win over Fremont area rival Elkhorn Mt. Michael in first-round action at the Class C state basketball tournament here Thursday.

Hayes finished the game with 25 points, 10 rebounds and 9-of-11 field goal shooting (82 percent).

High-percentage shooting performances are a regular occurrence for the fair-haired and mild-mannered Mr. Hayes. He boasted a remarkable season field-goal accuracy mark of 67 percent heading into the state tourney.

While Hayes was doing his thing, so was 6-7 sophomore center Jim Going.

Going contributed 14 points and a game-high 12 rebounds.

The Hayes-Going inside punch devastated Jim Kane's Knights. Together they totaled 22 rebounds, three

more than Mt. Michael's team total. As a team, the Lions pulled down 41 rebounds.

Kane promised a close game, though his Knights can't match the Lions in either talent or height.

And close it was, for the most part. "We had them on the ropes several times. I really thought we would put them away many times, but they kept battling back," Lyons coach Greg Kamp said.

The feisty Knights offered little more than silky-smooth junior guard

Though the Lions emerged victorious, it wasn't one of their prettier efforts.

"I really feel we played poorly," said Kamp, who has guided the Lions to three over-500 seasons in his four years at the helm. Prior to his 1975 team, Lyons had gone 10 years without a winning record.

Part of the reason for Lyons' poor showing may have been first-game jitters. After all, the Lions hadn't been to state since 1923, and four of

## State Tourney Stories, Photos By Tribune Sports Editor Dewaine Gahan

Steve DiGiacinto.

DiGiacinto scored 23 points, hitting 9 of 22 shots from the field.

"He's a fine ballplayer and I was impressed with him, but I really wasn't worried about him. We were content to let him shoot and get all the points he wanted. One man isn't going to beat us," Kamp said.

the five starters are underclassmen.

Another part of the problem was Mt. Michael's tenacious 1-3-1 zone.

"I'd heard a lot about Mt. Michael's 1-3-1 zone, and it really is tough to crack. It gave us a lot of trouble," Kamp said.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the win was the play of juniors Jim French and Guy Mathers.

French, overshadowed by classmate Jim Gustafson in the Lion backcourt, took charge in the last half at the precise time Lyons needed a leader.

Playmaker Gustafson, who had probably his worst game of the season, fouled out late in the third quarter.

"It was an ideal situation for French to come through. He improved a lot late in the season and had really found himself. When Gus fouled out, he just took over," Lyons assistant coach Doug Anderson said.

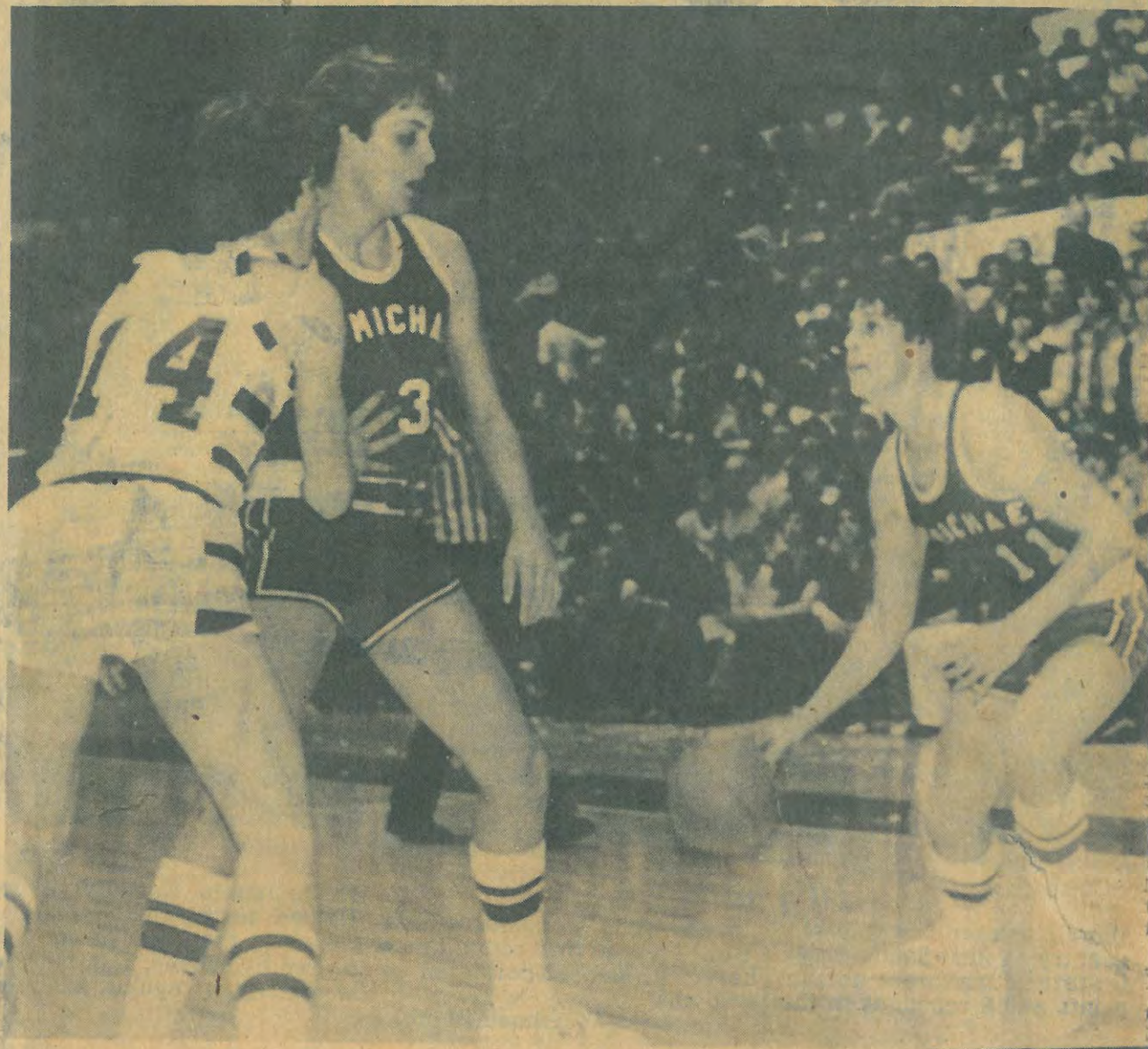
French, who wound up with 10 points, passed for three assists in the final three minutes of the game to ice the win.

Mathers, meanwhile, connected on three of five shots coming off the bench.

Mt. Michael kept itself in the game with some sharp shooting in the second half. The Knights made 13 of 23 attempts (57 per cent) while Lyons slumped 38 percent, 13 percent below its team accuracy ratio.

Lyons advances to today's semifinals with a 22-2 record. The Lions take on unbeaten Randolph tonight at 7.

Mt. Michael winds up only the second 20-win season in its history. Kane's crew, boasting 10 underclassmen on the 12-man varsity, finished at 20-3.



*A screen for Steve*

Doug Hettinger's screen proves the perfect tool for a wide-open shot for Elkhorn Mt. Michael teammate Steve DiGiacinto, 11. No. 14 is Lyons' Jim French. DiGiacinto scored 23

points in a 61-50 loss to the Lions. French tallied 10 points for the winners, who take on undefeated Randolph in the Class C state tournament semifinals tonight.

## Boys' State Tournament

### 1st-Round Results Thursday

#### Class A At Sports Center

Lincoln East 62 ..... Millard 42  
 Omaha Central 72 ..... North Platte 66  
 Lincoln Southeast 65 ..... Norfolk 50  
 Omaha Tech 70 ..... Omaha Northwest 60

#### Class B At Pershing Auditorium

McCook 88 ..... Broken Bow 71  
 Fairbury 66 ..... Arlington 64  
 Madison 60 ..... Gering 51  
 Aurora 75 ..... Plattsmouth 70

#### Class C At Sports Center

Randolph 52 ..... Wood River 42  
 Lyons 61 ..... Elkhorn MM 50

#### At Pershing Auditorium

Howells 54 ..... Fairfield Sandy Creek 52  
 Hemingford 62 ..... Utica Centennial 58

#### Class D At Lincoln High

Polk 73 ..... Venanago 58  
 Filley 68 ..... Spalding 34  
 Hildreth 75 ..... Lexington St. Ann 62  
 St. Edward 52 ..... Potter 40

### Semifinal Games Today

#### Class A At Sports Center

2 p.m. — Lincoln East (17-4) ..... vs. Omaha Central (17-3)  
 9 p.m. — Lincoln SE (14-5) ..... vs. Om Tech (17-6)

#### Class B At Pershing Auditorium

Noon — McCook (23-1) ..... vs. Fairbury (19-3)  
 7 p.m. — Madison (21-2) ..... vs. Aurora (20-2)

#### Class C At Sports Center

Noon — Howells (24-1) ..... vs. Hemingford (23-2)  
 7 p.m. — Randolph (22-0) ..... vs. Lyons (22-2)

#### Class D At Pershing Auditorium

2 p.m. — Polk (22-1) ..... vs. Filley (25-0)  
 9 p.m. — Hildreth (21-0) ..... vs. St. Edward (21-5)

World-Herald Staff Writer Larry Porter's selections in bold-type.



## Knights Rebuilding

MOUNT MICHAEL—With all-state guard Steve DiGiacinto departed, Mount Michael basketball coach Jim Kane is faced with the task of finding a replacement.

Back from last year's 19-4 team are starters Mark Sojka, a 6'3" senior, and Doug Hettinger, a 6'3" senior center. Sojka averaged 16 points a game last year, while Hettinger scored at a nine-point clip. Both averaged just under 10 rebounds a game.

"We've going to lack experience after these two (Sojka and Hettinger), and we'll be weak in ball handling. You don't lost guys like DiGiacinto and not have problems," Kane said.

The Knights' remaining returning lettermen are 6'4" junior Joe Mayberger and 5'7" senior guard Pat Casey.

Kane also expects help to come from non-lettermen Tim Zach, a 5'10" sophomore, and Mark Dombrowski, a 6'2" junior.

Kane says much of his team's success will ride with Hettinger and Sojka.

"The last two years we've been to state, and Doug and Mark were starters on both of those teams. I would have to say that Mark is probably one of the better players in the area," Kane said.



Knight coach Jim Kane [background] oversees basketball drill by Pat Casey [right] and Doug Hettinger. [Gazette Photo]

# Mt. Michael Zone Vs. Aurora Speed

By Steve Pivovar

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU



Lincoln — Today's 2 p.m. semifinal game of the Nebraska Class B boys high school basketball tournament will match two teams with styles as different as the racehorse and the workhorse.

Aurora, considered by some to be the thoroughbred of the Class B field, will meet the division's Clydesdale, Elkhorn Mount Michael, at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The two teams advanced after putting their dissimilar styles on display in Thursday's first round of the tournament.

Mount Michael, unbeaten in 21 games this season and the stingiest defensive team in the Class B field, breezed to a 53-33 conquest of Lincoln Pius X at Pershing Auditorium. Aurora, on the other hand, kept the tempo quick in an 80-64 decision over Crete.

The other semifinal, at 8:30 p.m., will match Hartington Cedar Catholic and Sidney. Cedar Catholic improved its record to 23-0 with a 71-58 triumph over Lexington, while Sidney dominated the inside in turning back Ainsworth 69-59. Both games were played at the Sports Center.

### Speed vs. Zone

The key to the Mount Michael-Aurora matchup will be if the Knights, whose 1-3-1 zone has held 21 opponents to an average of 42 points a game, can slow the Huskies' fast-paced attack.

"We have played a few teams that like to slow the pace," said Aurora Coach Bill Holliday. "We, of course, like to keep the pace a little quicker. Their zone is very tough. Those three kids they have in the middle are excellent ball players."

Holliday was referring to the Knights' Doug Hettinger, Mark Sojka and Joe Mayberger, all of whom are 6-3. Crete Coach Dennis Nelsen said a good deal of responsibility for stopping Aurora will fall on those three players.

"To beat Aurora, you have to stop (Kevin) Penner from penetrating," said Nelsen. "Tonight, we didn't have anyone who could do that. If Mount Michael wants to stay with them, Hettinger, Sojka and their other kid are going to have to do something about stopping Penner."

"And even if they do that, Aurora's outside shooting makes them awful tough. I think it's going to be a matchup of three real good kids on each team, with the team with the stronger bench probably having a bit of an edge."

### Help From Subs

That could be Aurora, which got good efforts from substi-

tutes Steve Roszhart, Lee Carter and Rick Nachtigal against Crete.

Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane admits his starters will have to carry most of the load today. In Thursday's win over Pius, Kane sat tight after Sojka picked up his third foul with 2:46 remaining in the third quarter.

"First of all, our bench strength is not that good, so we're in a situation where we almost had to leave Mark in there," said Kane, whose team was making its third straight appearance at state. "And Mark is a smart player. He knows how to take care of himself out there."

Kane said he welcomes a chance for his team to show that it's real. The Knights have been called suspect because their schedule is dotted with Class C teams.

"That really ticks me off," said Kane. "The toughest teams we've played the this season have been C teams. Overall, I think B might be a little down this year. Our easiest games this year have come against B teams."

"But we know that we're

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## Boys Tournney Results

### Class A

Lincoln Southeast (14-5) 58.....	Lincoln High (14-6) 45
Lincoln East (20-1) 67.....	Grand Island (9-12) 60
Papillion (16-4) 64.....	Omaha Northwest (16-8) 62
Omaha Westside (22-2) 62.....	Omaha South (11-9) 45

### Class B

Elkhorn MM (21-0) 53.....	Lincoln Pius (15-7) 33
Hartington CC (23-0) 71.....	Lexington (14-8) 58
Aurora (21-2) 80.....	Crete (15-6) 64
Sidney (18-5) 69.....	Ainsworth (16-5) 59

### Class C

Grant (22-2) 70.....	Leigh (15-7) 57
Hartington (19-3) 50.....	Burwell (17-5) 43
Fremont Bergan (22-3) 64.....	Fairfield Sandy Creek (19-6) 61
Exeter (20-2) 65.....	Mead (17-7) 58

### Class D

Prague (19-4) 62.....	Maxwell (20-5) 58
Humphrey (26-0) 59.....	Clearwater (17-7) 52
Cambridge (19-5) 45.....	Deshler (17-4) 38
Filley (25-0) 74.....	Bushnell (18-6) 44

## Games Today

### Class A

#### At Sports Center

Noon—Lincoln East (20-1).....	vs. Lincoln Southeast (14-5)
6:30—Papillion (16-4).....	vs. Omaha Westside (22-2)

### Class B

#### At Sports Center

2—Elkhorn MM (21-0).....	vs. Aurora (21-2)
8:30—Hartington CC (23-0).....	vs. Sidney (18-5)

### Class C

#### At Pershing

Noon—Grant (22-2).....	vs. Hartington (19-3)
6:30—Fremont Bergan (22-3).....	vs. Exeter (20-2)

### Class D

#### At Pershing

2—Prague (19-4).....	vs. Humphrey (26-0)
8:30—Cambridge (19-5).....	vs. Filley (25-0)

Larry Porter selections in bold type. Tournney record—Thursday: 14-2.

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# Mt. Michael Hands Wahoo First Loss

By Larry Fauss  
World-Herald Correspondent

Wahoo, Neb. — Elkhorn Mt. Michael kept its record spotless Saturday night by knocking Wahoo off the unbeaten perch 52-32 in the championship game of the Wahoo Invitational Tournament.

Both teams entered the game with 5-0 records but Mt. Michael's 1-3-1 defense prevailed over a Wahoo club that was off to its best start in four seasons.

In the consolation game, Raymond Central downed Yutan 49-40.

Mt. Michael expanded its 22-14 halftime lead in the third quarter on the strength of the outside shooting of senior Mark Sojka, who hit three baskets.

That forced Wahoo Coach Mick Anderson to apply more pressure on defense despite having three starters with three fouls at halftime.

"When they got up 12-14 points," Anderson said, "I wasn't going to sit back in our zone and just get beat. We were going to get after it. If we're going to get beat, we're going to show something."

Mt. Michael's zone defense held Wahoo's front line to 21 points, 13 of them belonging to Randy Pearson who hit six points in the final period.

Anderson was philosophical about the end of Wahoo's unbeaten skein. "Any basketball coach who thinks he can go undefeated is being unrealistic. This can only be a nightmare if we don't learn anything from it."

Mt. Michael Coach Jim Kane felt the win was especially good coming on the Wahoo court. "When you can beat a pretty good team on their own floor, it's a pretty good thing," he said.

Wahoo.....5 9 6 12-32  
Elkhorn M.M.....8 14 14 18-52  
W-Tillman 4, Jansen 5, Braun 2, Pearson 13, Ruzicka 6, Davis 2.  
EMM—Casey 6, Zach 7, Sojka 17, Dombrowski 2, Heltinger 14, Mayberger 6.  
Yutan.....8 13 6 13-40  
Ray Central.....6 15 6 22-49  
Y—Karlott 6, Eggers 19, Whitmore 11.  
Dau 2, Bertelsen 2.  
RC—J. Olson 16, Heltnerich 16, Isaacson 8, Somuelsen 4, M. Ar 1, B. Olson 2.

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### Final W-H Boys Ratings

By Larry Porter

The Top 10				Class C					
	W.	L.	Off. Def. Avg. Avg.		W.	L.	Off. Def. Avg. Avg.		
1. Om. Westside	24	2	70	52	1. Fre. Bergan	24	3	71	58
2. Lincoln East	21	2	71	57	2. Lvons	18	3	61	44
3. Papillion	16	5	66	58	3. Dodge	21	2	74	53
4. Om. Northwest	16	8	68	64	4. Exeter	20	3	73	59
5. Om. Cr. Prep	16	6	70	58	5. Hartington	21	4	57	47
6. Lin. Southeast	14	6	55	51	6. Grant	22	2	65	51
7. Beatrice	15	5	68	57	7. Hemingford	22	1	61	38
8. Lincoln High	14	5	63	56	8. Palmer	20	2	80	58
9. Om. Burke	14	8	77	67	9. Fairfield S.C.	19	6	65	54
10. Fremont	13	5	59	51	10. West Point C.C.	18	5	64	52

Class B				Class D					
	W.	L.	Off. Def. Avg. Avg.		W.	L.	Off. Def. Avg. Avg.		
1. Hartington C.C.	25	0	76	53	1. Filley	17	0	70	35
2. Aurora	22	3	71	56	2. Humphrey	27	1	70	49
3. Elkhorn M.M.	21	1	61	42	3. Prague	19	5	62	49
4. Firth Norris	21	1	61	44	4. Lewiston	19	5	62	53
5. Crete	15	6	65	55	5. Shelby	15	5	65	46
6. Lexington	14	8	59	52	6. Maxwell	20	5	67	50
7. Col. Scotus	17	6	65	56	7. Cambridge	19	6	60	49
8. Sidney	17	6	58	53	8. Trenton	18	2	67	44
9. McCook	14	4	57	50	9. Adams	18	7	58	47
10. Holdrege	15	6	63	55	10. Lindsay H.F.	16	5	65	54

# Aurora defeats Crete; EMM pummels Pius X

By Ken Hambleton  
Prep Sports Writer

While Aurora is loading its pistol at halftime, Elkhorn Mt. Michael will be polishing its bullet-proof shield in Friday's 2 p.m. Class B semifinal at the Devaney Sports Center.

Mt. Michael dismantled and dismantled Lincoln Pius X in the third quarter and plowed to a 53-33 win in the Class B opener at Pershing Auditorium Thursday morning.

Aurora loaded and exploded for 26 points in the third quarter and streaked away with a 80-64 win over Crete in the other Class B semifinal Thursday night at Pershing.

Crete, which ended No. 1 Norris' 47-game winning string in districts last week, stayed even with the hot-shooting Huskies throughout the first half.

The Cardinals counted on 55 percent shooting in the first half, while Aurora hit 52 percent from the field.

But the No. 3-ranked Huskies, led by Kevin Penner, Gregg Holliday and Mike Johnson, scored on 12 of 19 shots in the third quarter to expand a two-point halftime lead into a 61-51 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Aurora kept its 65-percent shooting mark in the second half intact with a 9 of 13 shooting performance in the fourth quarter and were never seriously challenged.

"If you shoot from the outside the way they did, and get the penetration in the middle that Penner gave them, you can't beat that," Crete Coach Dennis Nelsen said.

"I don't know if anybody in the state can stop Penner from

penetrating, and with shooting like Johnson and Holliday they become a super offensive team," he said.

"If they didn't make the long shots, then they got the rebound and put it in anyway," Nelsen said. "That was a key to the game, when we stopped checking off the boards and had a series of turnovers in the third quarter."

Johnson hit 12 of 20 for 28 points, while Penner connected on 8 of 12 for 16 points, and Holliday hit 8 of 11 from the field for 16 points to lead Aurora.

"We got Crete to play our game, and it's hard to get a racehorse to be a workhorse," Aurora Coach Bill Holliday said.

"We had some mental errors in the first quarter, like not rebounding, and that's what got us here," Holliday said.

"But conditioning and a reminder about a few things created the type of game we wanted in the third quarter.

"We went to a zone press and made Crete shoot from the outside. And they didn't shoot that well from the outside," Holliday said.

"Once we stopped the pick and roll to (Jim) Dittmer we got the boards too," he said.

Dittmer, who finished with 17 points for Crete, hit six straight baskets in the second and third periods, but fouled out midway through the final quarter.

Pius X fell into Elkhorn Mt. Michael's 1-3-1 trap defense and after trailing just 22-20 at the half, slipped to a 30-23 deficit after a three-point third quarter.

Mt. Michael outscored the Thunderbolts 6-0 early in the fourth quarter and coasted to the win.

"We made a lot of pressure for ourselves and we didn't shoot well at all in the second half," Pius X Coach Don Kelley said.

"I don't know if it was so much our defense or their lousy shooting," Mt. Michael Coach Jim Kane said. "We Turn to: Class B, Page 20

### Boys Prep Basketball Ratings



By Chuck Sinclair

#### Top Ten

- |                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 — Omaha Westside (24-2)    | 6 — Beatrice (15-5)       |
| 2 — Lincoln East (21-2)      | 7 — Lincoln High (14-6)   |
| 3 — Papillion (16-5)         | 8 — Creighton Prep (16-6) |
| 4 — Lincoln Southeast (14-6) | 9 — Omaha Burke (14-8)    |
| 5 — Omaha Northwest (16-8)   | 10 — Fremont (13-5)       |

Comment — Beatrice is the only addition to the final regular season ratings replacing Omaha Benson. But the Orangemen get a boost to the No. 6 position by shedding the image of playing no competition by almost upsetting Lincoln East in the district finals.

#### Class B

- |                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 — Hartington CC (25-0) | 6 — McCook (14-4)          |
| 2 — Aurora (22-3)        | 7 — Lexington (14-8)       |
| 3 — Norris (21-1)        | 8 — Sidney (18-6)          |
| 4 — Elkhorn MM (21-1)    | 9 — Columbus Scotus (17-6) |
| 5 — Crete (15-6)         | 10 — Holdrege (15-6)       |

Comment — Previously No. 1 Norris slips to the No. 3 slot after losing a last second decision to Crete in the district final. Lexington and Columbus Scotus replace Ord and Lincoln Pius X in the final ratings.



**All-Tourney Teams**

**Class B**

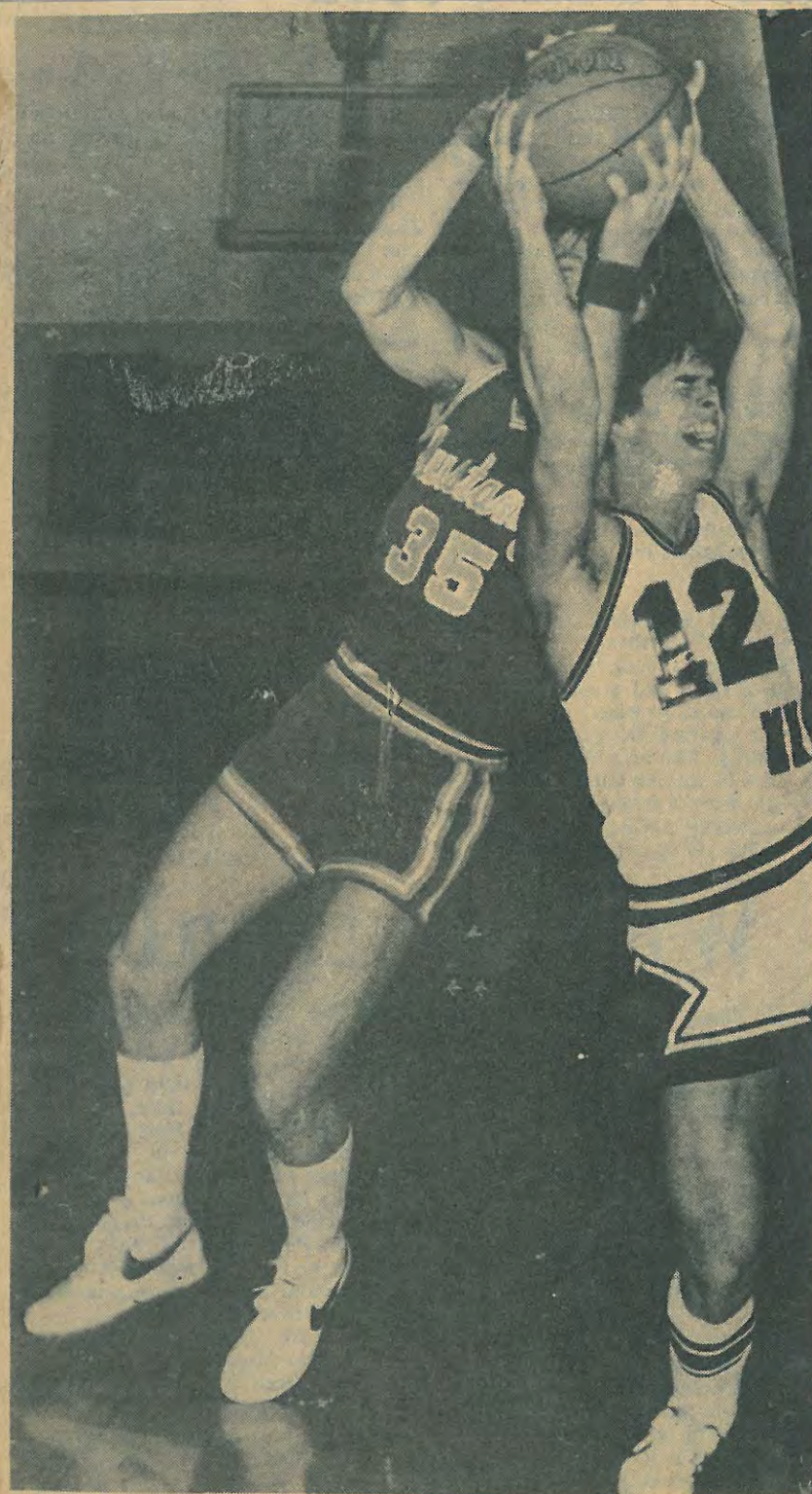
Kevin Penner, Aurora.....	6-1	CI
Mike Johnson, Aurora.....	6-3	CI
Doug Hettinger, Elmhurst MM.....	6-3	CI
Russ Uhing, Hartington CC.....	6-2	CI
Dennis Colyer, Ainsworth.....	6-4	CI

**Class C**

Mark Maly, Fre. Bergan.....	6-0	CI
Joe Recker, Fre. Bergan.....	6-1	CI
Doug Hall, Exeter.....	6-1	CI
Joel Hansen, Hartington.....	6-2	CI
Russ Hegert, Hartington.....	6-2	CI

**Class D**

Alan Wiese, Filley.....	6-2	CI
Stanley Lenner, Filley.....	6-4	CI
Gary Bender, Humphrey.....	6-0	CI
Kevin Bender, Humphrey.....	6-1	CI
Roger Paseka, Prague.....	6-4	CI



**Tourney struggle**

Raymond Central's Scott Samuelson and Mt. Michael's Pat Casey struggle for possession only to have officials call it a jump ball in Wahoo tourney action. (Tribune Photo by Ron Rigli)

# Knights Edge Lyons 33-32

By Marty Brooks

**MOUNT MICHAEL**—"Welcome to the Palace."

That's what a sign proclaimed last week on the wall of Mount Michael's Archbishop Bergan gymnasium. It was an appropriate nickname for the site of the Knight's biggest victory this season, a 33-32 win over Lyons before an emotion-packed capacity crowd.

For Mount Michael faithful, reigning supreme in the Palace by one point to raise the team's season mark to 4-0 was worthy of celebration.

It didn't matter that Mount Michael blew an 18-6 first half lead to settle for a margin of 22-18 at the half.

It made no difference that the Knights took a 28-20 lead midway through the third period, only to falter once again, this time allowing the Lyons to cut the difference to four by the end of the quarter.

Mount Michael fans could probably care less that their team went on top 33-28 with 2:58 left, only to stop scoring and begin a stall while Lyons rallied for two quick buckets.

As for big Jim Going, the Lyons' 6'8" senior center scoring 21 points and hauling down 14 rebounds, well, those things happen.

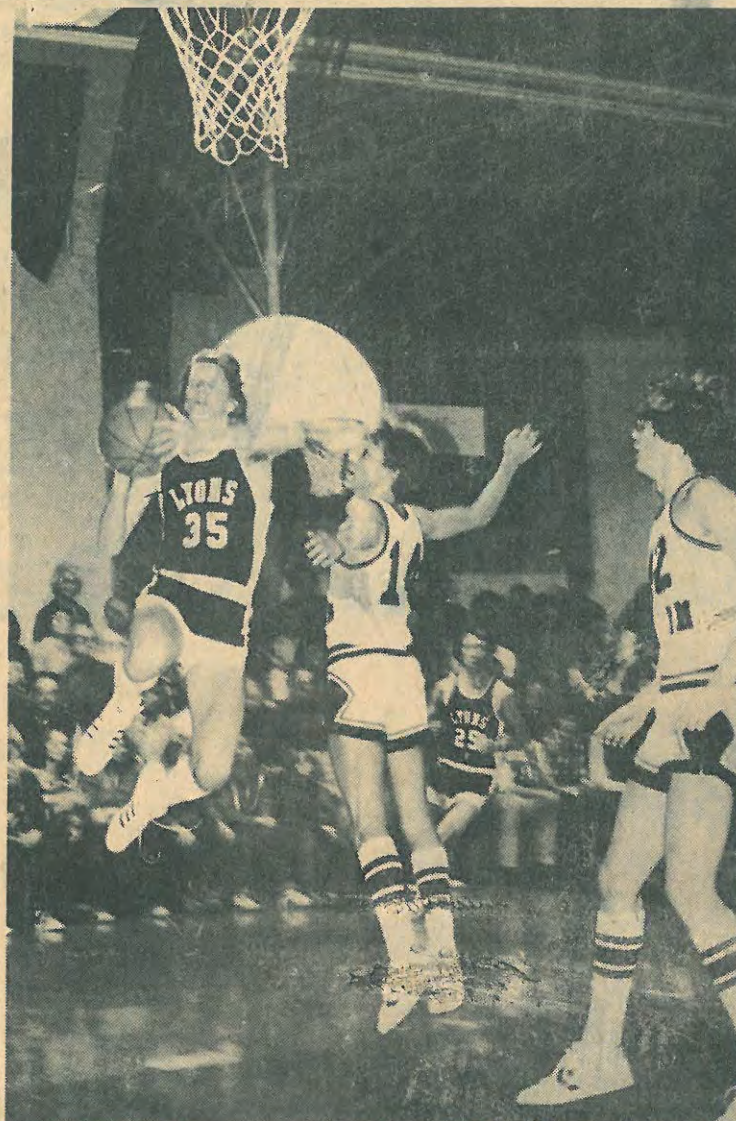
What did matter, was the post-game midcourt celebration between Mount Michael players and their following that signified a Knight victory over the defending class C state champion and winner of 30 consecutive games prior to this one.

Mount Michael and Lyons fans, both abundant in attendance, were treated to one of the best defensive shows they'll probably see all year.

The Knights, noted for their 1-3-1 zone defense, held the visitors in check all night. It started out as a runaway, with 6'3" forward Mark Sojka blistering the Lyons' man-to-man defense for 10 first quarter points, including two free throws that came as a result of a technical foul called on Lion coach Greg Kamp.

**Lions Fight Back**

Sojka's performance led the Knights to a 14-6 first period lead, but Kamp quick-



Lion Chuck Hayes [35] drives for a layup against Mount Michael's Tim Zach [14]. [Gazette Photo by Steve Bauer]

ly switched his defense to a zone, and his players began to chip away at the Knight lead in the second period. After falling behind 18-6, Going and 6'4" junior Chuck Hayes took charge.

Going hit a short jumper, layup and a free throw, while Hayes connected on one free throw, a 15-foot jump shot and a 20-foot jumper with just two seconds remaining in the half. The rally was fueled when guard Kelly Barada canned a 25 footer over the Knight zone.

In the meantime, the Knights were finding it hard to get a shot off against the tough Lion defense, and when they did, one shot was all they were allowed. During Lyons' rally, Mark Dombrowski and

Doug Hettinger, both forwards, were the only Knights to score, each hitting a field goal.

After Tim Zach scored two for the Knights and Hayes countered for Lyons, Dombrowski and center Joe Mayberger put the Knights ahead 26-20, thanks to Going missing two easy lay-ins. Mount Michael increased that lead to 28-20 when Hettinger cashed in on two free throws.

However, Going redeemed himself by taking feeds from his teammates and cashing in on a jumper and two free throws. He tallied four points to bring the Lyons to within four with 3:30 left in the third period.

Mount Michael coach Jim Kane then called for his team to take only the "good shots"

as they stalled the closing minutes. Unfortunately, a Dombrowski jumper at the buzzer left the third quarter score at 28-24.

A Hettinger tip-in and a Going jumper canceled each other out to begin the last stanza, but after Going picked up his third and fourth personal fouls with 5:30 left in the contest, he canned a short jumper to cut the leader's margin to two.

Then Mayberger grabbed an offensive rebound, nailed a short jump shot and was fouled in the process. Mayberger initially missed the charity shot, but he was given another chance when Hayes was caught in the lane too soon. Mayberger promptly took advantage of the mistake, and dropped the free throw in.

**Down to the Wire**

Shortly after Kane called another time out and the Knights came out in a stall. Lyons, however, stole the ball twice, and Going tallied a field goal and was fouled by Mayberger the possession after. He connected on both charity shots to cut the lead to 33-32 with 2:11 left to play.

Mount Michael, using the passing and ball handling of Pat Casey, Sojka and Zach, then ran the clock down to seven seconds when Hayes fouled Sojka. Sojka, who hadn't scored since early in the second period, missed the front end of a one-and-one situation, and Lyons controlled the rebound and called a time out.

Lyons, hoping for a last second shot, then proceeded to turn the ball over when John Pieper was called for a dribbling violation.

Sojka finished the night with 12 points and eight rebounds, while Hettinger added eight points and five rebounds. Mayberger collected nine rebounds.

Following Going, the Lyons had only two players who scored. Hayes finished with nine, while Barada finished with two. Brad Scoch added five rebounds.

Both teams shot 33 per cent, the Knights hitting 14 out of 43 and Lyons connecting on 13 of 40.



# Knights Defeat Terriers For First Perfect Season

VALLEY — Senior Forward Mark Sojka scored 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds in the third quarter to spark Mount Michael to a

come-from-behind, 51-47 win over Valley Tuesday night.

Valley, rated 10th in the latest Class B rankings, led at the half over the fourth-rated

Knights, 30-29. But in the third quarter, Sojka hit his first two shots to give Mount Michael the lead for good at 33-30.

## Terriers Stayed Close

Terrier Gary Gottsch kept his team in striking distance by scoring six of Valley's eight third-period points.

Gottsch cut Mount Michael's lead to 45-42 by scoring two quick baskets in the early part of the fourth period, but six fourth-quarter charities by the Knights maintained the victory.

The Terriers looked like they were on the way to their 12th straight win after taking a 12-8 first stanza lead. Sharp outside shooting by Valley against Mount Michael's 1-3-1 zone staked the Terriers to the margin.

However, Knight Doug Hettinger broke free inside Valley's defense for three easy layups as Mount Michael cut the lead to 14-13 by the end of the period.

Mount Michael fell behind 19-13 at the start of the second quarter, but fought back to a one-point halftime deficit on balanced scoring by Sojka, Joe Mayberger and Tim Zach.

Larry Petersen hit four deep-corner jumpers to spark Valley's 30-29 intermission advantage.

Mount Michael finished the evening hitting 20 of 42 field goals, while Valley converted 22 of 46. At the foul line, the Knights outscored the Terriers 11-3.

## Sojka Leads Scorers

Sojka finished with 19 points and 17 rebounds. Hettinger was the only other Mount Michael player to score in double figures, tallying 13.

Gottsch and Petersen scored 16 and 14 points, respectively, for Valley.

It was the final season game for both teams, which now head into district action Friday at Midland Lutheran College in Fremont.



Terrier Gary Gottsch [12] and Knight Joe Mayberger [43]

# Perfect Season Recorded

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## First Perfect Season

The win gives Mount Michael coach Jim Kane his first perfect regular season ever, finishing 17-0.

Valley's record dropped to 15-4.

## Earlier Opponents Beaten

In action last week, Mount Michael blitzed West Point, 92-55, and defeated Omaha Paul VI, 62-41.

The Knights used a 30-point second quarter to open up a 49-22 halftime advantage against West Point.

Junior center Joe Mayberger had one of his finer games of the year by scoring 23 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. Knight coach Jim Kane also received excellent help from Mark Sojka, who scored 27 points and grabbed 16 rebounds, and Doug Hettinger, who tallied 18 points and 18 caroms.

Hettinger scored 24 points in Mount Michael's win over Paul VI. The Knights outscored their opponent 18-4 in the initial stanza and were never pressed from that point on.

# Mt. Michael 'Stalls' Lyons' String at 30

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"han on the road."

Lyons had averaged 73 points while winning its first four games this season.

"I don't like to see it end," Kamp said of the 30-game winning streak, "but we hopefully can learn something from it. We had our chances. We didn't execute well. We hadn't been in a pressure game, and we have some new people." Going is the only returning starter.

"I still think we're a good ball club. We're not backing down. We showed a lot of character in coming back from that 18-6 deficit early in the second quarter."

Lyons opened in a man-to-man, but Mt. Michael's Sojka, a 6-3 senior, soon forced the Lions into a 2-3 zone.

"I was hoping they would stay in that man-to-man," Kane said. "They couldn't handle Sojka. But they went to a zone and Sojka didn't get another basket the rest of the game."

Sojka actually scored his final basket with 6:47 left in the second quarter to give Mt. Michael its 18-6 lead, the biggest of the night. Doug Hettinger, another 6-3 senior who started last year, added eight points.

Only three players scored for Lyons, including Going. Hayes had nine and Kelly Barada two.

"We had better balanced scoring last year," Kamp said. "It seemed like some of the kids were passing up some good shots. But we'll get better. We still have a good club."

Lyons..... 6 12 6 8-32  
At Elkhorn M.M. .... 14 8 6 5-33  
Ly-Barada 2, Going 21, Hayes 9  
M.M.—Zach 2, Sojka 12, Dombrowski 4,  
Hettinger 8, Mayberger 5, Casey 2.

# Mt. Michael 'Stalls' Lyons' String at 30

By Larry Porter

World-Herald Staff Writer

Elkhorn, Neb. — Once Jim Kane decides to go into a stall, an Army mule would turn tail and run if things came down to a match of stubborn streaks between it and the Elkhorn Mt. Michael coach.

Kane saw a five-point lead melt to just one with over two minutes left, but refused to strike his colors. And the stall-minded Knights held on for a 33-32 victory over Lyons Friday night.

It was the first loss following 30 consecutive victories for Lyons, the defending Class C state champions.

"It was our turn," Kane said. "They beat us in the state tournament two years ago. Then last year (in a regular-season game won by Lyons there 66-62) we were ahead the whole night until they took the lead with 59 seconds left."

## Lead Dwindles

It appeared that script might be followed again. Mark Sojka scored 10 points as Mt. Michael opened a 14-6 lead after one quarter. But Lyons refused to fold, and it soon became apparent that Kane had ordered his Knights to take only the good shots.

Even the option for good shots was denied the Knights after they held a 33-28 lead with 2:58 left. Kane called a timeout and told his players to take nothing but layups.

"But it's pretty hard to shoot layups against a zone," Kane said.

Mt. Michael, in fact, didn't launch a shot the final 3:40. And Lyons took advantage of two quick turnovers to cut the deficit to 33-32 with 2:11 left.

Kane, however, wouldn't give in. He told his troops to keep on stalling.

"In 1968 I lost a state (Class C) championship by not holding the ball," Kane said. "We had a 9-point lead against Grant with six minutes left. I still have nightmares about that game."

"You either hold it, or you don't. If you decide to hold the ball, you'd better do it, no matter what."

Neither team shot well. Both shot 33 percent as Lyons hit 13 of 40 and Mt. Michael 14 of 43. Mt. Michael, however, attempted 19 shots the first quarter, then put up only 25 more the remainder of the game, including 14 the last half.

Mt. Michael, which lost in the semifinals of the Class B state tournament to eventual champion Firth Norris last year, is now 4-0. And the Knights are still stamped with Kane's trademark, the 1-3-1 zone defense.

## Going Scores 21

"I've got everyone playing that now," Kane said. "I went over to watch Elkhorn and (Coach) Bill Davis is using it. He used to be nothing but man-to-man. Mick Anderson at Wahoo is using it, too. And both of those are good teams this year."

Jim Going, Lyons' 6-8 senior, scored 21 points, but hit only 8 of 19 shots. He was 2-for-7 in the first quarter.

"If there is one thing Mt. Michael does as well as anyone around, it's that they won't let you penetrate," Lyons Coach Greg Kamp said. "It seems like they played that 1-3-1 a little tougher than last year. But maybe they play better at home

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# Mt. Michael, Paul VI meet for B-3 title

By REED BENSON

Elkhorn Mt. Michael used an intimidating defense to throttle the Omaha Ryan attack in the first half, then cruised to a 64-54 win, in the semifinals of the B-3 District tournament.

Mt. Michael's defense, a consistently stingy unit with their 1-3-1 zone, blocked a couple of shots and made some steals early in the first quarter. This appeared to upset the Knights from Ryan, and in the first quarter they shot only 1-for-10 from the floor, scoring 4 points. Held scoreless for a seven-minute span in the first and second quarters, the Omahans managed only 5 field goals in the first half.

At the other end of the court, Mark Sojka hit eight field goals and 18 points in the first half, most of them coming on baseline jumpers from 10 to 18 feet. Doug Hettinger added 8 points from close in, and the Knights of Mt. Michael held a commanding 28-12 lead at halftime.

In the second half, Ryan came out using a full-court press on Mt. Michael, and the pressure caused several turnovers. The Omahans fought their way back, and a steal and layup by Jim Smith brought the Knights back to within 11 late in the third quarter.

But the Omahans were never really in it, as the Ryan rallies were constantly cut short by a Mt. Michael bucket. By the time they cut the margin to nine, there was less than a minute to play.

Sojka, whose first-half scoring put the Knights ahead to stay, finished the game as high scorer with 25 points, while Hettinger chipped in 20. Joe Farrell led the Ryan scoring with 17 points.

With the win, Mt. Michael remains undefeated and earns the right to play Omaha Paul VI, winners of the other semifinal game in which they

defeated Arlington, 56-48. Like Mt. Michael, the Hawks took an early lead and held a sizable edge at the half.

As in the first game, it was the cold shooting of one team that caused them to fall behind. In the first half, Arlington shot only 20% (6 for 30) from the floor. Paul VI also held them to one shot, as indicated by their 24-13 rebounding edge heading into the locker room.

Arlington's poor first-half showing surprised head coach LaVerne McKown. "I felt we were ready to play before the game, but the first half was indicative that we were not," said McKown. "We created a lot of our own problems by taking poor shots. We didn't work well for good shots."

Much of that can be credited to the Hawks' defense, a collapsing zone anchored by 6-5 Ed Kaspar, which took away the shorter Eagles' inside game. Most of Arlington's first-half scoring came from the outside.

The Paul VI offense was paced by Kaspar and sophomore Bill Bergeron, who combined for 20 points as the Omahans ran their lead to 29-15 at halftime.

Paul VI continued to control the game in the third period, as turnovers—a chronic problem for the Eagles this year—plagued the Arlington offense. After a basket by Bergeron and two more by Kaspar, Jerry Lorkovic hit a layup for the Hawks to give them their largest lead of the game at 37-19.

Arlington came out hot in the fourth period, and with 7:05 remaining a 12-footer by Scott Hamre pulled the Eagles within nine. But two baskets by Bergeron and one by Kaspar made the score 45-30, and Arlington would not come close again until the final seconds.

Arlington's leading scorer was 5-10 guard Scott Hamre, who hit 18 points,

12 in the fourth quarter, while Dwight Wrich added 13. Bergeron led all scorers with 19, while Kaspar had 18 points and 11 rebounds.

McKown had praise for the Omahans. "They played a much more complete game than we did," said the coach of the Eagles, who close at 7-16. "They deserved to win the ball game."

Wednesday night's title game, slated for 7:30 p.m. in Midland College's Hopkins Gym, will pit the undefeated, top-seeded Knights of Elkhorn Mt. Michael against the seventh-seeded Hawks of Paul VI. Will Mt. Michael have trouble getting up for the game?

"I think when it gets to this point, where they have the chance to go to state, I can't imagine them not playing hard," said Mt. Michael coach Jim Kane. "There's too much at stake."

Omaha Ryan 4 8 19 23-54  
Elkhorn Mt. Michael 12 16 18 18-64

## SCORING

Ryan—Farrell 6, 5-7, 3, 17; Green 1, 0-0, 2, 2; Smith 4, 2-2, 3, 10; Honz 2, 6-8, 4, 10; Filipowicz 2, 0-0, 1, 4; Urzendsowski 1, 0-0, 1, 4; Spicka 0, 0-0, 3, 0; Edwards 4, 1-2, 3, 9. Totals: 20, 14-19, 21, 54.

EMM—Zach 2, 1-3, 2, 5; Sojka 10, 5-7, 3, 25; Dombrowski 2, 2-3, 4, 6; Hettinger 7, 6-12, 4, 20; Mayberger 2, 4-5, 2, 8; Casey 0, 0-0, 1, 0. Totals: 23, 18-30, 16, 64.

Omaha Paul VI 9 20 10 17-56  
Arlington 4 11 9 24-48

## SCORING

Paul VI—Terry Anzaldo 1, 0-0, 3, 2; Zymball 1, 0-0, 3, 2; Tony Anzaldo 2, 0-0, 2, 4; Mulligan 0, 0-0, 1, 0; Lorkovic 3, 3-4, 4, 9; Synowiecki 0, 0-0, 1, 0; McDonnell 1, 0-1, 0, 2; Bergeron 9, 1-2, 2, 19; Kaspar 8, 2-4, 4, 18. Totals: 25, 6-11, 20, 56.

Arlington—Hamre 7, 4-5, 1, 18; T. Graver 1, 0-0, 0, 2; Hilgenkamp 1, 0-0, 4, 2; Hansen 0, 0-1, 1, 0; Becher 0, 1-3, 1, 1; Kollars 1, 0-0, 4, 2; J. Graver 0, 1-2, 1, 1; Misfeldt 1, 0-0, 0, 2; Martin 0, 1-2, 1, 1; Fallon 2, 2-2, 1, 6; Wrich 5, 3-6, 2, 13. Totals: 18, 12-21, 16, 48.



Mount Michael's Tim Wilcox (30) and Mark Sojka (20) trap Brad Johnson of Louisville during the Knights' 14th consecutive win. [Gazette Photo by Steve Bauer]

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## Elkhorn MM Stops Pius X In State 53-33

By Steve Pivovar

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU



Lincoln — Elkhorn Mount Michael combined a stingy 1-3-1 zone defense with some strong second-half play Thursday morning to post a 53-33 victory over Lincoln Pius in the opening game of the Nebraska boys Class B basketball tournament at Pershing Auditorium.

The Knights' victory, which moved the Elkhorn team into Friday's 2 p.m. semifinals at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, spoiled Pius Coach Don Kelley's final state tournament appearance. Kelley is retiring after 11 years at the Lincoln school.

Mount Michael, which led 22-20 at the half, held Pius to a single point until the Thunderbolts' Randy Dolezal hit a basket with five seconds remaining in the third period.

Dolezal's basket cut Mount Michael's lead to seven points at the end of three periods of play, but that was as close as Pius would come to the unbeaten Knights, now 21-0.

Doug Hettinger, who scored 24 points and had 14 rebounds, hit two baskets and two free throws to open the fourth quarter, expanding Mount Michael's lead to 36-23. It was academic after that point.

"I don't know if our defense was that good or their shooting was that lousy," Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane said afterwards. "We had kind of a slow start, but I thought we played well in the second half.

They couldn't hit a shot in the second half and things kind of snowballed on them."

Pius' Kelley agreed. "We put most of the pressure on ourselves because of our inability to score," said Kelley. "We had some chances, but when you don't put the ball in the basket it's hard to stay in the game."

"When we lost (Scott) Hain it hurt. He's our inside game, and it gave them a big advantage on the boards."

Hain, a 6-4 senior, was one of three Pius players to foul out as the Thunderbolts committed 27 fouls to 14 for Mount Michael.

LINCOLN PIUS X				
	FG	FT	RB	PF
Kelley	3-10	0-0	4	3
Ciani	1-2	0-0	0	0
Spethman	1-8	0-0	3	3
Heibel	0-2	0-1	2	5
Dolezal	1-5	0-0	4	5
Aksom	0-0	0-1	1	1
Mercler	2-2	2-2	2	2
Hain	4-12	3-8	11	5
Totals	14-45	5-12	27	24

ELKHORN MT. MICHAEL				
	FG	FT	RB	PF
Jamrog	0-0	0-0	1	0
Casey	0-0	0-0	0	0
Zach	0-2	4-4	2	2
Sojka	4-17	5-7	6	3
Zombrowski	1-2	2-3	2	3
Wilcox	6-0	0-0	0	0
Curnyn	0-0	0-0	0	0
Hettinger	7-19	10-14	14	24
Mayberger	6-6	6-6	5	1
Linse	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	13-44	27-34	30	14

Shot percentage—31.				
Pius X	8	12	3	10-33
Elkhorn MM	6	16	8	23-53

# Knights Making 4th Trip to State

By Marty Brooks

Most coaches dread talking about a rebuilding season, especially if his or her team played like a typical rebuilding squad is supposed to.

But Mount Michael basketball coach Jim Kane doesn't mind discussing the 1979-80 edition of the Knights, even if he did claim they were in a rebuilding state in a preseason observation.

With all-state guard Steve DiGiacinto graduating off of last year's 19-4 team, and only two returning starters left for this season, Kane had good reason for calling 1979-80 a year to regroup.

## Knights Surprised Everyone

However, what the Knights have done since their opening game in December has caused a lot of people to stand up and take notice, including Kane.

"It's a big surprise to me," said Kane of his 20-0 Knights. "The younger kids just improved more than I thought they would. Of course Doug (Hettinger) and Mark (Sojka) were starters last year, but (Mark) Dombrowski, (Joe) Mayberger and (Tim) Zach have stepped in and done well."

Mount Michael played Lincoln Plus in the opening round of the state Class B tournament March 13, marking the Knights' third consecutive appearance in the elite eight at Lincoln. In all, Kane has guided four state-qualifying teams, and has coached three all-staters in Jim Krone (1967-68), David Hahn (1968-69) and DiGiacinto at Mount Michael. (Tourney action was too late to meet this week's deadlines. Results will appear in next week's Gazette.)

## Fourth State Trip

His first state qualifier was the '68 team that included Krone. That year also marked the Knights highest finish ever in the state tourney, second place in Class C to Grant. The following year, Kane's squad went 17-2 and was top-rated in the state throughout the season, but the Knights were upset in the finals of the district tournament.

The '78 team was beaten out in the opening round at Lincoln, and last year the Knights were ousted in the semifinals by eventual champ Firth Norris, which went on to set a state record in consecutive wins for a Class B school. Norris was top-ranked all this season, but suffered an upset at the hands of Crete in district competition.

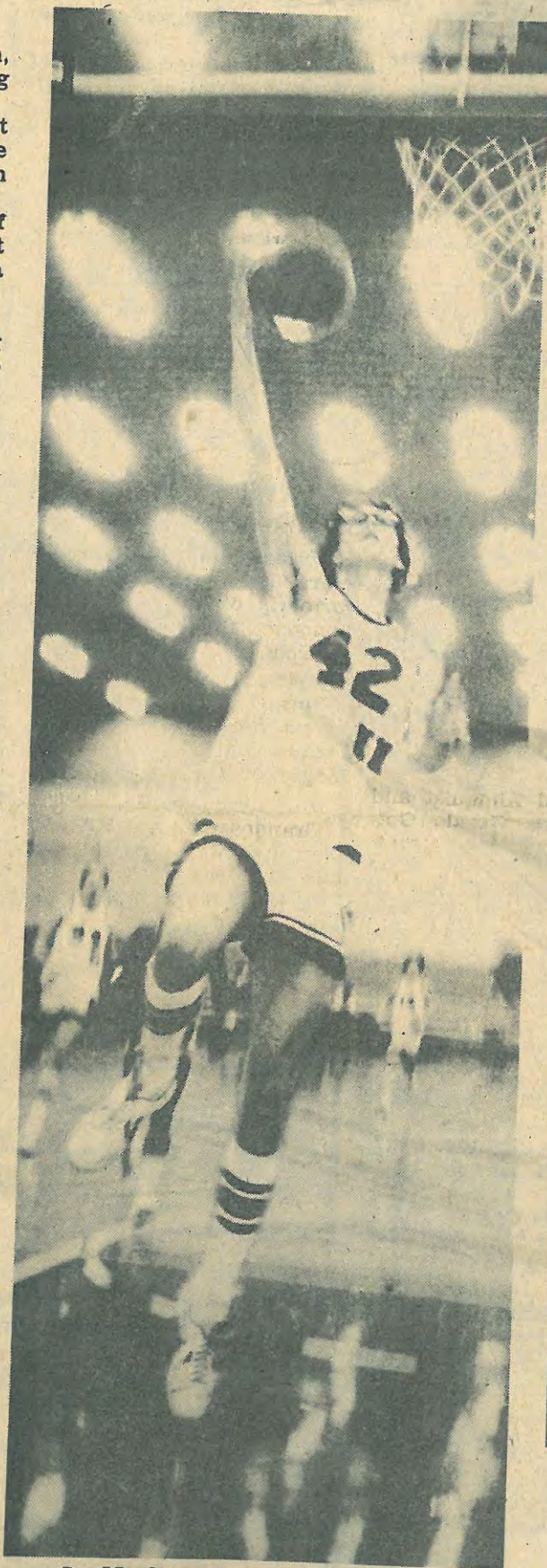
## Tenacious Zone Defense

Kane arrived at Mount Michael 16 years ago in the fall of 1964, and all of his teams have employed a trademark of his—the 1-3-1 zone defense. In the Knights' 17-0 regular season, opponents averaged a lowly 41.8 points a game.

"I think we do a lot of things in the 1-3-1 that other teams don't do while using it," he said. "Some teams just stand around in it, but we're constantly moving, pressuring the ball. I have a philosophy that every team you play has one or two good shooters against a zone. We set up so we can challenge that shooter."

The key to the zone, of course, rests with execution. Mount Michael's five starters this year have worked the zone admirably. Posting up underneath for the Knights is Dombrowski, a 6'2" junior. At the wings are Sojka, a 6'3" senior, and Mayberger, a 6'4" junior. In the middle, a position that requires a "big tough rebounder," according to Kane, is 6'3" Hettinger, a senior. Out front is the only sophomore regular for the Knights, 5'10" Zach.

"Tim's played well," Kane says of one of his "surprises" this year. "He's one of the few sophomores who has started for us. Even Hettinger and Sojka were just seventh or eighth men when they were sophomores."



Joe Mayberger scores with a layup.

By Gazette Photographer Steve Bauer



# ON TO STATE!

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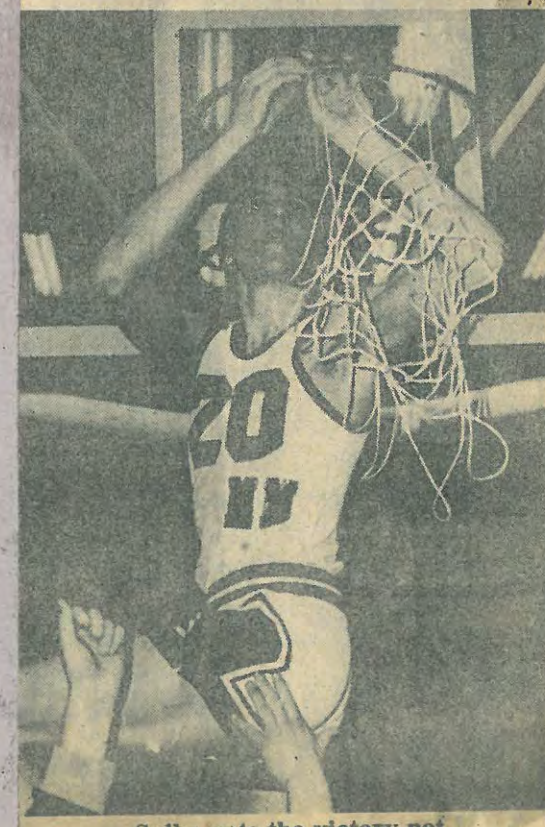


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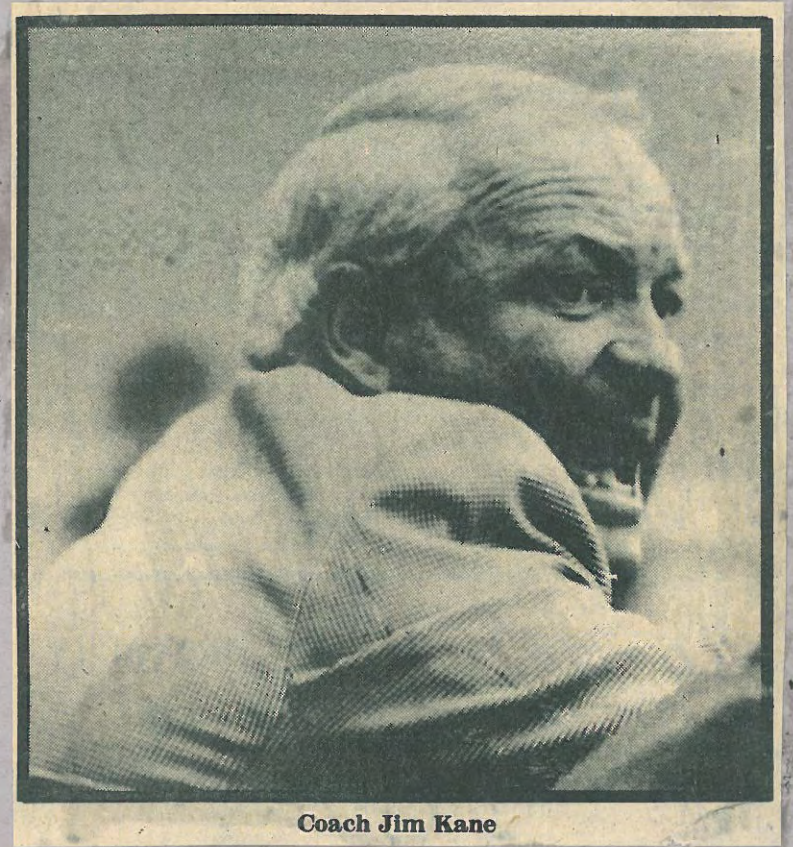
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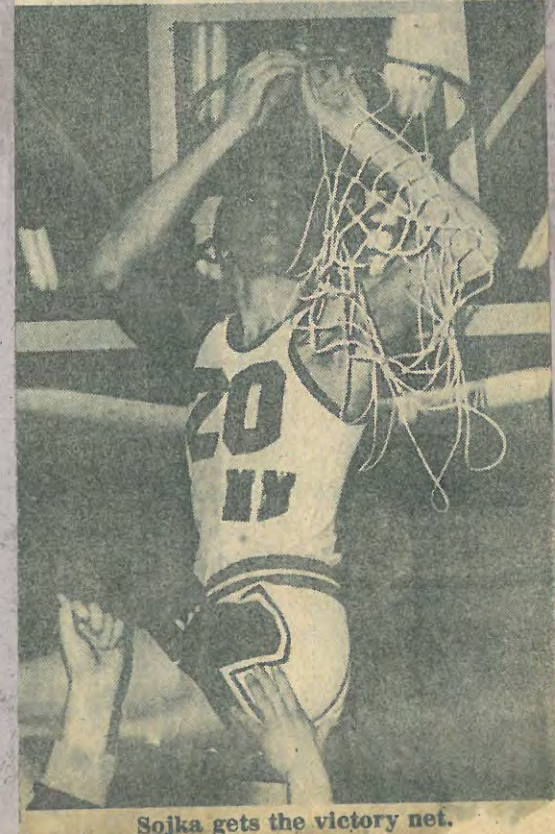


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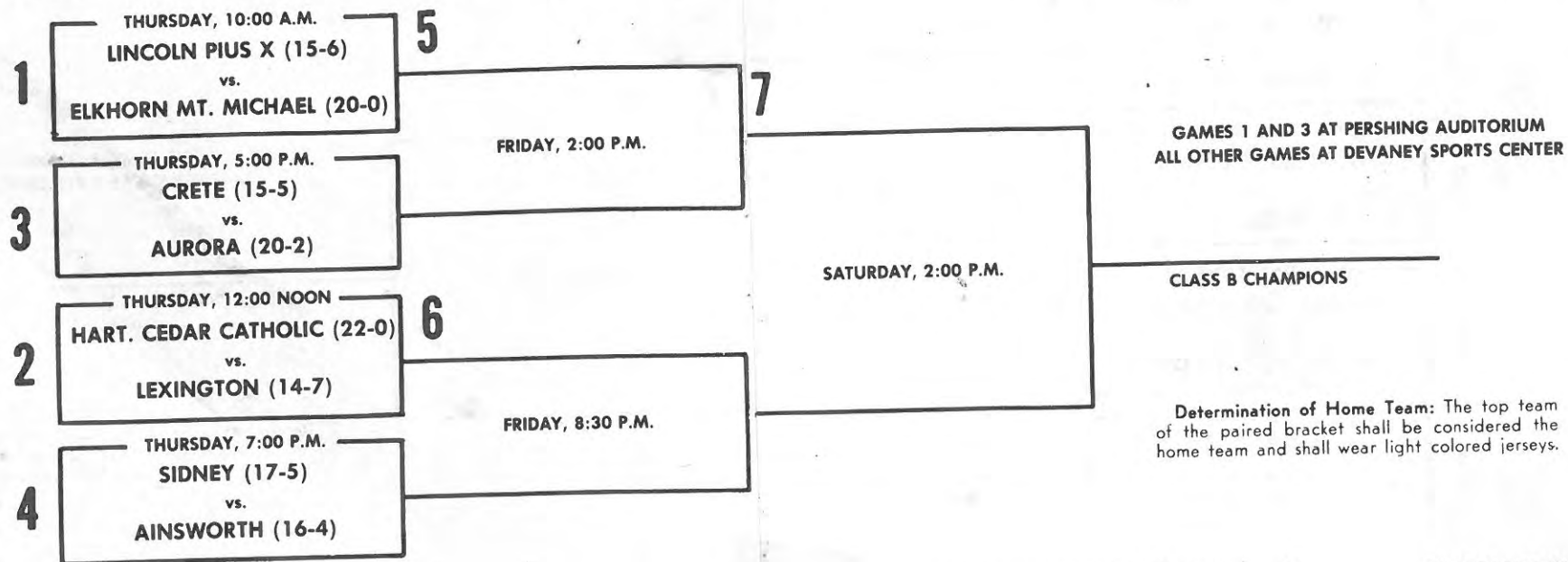


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Sojka gets the victory net.

# Class B Championship Pairings



## LINCOLN PIUS X THUNDERBOLTS

Number		Green & Gold		Year
Light	Dark	Name	Height	
10	11	Jeff Heng	5-9	10
12	13	Jeff Magsamen	6-1½	9
14	15	Shawn Kelley	6-0	12
20	21	Carl Ciani	6-0	12
22	23	Pat Spethman	5-11	11
24	25	Mark Heibel	5-10	12
32	33	Randy Dolezal	6-3	12
34	55	Todd Aksamit	6-4	12
40	41	Mark Mercier	5-11	12
42	43	Kent Keller	6-3	12
44	45	Brian Peters	6-3	11
50	53	Scott Hain	6-4	12
		Scott Spethman	5-11½	9
		Mike Higgins	6-0	11

COACH: DON KELLEY

## ELKHORN MT. MICHAEL KNIGHTS

Number		Red, Black & White		Year
Light	Dark	Name	Height	
10	11	Jeff Jamrog	5-9	9
12	13	Pat Casey	5-7	12
14	15	Tim Zach	5-10	10
20	21	Mark Sojka	6-3	12
22	23	Paul McCann	5-10	9
24	25	Mark Dombrowski	6-2	11
30	31	Tim Wilcox	6-1	9
32	33	Bob Curnyn	6-1	11
34	35	Doug Hettinger	6-3	12
40	41	Joe Hettinger	6-1	9
42	43	Joe Mayberger	6-3	11
44	45	Dennis Linse	6-3	11

COACH: JIM KANE

## HARTINGTON CEDAR CATHOLIC TROJANS

Number		Red & White		Year
Light	Dark	Name	Height	
10	11	Tom Feilmeier	5-11	11
12	13	Jerry Feilmeier	5-9	10
14	15	Mark Becker	5-10	12
20	21	Robbie Miller	5-11	11
24	25	Mark Burbach	5-10	12
30	31	Jeff Zimmer	6-3	12
32	33	Russ Uhing	6-2	12
34	35	Jon Kathol	6-2	12
40	41	Chuck Stevens	6-3	11
42	43	Keith Becker	6-5	12
44	45	Vernie Kathol	5-11	12
50	51	Gary Kuehn	6-1	11
52	53	Ken Neuhalfen	6-4	11
54	55	Tim Schieffer	6-1	10

COACH: BOB UHING

## LEXINGTON MINUTEMEN

Number		Orange and Black		Year
Light	Dark	Name	Height	
10	10	Paul Magnuson	6-0	12
12	12	Scott Schoneman	5-10	12
14	14	Lars Ostrom	6-0	12
20	20	Doug Stevenson	5-9	11
22	22	Dave Tomasek	5-11	11
23	23	Mike Johnson	5-10	11
24	24	Monte Maloley	6-1	12
30	30	Joel Ringenberg	6-4	12
32	32	Mitch Berke	6-3	12
33	33	Bill Clements	6-0	11
34	34	Rick Schnacker	6-0	11
41	41	Mark Holbrook	5-10	11
42	40	Rick Price	6-4	11
44	44	Rod Reynolds	6-5	11

COACH: CLIFF TILLET

## CRETE CARDINALS

Number		Red & Blue		Year
Light	Dark	Name	Height	
10	11	Tom Riley	5-7	11
12	13	Mike Marcelino	5-10	11
14	15	Brian Meyer	5-10	11
20	21	Kent Henning	5-10	11
22	23	Scott Johnson	5-7	12
24	25	Andy Allen	6-0	11
30	31	Jim Jirovec	6-1	12
32	33	Roger Marcelino	6-2	12
40	41	David Thompson	6-1	11
42	43	Scott Erickson	6-0	11
44	45	Mike Herman	6-1	11
50	51	Jim Dittmer	6-2	11
52	53	Brian Murray	6-9	12

COACH: DENNIS NELSEN

## AURORA HUSKIES

Number		Red and White		Year
Light	Dark	Name	Height	
10	11	Jon Nachtigal	5-10	11
12	13	Brian Haase	5-9	10
14	15	Steve Roszhart	5-8	12
20	23	Gregg Holliday	6-1	11
24	25	Mike Funk	5-11	11
30	31	Brett Kuhn	6-1	10
32	33	Kevin Penner	6-1	12
34	35	Lee Carter	6-1	10
40	41	Pat Shaw	6-1	10
42	43	Mike Johnson	6-3	12
44	45	Rick Nachtigal	6-2	11
52	53	Keith Turner	6-3	11
54	55	Ron Bahe	6-4	12

COACH: BILL HOLLIDAY

## SIDNEY RED RAIDERS

Number		Red and White		Year
Light	Dark	Name	Height	
11	11	Jeff Einspahr	5-11	11
13	13	Doug O'Connell	6-1	10
15	15	Jack Hecker	5-9	11
21	21	Tom Christjans	6-3	11
23	23	Troy Tremain	6-1	10
25	25	Mike Tremain	6-4	12
31	31	Mark Rowe	6-2	12
33	33	Mark Blomenkamp	6-4	11
35	35	Scott Bussinger	6-2	10
41	41	Jim Rosenbaum	6-7	12
43	43	Keith Lund	6-7	11
45	45	Bob Gregory	6-0	12

COACH: DALE RIEN

## AINSWORTH BULLDOGS

Number		Red & White		Year
Light	Dark	Name	Height	
10	11	Rick Kyser	5-8	12
12	13	Ted Gude	5-9	11
20	21	Wayne Wescott	5-11	12
22	23	Bob Beatty	6-0	12
24	15	Robby Soles	5-7	11
30	31	Dennis Colyer	6-4	12
32	33	Greg Klatt	5-10	11
34	35	Jeff Frederickson	6-1	12
40	41	Rod Nelson	6-3	12
42	25	Dan Dolph	6-2	11
44	45	Greg Fransch	6-3	11
50	43	Bruce Dannatt	6-2	12

COACH: LARRY UHING

# Last-second Aurora heroics all in the planning

By Ken Hambleton  
Prep Sports Writer

Everything went just as planned for Aurora ... it just seemed exciting.

As planned, Gregg Holliday hit a 29-foot jumper with six seconds left in regulation to help Aurora force an overtime with Elkhorn Mt. Michael.

As planned, Rick Nachtigal tipped Penner's shot twice, and the second time it went in at the buzzer to give Aurora a 55-53 win over Mt. Michael in the first Class B semifinal boys state basketball tournament game Friday at the Devaney Sports Center.

Aurora will meet unbeaten Hartington Cedar Catholic in Saturday's 2 p.m. Class B championship game at the Devaney Sports Center.

Hartington CC, now 24-0, rallied from a six-point halftime deficit with 14 straight points in the third quarter and raced to a 71-47 win over Sidney.

"We thought maybe we could make it a little closer," Aurora Coach Bill Holliday said.

"But everything went pretty much according to plans," he said. "We planned on taking a shot with about 10 seconds left in regulation, with hopes of scoring and getting a steal on the inbounds pass.

"We got the basket on one of those 'Oh no, keep shooting' type of shots, and we got the steal, but we got it at half court and it was too late," Holliday said.

"At the end of overtime, we wanted Penner to penetrate and either shoot or dish off," he said.

Penner drove the lane and shot, but the ball bounced out and Nachtigal tipped the ball in at the buzzer.

Previously undefeated Mt. Michael, which finished 21-1, battled from behind throughout the third quarter.

And with three Mt. Michael starters carrying four fouls from the final minute of the third quarter, it seemed only a matter of time before the Huskies pulled away for the win.

Aurora eased in front, 47-41, with Pat Shaw and Mike Johnson combining for a six-point spurt to open the fourth quarter.

But four straight free throws and a basket by Doug Hettinger and two free throws and a basket by Mark Sojka put the Knights ahead, 51-49, with 1:14 left in regulation.

Sojka and Hettinger combined for 50 of Mt. Michael's 53 points.

Sojka stole an Aurora pass with a minute left and was fouled, but he missed the front end of a one-and-one, setting up Gregg Holliday's long bomb.

Just before Coach Holliday's son hit his 29-footer, Gregg had missed the rim and the backboard on a similar shot.

"I hit my head the first time I tried that shot, but I

knew I had to get off a shot pretty soon and I saw we had three guys underneath to rebound," Gregg said.

"I didn't let the first air-ball bother me, because I've had a few in this tournament," he said.

Mt. Michael Coach Jim Kane said he was pleased with his team's efforts.

"That kid (Holliday) throws up a 30-footer to go into overtime. I'd give him 20 of those and take my chances they wouldn't fall, but it did this time," Kane said.

"We only had two regulars, Hettinger and Sojka, against their five in the overtime and we still almost won it," he said.

"We got Aurora playing our game after the early going and we got to play the way we wanted," Kane said. "We just didn't get the breaks at the end."

Nachtigal, who started for the first time this season Friday, said he was in a "trance" for the final tipin.

"Penner's shot came to me and I bounced it up, it came back so I hurried it up there again," the 6-2 junior said. "I couldn't hear the buzzer, but I thought it was good."

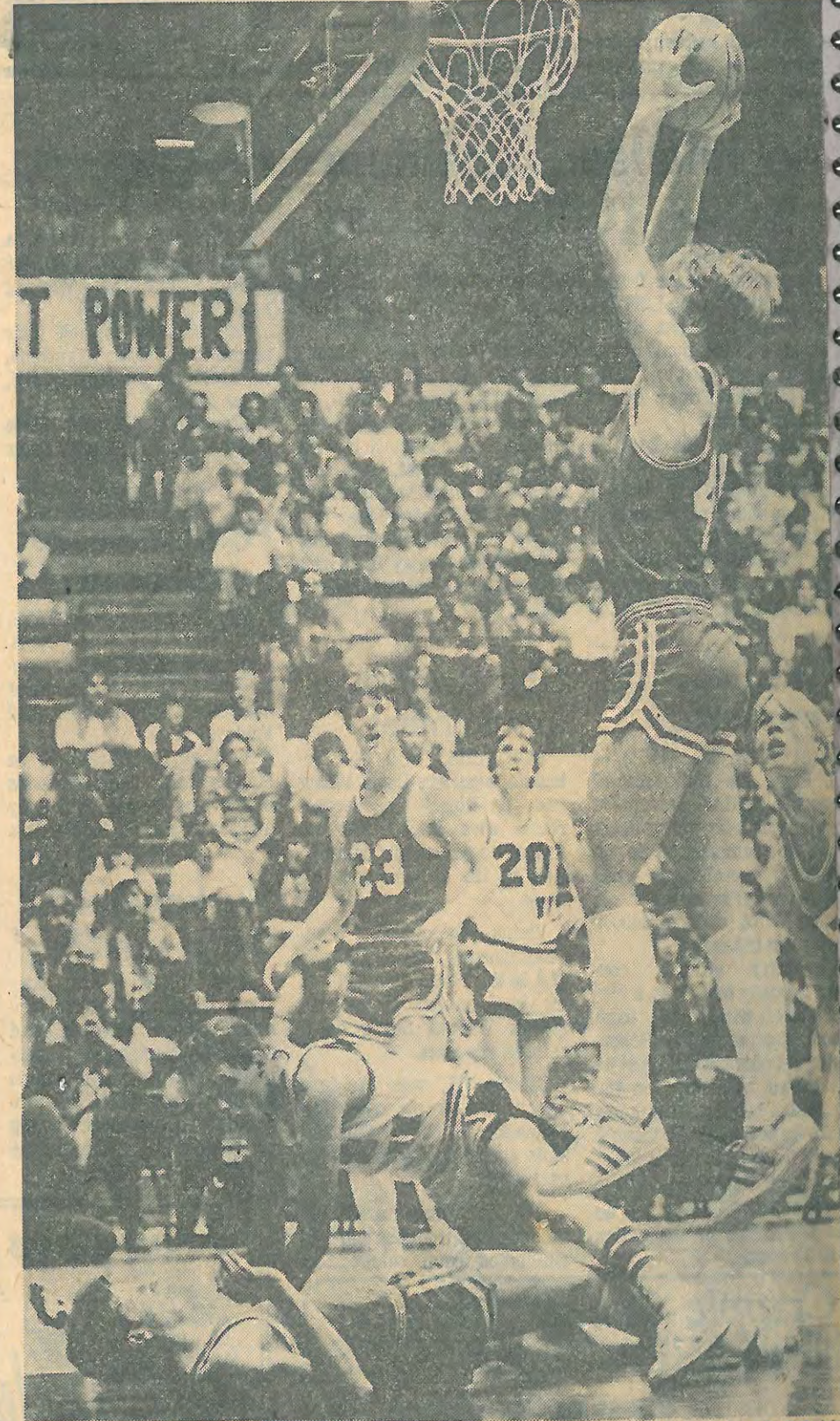
"We drill on pressure situations every Thursday in practice and both the regulation and overtime baskets were things we've practiced," Coach Holliday said. "I know I just pretended like it was practice," his son

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Staff photo by Jim Zerschling

Elkhorn Mt. Michael Coach Jim Kane guided his team through an undefeated regular season but suffered (above) through a tipin at the buzzer in overtime as Aurora nipped his Knights in the Class B semifinals.



Staff photo by Gail Faldor

Aurora's Pat Shaw (41) pulls down rebounds after shot by Elkhorn Mt. Michael's Doug Hitinger (34). Hitinger collided with Mike Johnson and both ended on the floor.



# Mt. Michael season ends in overtime

By PAUL SWANSON

LINCOLN—Rick Nachtigal's tip-in just beat the buzzer at the end of overtime and gave Aurora a thrilling 55-53 win over previously undefeated Elkhorn Mount Michael in Class B Boys State Basketball Tournament play Friday.

Nachtigal got an offensive rebound of a Kevin Penner shot with just four seconds to go, but his first try wouldn't fall. He then jumped back up and tipped the ball in off the glass as the gun sounded.

For the Knights' Doug Hettinger, Mark Sojka, and Pat Casey, it was the last game in their high school career, and the three Mount Michael seniors played their hearts out.

Hettinger and Sojka combined for 50 of the team's 53 points, shooting a combined 19-of-40, and both came through with crucial free throw performances. Hettinger was a perfect 6-for-6 from the line, while Sojka hit a pair of free throws late in the fourth period to ensure at least a tie.

Casey was the sparkplug that got Mount Michael back into the game in the second quarter after they had fallen behind, 23-13. He made two clutch steals and continually harassed the Huskies with tough defense, the Knights' trademark, as they reeled off 11 straight points in 2½ minutes to pull ahead.

It was a classic battle of two superlative ballclubs, as they battled tooth-and-nail for the rest of the game. Aurora's largest lead was a mere six points, which was remedied quickly by four straight Hettinger free throws halfway through the fourth stanza.

Mount Michael could easily have folded when starting forwards Mark Dombrowski and Joe Mayberger foul-

ed out in a span of six seconds with 4½ minutes remaining in the period. But Jim Kane's club hung in there as substitutes Casey and freshman Tim Wilcox put forth excellent defensive efforts that kept the Huskies at bay.

Aurora forced the overtime period when Gregg Holliday, Husky coach Bill Holliday's son, drilled a 20-foot jumper with six seconds left that tied the game at 51-all.

The Huskies got on the board first as All-Stater Kevin Penner, a 6-1 guard, tallied on a twisting drive to the hoop. Mount Michael countered with Sojka's 15-footer from the right baseline with 1:58 to play.

Casey then made another steal when good defense forced a bad pass, and the Knights elected to go for one shot. That strategy was foiled, though, when Casey was fouled with 1:07 left. He stepped to the line with a one-and-one, but the first shot hit the rim and fell away.

It was Aurora's turn to stall for the last shot, and they worked the clock down to 0:31, when they called time out. When play resumed, it was evident that Penner was to take the last shot.

Milking the clock down to around ten seconds, Penner started to look for his shot. He was unable to get off a good attempt, and was forced to throw an off-balance bank shot.

Nachtigal, who had scored just two points prior to the climactic finish, was not to be denied in the scramble for the rebound, and he finished as the game's unlikely hero.

Sojka poured in 26 points and grabbed eight rebounds and Hettinger netted 24 markers to pace the Knights. Penner pumped in 19 points and snared a dozen caroms for Aurora.

Mount Michael ends its super season with a 21-1 mark. Aurora, 22-2, will clash with 24-0 Hartington Cedar Catholic, a 71-47 victor over Sidney in the other Class B semifinal contest Friday. Game time is 2 p.m. today at the Devaney Sports Center.

Aurora..... 15 16 10 10 4-55  
Elkhorn Mt. Michael 12 18 7 14 2-53

#### SCORING

EMM—Casey 0-2, 1-3, 2, 1; Zach 0-3, 0-0, 0, 0; Sojka 10-23, 6-10, 2, 26; Dombrowski 0-0, 0-0, 5, 0; Hettinger 9-17, 6-6, 4, 24; Mayberger 1-3, 0-0, 5, 2. Totals: 20-48, 13-19, 18, 53.

Aurora—Holliday 4-12, 0-0, 1, 8; Penner 7-12, 5-8, 3, 19; Carter 0-1, 2-2, 0, 2; Shaw 3-3, 4-5, 2, 10; Johnson 4-12, 2-3, 2, 10; Nachtigal 2-4, 0-0, 4, 4; Turner 0-1, 2-2, 5, 2. Totals: 20-45, 15-20, 17, 55.



Elkhorn Mt. Michael's Doug Hettinger (34) drives toward the basket but is cut off by Aurora's Rick Nachtigal (45) and Mike Johnson (43) in Class B tournament action

Friday afternoon. The Knights lost their first game of the season as Aurora took a 53-51 decision in overtime. (AP Laserphoto)

## Transactions

By The Associated Press.

### BASEBALL

#### National League

MONTREAL EXPOS — Traded Duffy Dyer, catcher, to the Detroit Tigers for Jerry Manuel, infielder.

NEW YORK METS — Signed Joel Youngblood, outfielder, to a three-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Purchased the contract of Joe Pettini, infielder, from the Montreal Expos.

### BASKETBALL

#### National Basketball Association

DETROIT PISTONS — Reactivated Kent Benson, center. Placed Earl Evans, forward, on the injured list.

# Mt. Michael opens with win

ELKHORN—Mount Michael opened its basketball season right Friday night with a 63-52 win over Bennington.

While outscoring its opponent in the first half by 11 points, Mount Michael only tied in the amount of points scored in the second half with Bennington, each having 29 points.

Tim Zach was the top scorer of the evening with 17 points, sixteen by field goal and one with a free throw.

Mount Michael's other scorers were Joe Hettinger with 13 points, Richard Boyle with ten, Paul Mc-

Cann, 9, Jeff Jamrog, 8, and Tim Wilcox with six.

Bennington had seven scorers. Mike Morland led with 11 points and was followed by Randy Smith and Phillip Polen who had ten points each. Their other scorers were Dennis Morland with eight points, Skip McGurk, six, Terry Backhaus, four, and David Christensen with three.

Hettinger led in rebounds with 12 and Wilcox rebounded 11. Hettinger was six for 11 in shooting, 54 percent, Boyle was three for three, 100 percent, and Zach was eight for 22, 36 percent.

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# Mt. Michael downs Neumann

By TIM McNEIL  
Sports Correspondent

ELKHORN — Elkhorn Mount Michael pushed its record to 2-0 Saturday night by beating Wahoo Neuman 56-35.

Mount Michael's stingy defense caused 19 turnovers and kept Wahoo off the boards as the Knights outrebounded the Cavaliers 32-24.

Six-foot junior forward Jeff Jamrog pulled down ten rebounds to lead Mount Michael.

Tim Zach provided the firepower for the Knights. Zach fired in 23 points to lead all scorers followed

by Tim Wilcox with ten.

Neumann was down 12-8 at the end of the first quarter before being hampered by turnovers and lack of rebounding. Neumann could not penetrate Mount Michael's stubborn defense and was forced to take long jumpers from the outside.

The Knights used a combination of picks and screens to free Wilcox and Jamrog to go to the back door on four different occasions. Jamrog and Joe Hettinger allowed Mount Michael second shots at the bucket by controlling the offensive boards.

Coach Jim Kane effectively used

his bench as eight different players put the Knights on the board. Mount Michael was patient on offense while passing around a perimeter looking for the open man.

Wahoo Neumann	8	8	11	8-35
Mount Michael	12	19	13	12-56

**Scoring**  
Wahoo Neumann — Ahrens 1, 0-0, 1, 2; Fujan 1, 0-2, 3, 2; Maly 0, 0-1, 1, 0; Polacek 1, 0-0, 0, 2; Ohnoutka 2, 0-0, 2, 4; Freeman 1, 0-0, 0, 2; Osmera 1, 2-5, 0, 4; Mahr 3, 2-2, 1, 8; Chapek 2, 0-2, 3, 4; Woita 2, 3-6, 0, 7; Totals — 14, 7-19, 11, 35.  
Mount Michael — Zach 10, 3-4, 2, 23; Jamrog 2, 2-4, 2, 8; McCannl, 2-2, 2, 4; Wilcox 5, 0-0, 2, 10; Hettinger 2, 0-0, 4, 4; Mayberger 1, 3-4, 1, 5; Siurej 1, 0-0, 1, 2; Hagemann 0, 0-0, 2, 0; Boyle 1, 0-0, 0, 2; Totals — 23, 10-14, 17, 56.

# Unbeaten Records Risked By Wahoo, Mount Michael

By Larry Fauss  
World-Herald Staff Writer

Elkhorn, Neb. — Elkhorn Mount Michael and Wahoo survived semifinal tests Tuesday to set up a championship battle between undefeated teams tonight at the Elkhorn Middle School.

Wahoo edged Fairbury 56-50 while Mount Michael posted a 68-51 victory over Columbus Scotus at the Elkhorn Mount Michael Tournament. In afternoon losers' bracket games, Arlington beat Waverly 74-70 and Omaha Cathedral downed Bennington 71-52. Attendance for the four games was estimated at 2,500 by Mount Michael officials.

Wahoo and Mount Michael will take 6-0 records into the 8 p.m. championship round.

## Subs Pick Up Tempo

Fairbury, 3-4, controlled its game with Wahoo in the first half, maintaining a three-to-five-point lead.

"We started the game wanting to pick the tempo up, but it wasn't there," Wahoo Coach Mick Anderson said.

Wahoo began to take charge when Anderson sent in Dan Veskrna, Cory O'Brien and John Hansen to replace the Warriors' starting front line. "I thought those three kids went in there and really picked the tempo up on the defensive end. That's where we were getting hurt," Anderson said.

Fairbury led 26-23 at halftime, but Wahoo used a pressure defense after intermission and pulled to a 44-38 lead after three quarters.

Fairbury tied Wahoo 44-44 at the outset of the fourth quarter when center Bruce Zabel scored six of his game-high 26 points. Zabel scored all 12 of the Jeffs' points in the final period.

## Soph Helps Mount Michael

In the other semifinal game, Mount Michael dominated the rebounding against Scotus. Included in Mount Michael's 46 rebounds were 19 on the offensive boards.

"They're very aggressive," Scotus Coach Frank Spenceri said, "and we

didn't do a very good job checking out."

Mount Michael was able to compensate for the loss of starting center Joe Hettinger, who fouled out in the third quarter. "We had a sophomore who came in and played well," Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane said.

Hettinger's replacement was sophomore Richard Boyle who ended the game with four points. More importantly, he replaced Hettinger in the middle of Mount Michael's 1-3-1 zone defense.

"Any player I play in the middle is the heart of our defense," Kane said.

Scotus was frustrated offensively in the third quarter. After the Shamrocks cut a 10-point deficit to 40-35 with three minutes play, Mount Michael spurred to a 13-point advantage before the end of the third period.

Scotus will meet Fairbury in the consolation game today at 6 p.m. The losers' bracket concludes with Cathedral and Arlington meeting for fifth place at 3 p.m. and Bennington and Waverly battling for seventh at 1 p.m.

# Mount Michael edges Wahoo

By TIM McNEIL  
Sports Correspondent

ELKHORN — Poise and discipline put Mount Michael High on the championship pedestal Wednesday night by beating Wahoo 41-39 in the finals of the Elkhorn Mount Michael Holiday Tournament held at Elkhorn Middle School.

"We did what we had to do tonight," said Mount Michael coach Jim Kane. "We shut off their inside game and made them play from the outside."

Mount Michael entered the fourth period ahead 35-31 but four unanswered points by Wahoo's Bryce Cook and Bob Kennedy knotted the game at 35-35.

Mount Michael's Tim Zach untied the knot by popping in a 20-foot jumper with 4:25 to play.

Wahoo had a chance to tie the game following Zach's jumper but turned the ball over. The Knights took advantage by turning it into two quick points from an inside bucket by Tim Wilcox.

Cook put the Warriors within two once again

when he lofted a 22-foot jumper off the glass with 2:15 remaining. Wahoo got the ball back a minute later but failed again to tie up the game.

With 54 seconds on the clock, Mount Michael's Jeff Jamrog sank two clutch free throws to put the Knights ahead 41-37. Jamrog's two free throws proved to be the icing on Mount Michael's championship cake.

"We had our chances to win but blew our opportunities," said Wahoo coach Mick Anderson. "Those last three turnovers and our missed shots were the difference. Either team could have won tonight."

The third quarter margin rocked between two and four points. The quarter finally ended with Mount Michael up 33-31.

"I'm happy for the kids," Kane said. "They really wanted this and they worked hard. Our defense did an excellent job of detaining Carmer. He has been dealing everybody fits throughout the tournament. They have a good team and I'm glad we had a chance to play them."

The Wahoo coach credited Mount Michael's zone defense as the key to the game.

"They kept Scott (Carmer) from getting inside and they really kept him bottled up," Anderson said. "They knew he was our big gun and the zone made all the difference in the world. They have the best zone in the state—I know it, they know it, everybody knows it. They are a bunch of well-coached kids and they don't make many mistakes—they only committed five turnovers

Wahoo	13	6	12	8
Mount Michael	10	10	13	18

**Scoring**  
Wahoo — Cook 4, 0-0, 2, 8; Carmer 3, 1-3, 3, 7; Pearson 3, 2-2, Grasmick 2, 3-4, 2, 7; Kennedy 3, 3-3, 1, 9; Totals — 15, 9-13, 10, 39.

Mount Michael — Zach 8, 0-2, 2, 16; Jamrog 5, 3-3, 2, 13; Hettinger 0-0, 2, 2; Wilcox 1, 0-0, 3, 2; McCann 4, 0-0, 4, 8; Totals — 19, 3-5, 13, Waverly ..... 16 17 13 23- Bennington ..... 10 9 6 9-

**SCORING**  
Bennington — Mike Morland 3, 0-3, 2, 6; Dave Christiansen 1, 0-2; Dennis Morland 3, 4-9, 4, 10; Phil Polen 1, 0-1, 3, 2; Randy Smith 1-4, 1, 5; Terry Backhaus 1, 3-4, 2, 5; Skip McGurk 1, 0-0, 1, 2; Steve Venteicher 1, 0-1, 0, 2; Totals — 13, 8-24, 16, 34.

Arlington	6	10	8	11
Cathedral	16	13	13	20

**SCORING**  
Arlington — Chuck Wolfe 2, 1-2, 4, 5; Randy Hansen 6, 2-5, 3, Terry Graver 7, 1-3, 5, 15; Ken Erickson 1, 3-4, 4, 5; Allen Greunk 0-0, 0, 2; James Stork 1, 0-0, 0, 2; Totals — 18, 7-16, 21, 43.



Mount Michael opened its tournament with a 52-33 win over Arlington on Monday.

## Knights Win Holiday Tourney

By John Dervin

Coach Jim Kane and the Mount Michael Knights proved a point to themselves by downing Wahoo, 41-39, to win their own holiday tournament played Dec. 28-30 at the Elkhorn Middle School.

Fairbury finished third in the tournament, with a 61-57 win over Columbus Scotus. The Bennington Badgers also participated in the eight-team event, but were beaten by Fairbury in opening-round action and Cathedral in the second round.

Kane said the tournament play was "tough" training for the Knights, who are hoping to qualify for the state tourney this year.

"We knew we were going to have to beat three good teams to win the tournament, like we will have to defeat three tough teams to win the state," he said.

The Knights opened their tournament action with a 52-33 victory over Arlington on Dec. 28, and followed with a 68-59 decision over Columbus Scotus on Tuesday.

### Close Game

In the two-point win over Wahoo, the Knights traded the lead with the Warriors twice in the second period,

Wahoo, however, regained the edge, when Scott Grasmick, Steve Pearson and Bob Kennedy pumped in five points from the charity stripe.

Zach then hit two more 15-footers to provide the 20-19 halftime advantage for the Knights.

In the third period, the Warriors took a 23-22 lead, when Grasmick hit both ends of a one-and-one.

Jamrog countered with a three-point play on a lay-up and a free throw.

Zach then hit another jump shot from the circle, making the score 27-23 for Mount Michael.

With 4:45 in the fourth quarter, Wahoo tied the game, 35-35, after Brice Cook laced a 15-footer and Kennedy tallied another lay-up.

But the Knights pulled away for good after Jamrog hit one from 12 feet, then returned to the line to sink two more, and Wilcox made a lay-up.

Mount Michael then went into a delay game with 1:31 to secure the victory.

Zach led all scorers with 19 points, while Jamrog hit 10 and McCann eight.

### Knights Slay Eagles

the Knights jumped out to a 33-23 halftime lead and outscored the Shamrocks 35-28 in the second half.

Dave Engelberts scored 20 points for Scotus, while Jamrog tallied 22, Zach 15, and McCann 13 for the Knights.

Wilcox and Hettinger each collected seven against Scotus.

Kane said he was pleased with the "steady" play of the Knights in the tournament.

"We had a few turnovers at times, but the kids played real consistent in the three games," he said.



The Knights' Tim Wilcox battles for a rebound with Wahoo's Steve Pearson.



Mount Michael coach, Jim Kane, tries to fire up his team in a close game against Wahoo.

twice in the third and played even for 37 seconds of the final frame before Tim Zach, Tim Wilcox and Jeff Jamrog contributed a bucket each to preserve the win for Mount Michael.

Trailing 13-10 at the start of the second period, Zach hit a 15-foot jumper; Paul McCann sank a 10-footer, and Joe Hettinger made a lay-up to give the Knights their first lead at 16-13.

In the 19-point win over Arlington, the Knights led 30-15 at the half, and outscored the Eagles 22-18 in the second stanza.

Zach and Jamrog hit 18 and 13 points respectively.

Mount Michael hit 19 field goals to Arlington's 11.

The Knights also went 14 for 21 from the free throw line, while the Eagles were 11 for 20.

In their victory over Scotus,



# Mt. Michael Cage Victory Follows Same Old Script

By Larry Fauss  
World-Herald Correspondent

Gretna, Neb. — Elkhorn Mt. Michael played a familiar tune for Gretna Friday night and the closing stanza followed the script as Mt. Michael claimed its third win of the season, 50-48, before a crowd of 1,200.

"It's never very high scoring," Gretna Coach Tim Hoffman said. "Last year was 44-36 and the year before it was 49-45."

Even though his club entered the fourth quarter with a seven-point lead, Mt. Michael Coach Jim Kane said he knew the Knights had their work ahead of them. "You could feel it," he said, "it was going to be close."

Despite the final two-point margin, Gretna led only once — in a two-minute period at the game's outset.

In the two minutes that it took Mt. Michael's offense to settle into the game's rhythm, Gretna was picking up five fouls to put Mt. Michael into the one-and-one on the free-throw line. Mt. Michael took advantage and enjoyed success at the line, hitting nine of 12 attempts during the first three quarters.

Paul McCann got Mt. Michael rolling in the first period when he hit a shot from the corner to tie the score at 2-2 with 6:09 left in the quarter. It was Mt. Michael's first field goal attempt as the Knight faltered early against a tough Gretna defense.

But point guard Tim Zach hit two field goals and two free throws in the period to help boost the Knights to a 14-12 lead at the end of the quarter.

Gretna stayed close much of the second quarter before starting to lag shortly before the half, slipping from a one-point deficit to nine points down in a two-minute span.

"I felt we weren't very intense the first half," Hoffman said. "We changed defenses (from a zone to a man-to-man) to keep them off balance. We went to a man and we didn't seem too intense."

Mt. Michael expanded its lead to 10 points in the third quarter before Gretna began its comeback with the aid of a pressure defense.

Gretna's press took its toll on the Knights, particularly in the fourth period when Mt. Michael turned the ball over five times, twice on steals and three times on traveling calls.

The defense was effective as Gretna didn't allow the Knights a field goal in the final period until less than four minutes remained.

Mt. Michael's lead eventually slipped to three in the final period when Gretna's Mark Bishop hit the game's only three-point play with 5:42 remaining. Bishop had drawn Gretna to within 46-40 deficit 20 seconds earlier with a layup.

The Dragons were hurt in the first half under the board as the Knights built a 19-9 rebounding edge. Mt. Michael picked up a third of its 30 rebound total on the offensive end of the court.

Gretna also suffered at the free-throw line, missing on five one-and-one situations, four of them in the critical fourth quarter.

Elkhorn Mt. Michael.....14 18 13 5-50  
Al Gretna.....12 12 14 10-48  
E.M.M.—Zach 17, Jamrog 18, McCann 6, Wilcox 5, Hettlinger 4,  
G-Fleck 3, Frahm 8, Ehrhorn 6, Carl 13,  
Bishop 6, Boufisch 12.

## Mount Michael defeats Blair

ELKHORN — Elkhorn Mount Michael boosted its season record to 17-1 Tuesday night by blasting Blair 69-49 in boys' high school basketball.

The Knights, ranked third in Class B, took a four-point first quarter lead and increased the lead to 39-21 at intermission. Maintaining their momentum, the Knights continued to apply tough pressure during the second half enroute to the victory.

Shooting 53 percent from the field, the Knights had four players finish the night with double figures. Leading the scoring attack was Jeff Jamrog with 22 points. Paul McCann, Tim Wilcox and Tim Zach added 12, 13 and 14 points while Paul Seevers paced Blair with 11 points.

Mount Michael will play Tekamah Herman in a 6:15 contest Friday night at Midland Lutheran College to start first round action in the District B-3 Tournament. Blair meets Omaha Roncalli Saturday night at 8:00.

Blair.....12 9 17 11—49  
Mount Michael.....16 18 22 13—69

Scoring  
Blair—Wederquist 5,0-0,0,10; Robinson 0,2-2,2,2;  
Nielsen 2,1-1,1,3; Seevers 2,7-9,3,11; Truhlsen 3,3-  
5,1,9; Ogle 1,0-1,0,2; Deklavs 2,6-6,1,10;  
Totals—15,19-23,7,49.  
Mount Michael—Zach 7,0-1,1,14; Jamrog 10,2-  
2,5,22; McCann 6,0-0,4,12; Wilcox 6,1-2,4,13; Het-  
tinger 2,0-0,4,4; Mayberger 1,2-2,1,4;  
Totals—32,5-7,19,69.

# Knights' first quarter spurt, free throws rip Scotus cagers

Elkhorn Mt. Michael used the free throw line to its advantage and beat Scotus Central Catholic, 68-45 in a Monday night boys basketball game in Columbus.

A surprisingly large crowd braved snow-clogged and icy roads that matched the undefeated Knights (ranked third in last week's Associated Press Class B poll) against an improving Scotus team.

Mt. Michael had beaten Scotus, 68-51 in their own Holiday Tournament in December and the Shamrocks were looking for revenge.

Unfortunately for the Shamrocks, revenge was not to be had. Mt. Michael jumped to a 10-0 lead by taking advantage of steals and Scotus fouls including a technical on the Scotus bench. It wasn't until 3:15 left in the quarter that Mark Brezinski's layup gave the Shamrocks their first two points.

The Knights connected on 13 of 14 free throw attempts in the first quarter while jumping to a 23-8 lead at the end of the period.

"That was the difference," said Scotus head coach Frank Spenceri. "You can't give a good team a lead like that."

Despite the Knights' 15-point lead, Scotus battled back. While the Shamrock defense held Mt. Michael scoreless midway through the second quarter, Brezinski and Co. led the Irish charge. Scott Spenceri's layup with 4:20 remaining cut the Knights' lead to 23-20. That was as close as the Shamrocks could get as Mt. Michael outscored the hosts 11-4 in the remaining

minutes.

"Our kids played hard," said Shamrock assistant coach Dennis Zowada, "but we couldn't get over the hump. We couldn't capitalize on their mistakes."

Knight forward Jeff Jamrog only scored a field goal in the first half but he hit on 10 of 11 free throw attempts while teammate Tim Zach scored all 14 of his points in the first two quarters.

Scotus, behind Brezinski's eight points, rallied in the third quarter, cutting the Mt. Michael lead to 48-39 but Jamrog fired in five field goals to match Brezinski's effort.

The Knights outscored the hosts 14-6 in the fourth quarter to ensure their 12th win against no defeats.

Zowada said the Knights' defense was a factor.

"They played tenacious defense. It was hard to get any shots off against their 1-3-1 zone. They're a great ball team...a definite state contender."

Spenceri said the team needed more scoring punch to back up Brezinski, who scored 22 of the Irish' 45 points. (The Shamrocks hit on only 15 of 46 field goal attempts.)

"You can't expect Brezinski to be the only guy to score. But they were playing super, aggressive defense. The offense just didn't put the ball in the hoop."

"Effort-wise, we did a very commendable job. I didn't think the intensity level was there in the first quarter but we fought back and I think it's positive that we did."

Spenceri thought sometimes the team's emotional outbursts got the best of them. "It's time to talk to the kids and get their acts together. You have to rely on discipline on the court. You can't let emotion rule your mind and body. We gave to get back to the disciplined atmosphere and take advantage of the situations."

For Mt. Michael head coach Jim Kane, the win was a welcome one.

"Ever since the Christmas tournament we've played terrible. January was a bad month, even though we were undefeated. This was the best game we've played since Christmas."

Kane however, was surprised at how wide the victory margin was. "I expected a real dogfight out there."

"We came up here needing to play well and we did. The game just got away from them."

Kane praised his defense but credited Brezinski with a great performance. "We took things away from them and ganged up on Brezinski. But he's a great shooter. Those field goals he shot would be three-pointers in the NBA."

Jamrog led Mt. Michael scorers with 24 points, Zach added 14. Brezinski scored 22 before leaving

the game in the fourth quarter after reinjuring his ankle. He is expected to miss both the Shamrocks' weekend games.

The Mount Michael reserves were 61-35 winners in the preliminary game.

Scotus, 8-6, returns to action Friday at Wahoo Neumann and will host Hastings St. Cecilia Saturday night.

ELKHORN MT. MICHAEL (68)  
Tim Zach 4 6-8 14, Jeff Jamrog 6 12-15 24, Paul McCann 2 4-6 8, Tim Wilcox 3 0-0 6, Joe Hettlinger 0 4-4 4, Jim Mayberger 0 1-2 1, Jeff Civrej 0 0-0 0, Al Hagemann 0 1-2 1, Mark Matt 0 2-2 2, Roger Peterson 1 0-0 2, Richard Boyle 1 4-4 4. Totals 17 34-41 68.

SCOTUS CENTRAL CATHOLIC (45)  
Scott Spenceri 1 1-2 3, John Kelly 0 0-0 0, Chad Christiansen 3 1-2 7, Jeff Krzycki 0 2-2 2, Jerry Taylor 0 0-0 0, Clete Arasmith 0 0-0 0, Bob Schumacher 1 0-0 2, Dave Engelbert 2 0-0 4, Jim Heimann 0 1-2 1, Mike Quattrocchi 0 1-2 1, Greg Van Dyke 1 1-3 3, Mark Brezinski 7 8-8 22. Totals 15 15-21 45.

Elkhorn Mt. Michael 23 11 14 20—68  
Scotus Central Catholic 8 16 25 6—45  
Fouled out—Hettlinger, Arasmith, Van Dyke.

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## Elkhorn Mount Michael

Light Dark Color Color	NAME	Ht.	Year
10 11	Jim Mayberger	5'10"	10
12 13	Jeff Ciurej	5'8"	11
14 15	Tim Zach	6'0"	12
20 21	Jeff Jamrog	6'0"	11
22 23	Paul McCann	6'0"	11
24 25	Alan Hagemann	6'0"	11
30 31	Tim Wilcox	6'2"	11
32 33	Mark Matt	5'10"	10
34 35	Joe Hettinger	6'3"	11
40 41	Roger Peterson	6'0"	11
42 43	Richard Boyle	6'2"	10
44 45	Doug Wemhoff	6'1"	9

Coach's Name: Jim Kane

## Elkhorn

Light Dark Color Color	NAME	Ht.	Year
10 11	Doug Hays	5'8"	11
12 13	Todd Jorgensen	5'10"	11
14 15	Scott Konnath	6'1"	12
20 21	Ken Corner	5'8"	11
22 23	Dan Duncan	5'8"	11
24 25	Derrik Olsen	5'9"	11
30 31	Tim Rolfs	6'2"	12
32 33	Jay Johaneck	6'5"	12
34 35	Jim McArdle	6'4"	11
40 41	Ron Prideaux	6'1"	11
42 43	Jamie Belter	6'3"	12
44 45	Chris Lee	6'1"	12
52 53	Roger Hunwardsen	5'9"	10
54 55	Mitch Rolfs	6'3"	10

Coach's Name: John Bacus

## Boys Town

Light Dark Color Color	NAME	Ht.	Year
10 11	Joe Quinones	5'9"	12
12 13	Tony Mondy	6'0"	9
14 15	Rod James	6'0"	10
20 21	Tracy Flowers	6'0"	9
22 23	Max Tapia	5'10"	12
24 25	John Albright	6'0"	12
30 31	Bennie Ferrell	6'2"	12
32 33	Eric Lounds	5'9"	10
34 35	Kerry Ourada	6'2"	12
40 41	Ken Reed	5'9"	11
44 45	Tony Moore	6'6"	10
50 51	Mike Walker	6'4"	12

Coach's Name: Dan Schneiss

## Omaha Roncalli

Light Dark Color Color	NAME	Ht.	Year
10 11	Tom Burkhard	5'7"	12
12 13	Dave Gau	5'10"	11
14 15	Sean Leach	5'10"	11
20 21	Dan Grasso	6'0"	10
22 23	Mick McGill	5'10"	10
24 25	Gary Washington	5'10"	10
30 31	Chris Harrison	5'9"	12
32 33	Tim Martin	5'11"	12
34 35	Pat Lynch	6'0"	11
40 41	Chris Walz	6'2"	11
42 43	Mike Muff	6'2"	12
44 45	John Heinzman	6'0"	12
50 51	John Dewhurst	6'3"	11
	Mike Wesely	6'2"	11

Coach's Name: Jim McGinnis

## Tekamah-Herman

Light Dark Color Color	NAME	Ht.	Year
10 11	Tony Bromm	6'1"	12
12 13	Gregg Bromm	5'11"	11
14 15	Tim Gregerson	5'9"	10
20 21	Fred Townsend	5'8"	11
22 23	Scot Thompson	5'11"	11
24 25	Brett Anderson	5'9"	11
30 31	John Hardy	6'2"	10
32 33	Todd Wragge	6'1"	10
34 35	Paul Anderson	6'2"	11
40 41	Scott Regan	6'0"	12
42 43	Allen Gill	6'2"	12
44 45	Joe Tobin	6'0"	11
	Greg Grass	5'9"	9
	Mike Carlson	5'9"	10

Coach's Name: Dave Raabe

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*Ryan 2 Stank*  
*Bficheda 2 Jemcha*

Light Dark Color Color	NAME	Ht.	Year
10 11	Doug Kidder	5'9"	11
12 13	Doug Carlson	5'10"	12
14 15	Chris Cubrich	6'1"	11
20 21	John Cherek	5'11"	12
22 23	Max Burbach	5'10"	12
24 25	Rey Filipowicz	6'0"	12
30 31	Jim Neubauer	6'0"	12
32 33	Matt McMillan	6'1"	11
34 35	Todd Washka	6'2"	12
40 41	John Browning	6'0"	12
42 43	Greg Cherek	6'1"	10
44 45	Mike Urzendowski	6'1"	10
	Russ Wonderly	5'11"	11
	Dean Flyr	5'10"	10

Coach's Name: Tim Lackovic

## Arlington

Light Dark Color Color	NAME	Ht.	Year
10 11	Greg Scheer	5'10½"	11
12 13	Chuck Wolfe	5'8½"	12
14 15	Allen Greunke	6'0"	11
22 23	Kenny Erickson	6'0"	11
24 25	Randy Hansen	6'1"	12
30 31	Kent Christensen	6'1"	11
32 33	James Stork	5'11"	10
34 35	Terry Graver	6'1"	12
40 41	Kelly Thompson	6'1"	12
42 43	Ken Metzler	6'1"	10
44 45	Shawn Fuhrer	6'2"	10
20 21	Bob Krueger	6'2"	9

Coach's Name: Scott Schaefer

## Blair

Light Dark Color Color	NAME	Ht.	Year
10 11	Greg Lehl	5'8"	12
12 13	Shawn Wederquist	5'10"	11
14 15	Mike Story	5'9"	12
20 21	Kent Kruger	6'0"	11
22 23	Scott Moore	5'11"	11
24 25	Todd Robinson	6'0"	12
30 31	Jay Nielsen	6'1"	11
32 33	Paul Severs	6'1"	12
34 35	Scott Hazard	5'10"	11
	Scott Nicholson	5'9"	11
40 41	Bob Truhlsen	6'4"	12
42 43	Kent Ogle	6'4"	12
44 45	Maris Deklavs	6'4"	12

Coach's Name: Ken Rohwer

# Mount Michael edges Omaha Ryan

By GAGE CHURCH  
Sports Writer

Lady Luck was the guest of honor at the Class B-3 district basketball tournament semi-finals for the second year in a row; but this time she turned her head on last year's recipient of her favor and gave Elkhorn Mount Michael a 57-54 victory over Omaha Ryan Monday night in Hopkin's Gym at Midland Lutheran College.

Last year in the semi-finals, Ryan defeated Mount Michael 56-55 in overtime. Much like last year's game, it was a knock-down, drag-out battle until the last second for the right to play in the district championship game.

The largest lead of either team during the game was seven points at the end of the first quarter when Ryan lead 14-7. Other than then and a very few other times, the score was within one to three points.

The game started off slow as only five points were scored in the first 3½ minutes of play. Ryan scored first and held a marginal lead through the quarter.

In the second period, most of Mount Michael's team faltered, but Tim Zach scored 11 of the Knights' 18 points in that quarter.

"Zach played awful good," said Mount Michael coach Jim Kane. "He was the only guy doing any good in the second quarter. He kept us in the game."

The Knights came from a 26-22 deficit in the last minute of the second period to put themselves within one point of Ryan at the end of the half, 26-25.

Ryan learned in the third period that this was going to be a game much like the previous year's, as Zach and Company went to work and kept the lead to only one and even gained a one-point lead themselves several times.

Going into the quarter with a 41-41 tie, the Knights finally saw things going their way as Jeff Jamrog warmed up on defense and Zach began hitting several almost-

miraculous outside shots. They gained a lead and held on to it throughout the period.

Ryan was not going to make it easy, however, as they tried to do a repeat performance from last year and put themselves within one, 55-54, with 15 seconds left to play.

Even though it seemed as if Elkhorn was still going to hold off until Todd Washka stole the ball and raced down the court, only to be fouled by Zach. Washka missed both free-throw attempts.

Joe Hettinger was fouled on the rebound and he put in one shot with three seconds left to seal the victory for Mount Michael.

Although winning was enough, Kane still feels the Knights could have played a better game.

"We shot free throws really bad," he said. "One of our better free-throw shooters missed several in the first quarter."

Overall, the Knights shot 13 of 24 on free throws and in the first quarter they were successful on only one of six free-throw attempts.

Another downfall for the Knights was on defense, said Kane. "We let them get into our defense. They didn't shoot much from the outside because we let them get inside."

Turnovers were also a major factor on the turnout of the game. Both teams suffered from steals and several times Ryan players passed the ball directly to a Mount Michael player.

Mount Michael, now 19-1 and rated third in Class B in the state, will face Boys Town tonight at 7:30 in Hopkins Gym for the district championship.

"I hope we can play a little bit better tomorrow night," said Kane.

Elkhorn MM ..... 7 18 16 16-57  
Omaha Ryan ..... 14 12 15 13-54

Scoring  
Elkhorn Mount Michael — Zach 10, 5-6, 3, 25; Jamrog 2, 3-9, 4, 7; McCann 6, 0-1, 3, 12; Wilcox 3, 2-3, 2, 8; Hettinger 1, 3-5, 1, 5; Boyle 0, 0-0, 1, 0; Totals — 22, 13-24, 14, 57.

Omaha Ryan — Carlson 0, 0-0, 1, 0; J. Charek 1, 4-6, 2, 6; Filipowicz 5, 0-1, 1, 10; McMillan 5, 2-2, 4, 12; Washka 4, 0-2, 3, 8; Browning 1, 0-1, 1, 2; G. Cherek 1, 1-1, 4, 3; Vrzendowski 6, 1-1, 4, 13; Totals — 23, 8-14, 21, 54.

# Mount Michael edges Boys Town for title

By GAGE CHURCH  
Sports Writer

Elkhorn Mount Michael overcame a sluggish first half to overcome the Boys Town Cowboys, 54-52, and win the B-3 District Basketball Championship Tuesday night at Midland Lutheran College.

Although the Cowboys lost the game, it was a kind of a moral victory after having been defeated by 25 points in an earlier contest between the two teams two weeks ago.

"A couple of weeks ago we had a lesson in humility," said Boys Town Coach Dan Schneiss. "Tonight we had nothing to be ashamed of."

The Cowboys seemed as if they were going to pull an upset over their third-ranked foes in the first half as the Knights suffered from a slow start and cold shooting.

"In the first half we just didn't hustle," said Tim Zach, Mount Michael player. "We played poor on defense and had poor shots on offense."

Although the Knights held a first quarter lead, 10-8, Boys Town came out in the second period and showed that it was not to be dealt with as it was in the earlier meeting.

Max Tapia started off the Cowboys' rally with amazing trick shots that always seemed to home in on the basket no matter how far away or from what angle they were shot from.

"Tapia was hitting them fancy tonight," said Zach. "He's really a good ball player."

On the other side of the coin, Zach attempted to call up some of the magic he possessed in Monday's night against Omaha Ryan, but the ball seemed to be repelled by the basket, leaving Zach with only five points in the first quarter and none in the second.

Eating away at the Knights' early

lead, Tapia and his crew reached their first lead of the game with four minutes left of the half. Although Mount Michael continued to tie the score, Boys Town always got the next basket to keep it two points out of the Knights' reach until the Cowboys pulled ahead and gained a five-point lead by halftime, 25-20.

"I thought we were in trouble," said Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane. "We were lucky we weren't even farther behind than we were."

In the second half it was a different story as Mount Michael came out and showed why it is 20-1 and ranked third in the state.

The Knights started to shoot better in the third quarter, never letting Boys Town slip out of reach and finally overtook the Cowboys and ended the period with a two-point lead, 35-33.

"They were better than us in the second half," said Schneiss. "They got a couple of offensive rebounds and put them in."

Shots like that were important for the Knights as they were facing a much taller team.

"Their height hurt us," said Kane. "We're not very tall, but you play with what you have."

What the Knights had in that game was endurance which may have won the game for them.

"We just hung in there," said Zach. "We didn't give up on ourselves. We could have played better, but we played as well as we could tonight."

In the fourth quarter, the Knights found that stick-to-it-ness to be a blessing as Joe Hettinger and Zach pounded in four straight baskets and Jeff Jamrog made two free throws to give the Mount Michael its largest lead of the game, 45-35, with 4:09 left to play.

The Cowboys weren't finished, though, as Ken Reed, Tony Moore and Tapia put it within three, 49-46, with less than two minutes left.

It was at this point that Tapia had his fifth personal foul and was taken out of the game, a serious blow to the Cowboys who had depended on his aggressive defense and hot shooting throughout the game.

Even so, Boys Town kept the game interesting and took it to the end until John Albright put a shot in with 20 seconds to play to put the Cowboys within two, 52-50.

The Cowboys may have pulled an upset if Paul McCann hadn't been fouled with four seconds on the clock. He made both free throws to put it out of reach.

Zach was the top scorer of the game with 18 points, 13 in the second half. McCann had 14 points and Jamrog had 13.

Boys Town's top scorer was Tapia with 15 points. Moore had 14 points.

There were bright spots for Boys Town, according to Schneiss. "We played as well on defense tonight as we have all year," he said.

"I think they played a hell of a game," said Kane. "It's tough sometimes to beat a team like that only two weeks before you play them again."

The Cowboys end their season at 13-9.

This will be Mount Michael's fourth time at the state tournament in the past five years. Last year the Knights lost in the district finals to Omaha Ryan.

Boys Town ..... 8 17 8 19-52  
Elkhorn Mount Michael ..... 10 10 15 19-54

Scoring  
Boys Town — Tapia 6, 3-6, 5, 15; Albright 2, 0-0, 2, 4; Ferrell 3, 1-1, 3, 7; Reed 1, 0-0, 0, 2; Moore 5, 4-5, 4, 14; Walker 5, 0-0, 2, 10; Totals — 22, 8-12, 18, 52.  
Elkhorn Mount Michael — Zach 7, 4-6, 4, 18; Jamrog 5, 3-4, 2, 13; McCann 5, 4-6, 0, 14; Wilcox 2, 0-0, 4, 4; Hettinger 1, 3-4, 2, 5; Boyle 0, 0-0, 0, 0; Totals — 20, 14-20, 12, 54.

# Howells, Mount Michael back at state

By KIM HEUSEL  
Sports Editor

Mention the words Howells and Elkhorn Mount Michael and the words State Basketball Tournament will eventually come to mind.

Both teams will be vying for state championships when the boys' tournament opens Thursday in Lincoln. Howells will play Homer at noon at Lincoln High School while Mount Michael meets Kimball at 6 p.m. at Pershing Auditorium.

Howells and its coach, Jim Morrison, are no strangers to the Class C state tournament. The Bobcats have been there six times in the last 10 years and won it four times.

But it's been four years since the Howells boys have made the trip to Lincoln. The Bobcats' heyday was between 1973 and 1978 when Morrison guided the Bobcats to four state championships. In 1976, Howells lost in the semifinals.

"When I was first coaching," Morrison said, "I always felt that a team really had to be super to get to the state tournament. I found out that's not really true. A lot of teams are capable of playing in the state tournament. A lot depends on how well a team is playing at the end of the season.

"The important thing is having the confidence that you can win," he said. "I've always tried to emphasize

that. When we won in 1973 and 1974 I tried to do it but we had a lot of talent those years. Each year we try to go with the idea that we can win and to not be satisfied with just getting there."

Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane is also no stranger to the state basketball tournament but unlike Morrison, Kane has yet to hang the championship medals around his players' necks.

The Knights have come close. They made it to the finals in 1968 and two years ago they lost in the semifinals but anyone familiar with Mount Michael and Kane know that the Knights can't be counted out of any game.

"I think we're going to play well," Kane said. "Most of the kids have been here before. I'd be really disappointed if we were awestruck and didn't play well but I'm not saying it couldn't happen, though."

Kane and the 1-3-1 zone defense are synonymous in Nebraska basketball circles. If anyone knows how to run the 1-3-1 it's Kane and most coaches who use the defense like to pattern it after Kane's model.

"We don't make any bones about it," Kane said. "We don't play anything besides that. The kids get indoctrinated into it as freshmen. I believe in it and the kids believe in it."

The Knights will carry a 19-1 record into the 6 p.m. Class B game against Kimball Thursday. Kimball is

17-2 and brings a tall lineup into the contest.

"Kimball is very big," Kane said. "They've got a couple of 6-5 kids and one of them is about 220 pounds. They tell he's going to Wyoming on a football scholarship."

Kimball also likes a zone a defense, the 2-1-2, but Kane said Kimball's size and not its defense may cause the most problems for Mount Michael.

"Defensively, they tell me they (Kimball) never plays anything but the 2-1-2," he said. "They stick to that like we stick to the 1-3-1. I think we're going to get a lot of shots off it. Whether they go in or not, we'll just have to wait and see."

"But if there's any one thing that gives us problems it's size," Kane said. "We aren't very big."

Mount Michael's tallest starter is 6-3 Joe Hettinger, a junior. In fact, all but one of Mount Michael's starters are underclassmen. The only senior is six-foot guard Tim Zach, the team's leading scorer with a 15.5 points per game average.

The other starters are 6-2 Tim Wilcox, six-foot Jeff Jamrog and six-foot Paul McCann. All three are juniors. The first two players off the bench will be 6-2 Rich Boyle and 5-10 Jim Mayberger, both sophomores.

"I think our strong suit would have to be our shooting," Kane said. "I think between Zach, Jamrog and McCann, all three are averaging in double figures.

On any given night at least two of them usually shoot pretty well."

Howells also likes the zone defense but the Bobcats also like to press and Morrison said Howells will likely start out in a press Thursday against Homer.

"I haven't seen them (Homer) play at all but from what I hear they have good size," he said. "They aren't exceptionally tall but it sounds like they're about the same size we are, maybe a hair taller."

Both teams like to go to the inside, Morrison said, but he would like to see his guards do more scoring.

"Our guards were scoring a little better near the end of the season but Dave Belina is our leading scorer at center," Morrison said. "George Blum plays mostly outside but he gets most of his points close to the basket." Jody Learch also stays inside and has shown the potential to score a lot of points at times.

"We've been pretty deliberate this year," Morrison said. "We've been careful about the shots we take. With the size we have we probably aren't going to get the ones we miss back."

Howells' other starters are Dan Fiala, a 5-10 senior, and Jim Elbracht, a 6-3 senior. Belina is averaging 15.4 points per game while Blum is putting in an average of 10.1 points per contest. Lerch is averaging exactly nine points per contest.

## Kimball size too much for Mount Michael

By KIM HEUSEL  
Sports Editor

LINCOLN — Elkhorn Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane said before the Boys' State Basketball Tournament that size is what gives his team the most trouble.

Kimball brought a 6-5, 6-4, 6-2 front line into its game with Mount Michael Thursday night at Pershing Auditorium and came away with a 50-44 victory over the Knights.

"They're big," Kane said of the Longhorns who ran away to a 29-15 halftime lead built mainly on the strength of 6-4 senior Mitch Daum on the inside. "That Daum is tough in there and I don't know how many times they got us on missed free throws."

But the real story in the game was Mount Michael's first-half shooting. With the exception of Tim Zach's eight points, there was little consistency from the rest of the Knights' lineup.

"I don't know what our shooting was but it couldn't have been very good (in the first half)," Kane commented.

Mount Michael's famous 1-3-1 zone defense kept the Knights in the game for the first 14 minutes of the game but in the last 2:25 of the second quarter, Kimball turned a 21-12 advantage into its 29-14 halftime lead.

Mount Michael has been down at halftime before and come back and the Knights looked like they were going to pull another one off Thursday night.

Jeff Jamrog hit two straight buckets to pull Mount Michael within 29-18 with 5:19 to play in the third quarter but Kimball built its

lead back to 33-20 with 4:28 left.

The frustrations set in again as Mount Michael closed the gap to 33-23 with 2:29 left and had at least five chances to score after forcing turnovers and missed Kimball shots but couldn't get the ball in the basket again until the one-minute mark when Paul McCann hit from outside. Two more McCann buckets cut the margin to 35-29 going into the final quarter.

But Kimball's size once again did the damage as the Longhorns scored the first six points of the fourth period, all as a result of offensive rebounds. Daum rebounded a missed free throw and scored with 7:49 left and scored again after another offensive rebound. Kimball went back on top by 12, 41-29, when Stuart Quador scored on an offensive rebound with 6:04 to play.

Mount Michael came back within five, 42-37, with 3:34 left and had a chance to cut the margin to three when the Knights stole the ball but they failed to convert.

Kimball finished off the night at the free throw line where the

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Longhorns were 16-for-27 for the night. Mount Michael, which had three more field goals than Kimball, was just four-for-nine at the line.

"They (Kimball) just beat us," Kane said. "We don't have any excuses. I hate to think that we worked hard all season to come down here and play like this."

Zach, the only senior starter for the Knights, finished the night with 18 points while McCann had 10. Daum had 15 points to lead Kimball while Bill Ralph contributed 11.

The Longhorns, 18-2, meet Lincoln Pius tonight at 8:30 while Mount Michael closes its season with a 20-1 record.

Mount Michael.....	8	6	15	15	-44
Kimball.....	15	14	6	15	-50

### SCORING

Mount Michael — Mayberger 0, 1-2, 3, 1; Zach 9, 0-0, 2, 18; Jamrog 4, 1-4, 4, 9; McCann 5, 0-1, 4, 10; Wilcox 1, 0-0, 5, 2; Hettinger 0, 2-2, 4, 2; Boyle 1, 0-0, 1, 2; Totals — 20, 4-9, 23, 44.

Kimball — Spargo 1, 3-8, 3, 5; Quador 1, 6-7, 2, 8; Sowerwine 2, 0-0, 0, 4; Soto 2, 3-5, 1, 7; Heeg 0, 0-0, 0, 0; Ralph 4, 3-5, 3, 11; Daum 7, 1-2, 2, 15; Totals — 17, 16-27, 11, 50.





FOOTBALL

MM 7	David City Aquinas	0
MM 7	Wahoo Neumann	0
MM 17	Boys Town	7
MM 24	Cathedral	12
MM 34	Auburn	0
MM 33	Hartington CC	0
MM 49	West Point CC	0
MM 37	Bennington	0

STATE

MM 23	McCook	0
MM 28	Pius X	0
MM 37	O'Neill	0

STATE CHAMPS

# Mount Michael upsets Boys Town, 17-7

ELKHORN — Elkhorn Mount Michael, like Rodney Dangerfield, has been looking for a little respect this year. Monday night the Knights finally got it when they defeated eighth-ranked Boys Town 17-7. The game had been scheduled for Friday night but was postponed by a muddy field.

Although the Knights had won their previous two games they had failed to impress many of the high school raters across the state because of the scores (7-0 both times) and the fact that both wins were against Class C-1 teams.

Mount Michael put those misgivings to rest Monday night as the Knights held Boys Town to 59 yards of total offense, nearly half of it in the fourth period. The only Boys Town touchdown came when Robert Huckeyby deflected a Paul McCann pass, caught it and returned it for a touchdown in the second period.

Mount Michael took a 7-0 lead in the first period on a 21-yard pass

from McCann to Tim Wilcox. B. J. Wilson kicked the extra point.

McCann broke the 7-7 tie in the third quarter on a one-yard run and the Knights led 14-7 after Wilson's kick. Wilson provided some insurance with a 30-yard field goal in the fourth quarter.

Jeff Jamrog led Mount Michael's rushing game with 135 yards on 19 carries and also had 19 tackles, 15 unassisted, on defense. Jay McCauley added 15 tackles, 12 unassisted and Dave Tamisea and Joe Hettinger had 10 tackles each.

## Class B

Two teams that have stayed in the shadows most of the season force the prep rater to approach this class with caution.

Burly Elkhorn and quick Elkhorn Mount Michael both notched undefeated records. Speculation throughout the year has been that a surprise team could easily wind up on top. Be advised that if either wins, it won't be a surprise.

But Lincoln Pius X is the choice. That selection will be put to the test quickly as the Thunderbolts face Elkhorn in the first round.

First round — Superior (9-0) over Hooper Logan View (8-1); O'Neill (7-1) over Raymond Central (9-0); Elkhorn Mount Michael (8-0) over McCook (7-1); Pius (7-1) over Elkhorn (9-0). Semifinals — Superior over O'Neill; Pius over Elkhorn Mount Michael. Finals — Pius over Superior.

Darhorse — Elkhorn Mount Michael.

# Mount Michael's Win Saved by Defenders

By Larry Porter

World-Herald Staff Writer

David City, Neb. — Elkhorn Mount Michael's offense blew two scoring opportunities, but the defense rallied to give the Knights a 7-0 victory over David City Aquinas Friday night.

Shane McCann's pass interception and 18-yard touchdown return with 9:44 left in the second quarter gave Mount Michael all the breathing room it required.

The Knights' defense earned the spotlight by limiting Aquinas to only four first downs and 37 yards in total offense.

Mount Michael seldom let Aquinas' passing game get untracked as the Knights sacked quarterback Tom Tvrdy eight times for losses totaling 74 yards.

## Below Expectations

It was still far less than what Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane was expecting from his troops in their season-opener.

"I thought before the game we might be pretty good," Kane said, shaking his head. "Seven of these kids started as sophomores and we started 11 seniors tonight."

Aquinas Coach Dave McMahon is all but starting over after graduation riddled his squad that went 10-2 last year and lost to Battle Creek in the finals of the Class C-1 playoffs. No defensive starters are back for the Monarchs and wingback Steve Rerucha is the only returner on offense.

Despite the edge in experience, Mount Michael could not solve Aquinas' defense. The Knights picked up only one first down after the middle of the second quarter.

That first down, however, was a big one. It came with 1:29 remaining and enabled Mount Michael to retain possession as the final moments ticked away.

"I still think we might be a good team," Kane said. "I'd be disappointed if we weren't. But we're going to have to get more excited than we were tonight. Football is a game of emotions. We didn't show much emotion."

Mount Michael made its first bid when Bill Honke intercepted a Tvrdy pass on the Aquinas 44 and returned it to the 37 late in the first quarter. The

Knights then drove to the Aquinas 1, but a bungled handoff between quarterback Paul McCann and running back Jeff Jamrog resulted in a fumble. Todd Kracman forced the miscue and Paul Birkel pounced on the ball.

## Penalty Costly

But Shane McCann followed three plays later with his interception and touchdown return.

The Knights later in the second quarter had a third-and-one at the Aquinas 3. But an offside penalty set them back and the bid ended when a pass from Paul McCann to Jamrog off a fake field goal resulted in a loss of one yard on fourth down.

Aquinas, too, let a couple of scoring opportunities slip through its fingers in the fourth quarter.

The Monarchs had a first down at the Mount Michael 5, but an illegal procedure penalty, along with a 9-yard sack of Tvrdy by Jamrog helped snuff the threat.

Aquinas later took over at the Mount Michael 34 following a punt. But four plays netted only five yards, and the Knights were able to run out the clock.

## 'Typical First Game'

"It was a typical first game," said McMahon, whose Monarchs lost to Mount Michael 14-0 in the season-opener last year.

"But I have high hopes for these kids. We started five underclassmen on offense and six on defense. Our defensive people aren't big. Birkel, who weighs 190, is the biggest. But I think they're good."

Jamrog led Mount Michael's rushing attack by gaining 61 yards on 16 carries. Rerucha had 45 yards on six carries for Aquinas.

"Jamrog is a good ballplayer. He's as good as there is around; he really is," Kane said. "But you can't run if there is no place to run. Aquinas was in that 6-2, which is like an eight-man front. It was tough to run against them."

Elkhorn Mt. Michael	0	7	0	0	-7
David City Aquinas	0	0	0	0	-0
MM—McCann 18 pass interception (Wilson kick)					
	MM	DA	CA		
	6	4	4		
First downs	30-55		37-16		
Rushes-yards	61		17		
Passing yards	116		33		
Total yards	38		10		
Return yards	5-10-0		5-12-2		
Passes	4-31		8-32		
Punts-average	4-3		4-0		
Fumbles-lost	8-84		7-51		
Penalties-yards					

# Mount Michael claims shutout

By Tim McNeil  
Sports Correspondent

ELKHORN— Elkhorn Mount Michael utilized a potent blitzing defense to shut down Wahoo Neumann 7-0 Friday night at Elkhorn.

"We haven't seen the wishbone too much before so we put in some new wrinkles on defense to mess up their option game" said Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane.

The Neumann Cavaliers were not able to get outside the Knights defense, but at times were able to run effectively inside

"They ran away from our blitzing backers and were able to pick up some good hunks of yardage," Kane said. "Overall our defense contained them pretty well."

Mount Michael's touchdown came with 17 seconds remaining in the first quarter. With nine yards to go on third down on the Neumann 33-yard line, Mount Michael quarterback Paul McCann dropped back and tossed a screen over the middle to fullback Bill Honke. Honke caught the ball behind a wall

of Mount Michael lineman and raced to the end zone for the only touchdown of the evening.

"We got the screen set up pretty well," Kane said. "Our linemen did their jobs of finding their blocks."

Neumann was its own worst enemy, killing several drives with penalties. The Cavaliers were able to put together a couple of long drives but put themselves in a hole because of costly turnovers.

Mistakes by the Mount Michael Knights also proved costly. Mount Michael drives were stopped three times because of fumbles.

"Most of our fumbles were because of second efforts by our backs; they get their arms pumping and lose control at times," Kane said.

The Mount Michael win raises the Knights record to 2-0, both wins by identical 7-0 scores. Neumann stands at 1-1.

The Knights are home again next Friday when they take on sixth-ranked Boys Town while Neumann hosts David City Aquinas.

Mount Michael	7	0	0	0	-7
Wahoo Neumann	0	0	0	0	-0

## Jamrog fuels Mount Michael

WEST POINT — Elkhorn Mount Michael stifled West Point Central Catholic's offense as the Knight defense limited the Bluejays to only 27 yards total offense in a 49-0 rout.

The Knights put the game out of reach in the first quarter when they scored 20 points, due mainly to Paul McCann and Jeff Jamrog.

The Knights first score came on a 28-yard pass from McCann to Tim Wilcox. Jamrog then scored the next TD for Mount Michael on a two-yard run. McCann scored the final touchdown in the first quarter when he picked off a Bluejay pass and ran it back 37 yards for the score.

Jamrog scored the lone Mount Michael second-quarter touchdown when he took the ball in from a yard out to make the halftime score 27-0.

The Knights exploded for 22 points in the third quarter to turn the game into a blowout. McCann and Wilcox connected for another touchdown, this time a 16-yarder. Jamrog scored the final two touchdowns on a seven-yard run and a 35-yard punt return. Jamrog finished the night with 101 yards rushing on 11 carries.

West Point CC	0	0	0	0	-0
Elkhorn MM	20	7	22	0	-49

Statistics			
	WP	Mt.M	
First Downs	2	13	
Rushing	12	178	
Passing	15	93	
Passes	3-14	6-8	
Total offense	27	271	
Fumbles	0-0	6-1	

# Jeff Jamrog Runs for 105 Yards As Mount Michael Gains 4th Win

Jeff Jamrog rushed for 105 yards and scored a touchdown on a pass from Paul McCann as Elkhorn Mount Michael defeated Omaha Cathedral 24-12 Saturday night at Boys Town.

Mount Michael held Cathedral to 15 rushing and 92 passing as it won its fourth game without a loss.

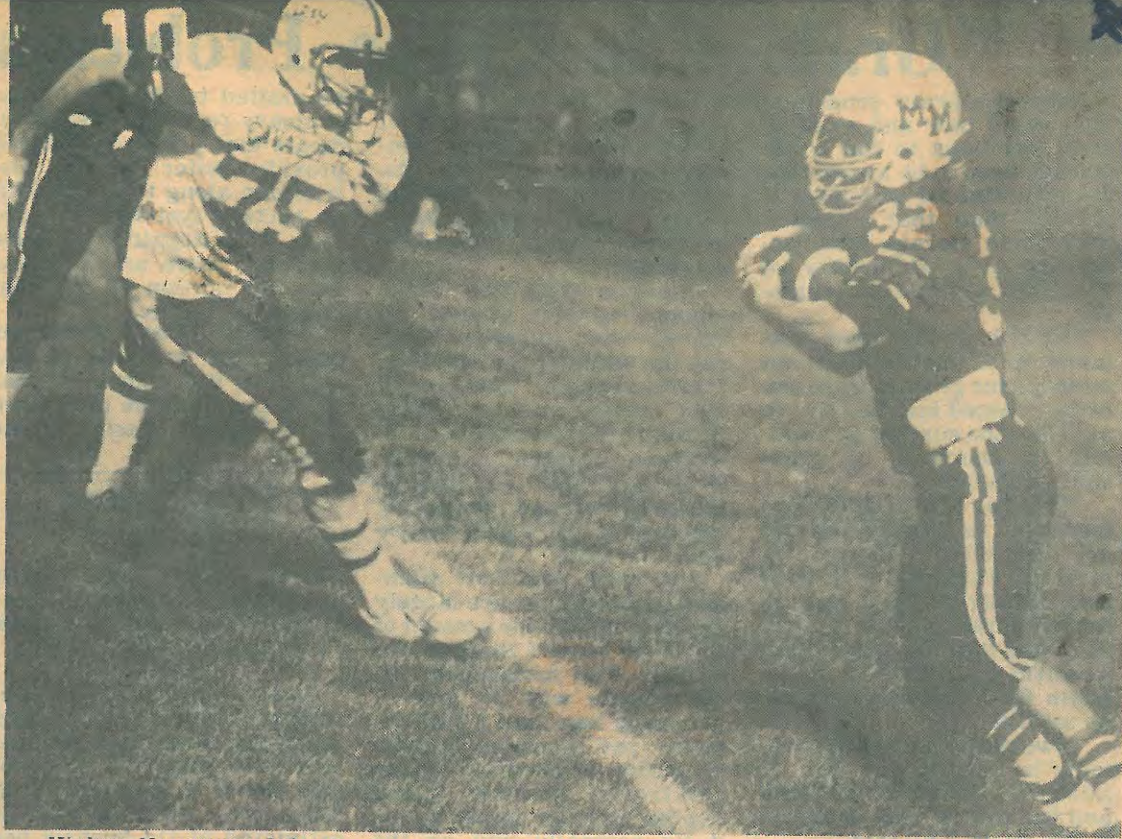
Mount Michael rushed for 235 yards and passed for 94.

Elkhorn M.M.	0	10	7	24
Cathedral	0	0	0	12-12
At Boys Town				
MM—Wilson 25 FG.				
MM—Jamrog 11 pass from McCann (Wilson kick)				
MM—Hagemann 19 pass from Jamrog (Wilson kick)				
C—Mahoney 3 run (kick failed)				
MM—Menke 6 run (Wilson kick)				
C—Bopp 10 pass from Mahoney (run failed)				

S—Vacek 1 run (pass fail)  
AL—Laurent 58 fumble recovery (Addison kick)

	CB	A.L.	South
First downs	6	13	
Rushes-yards	32-68	50-195	
Yards passing	12	65	
Total yards	80	260	
Return yards	50	67	
Passes	2-10-1	3-14-3	
Punts-avg	7-37	4-29	
Fumbles-lost	3-2	2-1	
Penalties-yards	10-80	9-110	

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Wahoo-Neumann defender bears down on Mount Michael's Clete Manke [32]. Knights won the game 7-0. Photo by Jim Nolan

## 7-0 Over Wahoo Neumann Defense Gets the Credit In Mount Michael's 2nd Win

By Jim Nolan  
Gazette Staff Writer

Elkhorn Mount Michael hosted the Cavaliers of Wahoo-Neumann Friday, in what turned out to be a defensive battle.

The Knights managed to score a touchdown early in the contest, giving them a 7-0 lead which they held on to throughout the game.

Bill Honke scored Mount Michael's only touchdown on a 31-yard run with just 17 seconds remaining in the first quarter. B. J. Wilson kicked the extra point.

Both teams fielded strong defenses but the Knights effectively shut down Wahoo's offense while Mount Michael was still able to move the ball to some extent.

Mount Michael coach James Kane said defense is the strongest part of his team. "We kept Wahoo at bay most

of the evening," he said, "Its hard to shut someone out." This is the Knights' second shut-out in as many games.

There were no standouts on the Knights defense, Kane added. "We just put forth a good team effort, everyone played fairly well," he said.

If there was one outstanding player in the game, it would have to be Mount Michael's Jeff Jamrog. Jamrog lead the team in rushing with 133 yards on 23 carries and was the defensive leader with 11 tackles and one assist.

Clete Menke also did an outstanding job for the Knights, gaining 91 yards on 11 carries.

Coach Kane said the offense showed improvement over last week but added he was disappointed that the team was able to score only once in the game.

"We stopped ourselves," Kane said, referring to the Knights' three fumbles and penalties that halted many of their drives.

All-in-all, Kane said, he was happy with his team's performance. "I guess when you win its always nice," he added.

The Knights will be working hard this week preparing for Friday when they host Boy's Town, one of the top ranked teams in the state.



Knights' Jeff Jamrog [23] eyes loose ball. Photo by Jim Nolan

Auburn Coach Is Bewildered

## Mt. Michael's Surprise Brings Class B Rating

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — Aurora opened some eyes last week. So did McCook and Elkhorn.

But the most stunning football performance was turned in by Elkhorn Mount Michael High School.

Mount Michael had been cruising along uneventfully, notching four straight victories in less-than-spectacular fashion, until bumping into Auburn last Friday.

Then the Knights committed mayhem as they demolished Auburn 35-0.

The prep rater held Auburn in high regard. The Bulldogs had been rated in Class B until they were bumped by Nebraska City 14-13. They owned victories over Springfield Platteview, Plattsmouth and Seward.

Mount Michael, meanwhile, held only one win over a Class B team. The Knights turned back previously ranked Boys Town 17-7, but the Cowboys have been without their biggest offensive punch. Running back Ken Reed suffered a broken ankle a week before the season opened.

Other victims were David City Aquinas by 7-0, Wahoo Neumann by 7-0 and Omaha Cathedral by 24-12.

Since 3-2 Neumann is the only one of those three with a winning record, there wasn't much to suggest that Mount Michael was a serious challenger.

But there sure is now, and the school has pushed into the No. 7 spot in The World-Herald Class B ratings after leaving Auburn in the dust.

Auburn Coach Randy Cordes is still bewildered.

"We got 345 total yards against Seward," Cordes said. His team won that game 21-20. "The next week we got only two first downs against Mount Michael. What could cause that? I'm still searching for an answer."



Larry Porter's Prep Ratings

Class B				
	W	L	Pts	OP
1. Lincoln Pius X	4	0	89	13
2. McCook	5	0	112	10
3. Grand Island NW	3	1	137	51
4. Aurora	5	0	128	27
5. Superior	5	0	135	13
6. Omaha Roncalli	4	1	120	36
7. Elkhorn M.M.	5	0	90	29
8. Elkhorn	5	0	130	32
9. Ord	4	1	189	21
10. Alliance	4	1	63	35

### Top games this week:

Elkhorn at Waverly, O'Neill at Grand Island Central Catholic (Saturday), Hooper Logan View at Oakland-Craig, Lincoln Pius X at Kearney, Sidney at Mitchell, Omaha Roncalli-Omaha Central at Bergquist.

The answer might be Mount Michael's quickness.

"They're by far the quickest team I've seen in a long, long time," Cordes said, "both offensively and defensively. Their offensive line is very aggressive."

"They were off the mark and into us before we moved. As a result, their backs had two yards before they had to worry about getting tackled."

The emergence of Mount Michael, along with Elkhorn's 20-0 conquest of Plattsmouth, has forced two undefeated teams from the ratings.

A pre-game promise was made that the winner of the Elkhorn-Plattsmouth

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game would be ranked. The promise has been kept as Elkhorn now owns the No. 8 spot. Bowing out are Grand Island Central Catholic and Raymond Central, a pair of 5-0 teams that were seventh and 10th, respectively, a week ago.

Neither team has been banished from the kingdom.

Central Catholic, in fact, owns the edge over Mount Michael in a score comparison. The Crusaders defeated Aquinas 20-2 the week after Mount Michael clipped Aquinas 7-0.

Central Catholic, however, has beaten two winless teams and three others that are 1-4. The Crusaders defeated 0-5 Creighton by only 12-8 last week.

Central Catholic can barge right back into the ratings. Over the next two weeks, the Crusaders will face undefeated O'Neill and fifth-ranked Superior.

It was a little more difficult to dislodge Raymond Central. Three of its victims — Waverly, Valley and Wahoo — own 3-2 records.

But the Mustangs had to give way

because of Elkhorn's tougher schedule and Elkhorn Mount Michael's big win over Auburn.

Aurora, considered by the prep rater to be an also-ran prior to the season, threw a symbolic pie in his face by dumping Ord 21-7. Ord fell from fifth to ninth, while Aurora climbed from eighth to fourth.

Superior slipped a notch to fifth. The Wildcats haven't been seriously tested, but that will change Friday when they play Concordia, Kan., in the first of a three-game grind that spans only nine days.

McCook and Grand Island Central Catholic are Tuesday-Saturday foes the following week.

McCook tightened its hold in the No. 2 spot by blanking Class A Scottsbluff 13-0.

## Mount Michael romps past Cedar Catholic

ELKHORN — Mount Michael outplayed Hartington Cedar Catholic in football Friday 31-0 with Jeff Jamrog leading the Knight offense. He ran for three touchdowns and one two-point conversion.

Mount Michael was quick to take the lead after the Knights kicked to Hartington and recovered the ball on the 18-yard line. Clete Menke ran the distance for the first score and B.J. Wilson kicked the extra point. Jamrog ran four yards for the next six points and Wilson again kicked the extra point.

Wilson kicked a 24-yard field goal for three more points to end the first quarter 17-0. Jamrog scored in the third quarter on a one-yard run and also ran in the ball for a total of eight points. Jamrog added another

score in the fourth quarter on a 41-yard interception run.

Jamrog led the Knights in rushing with 17 carries and 205 yards and Menke had 10 carries and 99 yards.

Paul McCann was Mount Michael's only passer with six attempts and three completions for 30 yards.

"No one has scored on our first defensive line this year," Mount Michael athletic director Rev. Charles Zach said. He mentioned defensive leaders were Jamrog with 13 tackles and Kevin McCauley with 12. Knights boost their record to 6-0 and play at West Point Central Catholic next week.

Mount Michael ..... 17 0 8 6 -31  
Hartington CC..... 0 0 0 0 -0

# Lopsided Win Was No Surprise to Mount Michael Coach

By Marjie Ducey

World-Herald Staff Writer

Neither Jeff Jamrog's performance nor Elkhorn Mount Michael's 37-0 win over Bennington Thursday night came as much of a surprise to Knight Coach Jim Kane.

Kane has come to expect an outstanding showing by his senior running back and victories from his 8-0 squad. Jamrog has rushed for more than 1,000 yards for Mount Michael, ranked fifth in Class B.

"Yeah, I figured we'd win," Kane said. "Bennington has had so darn many good football teams in the past, but the league they play in wasn't that strong this year. I just didn't know it would be by that much."

Bennington, a member of the East Central Nebraska Conference, came into the game with a 7-0 record and hopes of gaining a spot in the Class C-1 ratings. Instead, the Badgers were handed their first regular-season loss in four years before an estimated crowd of 300 at Elkhorn.

Ironically, Mount Michael was the last team to defeat Bennington during the regular season, according to Badger Coach Larry VonTersch.

"We knew they were an awfully good football team," VonTersch said. "We were hoping we could beat them."

Jamrog helped make sure there was no chance of that happening. The 6-foot-2, 190-pounder ran 22 times for 103 yards and scored two touchdowns in the third quarter, both on 6-yard runs.

Jamrog carried the ball for six of the eight plays it took to score his second touchdown, accounting for 41 of the 55 yards in the drive that gave Mount Michael a 37-0 lead.

"He is an awfully good player," Kane said. "He's been averaging 6.7 yards per carry and he's our leader in tackles with 13 a game."

Kane said several schools have expressed an interest in Jamrog, including the University of Nebraska.

While Jamrog was helping Mount Michael roll up 332 yards on the ground, Bennington was just trying to get a first down.

The Badgers were held to 13 yards in the first quarter and had 65 total yards for the game. They made only three first downs and failed to get past their own 43-yard line.

Mount Michael, meanwhile, had 443 total yards and scored on six of its first seven drives. Quarterback Paul McCann matched Jamrog's touchdown total with two in the first half.

VonTersch said he hopes his team can rebound next week against Waterloo. Mount Michael's regular season is over, but Kane said he hopes his team has clinched a berth in the playoffs.

Bennington	0	0	0	0-0
At Elkhorn MM	14	10	13	0-37
MM—McCann 4 run (Wilson kick)				
MM—Menke 60 run (Wilson kick)				
MM—McCann 32 run (Wilson kick)				
MM—FG Wilson 27				
MM—Jamrog 6 run (Wilson kick)				
MM—Jamrog 6 run (kick failed)				

	BEN	MM
First downs	3	13
Rushes-yards	23-55	49-332
Yards passing	10	112
Total yards	65	444
Passes	1-10-1	8-12-0
Pun's-avg.	7-33.5	3-36
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-yards	2-10	7-65



Robert Taylor/World-Herald

Elkhorn Mount Michael workhorse . . . Jamrog runs for third-quarter touchdown as Bennington's Dennis Morland defends.

## State football playoffs

By The Associated Press  
Playoffs

First Round

Class A

Omaha Northwest 40, Norfolk 0  
Omaha Westside 35, Kearney 0  
Omaha Creighton Prep 37, Ralston 7  
Lincoln Northeast 7, Grand Island 0

Class B

Lincoln Pius X 27, Elkhorn 6  
O'Neill 39, Raymond Central 16  
Superior 16, Hooper LV 8  
Elkhorn MM 23, McCook 0

Class C-1

Crofton 18, Fremont Bergan 14  
Indianola RV 20, Hebron 7  
Murray Conestoga 20, Tekamah-Herman 6  
Gibbon 14, Howells 10

Class C-2

Henderson 37, Hyannis 8  
Humphrey SF 31, Weeping Water 6  
Coleridge 18, Stromsburg 14  
Nelson 31, Blue Hill 15

Class D-1

Ansley 36, Elgin 22  
Silver Creek 41, Crawford 18  
Lawrence 57, Dalton Leyton 6  
Humphrey 60, Nebraska City  
Lourdes 28

Class D-2

Hordville 42, Niobrara 12  
Odell 56, Elwood 30  
Trumbull 46, Arthur 28  
Loomis 55, Bartley 34

Semifinals

Class A

Omaha Westside 35, Omaha Creighton Prep 0

Lincoln NE 13, Omaha Northwest 9

Class B

O'Neill 6, Superior 3, OT  
Elkhorn MM 28, Lincoln Pius X 0

Class C-1

Indianola RV 21, Crofton 0  
Gibbon 10, Murray Conestoga 0

Class C-2

Coleridge 14, Humphrey SF 6  
Nelson 22, Henderson 14

Class D-1

Ansley 56, Silver Creek 19  
Lawrence 50, Humphrey 12

Class D-2

Hordville 26, Trumbull 18  
Odell 54, Loomis 34

Championships

Class A

Omaha Westside 34, Lincoln Northeast 0

Class B

Elkhorn MM 38, O'Neill 0

Class C-1

Indianola RV 25, Gibbon 14

Class C-2

Nelson at Coleridge, ppd to Saturday

Class D-1

Lawrence at Ansley, ppd to Saturday

Class D-2

Odell 66, Hordville 22

## Prep Playoffs

Championship Games Friday

CLASS A

Om. Westside (12-0) 34 vs. Lin. NE (9-3) 0

CLASS B

Elkhorn MM 38 (11-0) vs. O'Neill (9-2) 0

CLASS C-1

Indianola RV (12-0) 25 vs. Gibbon (11-1) 14

EIGHT MAN-2

Odell (12-0) 66 vs. Hordville (11-1) 22

Championship Games Today

Both Games at 2 p.m.

CLASS C-2

Nelson (11-0) vs. Coleridge (10-1)  
At Wayne State College

EIGHT MAN-1

Lawrence (11-0) vs. Ansley (11-0)  
The World-Herald Larry Porter's selections in bold type.

Finals—4 right, 0 wrong. Two-round total—26-14, 65 percent.

# Jamrog, Mount Michael defense stop McCook

By ALLAN BUSCH  
Sports Writer

About 500 people braved the 28 degree temperatures at Fremont's Memorial Stadium Wednesday night and watched the Jeff Jamrog show. The senior running back led the Mount Michael Knights past the McCook Bison 23-0 in the first round of the Class B playoffs.

Jamrog had 102 yards on 24 carries, three receptions for 41 yards and two touchdowns, the second proving to be the game breaker as it put the game out of McCook's reach.

Neither team mounted much of a threat in the first quarter but two big plays did pay off for the Knights. Midway through the quarter Jamrog burst around the end for a 31-yard gain only to have it called back on a motion penalty.

Both teams exchanged two punts and on the last play of the quarter, Mount Michael QB Paul McCann hit Tim Wilcox on a 57-yard pass that put the Knights on McCook's

13. Jamrog scored two plays later when he bulled his way five-yards for the touchdown. Joe O'Keefe then added the extra point to make the score 7-0 in favor of the Knights.

The second quarter was almost a carbon copy of the first with all the action coming late in the quarter.

McCook and Mount Michael traded the ball back and forth when with less than two minutes left in the half, Bison running back Randy Hackenkamp fumbled on his own 41. Mount Michael recovered the ball and went to work.

The Knights used a little razzle dazzle on their first play when McCann threw a screen pass to Al Hagemann. Hagemann then stopped and threw a 17-yard completion to Jamrog. McCann then threw a 22-yard pass Clete Menke to get Mount Michael to the Bison six.

Two plays later McCann dropped back and threw a pass that was picked off by Hackenkamp to take away an apparent

Knight score. The play was called back, however, on a defensive pass interference penalty making it Mount Michael's ball first and goal on the five.

With 18 seconds left in the half, on a third and five, the Knights went for a field goal. The holder McCann faked the hold and pitched to Jamrog who was stopped for no gain. The next play they did go for the field goal and O'Keefe booted the ball through the uprights from 25-yards out to make the score at the half 10-0.

The game remained close in the third quarter with both teams exchanging punts. In the fourth quarter, however, Mount Michael blew the game open.

On the first play of the quarter, the Knights punter put the Bison deep in the hole when his punt from the Bison 33 rolled out of bounds on the one-foot line. Two plays later McCook quarterback Todd Bennett threw an interception to Jamrog who ran into the endzone from 15-yards out for

the score. The extra point failed making the score 16-0.

The game was halted with 8:10 in the fourth when Bison tackle Tim Bradley was injured. Coaches later said that he received a jammed neck. Bradley was taken to Dodge County Memorial Hospital.

The Knights scored their final touchdown of the game on another interception. This time Hagemann went in from 18-yards out for the score.

"This was the most important win of the year," said Mount Michael coach Jim Kane. "McCook is a good team. That's the unfair thing about the playoffs, here's a team that has to travel for six hours to get here and they go home with nothing.

"We ran well in the first half but got a lot of penalties which stopped us," he said. "They changed their defense in the second half and took away our trap but gave us the pass."

"We did what we wanted to but we were beat by a better team," said Bison head

coach Dave Dunham. "We really didn't have any time to throw. They are a quick team with backs that run hard and they're skilled players."

Both coaches complimented Jamrog. Dunham said that he wished he had him. While Kane called him "probably the best back in the state."

Mount Michael stayed unbeaten at 9-0 while McCook finishes the season at 7-2. Mount Michael advances to semi-final action Saturday night at Lincoln Pius X.

Elkhorn MM .....	0	10	0	13	-23
McCook.....	0	0	0	0	-0

STATISTICS		EMM	M
First Downs .....	.....	12	2
Rushing yards .....	.....	166	28
Passes Att. ....	.....	12	15
Com. ....	.....	9	4
Inter. ....	.....	0	3
Passing yards .....	.....	129	28
Total offense .....	.....	295	56
Fumbles-lost .....	.....	1-1	1-1
Penalties-yards .....	.....	5-45	5-26

## Mount Michael Conducts A Clinic in 23-0 Victory

By Lee Barfknecht  
World-Herald Staff Writer

Fremont, Neb. — About 700 people thought they were paying to see a football game Wednesday night between Elkhorn Mount Michael and McCook.

What they got may have been better classified as a football clinic.

Mount Michael dominated nearly every phase of the game to post a 23-0 win over McCook in the first round of the Class B Nebraska state high school football playoffs.

Mount Michael demonstrated the following:

— Defensively, the Knights forced four turnovers, held McCook to 36 total yards and posted their fifth straight shutout in their 9-0 season.

— Offensively, Mount Michael provided a mix of 106 yards rushing and 129 yards passing to control the ball. In the third quarter, the Knights ran 23 plays to just four for McCook.

— Individually, senior Jeff Jamrog rushed 24 times for 102 yards, caught four passes for 43 yards, ran for one touchdown, returned an interception for another and was one of the team's leading tacklers.

And if that wasn't enough, Knights' Coach Jim Kane flipped to the back of his playbook and came up with a half-back pass, a fake field goal and a lateral to wide receiver Al Hagemann who in turn passed to Jamrog for 25 yards.

"I don't know if that was our best win, but it was our most important win," Kane said.

"We really ran the ball well the first half. But penalties were killing us. We should've been ahead 21-0 at half."

Instead, it was only 10-0. Clete Menke's 32-yard scoring run was nullified by an illegal shift on the Knights' first possession.

Early in the second quarter, a 47-

yard pass from Paul McCann to Tim Wilcox set up Jamrog's 5-yard touchdown.

A motion penalty on the McCook 5 just before half helped stall another drive, so Mount Michael settled for Bernard Wilson's 22-yard field goal.

The Knights' third-quarter dominance and Jamrog's 12-yard interception return early in the fourth period sealed the win.

For McCook, being shut out after a 300-mile bus ride may have been bad enough. But the Bison also had two players taken to a Fremont hospital by ambulance.

Senior Randy Hackenkamp needed stitches in his hand, while senior Tim Bradley was taken in for observation of a jammed neck.

The Bison had only two first downs in the game — both in the second quarter.

"We haven't had a lot of offense all year," McCook Coach Dave Dunham said.

"We've been a defensive team who lived on breaks. Tonight, we didn't get any."

For the Bison, 7-2, it was their fifth playoff appearance. But they never have won the title.

"We've been there more times than anyone else in Class B," Dunham said. "We feel that's an accomplishment in itself."

McCook .....	0	0	0	0	-0
Elkhorn MM .....	0	10	0	13	-23
At Fremont					
MM—Jamrog 5 run (Wilson kick)					
MM—G. Wilson 22					
MM—Jamrog 12 interception return					
MM—Menke 7 run (Wilson kick)					
	McCook		M.M.		
First downs.....	2	.....	12		
Rushing yards.....	36	.....	129		
Passing yards.....	28	.....	295		
Total yards.....	64	.....	424		
Return yards.....	83	.....	19		
Punts-avg.....	4-15.3	.....	9-12.0		
Fumbles-lost.....	7-32	.....	6-29		
Penalties-yds.....	5-26	.....	5-45		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	
RUSHING — McCook: Kier 8-24, Stensvad 5-11. MM: Jamrog 24-102, Menke 10-41.	
PASSING — McCook: Bennett 4-15-3, 28. MM: P. McCann 4-10-0.	
RECEIVING — McCook: Bates 2-16. MM: Jamrog 4-47, Wilcox 1-47.	

## Elkhorn MM

'blitzes'

Pius X

Staring at the playoff pairings Elkhorn Mt. Michael Coach Jim Kane thought his Knights might have a chance against top-ranked Lincoln Pius X in the Class B football playoff semifinals Saturday night.

"But this is way beyond my wildest dreams," Kane said after fifth-rated Mt. Michael stunned the Thun-

derbolts, 28-0 before some 2,500 fans at Pius X's Aldrich Field.

"We were scared to death of Pius and their quarterback Jeff Magsamen," Kane said. "They can do so many things, we didn't want to give them time if we could help it."

The Knights, who blanked McCook, 23-0 Wednesday night, didn't give the Thunderbolts anything.

But EMM took advantage

of seven Pius X turnovers and the two-touchdown, 147-yard rushing effort by senior running back Jeff Jamrog to advance to the championship game against unranked O'Neill, which edged second-ranked Superior, 6-3, in overtime Saturday night.

EMM quarterback Paul McCann added a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns and recovered three fumbles in the game to help the

Knights earn their second shutout of the playoffs and eighth shutout of the season.

"The key to Pius is their quarterback and the key to stopping him was the blitz," said Jamrog, who also had 18 tackles, 13 unassisted.

"We must have blitzed 90 to 95 percent of the time. It was a gamble, but if we get there in time, it's not a gamble at all," he said. "We just

See PIUS X on page 4D

Class B	
Elkhorn MM	0 7 7 14 - 28
Pius X	0 0 0 0 - 0
EMM — Jeff Jamrog 1 run (Bernard Wilson kick).	
EMM — Jamrog 2 run (Wilson kick).	
EMM — Paul McCann 3 run (Wilson kick).	
EMM — P. McCann 5 run (Wilson kick).	
A — 2,500 (est.)	

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS	
RUSHING — EMM, Jeff Jamrog 18-147, Clete Menke 11-50, Paul McCann 10-36. Pius, Jeff Magsamen 12-45, Mike McQuiston 8-31, Randy Houser 9-32, Micah Heibel 4-14.	
PASSING — EMM, P. McCann 4-8-0, 62 yards. PX, Magsamen 1-9-3, 41 yards.	
RECEIVING — EMM, Jamrog 2-24, Shane McCann 1-28, Al Hoge 1-10, PX, Micah Heibel 1-41.	

## Pius X — From page 1D —

wanted to make things happen," Coach Kane added.

Elkhorn MM was credited with six tackles behind the line of scrimmage and limited the potent Pius X passing attack to one completion, that coming on a screen pass with four minutes left in the game and the score at 28-0.

"They were in a goal line defense almost all the time, and that means that even when I was dropping back to pass, we had just six guys blocking eight," Magsamen said, "and they were so quick, we just couldn't get anything going. Of course, the turnovers didn't help either."

Jeff Ciurej recovered the 'Bolts' second fumble of the game at the Pius X 45-yard line with 4:11 left in the first half.

Seven plays later, including a 28-yard pass from Paul McCann to his brother Shane McCann, Jamrog scored on a one-yard run.

The 'Bolts' defense stopped the Knights on the Pius X 3-yard line early in the third quarter, but Magsamen lost a fumble on the first play and three plays later Jamrog scored from the two to put Elkhorn MM ahead 14-0 with 7:16 left in the third quarter.

"We could've been in the game after we stopped them, but we gave the ball right back and they scored," Pius

X Coach Vince Aldrich said. "The other problem was we never picked up their blitz and we didn't crack their defense the whole night."

The 'Bolts' lost a fumble on the first play of their next possession, and after a 28-yard, nine-play drive to the Mt. Michael 48 (Pius' longest drive of the game until the final four minutes), the Knights picked off passes to end the final two Bolt possessions of the game.

"The interceptions were directly related to their blitz and the fumbles were mostly our fault," Aldrich said. "Their quickness on defense surprised us. Their offense was pretty much what we expected."

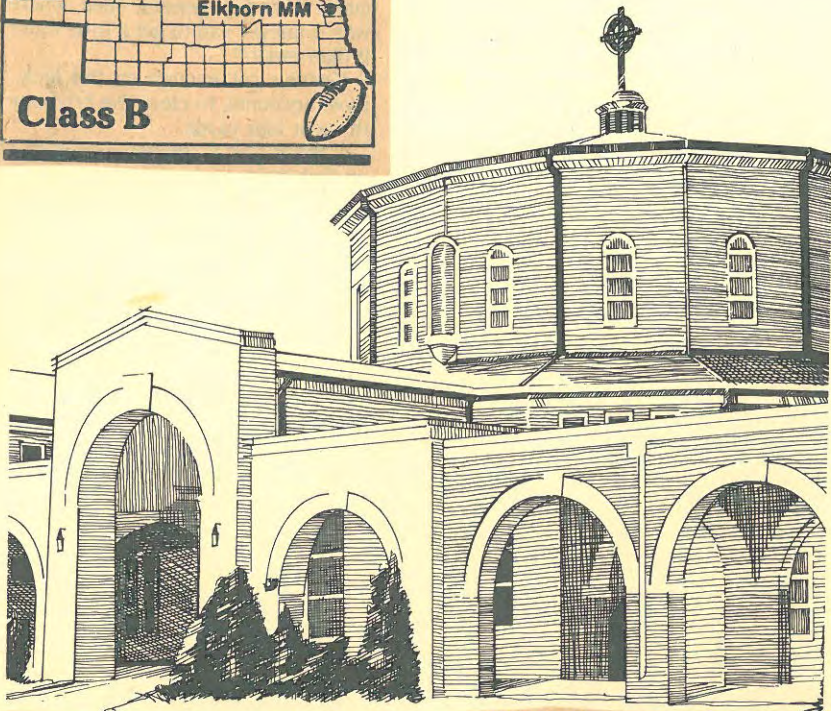
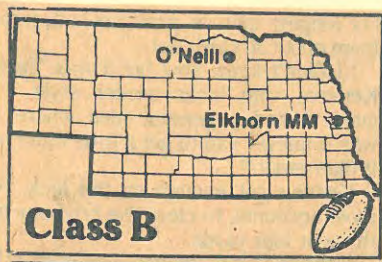
The Knights, now 10-0, gained 252 yards rushing and 314 total, compared to 137 total yards for the 'Bolts.

"The outside veer plays set up the option and the inside trap and cross-buck plays and the holes were big and opening pretty quickly," said Jamrog, who now has 1,250 yards rushing and 16 touchdowns this season.

"We looked good tonight, but I don't know how good we really are," Kane said. "I thought we might have a good team with eight starters back from an 8-2 team. But as to whether we're as good as things looked the last two games, I won't say until it's all over."

# Knights Looking for Bee Defense To Swarm Over O'Neill in Final

By Larry Porter  
WORLD-HERALD BUREAU



Lincoln — Elkhorn Mount Michael's queen bee defense will buzz into action again Friday night in search of the Class B football championship.

The Knight defenders have swarmed around the football the same way a queen bee attracts her subjects. The results have been as sweet as honey.

Eight of Mount Michael's 10 victories have been shutouts. The Knights have whitewashed their last six foes.

"You just hope the bubble doesn't burst," Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane said

O'Neill, Mount Michael's opponent in the finals to be played in Elkhorn at 7:30, is a genuine bubble-burster. O'Neill is the only finalist in any of the six classes that is not ranked.

"We're not too impressive," O'Neill Coach Mark Neish said of his 9-1 outfit. "I'm playing a 135-pound tultback in Dick Thomas."

Yet O'Neill reached the finals by knocking off top-ranked Superior 6-3 in overtime. The Eagles have been flying high since suffering a 13-0 loss to Ash-

land four games ago.

Despite Mount Michael's string of shutouts, the fifth-ranked Knights are also a surprise finalist. Five of their eight regular-season wins were against Class C-1 foes.

Just wait until Mount Michael meets the big guns in the playoffs, the scoffers said. So what happened? The queen bee defense stung fourth-ranked McCook 23-0, then swarmed over No. 2 Lincoln Pius X 28-0.

"It was just one of those strange nights," Kane said of the victory over Pius. "We were playing so well; then we got some breaks. It kind of mushroomed. The kids got all pumped up. Gosh, you can do strange things sometimes.

### Couldn't Do It Again

"I have the greatest respect for Vince Aldrich and Lincoln Pius. I don't know if we could do that to them again. But we don't have to."

Mount Michael is a boarding school that draws most of its students from Omaha. Al Hageman, a split end who hails from Albion, is the only starter not from Omaha.

This is only the 12th year of varsity football at Mount Michael. Prior to 1969, the school was a seminary known as Elkhorn St. John.

"It was strictly a Catholic seminary," said Kane, who has coached there 19 years. "In the fall of '69 we changed to a boarding school, with no ties to the seminary."

### Basketball School

That fall Mount Michael fielded a freshman team in football. The Knights moved up to junior varsity status in 1970, then launched their first varsity campaign in 1971. Although this is the

third time Mount Michael has qualified for the playoffs, the Knights are better known for their basketball teams.

"You have to remember we're a basketball school," Kane said, laughing. "These kids all look like basketball players. They're all skinny kids."

The linemen, with one exception, appear to be cut from the same mold. They include Joe Hettinger (6-3, 180), Kevin McCauley (6-2, 185), David Johnson (6-4, 180), Roger Peterson (6-2, 180) and Tim Wilcox (6-2, 180).

"None are real big kids, but they're all nice-sized except David Tamisiea — and he's the nastiest of them all," Kane said. Tamisiea, a captain, is a 5-7, 160-pound offensive guard and linebacker.

Kane is not big on statistics. He knows that Jeff Jamrog, one of his split backs, has gained 1,250 yards. Clete Menke has rushed for 640 yards. Quarterback Paul McCann has completed 47 of 79 passes for 940 yards.

"Offensively, I have it down," Kane said of his statistics. "Defensively, we don't keep very good track. I'm the same way in basketball.

"Every time someone falls down, some coaches have a chart for that. But I know who played well and who didn't. I don't need a chart to see that.

O'Neill served notice against Superior that it will not hesitate to have junior quarterback Pete Tompkins put the ball up in unlikely situations.

"We threw the ball more than we normally do," Neish said of the 7-for-16 effort that resulted in 147 aerial yards.

"We seemed to be in the hole much of the time. Even though we were inside our 20 or 15 we went ahead and passed on first down. Superior went with a five-man front with four linebackers. Much of the time they had nine players within three yards of the ball. So we started to throw a little bit."

Mount Michael gangs up to stop the rush. The Knights use a six-man front with two linebackers. Those linebackers — Jamrog and Tamisiea — blitzed Pius to death.

"We don't hit and read very much," Kane. "We just attack more and try to make things happen because we have two active linebackers."

Their attention will be directed toward Mike Hedlund, a 6-1, 180-pound senior who leads O'Neill in rushing with 1,161 yards and a 4.6 average per carry.

## The Numbers

### Elkhorn Mount Michael

RUSHING		PLAYOFF	
	Season Att-Yards		Att-Yards
Jamrog	297-1801		49-264
Menke	77-548		25-93
McCann	36-142		19-74
PASSING		PLAYOFF	
	Season C-A, Yards		C-A, Yards
McCann	36-60, 765		11-19, 175
RECEIVING		PLAYOFF	
	Season Cat-Yds		Cat-Yds
Jamrog	12-172		4-66
Wilcox	14-234		1-45

# Knights Hope Bee Defense

# Stings O'Neill

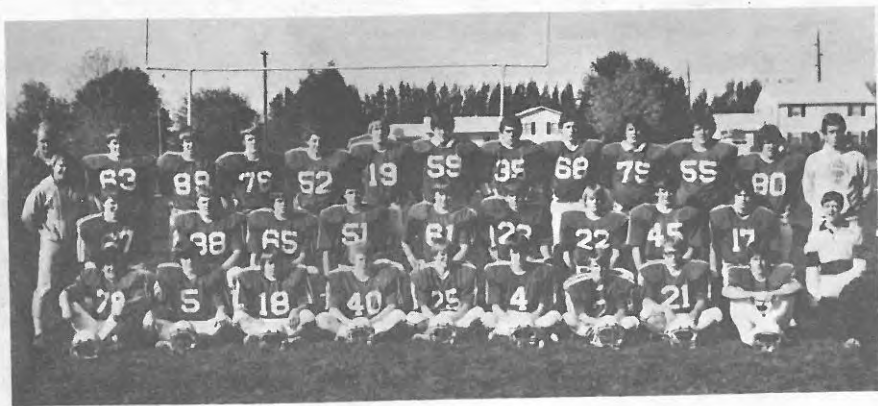
# STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS B

November 12, 1982

## O'Neill Eagles

VS

## Mount Michael Knights



### O'NEILL EAGLES

NUMBER	NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	GRADE
2	Brad Nelson	FB	5'7	130	12
4	Gerold Parks	QB	5'9	140	10
5	Phil Parks	FB	5'9	130	11
9	Todd Eby	SE	5'9	150	11
17	Rusty Devall	FB	5'9	150	10
18	Steve Richards	FB	5'9	145	12
19	Peter Tompkins	QB	6'2	180	11
21	Andy Clark	TB	5'8	165	10
22	Dick Thomas	FB	5'7	140	12
23	Zane Pease	FB	5'10	165	11
25	Bob Young	FB	5'8	145	10
35	Mike Hedlund	TB	6'0	185	12
40	Jim Hixon	TE	5'9	145	10
45	Bruce Ritts	FB	5'10	170	12
51	Tony Sanderson	G	6'0	175	12
52	Mike Rowley	G	6'0	170	11
55	Jerry Schramm	C	6'0	240	10
59	Sean Putnam	C	6'4	235	11
61	Brian Loseke	G	5'11	180	11
63	John Waugh	T	6'0	180	12
65	Chuck Auen	G	5'10	175	12
67	Joe Adams	G	5'10	175	10
68	Kurt Schwanke	G	6'0	180	12
75	Dave Bailey	T	6'0	185	12
76	Greg Doty	T	6'0	195	12
78	Mark Siedslag	C	5'9	175	10
80	Matt Donohoe	TE	5'10	170	11
88	Chris Mann	TE	6'0	200	12
89	Keith Loy	TE	6'0	180	12

#### Coaches

Mark Neish, Head Coach  
Steve Brosz  
Larry Hrbek

#### Colors

Blue and White

### MOUNT MICHAEL KNIGHTS

NUMBER	NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	GRADE
10	Paul McCann	QB	6'0	175	12
11	Jeff Ciurej	QB	5'10	150	12
44	John Kinney	QB	6'2	160	10
23	Jeff Jamrog	B	6'1	190	12
22	Andy Connelly	B	5'9	150	11
30	Pat Regan	B	5'11	155	11
32	Clete Menke	B	5'9	150	12
33	Shane McCann	B	6'0	145	12
34	Matt Hupp	B	5'11	155	10
42	Joe O'Keefe	B	5'11	160	10
43	Bernard Wilson	B	5'10	140	11
46	Bill Honke	B	5'11	155	12
52	Pete McCann	C	5'9	180	10
54	David Johnson	C	6'1	175	12
61	Chris Higgins	G	5'11	160	12
62	David Tamisiea	G	5'10	165	12
65	Jeff Stark	G	6'1	155	10
66	Ed Stark	G	6'1	160	11
67	Dave Foral	G	6'0	160	10
68	Jeff Heer	G	5'10	155	11
71	Joe Hettinger	T	6'3	180	12
72	Rick Hanna	T	6'2	185	11
73	Kevin McCauley	T	6'1	185	12
74	Roger Peterson	T	6'2	185	12
77	Jonn Wullschleger	T	6'0	170	10
81	Pat Devlin	E	5'10	140	11
82	Al Hagemann	E	6'1	155	12
83	Dave DiGiacinto	E	6'1	155	10
84	Bob Recker	E	6'0	150	11
85	Paul Wolters	E	6'1	155	11
86	Tim Wilcox	E	6'2	175	12
87	Brian Distefano	E	6'3	155	12

#### Coaches

Jim Kane, Head Coach  
George Roshone  
Phil Knust  
Bob Knust  
Dave Knust

#### Colors

Black, White  
&  
Red

#### Student Mgrs.

Brian Morrissey  
Jim Motl



## Larry Porter's Prep Ratings

### Final Class B Ratings

	W	L	Pts	OP
1. Elkhorn M.M.	11	0	296	19
2. Lincoln Pius X	8	2	213	86
3. Grand Island NW	9	1	300	88
4. O'Neill	9	2	221	111
5. Superior	10	2	213	40
6. McCook	7	2	153	76
7. Elkhorn	9	2	231	65
8. Aurora	7	2	207	59
9. Alliance	6	2	102	56
10. Ord	7	2	292	54

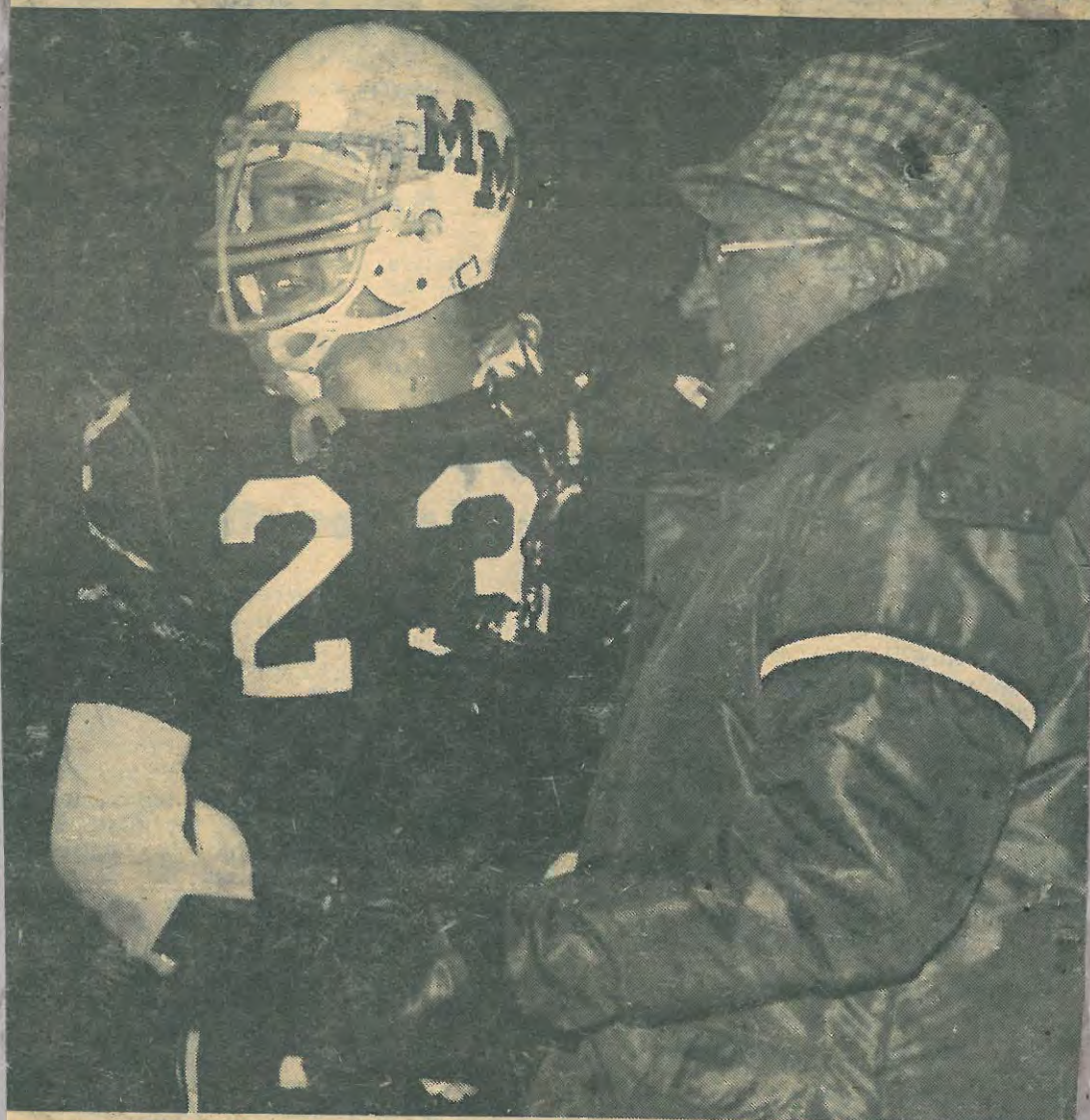
## Mount Michael Tops B Ratings

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — It might become habit for the prep rater to list Elkhorn Mount Michael No. 1 in the Class B ratings this year.

The Knights warmed up for what is expected to be a banner basketball season by rolling to the state playoff championship in football with an 11-0 record.

Mount Michael, tabbed Monday as the No. 10 team in The World-Herald's Top 10 ratings which are open to teams



Elkhorn Mayor Bill Kohlhaase presents the trophy to Jeff Jamrog. (Photo by Terry Hester.)



Jim Burnett/World-Herald

Keeper play ... Mount Michael quarterback Paul McCann slips past an O'Neill tackler for a first-quarter gain.

## Class B Title First in Football

# Fast Finish Boosts Mount Michael

Continued from Page 25.  
from all classes, is No. 1 in today's final Class B ratings.

Coach Jim Kane's outfit must be classified as the surprise team in the state. The Knights weren't included in the pre-season ratings, and didn't crack the Class B chart until after their fifth game.

### 7 Straight Shutouts

But that game, a 35-0 triumph over Auburn, signaled the Knights had put things together.

Mount Michael finished with nine shutouts, including the final seven in a row. The Knights dominated the playoffs and became the first Class B team in a three-game playoff series to white-wash its foes.

Although Mount Michael dispatched McCook 23-0, Lincoln Pius X 28-0 and O'Neill 38-0, there is no speculation that the Knights might be the best Class B club in history.

Still fresh in the prep rater's mind is the Grand Island Northwest outfit of a year ago that crushed its three playoff foes by a combined score of 132-13. The Vikings of '81 are viewed in this corner as being the all-time best.

### Quick Return Sought

Nomination ballots for football and volleyball all-state teams have been mailed to athletic directors of every school in the state.

The athletic directors were asked to forward the ballots to their coaches. Coaches now are asked to fill out their ballots and promptly return them.

Team prospectus sheets for both boys and girls basketball should also be in the hands of coaches. Their speedy return is also requested.

But Mount Michael was easily the class of this year's field. The Knights were fifth prior to the playoffs, but their cakewalk through the playoffs provided them their first football championship in the 12-year history of the sport at the school.

This is only the third year Mount Michael has finished in the ratings. The Knights wound up ninth in Class C-1 in 1977. They were sixth in Class B the following year.

Pius earned the No. 2 spot. The Thun-

derbolts lost only to Class A Kearney 20-6 during the regular season. Their big win came against Class A Columbus 27-6.

Grand Island Northwest, which lost only to Kearney 30-14, failed to qualify for the playoffs, but remained third.

Superior, the leader prior to the playoffs, slipped to fifth following a 6-3 loss in overtime to O'Neill in the semifinals. O'Neill, which was unranked, moved in at fourth.

### McCook Sixth

McCook dropped two notches to sixth and Elkhorn, a first-round loser to Pius, slipped a peg to seventh.

Aurora, ninth before the playoffs, rose to eighth. The Huskies were spilled by Central City 14-7, but two weeks later lost by only 12-7 to Northwest. Aurora's 30-0 victory over Hastings took on added significance after Hastings derailed Kearney 10-6.

Alliance dropped one notch to ninth and Ord slipped two spots to 10th. Those two teams, along with Northwest and Aurora, are rated teams that did not reach the playoffs.

## Elkhorn MM Offense Too Much for O'Neill

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these kids. It's the last go-round for these seniors."

Kane was quick to label this his best team during the 12 years football has been a varsity sport at Mount Michael.

"From about the middle of the year on, we really played well," Kane said. "We didn't give up a touchdown in our last 28 quarters. And nobody even came close to scoring."

"First, you have to be lucky to have three shutouts in the playoffs. But it also says something for the kids who play defense. They were just tenacious."

The Knights were also opportunists on defense. Shane McCann intercepted three of O'Neill quarterback Pete Tompkins' passes. Paul McCann, who is not related to Shane, grabbed two.

	O'Neill	MM
First downs	7	22
Rushes-yards	19-33	68-340
Passing yards	73	33
Total yards	106	373
Return yards	0	68
Passes	4-15-5	2-4-0
Punts-ave	2-23	1-36
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties-yards	3-35	13-128

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**RUSHING**—O, Mike Hedlund 32; MM, Jeff Jamrog 195, Clete Menke 63, Pat Grgan 43, Paul McCann 40.  
**PASSING**—O, Pete Tompkins 4-15-5, 73; MM, Paul McCann 2-3-0, 33.  
**RECEIVING**—O, Keith Loy 2-27, Phil Parks 1-30; MM, Shane McCann 1-24.



**Batted Pass**

Shane crammed his three interceptions into the first half and all set up touchdowns. After his acts of piracy, Mount Michael's offense set up shop at the O'Neill 41, the Knights' 49 and O'Neill's 20. Each time Mount Michael seized the opportunity and scored.

Shane McCann's best effort came midway through the second quarter. He batted a Tompkins pass into the air, turned completely around, took two steps and grabbed the ball. Moments later, Jamrog scored from 2 yards out to raise the score to 24-0 with 1:22 left in the half.

On O'Neill's next play from scrimmage Shane again intercepted a Tompkins pass at the Eagles' 30 and returned it 12 yards to the 18. It took Mount Michael only four plays to score as Jamrog capped the mini-drive with a 1-yard burst. Bernard Wilson's kick gave the Knights a 31-0 lead with four seconds left in the half.

Neish said Mount Michael was quicker than his Eagles. Sometimes Mount Michael was too quick. The Knights were penalized 13 times for 128 yards and many of those flags were thrown because Mount Michael's line exploded before it had been set for a full second.

"But they were quick," Neish said. "Their inside trap plays worked well. They come right at you. It wasn't anything we hadn't seen, though. It was just good execution on their part."

Neish also praised the work of Jamrog.

**Careers Capped**

"I didn't think, from what I had seen, that he was that tough a runner," Neish said of Jamrog. "But he proved different. At times in the first half we had three or four tacklers hanging on and he just kept dragging them."

The state championship capped a career for five Mount Michael seniors who were three-year starters. Those veterans were quarterback Paul McCann, Jamrog, tight end Tim Wilcox, tackle Joe Hettinger and guard David Tamisiea.

The Knights yielded only 19 points all season. Mount Michael defeated Boys Town 17-7 and Omaha Cathedral 24-12.

O'Neill 0 0 0 0-0  
 At Elkhorn MM 10 21 7 0-38  
 MM—Jeff Jamrog 13 run (Bernard Wilson kick)  
 MM—Wilson 32 field goal  
 MM—Jamrog 8 run (kick failed)  
 MM—Jamrog 2 run (Tim Wilcox pass from Paul)

# EMM Knights claim 'B' title

By DENNY FUEHRER  
 Sports Editor

**ELKHORN** — Mt Michael HS sits high on a hill above this community along the Elkhorn River just west of Omaha. Coach Jim Kane installed a football program for his Knights at the boarding school about 10 years ago after being so successful in both track and basketball for so many years.

Well, these Knights kept coming down out of their "castle on the hill" all fall to ravage the countryside. With nine shutouts during a perfect 11-0 season — including the final seven — Kane's men made shambles of the Nebraska HS Class B field and won its first-ever state football championship here Friday night blanking hopeful O'Neill HS, 38-0.

The main Knight in shining armor is Jeff Jamrog, a rugged 195-pound halfback out of the EMM veer-linebacker, who took whatever came in his site and oftentimes carried prisoners with him. Kane called on his workhorse, who has been a starter for about a third of all the years Mt Michael has been playing the grid sport, 25 times in the first half alone and he produced 155 yards.

Jamrog added eight more carries in a "light" second half and wound up with 195 yards. Four of those carries were good for touchdowns. So devastating was the victors' offense (and defense) that the Knights scored the first six times they had possession of the pigskin. From O'Neill's second offensive play of the contest, a pass over the middle intercepted by Shane McCann (one of three), it was never a contest.

Jamrog carried five of the six rushing plays and put the first six points on the board with 8:24 to play in the opening period on a 13-yard burst through the Eagle defense. Bernard Wilson's kick made it 7-0 and a short time later his 32-yard field goal gave EMM a 10-0 advantage at the break.

Mt Michael had three possessions in the second quarter and they were all culminated by Jamrog TDs. His first came from eight yards out, his second from two and the finale with :04 to play in the half was on a one-yard dive.

It was 31-0 at halftime with little promise for Mark Neish's over-matched O'Neill crew, champion of Northeast Nebraska.

Kane's crew then took the opening kickoff of the second half and marched 60 yards in 16 plays using 7:27 of the clock to finish out scoring. QB Paul McCann went the final five yards and Mt Michael's defense did the rest.

Mt Michael shut out its final seven foes and set a record (shared by Westside) for blanking all three playoff opponents. McCook fell in the first round (23-0), Lincoln Pius was beaten (28-0) in the semifinals and finally O'Neill.

"First of all, you gotta be lucky, but it does say something for our defense. And our ball control offense helps, too."

From there it was time to praise the efforts of both Jamrog and his quarterback, McCann. "McCann's a helluva ballplayer, too, but he's probably better defensively. He must have had three interceptions tonight." Both McCann's (no relation) combined for five thefts of Pete Tompkins passes.

"We wanted 'em out of their running game," added Kane. "Our philosophy was to make O'Neill do some-

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thing they didn't prefer. I still don't think they're a good passing team, especially with their best receiver (Chris Mann) injured and not playing."

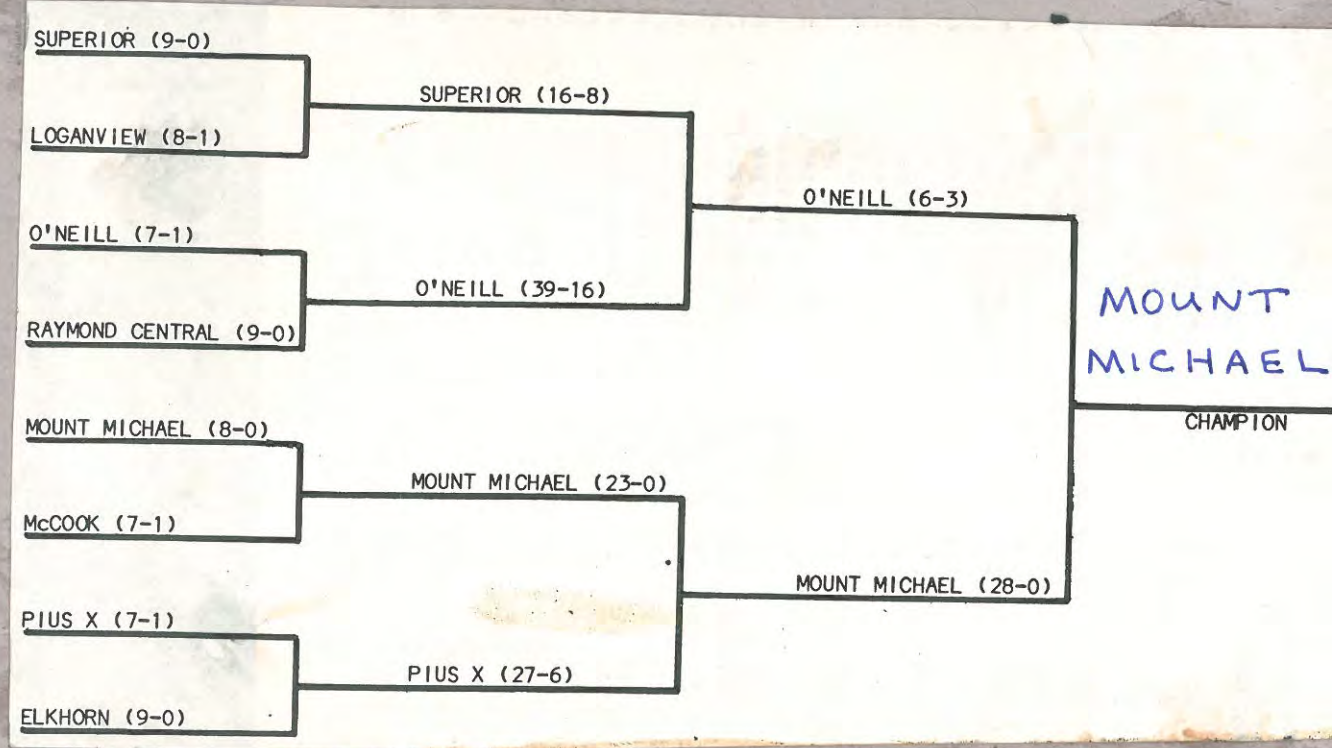
When Jamrog and his starting mates finally retired offensively, Norfolkian Matt Hupp got his chance at lugging the pigskin for EMM and wound up with five carries for 18 yards. Albion's Al Hagemann started both ways for the champs.

It was a demoralizing evening, so to

speak, for Neish and his Eagles, who fought so hard last week to whip the state's No. 1 Superior (6-3) in overtime. "They (Mt Michael) ran the ball better than I thought they could, and they executed very well against us tonight," he lamented.

EMM's offense oftentimes went on a quick count, something officials didn't whistle the Knights for until late in the game. Biting his lip, Neish noted "that's something you'd have to have a stop watch on out there. We mentioned it to the officials early, but if they won't call it, there's nothing you can do. That wasn't the deciding factor in the game anyhow."

What was, coach? "Jamrog! We didn't think he was that tough, but he definitely was. In the first half we had three and four guys hanging on him and he dragged them down the field.



# Early Elkhorn MM Surge Ensures Title

By Larry Porter  
 World-Herald Staff Writer

**Class B**



Elkhorn, Neb. — Elkhorn Mount Michael must have had an outstanding defense. After all, the Knights captured the Class B playoff championship Friday night by blanking O'Neill 38-0.

But O'Neill Coach Mark Neish wasn't ready to proclaim Mount Michael's defense as being awesome.

"It's tough to say how good their defense is because we never had the ball the first half," Neish said.

Mount Michael's defense, as excellent as it was during an 11-0 campaign, had to play second fiddle to its offense

during the early going.

The Knights ran 40 plays from scrimmage the first half compared to just 15 for O'Neill. The Knights scored the first six times they had the ball and owned a 31-0 lead at intermission. By halftime, the handwriting was clearly inscribed on the wall as the Knights enjoyed a 24-7 edge in total yards.

Running back Jeff Jamrog, a 6-foot-1, 190-pound battering ram, carried the brunt of the offensive load for Mount

Michael the first half. He scored four touchdowns and had 155 yards on 25 carries during the first two quarters. He toted only eight times in the second half and finished with 195 yards.

Although Mount Michael's defense didn't have to spend much time on the field, it did have to contend with what appeared to be a quarrelsome O'Neill outfit that had reached the finals despite not being ranked all season.

But that defense responded as it has all season. This was the Knights' ninth shutout in 11 games, and was their seventh in a row.

Fifth-ranked Mount Michael became the first Class B team to breeze through

a three-game playoff series by producing nothing but shutouts. The playoff spree began when No. 4 McCook became a 23-0 victim in the first round. Second-ranked Lincoln Pius X then fell in the semifinals 28-0.

"Something nice has to happen to an old Irishman once in awhile," said Mount Michael Coach Jim "Killer" Kane, beaming as his troops gathered on the field to accept their championship trophy.

"Actually, I have other chances," Kane added. "A cranky old coach always has next year. But it's nice for

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*The 1982 Mount Michael Knights*  
**STATE CLASS B CHAMPS!**



MOUNT MICHAEL KNIGHTS					
NUMBER	NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	GRADE
10	Paul McCann	QB	6'0	175	12
11	Jeff Ciurej	QB	5'10	150	12
44	John Kinney	QB	6'2	160	10
23	Jeff Jamrog	B	6'1	190	12
22	Andy Connelly	B	5'9	150	11
30	Pat Regan	B	5'11	155	11
32	Clete Menke	B	5'9	150	12
33	Shane McCann	B	6'0	145	12
34	Matt Hupp	B	5'11	155	10
42	Joe O'Keefe	B	5'11	160	10
43	Bernard Wilson	B	5'10	140	11
46	Bill Honke	B	5'11	155	12
52	Pete McCann	C	5'9	180	10
54	David Johnson	C	6'1	175	12
61	Chris Higgins	G	5'11	160	12
62	David Tamisiea	G	5'10	165	12
65	Jeff Stark	G	6'1	155	10
66	Ed Stark	G	6'1	160	11
67	Dave Foral	G	6'0	160	10
68	Jeff Heer	G	5'10	155	11
71	Joe Hettinger	T	6'3	180	12
72	Rick Hanna	T	6'2	185	11
73	Kevin McCauley	T	6'1	185	12
74	Roger Peterson	T	6'2	185	12
77	Jonn Wullschleger	T	6'0	170	10
81	Pat Devlin	E	5'10	140	11
82	Al Hagemann	E	6'1	155	12
83	Dave DiGiacinto	E	6'1	155	10
84	Bob Recker	E	6'0	150	11
85	Paul Wolters	E	6'1	155	11
86	Tim Wilcox	E	6'2	175	12
87	Brian Distefano	E	6'3	155	12

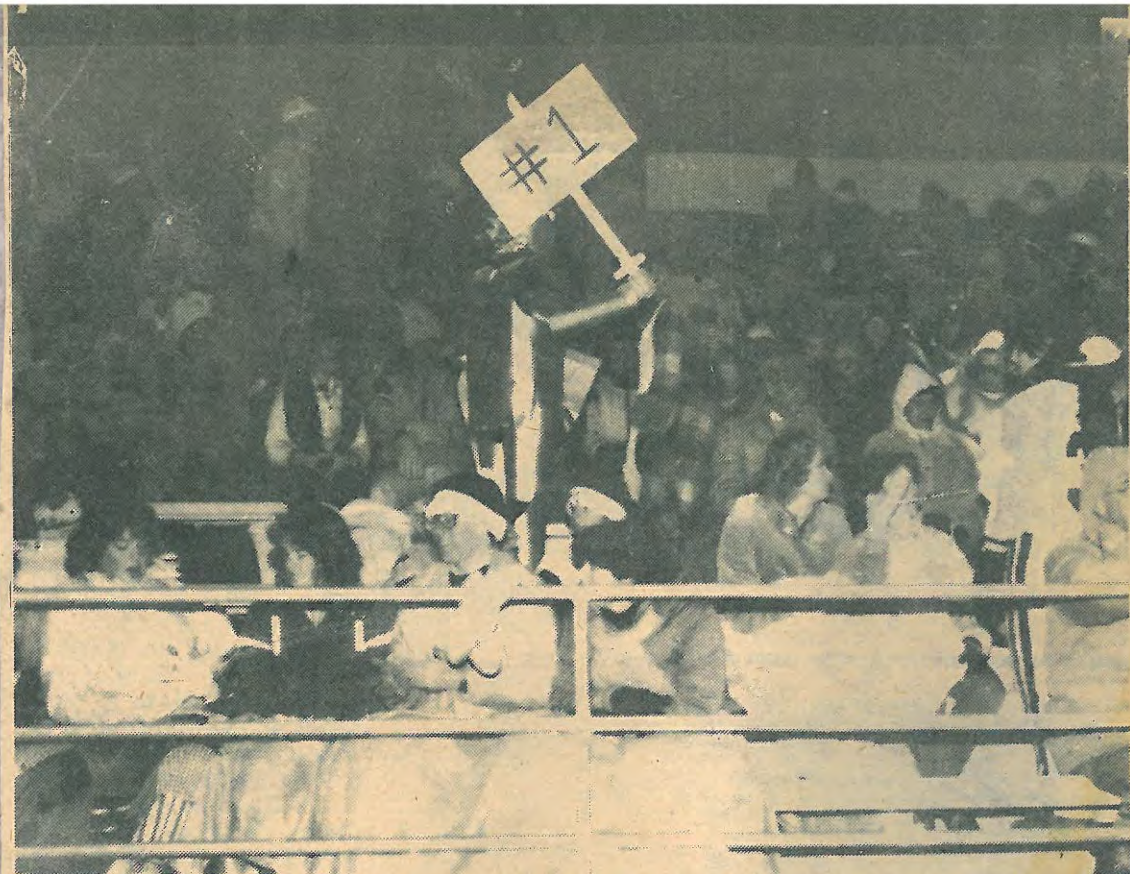


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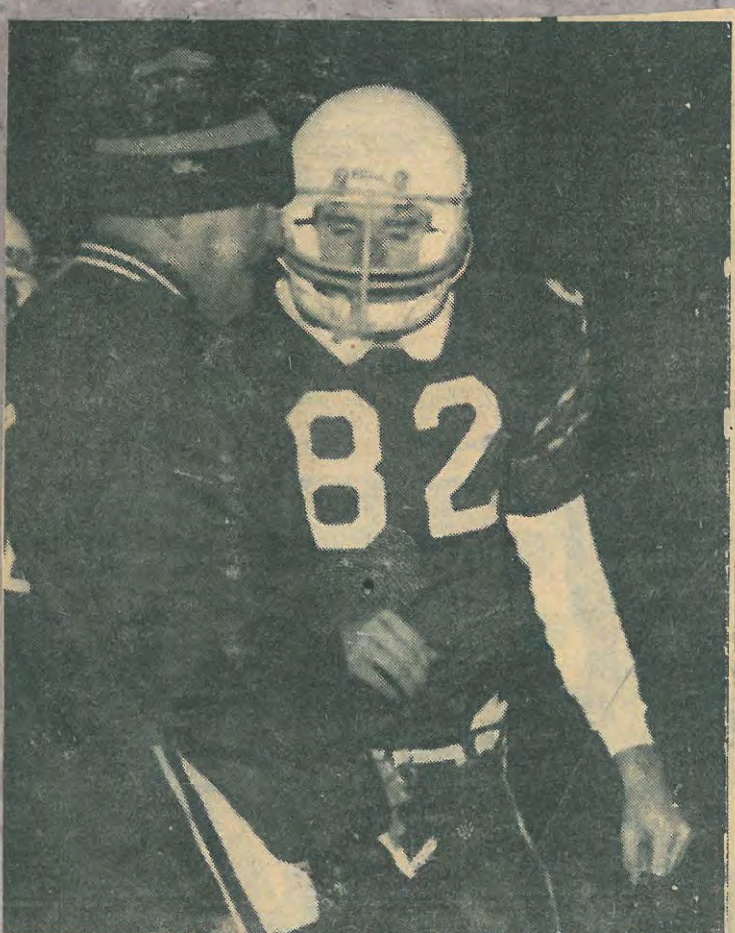
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Jim Kane, Head Coach George Roshone Phil Knust Bob Knust Dave Knust	Black, White & Red	Brian Morrissey Jim Motl



Knights defense overpowers Eagles Mike Hedlund.



Chilly temps failed to discourage Knight fans on their way to the championship.



Junior Bob Recker receives vital instructions from Coach Kane.



Father Charles cheers the team.



Dad Jamrog and son, senior Jeff Jamrog, may be discussing future football career. Will it be the Big Red.

# Mount Michael Knights



The band played, the flags were raised and the voices cheered.



The Eagle was bombarded with tennis balls at the pep rally.

Elkhorn Mount Michael went into the playoffs with a string of four shutouts and a defense that had not been scored on this season.

Jeff Jamrog led the team in rushing with 1,001 yards. Clete Menke with 548 and Paul McCann with 142 - 3.7 followed him.

In passing McCann was the leader with 36 - 60 and 765 yards. Jamrog led in receiving with 12 for 172 while Tim Wilcox had an impressive record with 14 for 142.

### Mount Michael vs. McCook

Mount Michael dominated their first play off game against McCook in what some felt was more of a football clinic than a football game. When the final results were in, they had beat the McCook team 23 - 0.

Defensively, the Knights forced four turnovers, holding McCook to 56 total yards and posting their fifth straight shutout in their 9 - 0 season. Offensively, they had 166 yards rushing and 129 yards passing to control the ball, running 23 plays to four in the third quarter alone.

Senior Jeff Jamrog rushed 24 times for 102 yards, caught four passes for 43 yards, ran for one touchdown, returned an interception for another and was one of the team's leading tacklers.

"I don't know if it was our best win, but it was our most important win," Coach Jim Kanes said.

At the end of the first half, the score was 10 - 0. Early in the second quarter, a 47 yard pass from Paul McCann to Tim Wilcox set up Jamrog's 5 - yard touchdown. A motion penalty on the McCook 5 just before half helped stall another drive, so Mount Michael settled for Bernard Wilson's 22 yard field goal.

Jamrog's 12 yard interception return early in the fourth period sealed the win.

### Mount Michael vs. Lincoln Pius

The second game of the championships was played at Lincoln where Elkhorn Mount Michael used the blitz about 80 percent of the time to defeat Lincoln Pius 28 - 0.

The blitzing defense caused seven turnovers by the Thunderbolts - four fumbles and three interceptions. Quarterback Paul McCann picked up three fumbles, and intercepted two of the three passes.

"We thought we had to do something to stop Maggmen," Coach Kane said.

Jeff Jamrog ran for 148 yards on 28 carries, caught two passes for 25 yards and scored touchdowns on one and two yard runs.

The teams traded fumbles in the first period as Mount Michael gained a field position advantage in the only evenly matched offensive quarter.

A Pius fumble set up the only score of the first half as Jeff Ciurej picked up a Pius bobble after a sack at the Pius 45.

A 28 yard pass from McCann to Shane McCann was the big play in the seven - play drive that was capped by a Jamrog one yard run with 2:09 to go in the first half.

Jamrog made the third quarter TD to put the Knights ahead 14 - 0. Scores in the fourth quarter were on runs of 3 and 5 yards by Paul McCann.

### Mount Michael vs. O'Neill

In the final championship game, Mount Michael faced O'Neill on their home turf, beating them 38 - 0 in the



Jeff Jamrog sweeps left end for 15 yards on way to career high 196 for night.



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first state championship for the Knights in football.

"From about the the middle of the season on we really started to play well," Coach Kane said after the Class B titel game at Elkhorn Middle School. "And all through the playoffs, the kids played well."

They played well enough to shut out all three of their playoff foes.

"You got to be a little lucky," Kane said of the shutouts, "but I think it also says something about our kids. They're really tenacious out there."

The Eagles received the opening kickoff but Shane McCann intercepted an O'Neill pass on the second play and the game was all Mount Michael the rest of the way. It was the first of three interceptions for McCann. Touchdowns followed all three thefts.

The first interception set up a 41 yard, six play drive by the Knights with workhorse Jeff Jamrog carrying on all but one of the plays. He burst through the middle of the line for a 17 yard run to the end zone with 8:34 left in the first quarter.

The Knights overcame a holding penalty and a procedure penalty to march to the 15-yard line of O'Neill where Bernard Wilson booted a 32 yard field goal with 2:50 left in the first quarter.

A 24 yard pass from quarterback Paul McCann to Shane McCann and a 16 yard run by Jamrog helped set up Mount Michael's second touchdown, a seven yard run by Jamrog with 7:31 to play. Wilson's kick was wide.

Shane McCann's second interception started the Knights on their third touch-

down drive. It was Jamrog again, this time from two yards out with 1:23 to play in the first half. The Knights faked the kicked extra point and Tim Wilcox caught a pass for the two - point conversion and a 24-0 lead.

But it still wasn't over and on O'Neill's first play, quarterback Peter Tomkins passed into the waiting arms of Shane McCann and the Knights were set up at the Eagles 19 yard line with less than a minute to play.

Jamrog raced inside the one yard line on a 13 yard gain then went over on the next play to give Mount Michael a 30 - 0 lead with four seconds to play in the half. Wilson's kick made it 31-0.

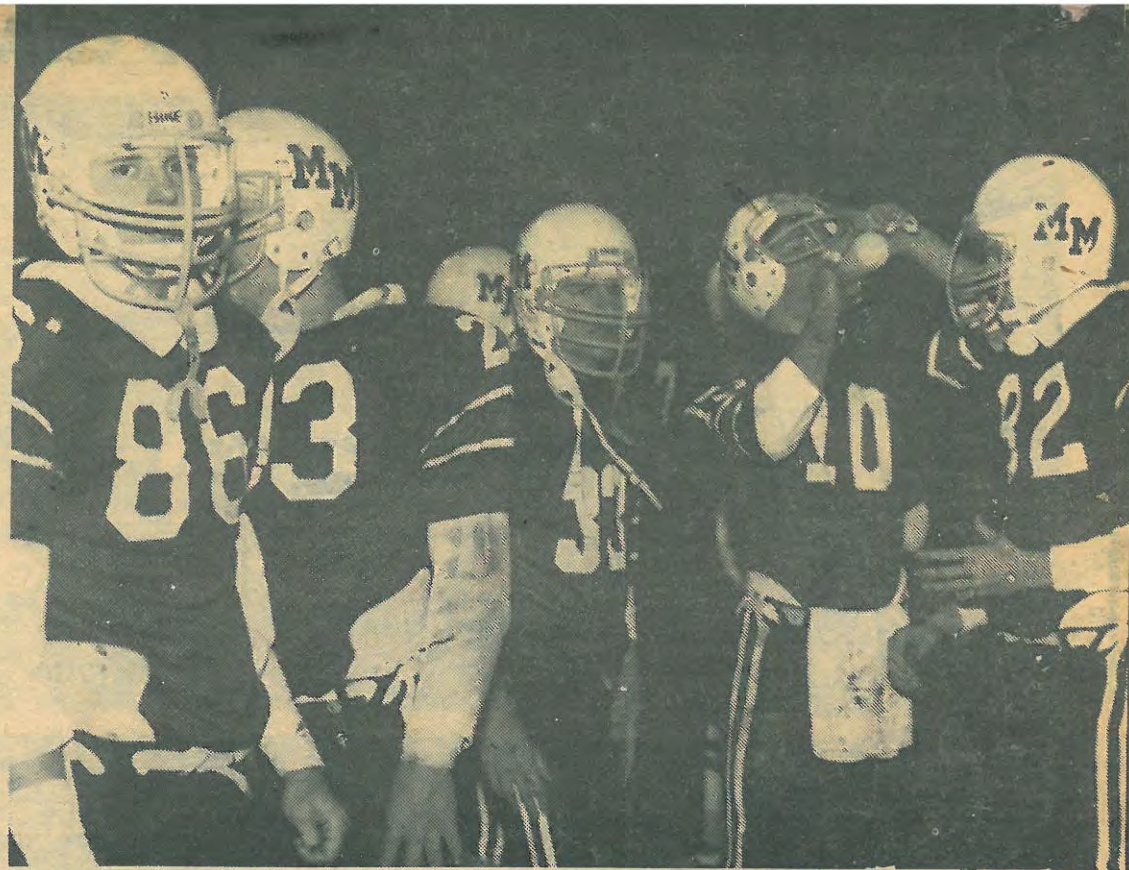
The Knights put some icing on the cake with a 16 play, 60 yard drive to open the second half. A holding penalty put Mount Michael back to the 27 yard line but Jamrog raced 24 yards on the next play.

They kept the drive alive by converting twice on fourth down, once when Paul McCann kept for a six yard gain and again on the touchdown when McCann went in on fourth and goal from the five yard line with 4:33 left in the third quarter. Wilson's kick closed the scoring.

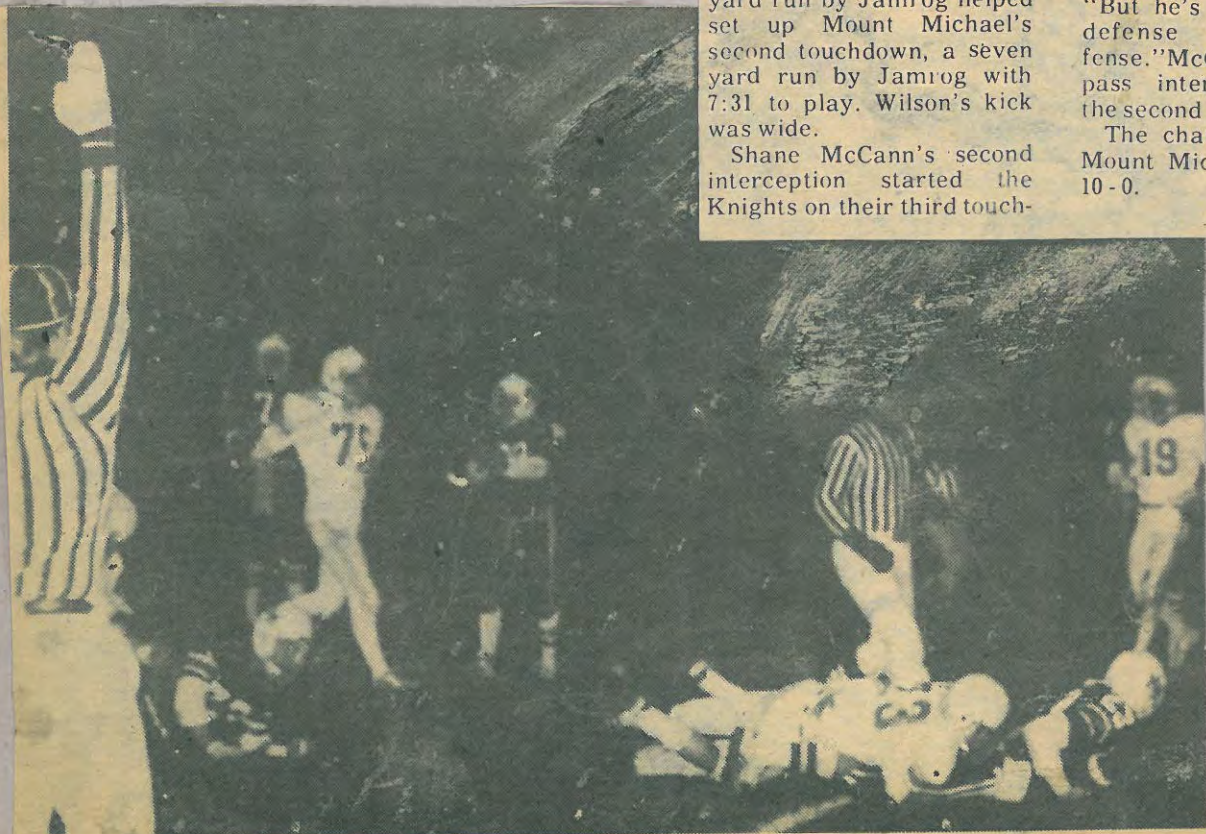
While Jamrog has received most of the accolades this year, Kane pointed out Paul McCann's worth to the team.

"That Paul McCann is really a good football player, too," Kane said. "But he's really better on defense than on offense." McCann had two pass interceptions during the second half.

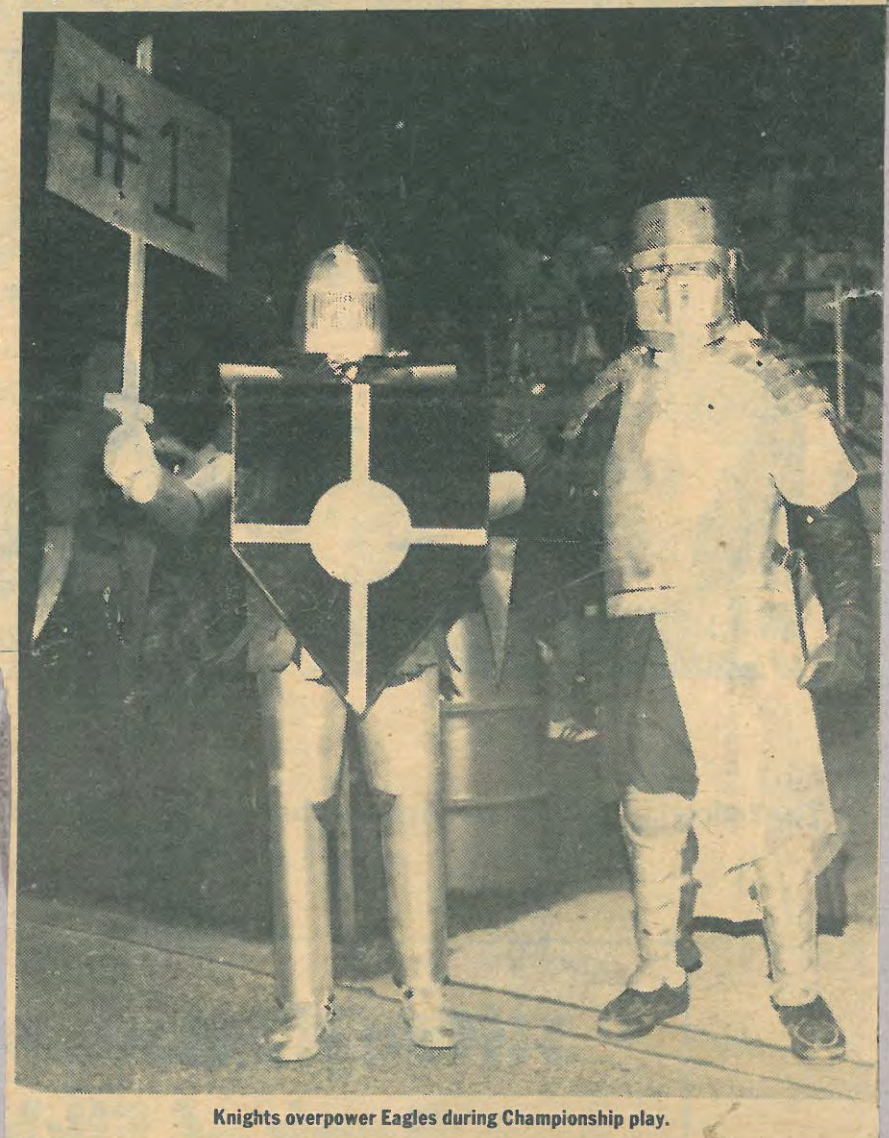
The championship closes Mount Michael's season at 10-0.



Seniors Tim Wilcox, Jeff Jamrog, Shane McCann, Paul McCann and all Hagemann get a breather while the second string finishes off Eagles.



Senior Jeff Jamrog scores the first touchdown of the night.



Knights overpower Eagles during Championship play.

# Super State running back Jamrog to walk on at NU

By Randy York  
of The Lincoln Star

Nebraska's 1983 football recruiting is now complete. NU Coach Tom Osborne announced Monday the signings of 46 walk-ons to national letters of intent and among them is Sunday Journal and Star Super State running back Jeff Jamrog.

Jamrog, the 1982 Class B Offensive Player of the Year from state champion Elkhorn Mt. Michael, rushed for 3,220 yards and scored 41 touchdowns in his three-year prep career.

This past season, when Mt. Michael posted an 11-0 record, Jamrog rushed for 1,531 yards and scored 21 touchdowns.

The 6-1½, 195-pound senior set a state high school playoff record with eight touchdowns. He scored two touchdowns in a 23-0 opening-round win over McCook, two in a 28-0 semifinal win

over Lincoln Pius X and four in a 38-0 championship win over O'Neill.

Jamrog rushed for 153 yards on 28 carries against Pius X and rushed for 195 yards on 33 carries against O'Neill.

"Jeff's the best I've seen in 19 years around here," said Mt. Michael Coach Jim Kane. "To be real honest, we were pretty disappointed when Nebraska didn't offer him a scholarship."

Kane, however, supported Jamrog's decision to reject scholarship offers from South Dakota and UNO to walk on at Nebraska.

"They don't put X's on the helmets of scholarship players at Nebraska," Kane said. "They give everybody an equal shot. Jeff's pride was a little hurt at first. But he knows he'll get a chance and deep down, he knows he's as good as the scholarship players."

"I didn't just get out of college. I'm not all

starry-eyed," he said. "I'm prejudiced, of course. But I'd bet on this. I don't know where Jeff's going to make it. I just know he's going to make it."

Jamrog, who ran a .046 in the 40 at Nebraska's football camp last summer, was a standout linebacker on a Mt. Michael team that shut out seven opponents last year. Nebraska is projecting him as a defensive end.

"They said that's the main reason I didn't get a scholarship," Jamrog said. "They said I wasn't big enough to play linebacker and it's tough to offer a scholarship for a position you haven't played."

Jamrog said he probably could have played at a smaller college as a freshman. "But if I did, I'd always wonder if I could have played at Nebraska," he said. "I played eighth-grade football with (NU scholarship recruits) Scott Hill and Jeff

Taylor. I know I can play."

Kane is equally convinced. "I'm on this year's Shrine Bowl staff and a lot of coaches think Jeff's the best player they saw on film," he said.

Jamrog also averages 18 points a game on Mt. Michael's 16-1 basketball team, ranked second in Class B behind Pius X.

Three Pius X players are among Nebraska's list of recruited walk-ons — defensive backs Jeff Magsamen, Randy Houser and Bill Swope.

Three players from Lincoln Northeast's state Class A runner-up team also signed national letters of intent to walk on — linebacker Matt Holt, defensive lineman Mike Keeney and defensive back Dave Lowe.

Lincoln High split end Dave Cuddeford is another Capital-City player recruited to walk on.

Among in-state standout signing national letters of intent with NU were Superior lineman

Jim Schaaf, Kearney split end Todd Cope, Grand Island split end Scott Yost and Tony Palmer, a defensive tackle on Omaha Westside's back-to-back state championship teams.

The most heavily recruited out-of-state walk-on is Lawrence Quadrio, a 6-1, 205-pound full-back-linebacker from Wooster High School in Reno, Nev.

Quadrio was twice a Nevada all-state selection and last year was named the state's Defensive Player of the Year. His team won the Nevada state championship in 1981 and was runner-up to Las Vegas Bishop Gorman in '82.

Quadrio did not visit Nebraska until the final weekend of recruiting, after the Huskers had reached their scholarship limit of 23. He turned down scholarship offers from Oregon, Oregon State, Cal, Nevada, Las Vegas and Nevada-Reno to sign with the Huskers.

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## 'Killer' Kane mixes sports with success

By Chuck Sinclair  
Prep Sports Editor

Whoever says you can't mix football and basketball hasn't checked out the success ratio of Elkhorn Mount Michael's Jim "Killer" Kane.

Kane has been mixing the two with a great deal of success now for the past 19-years ... and for the most part, his players mix them, too.

"With Kane being the head coach for both major sports at Mount Michael, there are no offseason squabbles concerning which sport to work out for. In fact, Kane prefers his athletes use their summers to have fun.

"Our kids don't lift weights in the summer and they don't play basketball all summer," Kane says. "I just like to see 'em relax and be ready to go the full school year. I don't give a darn if they've got a 240-pound body. They've still got a kid's mind.

"I can't argue with guys who have the good weight programs in the summer because for the most part they have terrific programs," he adds. "It's just the way I feel. I've never changed my thinking on that. Most of those guys don't coach basketball, too. I don't want my basketball players coming in all puffed up."

That doesn't mean Kane prefers basketball over football.

"I like football just as well as I like basketball," Kane says. "I guess I like the one we're best in."

Football will be hard to beat in that category since the Knights finished un-

beaten and captured the Class B state championship on three straight state football playoff shutouts in November.

Kane's not giving up hope in basketball by any means. His Knights are currently 11-1, and ranked eighth in Class B.

"We got off to a pretty slow start because of football," he says. "We didn't play well for a long time, even through the holiday tournament we won. In some of the early games, we won, but, you know when you're playing well, and when you're not, and we weren't. I don't know if we're playing great right now, but we are playing sound defensively, and we're doing better offensively."

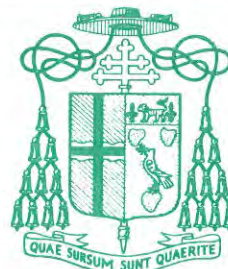
Kane isn't complaining about football, however. He thinks the advantages and disadvantages of a late start even out.

"There has to be some carryover there, handling the pressure and the success," he says. "Eight of our players (including four starters) were starters on the football team. When you go through something like a state championship football season, that has to help."

"It's really nice to see both seasons going so well for these guys, and their old coach," Kane says. "You always hear all this talk about kids going stale. But I've never seen a bunch who were winning go stale. If you're winning and you can't stay happy and keep going, you can't stay happy. Most of the teams going stale are the ones 5-10 or something like that."

For now, Kane is looking forward to a Saturday night date at South Sioux City, with districts looming on the horizon.

"The one nice thing about basketball is that you can lose a couple along the way and it won't cost you like football. Districts means everything in basketball," he says. "Since we don't have a conference to worry about, we just need to try and keep on an even keel until districts. I don't think you can be playing bad and jump right up and play like heck at districts. That's why it's so important to just try and improve each week. So far, that's what we're doing."



November 22, 1982

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I should like to congratulate you and the members of your outstanding football team for winning the State Class B Championship. Your team established a rather remarkable record as they breezed through the final tournament and were easily the class of the field.

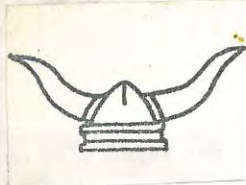
Will you please extend to the members of the team my most sincere congratulations. Please let them know I am very proud of what they have done.

With every good wish, I am

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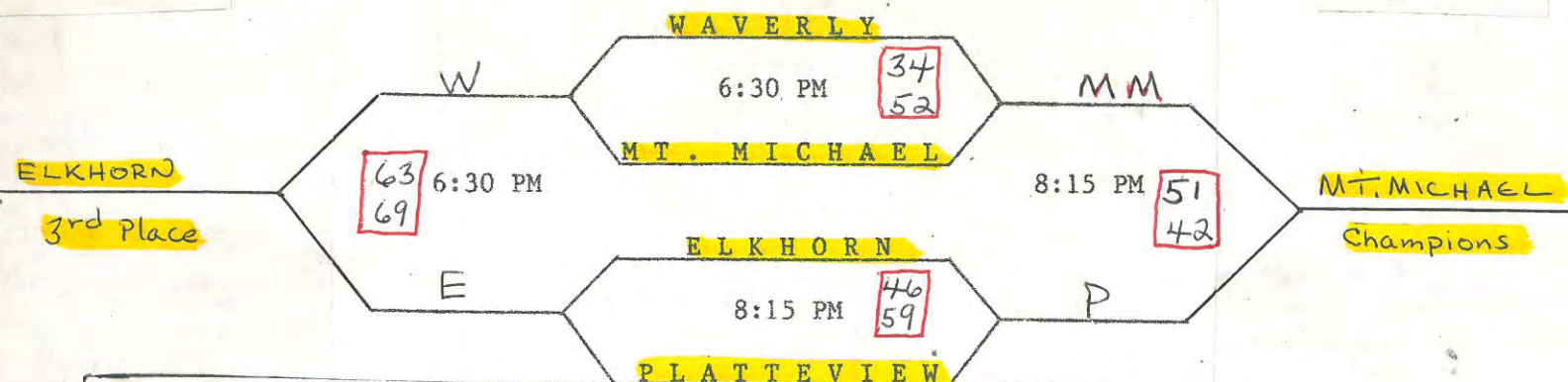
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## 2nd-Quarter Spurt Boosts Mount Michael

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By Larry Porter

World-Herald Staff Writer

Elkhorn, Neb. — Elkhorn Mount Michael, ranked No. 1 in Class B, used a second-quarter spurt to topple eighth-rated Waverly 52-34 in the opening round of Mount Michael's own holiday tournament played at Elkhorn High Tuesday night.

The Knights, now 6-0, will meet Springfield Platteview tonight at 8:15 in the championship game. Platteview raised its record to 4-1 by methodically dispatching Elkhorn 59-46.

Elkhorn and Waverly will tangle in the consolation game tonight at 6:30.

Mount Michael, which hiked its record to 6-0, again rode its feared 1-3-1 zone defense to victory. The Knights are yielding an average of just under 32 points a game.

Mount Michael's offense sputtered as the Knights shot just 40 percent from the floor. But Doug Wemhoff, a 6-foot-5 junior, shouldered the offensive load as

he hit 12 of 19 from the field — including a breakaway slam dunk in the fourth quarter — and finished with 28 points.

Wemhoff, however, was the only Knight who finished in double figures — a statistic that caused some concern for Coach Jim Kane.

Another problem area for the Knights was the fact that Waverly did some solid scoring damage inside — a territory that is generally denied Mount Michael foes.

Kane praised Wemhoff for his offensive display, but chided him for some defensive lapses that let Waverly score from close range.

"They did get inside on us," Kane said. "That's Wemhoff's responsibility. Nobody does that on us. That's our forte. But they did it tonight."

Each team made 16 field goals, but Waverly paid the price for its attacking, swarming defense. The Vikings committed 27 fouls and Mount Michael sank

20 of 32 free throws compared to only two of seven for Waverly.

Mount Michael led by only 16-15 with 2:28 remaining in the first half. Then the Knights' 1-3-1 zone clamped down. They outscored Waverly 12-0 the remainder of the first half, and a layup by Wemhoff to open the third quarter gave the Knights a 30-15 advantage.

### Turnovers Costly

Although Waverly was able to slip inside to score against that 1-3-1, the Vikings committed 28 turnovers.

"I hope we got rid of the package hands," Waverly Coach Don Bartek said. "Package hands come around Christmas. You get them from unwrapping too many packages."

Unwrapping packages, at least, kept the Vikings occupied. Snow-clogged roads have limited them to only two practices since Dec. 16.

"We hustled, but we had dead legs and stone feet," Bartek said after his outfit dropped their first verdict in four outings. "But I'm not blaming that. Killer Kane has a good ball club. I'd like the chance to play them again, though."

Mount Michael had a decided height advantage. Waverly tried to counter that with a banty-rooster defense that didn't give the Knights much room to operate. It was effective because Mount Michael, not including Wemhoff, made only four of 21 shots.

### "Hard Workers"

"People who play us will know they've been in a game," said Bartek, who has a deep bench and isn't overly concerned with foul problems. "We're not big enough to stop people inside. We have to do it outside. This is a group of hard workers."

"I was also pleased with the way we got the ball inside. Our passing was atrocious, but we had the right idea."

One reason for those bad passes was the defensive work of Mount Michael guard Jim Mayberger, who created seven turnovers.

Mount Michael also dominated the boards as Wemhoff had 10 rebounds and Rich Boyle, a 6-2 senior, added eight.

Platteview never trailed against Elkhorn, but lacked the intensity needed to put away the Antlers, who are now 2-4.

"We stood around something terri-

ble," Platteview Coach John McGill said. "I know that won't happen tomorrow night against Mount Michael. It better not, or it won't even be a ball game."

### Patient Offense

Although the Trojans lacked some zip, they did demonstrate why they are expected to be a factor in the Eastern Midlands Conference race this season.

Their attributes are that they are well-balanced offensively and they pass well. Monte Neitzel, a burly 6-3 junior, led them with 11 points. Jim Paschal and Mike Gray each tallied 10 and reserve Chris DeMarque scored nine.

Platteview's passing and patience on offense resulted in only two turnovers the first half as it owned a 28-21 lead.

"If we come down, swing the ball around the outside and keep people in rebounding position," McGill said, "we have good enough shooters that it's to our advantage."

Neither club, however, shot well this time. Platteview hit 39 percent while Elkhorn shot just 32 percent.

Elkhorn M.M. 10 18 11 13-52  
Waverly 9 6 13 6-34  
M.M.—Mayberger 6-7 9-10 9, Kinney 2-8 2-3 6,  
Soika 0-0 0-1 0, Boyle 1-3 4-7 6, Wemhoff 12-19 4-6 28,  
Andrews 1-1 0-2 2, Matt 0-2 1-3 1. Totals: 16-40 20-32  
52.  
W—Scheef 1-4 0-2, Seawall 2-8 1-2 5, Burcham 4-8  
0-1 8, Smith 4-8 1-2 9, Otte 2-3 0-0 4, Grossman 0-0 0-0  
0, Andre 1-4 0-2, Bruggemann 1-1 0-0 2, Headlee 1-1  
0-2 2. Totals: 16-38 2-7 34.  
Turnovers—Mount Michael 16, Waverly 28. Field  
goal percentage—Mount Michael .400, Waverly  
.421. Fouls—Mount Michael 11, Waverly 27. Fouled  
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Springfield Platteview 12 16 11 20-59  
Elkhorn 10 11 11 14-46  
SP—Clayd 2-6 1-2 5, Paschal 4-12 2-3 10, Isenburg  
3-9 0-1 6, Gray 4-10 2-3 10, Neitzel 3-6 5-6 11, DeMar-  
que 4-9 1-2 9, Vincent 0-1 2-2 2, Williams 1-2 2-2 4, Krei-  
fels 1-1 0-2. Totals: 22-56 15-21 59.  
E—Olsen 1-2 0-2, Pilkington 3-11 0-0 6, Rolles 1-3  
0-0 2, Rippe 4-18 1-1 13, Cheloha 2-8 2-2 6, McArdle 3-8  
0-0 6, Thompson 2-5 5-6 9, Trouba 0-0 2-2 2, Fletcher  
0-1 0-0. Totals: 18-56 10-11 46.  
Turnovers—Platteview 10, Elkhorn 13. Field goal  
percentage—Platteview .392, Elkhorn .321. Fouls—  
Platteview 14, Elkhorn 16.

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## Mayberger's Free Throws Aid Mount Michael Win

World-Herald News Service

Elkhorn, Neb. — Jim Mayberger scored 20 points, including 12 of 14 free throws, as Elkhorn Mount Michael raced to an early lead and held on for a 51-42 victory over Springfield Platteview Wednesday night in the championship game of the Mount Michael Holiday Tournament.

In the consolation game, Elkhorn raced to a 23-7 first-quarter lead before finally securing a 69-63 victory over Waverly.

A crowd estimated at 1,500 by Mount Michael Athletic Director Rev. Charles Zach packed the Elkhorn High School gym to watch what looked at first to be a blowout.

Mount Michael, ranked No. 1 in The World-Herald's Class B ratings, grabbed a 31-18 halftime lead and increased that margin to 41-27 midway through the fourth quarter.

But the Trojans rallied behind a full-court press to pull within six points, 45-39, late in the period.

Mayberger, a 5-11 senior, took advantage of several Platteview fouls in the period and drilled eight free throws to seal the win.

Doug Wemhoff, a 6-foot-5 junior who scored 28 points in Tuesday night's 52-34 win over Waverly, was held to just 10 points.

Chris DeMarque lead Platteview, now 4-2, with 16 points.

Eighth-ranked Waverly shook off Elkhorn's fast start with a 22-point second quarter to pull within 36-29 at half-time.

But balanced scoring by the Antlers throughout the game kept the Vikings from moving much closer.

Jay Pilkington scored 18 points, Brian Thompson 11, and Tim McArdle and Dale Cheloha had 10 for Elkhorn, which raised its record to 3-4.

Terry Seawall led 5-2 Waverly with 20 points while teammate John Otte added 19.

Championship at Elkhorn M.M.  
Sp. Platteview 11 7 7 17-42  
Elkhorn M.M. 30 11 8 12-31  
P—Cloyd 11, Paschal 2, Gray 6, DeMarque 16, Neitzel 7.  
EMM—Mayberger 20, Kinney 10, Soika 2, Andrews 3, Boyle 6, Wemhoff 10.

Consolation at Elkhorn M.M.  
Elkhorn 23 13 16 17-49  
At Waverly 7 22 15 19-63  
E—Olsen 8, Pilkington 18, Thompson 11, McArdle 10, Rolles 3, Rippe 9, Cheloha 10.  
W—Grossman 2, Scheef 6, Andre 4, Seawall 20, Bruggemann 2, Burcham 8, Smith 2, Otte 19.

# Neumann mistakes help Knights win

By ROD HENKEL  
Sports Correspondent

WAHOO — Jim Kane hopes he saw his Elkhorn Mount Michael Knights regain some of the form Friday night that led them to the Class C-1 state championship a year ago. Mt. Michael rebounded from a season-opening 13-0 loss to David City Aquinas to defeat Wahoo Neumann Friday, 18-8.

"We lost 11 seniors on offense and 10 on defense. That's a lot of people to replace," Kane said. "If the kids just play hard, the carryover from the state championship team should be good. They've been around winners."

During last week's loss to Aquinas and for the first two quarters of Friday night's game, Mount Michael played like an inexperienced team. Replacing almost an entire team takes some time.

"The first half we didn't play good. We made a lot of mistakes and didn't get to their quarterback," Kane said. "We missed some responsibilities. But if we didn't make mistakes, we wouldn't need practice."

Neither team executed well on offense the first quarter. Neumann finished the initial stanza with minus 14 yards while the Knights totalled four yards on the ground and three yards passing.

Tom Herink accounted for the only first quarter points when he tackled Neumann quarterback Randy Ahrens in the end zone. Mount Michael had forced Neumann into bad field position with a 49-yard punt by Bernie Wilson that put the Cavaliers at their own 10-yard line.

Following the free kick, Mt. Michael drove to their 41 before Neumann's Tim Martin recovered a Knight fumble. Quarterback Ahrens carried the next two plays, the second a 45-yard keeper around left end for the touchdown.

Another Wilson punt indirectly led to the Knights' second touchdown. After a 56-yard kick, Martin fumbled the ball back to Mt. Michael two plays later. Matt Hupp scored on Mount Michael's second play with a 5-yard run. Wilson added the extra point to give the Knights a 9-8 halftime edge.

Neumann nearly led at intermission but a motion penalty with a minute and a half remaining negated a 56-yard touchdown run by Ahrens, another option keeper.

"You take away the eight points we gave them, and give us our six points, and it's a close ballgame," Neumann coach Tim Turman said. "We didn't play real well. You take away a couple of mistakes and we're right in there. Actually, we win the game."

At the start of the third quarter, Mount Michael's Hupp and mistakes by the Cavaliers led to two more Knight scores.

After the second-half kickoff, Mount Michael drove from their 34 to Neumann's seven before settling for a 25-yard field goal by Wilson.

Two plays after the ensuing kickoff, Neumann fumbled the ball back to Mount Michael at the Cavalier's 28-yard line. Seven plays later, Hupp caught a 5-yard quarterback from quarterback John Kinney.

On the two scoring drives, Hupp carried eight times for 35 yards. The 180-pound junior finished the night with 98 yards on 25 carries. Hupp teamed with halfback Pat Regan, who had 49 yards on 10 carries to do most of the damage on the ground for the Knights.

"We ran the outside veer away from their strength," Kane said. "Then we ran the sweeps a little bit and mixed it up."

Neumann got a final chance in the fourth quarter, following a missed field goal attempt by Wilson. The Cavaliers drove from their own 20 to the Knight 22 before Matt Campbell intercepted an Ahrens pass with 1:45 remaining. Ahrens was continually under heavy pressure from the Mount Michael defense and was sacked several times on the night.

"We have to improve our pass blocking," Turman said. "We ended up playing catch-up football. With the wishbone offense, we have to rely on being ahead."

Next week Mt. Michael travels to Boys Town, while Neumann will take its 1-1 record against Aquinas. "It doesn't get any easier in this conference," Turman said. "There just isn't a breather."

Mount Michael	2	7	9	0	18
Wahoo Neumann	0	8	0	0	8

	M	N
First Downs	9	8
Rushes-Yards	163	122
Passing Att.	14	5
Com.	6	1
Inter.	1	2
Passing Yards	70	13
Total Offense	233	135
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	4-3
Punts-Avg.	5-41	5-35
Penalties-yards	5-35	4-23

# Mount Michael hands Bergan first basketball defeat, 60-32

By KIM HEUSEL  
Sports Editor

Any team that wants to beat Elkhorn Mount Michael in basketball has to do things right. But Mount Michael makes it tough to do things right.

Fremont Bergan found that out Friday night. The Knights made a respectable showing against the defending Class B state champions for 2½ quarters before dropping a 60-32 decision.

"I was pleased offensively that we executed our game plan for 2 to 2½ quarters," Bergan Coach Joe Sajevic said. "We weren't getting trapped that often and when we did we were looking for help. I'm sure that had something to do with us staying in the game as long as we did."

Mount Michael jumped out to an 18-5 lead at the end of the first period but Bergan fought back to make it 18-11 with 5:41 to play in the second quarter and trailed by 10 points, 28-18, after Tom Meister hit a twisting layup with 18 seconds left.

"We jumped right out on them but sometimes that makes things to easy," Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane said. "We were really getting the ball into (Doug) Wemhoff and he just couldn't get it (ball) to go in. He's really a hell of a player."

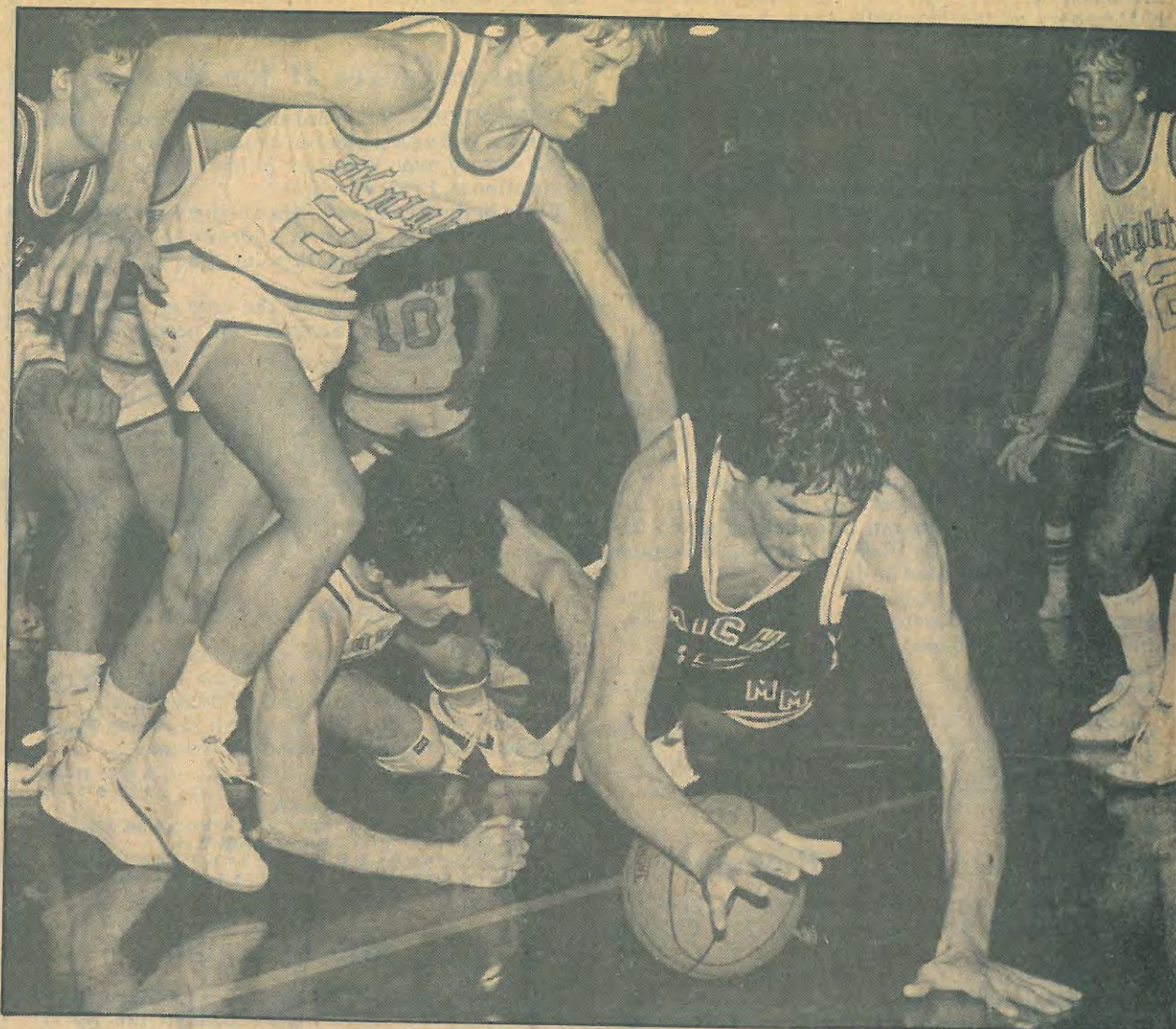
Sajevic had to agree. Although the 6-5 Mount Michael junior had some trouble early in the game he led all scorers with 31 points, 16 of them coming in the second half.

Two Wemhoff buckets helped Mount Michael open a 12-point lead with 5:03 left in the third period but Bergan cut the margin back to eight when Rick Swanson scored with 4:42 left and Brian Hamilton picked up a loose ball and shoved it in the basket.

The Knights had four chances to cut the lead even more thanks to missed Mount Michael shots and turnovers. But Mount Michael tightened things up at the other end and forced Bergan into some costly turnovers as well.

Jim Mayberger, who had 21 points for Mount Michael, upped his team's lead to 34-24 with 2:29 left and Bergan was never in the game after that. Mount Michael pulled out to a 42-26 lead by the end of the third quarter and outscored Bergan 18-6 in the fourth quarter.

"When you play a team like Mount Michael you can't make mistakes," Sajevic said. "At the end of the third quarter and the beginning of the fourth we made



Elkhorn Mount Michael's Doug Wemhoff (45) and Bergan's Paul Krause go to the floor after a loose ball during Friday night's basketball game. Also moving in is Bergan's Kevin Ort-

meier (20). Wemhoff scored 31 points as Mount Michael defeated Bergan, 60-32. (Tribune Photo by Kim Heusel)

some mistakes and Mount Michael just stuck it to us."

Kane complimented Bergan on the way it played but said the Knights' fast-paced game may have been the difference in the end.

"Bergan played hard. They really did," Kane said. "You have to give them credit for that. But they played so darned hard that they might have run out of steam at the end of the game."

But Mount Michael seemed to be in control for most of the game despite the relatively close score through the first 2½ quarters.

"They didn't match up with us that well on defense," Kane said. "We just had some people who weren't doing anything in there."

But Sajevic felt his defense had

something to do with Mount Michael's problems.

"We stayed with our man-to-man defense most of the game," he said. "We switched to zone once when (Paul) Krause was out but they hit a couple of perimeter shots and it was a matter of them starting to pull away from us then so we went back to the man."

"Fundamentally we did a good job with it. We were just outmatched at two positions. We gave away four inches on Swanson and two or three inches on Krause. But we didn't break down. We made them earn their baskets."

Kane didn't think his team shot well but Mount Michael finished with a respectable 25-for-54 mark for the night while Bergan was 12-for-37 from the field.

Bergan was hurt at the free throw line where the Knights hit just eight of 20 free throw attempts. They were four-for-12 in the second half.

For Bergan, Meister was the only player in double figures with 11 points.

Bergan drops to 3-1 on the year while Mount Michael is 4-0. Bergan plays at Arlington tonight.

Elkhorn MM	18	10	14	18	60
Fremont Bergan	5	13	8	6	32

SCORING	
Mount Michael —	Mayberger 10, 1-1, 3, 21; Kinney 1, 0-0, 2, 2; Noble 0, 0-0, 0, 0; Matt 0, 1-2, 0, 1; Sojka 0, 1-2, 4, 1; Andrews 0, 0-0, 3, 0; Boyle 2, 0-0, 2, 4; Wemhoff 2, 7-8, 3, 31; Totals — 25, 10-13, 17, 60.

Bergan —	R. Ortmeier 0, 0-0, 0, 0; Swanson 3, 2-2, 2, 8; Korth 0, 0-0, 3, 0; Follett 0, 0-0, 1, 0; K. Ortmeier 2, 1-5, 1, 5; Tichota 0, 1-2, 0, 1; Henggeler 0, 2-2, 0, 2; Hamilton 1, 1-3, 0, 3; Meister 5, 1-5, 1, 11; Krause 1, 0-0, 5, 2; Beran 0, 0-0, 0, 0; Totals — 12, 6-20, 13, 32.
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# Mount Michael stifles Bergan

By TIM McNEIL  
Sports Correspondent  
ELKHORN - Intimidation, aggressive defense and turnovers proved to be Fremont Bergan's downfall Friday night. Elkhorn Mount Michael used all three to its advantage while gliding to a 58-30 win.

Jeff Jamrog's first half outside shooting paved the way for the Knights. Jamrog scored all 17 points in the two opening quarters.

Mount Michael took advantage of its height by putting relentless half-court pressure on Bergan's smaller guards. The end result was 18 first-half turnovers.

Bergan coach Joe Sajevic said, "Mount Michael's height and intimidation were the keys."

"Our guards had problems passing over Mount Michael's guards," said Sajevic. "They kept us out of our offense all night and forced us to take passes we normally wouldn't try. Their tough, aggressive defense intimidated us."

Mount Michael took control from the opening tip and jumped to a quick 17-6 lead by quick cross-court passing and cashing in on second shots. Jamrog and Paul McCann's outside shooting opened up the mid-

dle for 6-4 sophomore Doug Wemhoff who scored 12 points for the night.

Jamrog continued his hot shooting in the second quarter as the Knights only allowed Bergan four second-quarter points.

Coach Sajevic said he didn't try to change anything in the second half.

"We wanted to take advantage of every fast break situation but they didn't give us many opportunities. I told the kids to play hard in the second half and look for the fast break," he said.

Bergan did play hard in the second half, but Mount Michael continued to dominate. Bergan was forced out of its offense and failed to stop the inside penetration of the Knights.

Bergan fell to 1-4 with the loss and plays Arlington at home tonight. Mount Michael is 3-1.

Elkhorn MM	17	18	8	15	58
Fremont Bergan	6	4	8	12	30

**SCORING**  
Mount Michael — Mayberger 2, 0-0, 2, 4; Clvrez 2, 3-4, 0, 7; Kinney 0, 1-2, 0, 1; Jamrog 8, 1-2, 3, 17; McCann 4, 0-1, 0, 8; Hagemann 0, 2-4, 1, 2; Peterson 2, 1-4, 2, 5; Boyle 1, 0-0, 5, 2; Wemhoff 4, 4-6, 2, 12; Totals — 23, 12-27, 21, 58.  
Bergan — Beller 1, 0-0, 0, 2; Swanson 2, 1-3, 3, 5; Robinson 1, 2-2, 1, 4; Slupe 0, 4-5, 0, 4; Corth 3, 3-3, 3, 9; Meister 0, 1-2, 1, 1; Krause 1, 0-3, 4, 2; Munger 1, 1-3, 4, 3; Totals — 9, 12-21, 22, 30.



Fremont Bergan's Chris Uhlik (right) and Tony Slupe (left) battle Mount Michael's Joe Hettinger (34) during Friday night's basketball game. Mount Michael won the game, 58-30. (Tribune Photo by Jeff Bundy)

## Dragons Roll Past Mount Michael

# Gretna Halts 1-Man Myth in Win

By Larry Fauss  
World-Herald Correspondent

Elkhorn, Neb. — Gretna may have laid to rest the myth that the Dragons would be a one-man team this year with a 49-40 basketball victory Friday night over Elkhorn Mount Michael.

With only Craig Frahm returning from last year's Class B championship team, the assumption was that the Dragons would be in trouble with a lack of depth. But enter Alan Horst and Brad Fleck, who combined for 27 points.

Fleck also added a game-high 11 rebounds for the 2-0 Dragons. Gretna held a 34-27 rebounding advantage for the game.

"That's a super game," Gretna Coach Tim Hoffman said of Horst and Fleck. "We've shown one thing, we don't have to rely on Craig Frahm."

**Knights Start Quick**  
Mount Michael moved to a 19-14 first-quarter lead with five-for-five field goal shooting in the first four minutes. Three of the baskets were by Paul McCann and single field goals came from Jeff Jamrog and Tim Wilcox.

Even though Gretna trailed, Hoffman

said he wasn't displeased by the Dragon defense.

"In that situation, you just hope they cool off," he said. "I wasn't disappointed in the defense because they (Mount Michael's field goals) weren't from inside the lane."

But the first quarter was about all Mount Michael could muster offensively. It took the remaining three quarters for the Knights to match the 19 first-quarter points as Mount Michael shot only 38 percent from the field. At the free throw line, Mount Michael hit on only two of 11 attempts for 18 percent.

**Fleck Keys Rally**  
Gretna unlocked Mount Michael's zone defense with some sharp passing into the lane. The lane was the territory ruled by Horst and Fleck. Horst shot 70 percent from the field while Fleck hit 62 percent.

"We had to have some good passes to get in there," Hoffman said.

It was Fleck who supplied most of the punch in the second quarter as Gretna claimed the lead, a position the Dragons relinquished for only a minute in the third quarter.

Fleck hit a free throw and two field goals, one from the lane and the other a

layout, in a nine-point Gretna outburst at the start of the second quarter that gave the Dragons a 23-19 lead.

**Knights Hit Dry Spell**  
Jamrog reclaimed the lead for 2-1 Mount Michael with a right-corner shot in the third quarter. It would be five minutes until Mount Michael would score again as Gretna went on an eight-point scoring spree.

The game had to be a frustrating experience for McCann. After hitting his first three field goals, he couldn't find the mark, missing 12 of 17 attempts.

Offensive dry spells continued to plague the Knights in the final quarter. During one six-minute period, a two-pointer by McCann was the only score the Knights could muster.

Although Gretna was proving that it had more than Frahm on the floor, the junior was still a factor. His 12 points were second high for Gretna and he had seven rebounds.

Gretna	14	11	12	12	49
At Elkhorn MM	19	6	6	9	50

G—Ruff 0-1 4-5 4, Jeffries 0-0 0-0 0, Horst 7-10 2-2 16; Fleck 5-8 1-4 11, Frahm 5-12 2-2 12, Burke 3-5 0-2 6.  
MM—Mayberger 0-0 1-2 1, Clurel 2-3 0-0 4, Hettinger 0-3 0-0 0, Boyle 0-3 0-0 0, Wemhoff 0-2 0-1 6, Wilcox 4-6 0-0 8, Jamrog 5-13 0-4 10, McCann 8-20 1-2 17.

## Scotus Coach: It Was the Difference

# Defense Is Key for Mount Michael

By Larry Fauss  
World-Herald Correspondent

Elkhorn, Neb. — Columbus Scotus Coach Frank Spenceri said defense made the difference Friday night in his team's 50-40 basketball loss to Elkhorn Mount Michael.

"It was a defensive game," Spenceri said. "Their defense played 10 points better than our defense. You don't have to be a philosophical giant to figure that out."

Mount Michael, 11-1, relied on its traditional 1-3-1 zone defense to keep Scotus on its heels through most of the game played before a crowd estimated at 1,000 by school officials. The Knights held high-scoring Mark Brezinski to 14 points, eight of them on free throws.

But Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane said he wasn't that happy with the Knights at halftime, despite a 26-22 lead. "We've been holding our opponents to 35 a game and here they had 22," he said.

Brezinski had 12 of the Scotus total at intermission but he could muster only two free throws the rest of the game. "You can't keep a guy like Brezinski down all night," Kane said.

Scotus's defense was less successful in trying to stop Jeff Jamrog, Mount Michael's star. Jamrog scored five field goals in the first quarter and finished with a game-high 23 points.

"We knew where Brezinski was at and I know Frank (Spenceri) knew where Jamrog was all night," Kane said.

The Knights hit their first three shots, two of them by Jamrog, to claim a 6-0 lead.

Scotus was forced into making several comebacks, with Mount Michael grabbing a seven-point lead twice in the first half and opening leads of 10 and 11 points in the final two periods.

"There were times when they could have blown us out of the gym," Spenceri said. "Our kids showed a lot of class and guts against a finely coached team."

Mistakes and bad shots, Kane said, kept the Knights from pulling away. "We got it up to 11 or so and then threw up some bricks," he said.

Scotus, 6-5, staged a final comeback in the waning moments and cut Mount Michael's margin to 45-40 with 1:33 left. But five free throws boosted the Knights to the final 10-point margin.

"Fatigue may have set in the second half," Spenceri said.

"After the game, I told the kids we are just that far from being a decent ball club," he said, holding his fingers two inches apart.

Columbus Scotus.....10 12 7 11—40  
At Elkhorn MM.....14 12 12 12—50  
Scotus—Spenceri 2-6 4-6 8, Kelly 1-6 0-0 2, Quatrocchi 0-0 0-0 0, Heimann 3-4 0-2 6, Van Dyke 3-6 4-6 10, Brezinski 3-13 8-9 14. Totals: 12-35 16-23 40.  
MM—Mayberger 2-5 1-2 3, Jamrog 9-16 5-7 23, McCann 3-7 4-10, Wilcox 2-7 2-3 6, Hettinger 0-1 0-0 0, Boyle 0-0 0-0 0, Wemhoff 3-4 0-0 6. Totals: 19-40 12-16 30.

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## District B-1

# Boys' Basketball Tournament

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Hopkins Arena  
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### Blair Bears

Lt.	Dk.	Name	Ht.	Gr.	Lt.	Dk.	Name	Ht.	Gr.
10	11	Dan Petersen	5-9	12	32	33	Scott Nicholson	5-10	12
12	13	Brad Stender	5-9	11	34	35	Scott Moore	6-0	12
14	15	Shawn Wederquist	6-1	12	40	41	Steve Green	6-1	12
20	21	Phil Seevers	5-10	10	42	43	Keith Gregerson	6-0	10
22	23	Scott Hazard	5-11	12	44	45	John Burge	6-5	12
24	25	Steve Johnson	6-1	11			Todd VanScoy	6-0	10
30	31	Jay Nielsen	6-1	12			Paul Andersen	6-1	10

Head Coach: Ken Rohwer  
Colors: Purple, Gold, and White

### Gretna Dragons

Lt.	Dk.	Name	Ht.	Gr.	Lt.	Dk.	Name	Ht.	Gr.
10	11	Vince Burgett	5-11	12	32	33	Brad Fleck	6-0	12
12	13	Daryl Jahn	5-11	12	34	35	Craig Frahm	6-2	11
14	15	Kelly Carl	5-11	11	40	41	Scott Dostal	6-1	10
20	21	Jim Ruff	5-5	12	42	43	David Burke	6-1	12
22	23	Todd Jeffries	5-11	11	44	45	Bryan Ruffcorn	6-3	11
24	25	Dean Horst	6-0	11			Chris Ehrhorn	6-2	12
30	31	Alan Horst	5-11	12					

Head Coach: Tim Hoffman  
Colors: Green and White

### Omaha Ryan Knights

Lt.	Dk.	Name	Ht.	Gr.	Lt.	Dk.	Name	Ht.	Gr.
10	11	Tim Huber	5-7	12	32	33	Matt McMillan	6-1	12
12	13	Ted DiGiacamo	5-10	10	34	35	Keith Kenny	5-10	11
14	15	Dan Carlson	5-9	11	40	41	Tony Bonifiglio	6-5	11
20	21	Doug Kidder	5-9	12	42	43	Greg Cherek	6-4	11
22	23	Rick Moffitt	5-10	11	44	45	Mike Urzendowski	6-2	11
24	25	Russ Wonderly	5-10	12			Mike Welch	5-10	10
30	31	Steve Wilhelm	6-0	10			Pat Johnson	5-9	10

Head Coach: Tim Lackovic  
Colors: Black and White

### Platteview Trojans

Lt.	Dk.	Name	Ht.	Gr.	Lt.	Dk.	Name	Ht.	Gr.
10	11	Scott Kriefels	6-0	10	30	31	Tim Lorenz	5-11	12
12	13	Rob Willms	5-9	11	32	33	Tony Stepanek	6-2	12
14	15	Ken Cloyd	5-11	11	34	35	Mike Gray	6-0	11
20	21	Mark Vincent	5-6	11	40	41	Doug Carter	6-0	12
22	23	Jim Paschal	5-8	11	42	43	Chris DeMarque	6-0	11
24	25	Steve Isenberg	5-10	11	44	45	Monte Neitzel	6-2	10

Head Coach: John McGill  
Colors: Red and White

### Elkhorn Mount Michael Knights

Lt.	Dk.	Name	Ht.	Gr.	Lt.	Dk.	Name	Ht.	Gr.
10	11	Jim Mayberger	5-10	11	30	31	Tim Wilcox	6-2	12
12	13	Jeff Ciurej	5-8	12	32	33	Mark Matt	5-10	11
14	15	John Kinney	6-2	10	34	35	Joe Hettinger	6-3	12
20	21	Jeff Jamrog	6-1	12	40	41	Roger Peterson	6-1	12
22	23	Paul McCann	6-0	12	42	43	Rich Boyle	6-2	11
24	25	Al Hagemann	6-0	12	44	45	Doug Wemhoff	6-4	10

Head Coach: Jim Kane  
Colors: Black, Red, and White

### Omaha Roncalli Crimson Pride

Lt.	Dk.	Name	Ht.	Gr.	Lt.	Dk.	Name	Ht.	Gr.
10	11	Tim Hand	5-10	10	32	33	Dave Gerkin	6-1	11
12	13	Dave Gau	5-11	12	34	35	Pat Lynch	6-2	12
14	15	Jordan Ramsey	5-9	11	40	41	Chris Walz	6-5	12
20	21	Dan Grasso	6-1	11	42	43	Mike Wesely	6-4	12
22	23	Mick McGill	6-1	11	44	45	John Dewhurst	6-5	12
24	25	Gary Washington	6-0	11	50	51	Jerry Schrad	6-6	11
30	31	Mark Oswald	6-2	11					

Head Coach: Terry Kocsis  
Colors: Crimson and Gold

### Boys Town Cowboys

Lt.	Dk.	Name	Ht.	Gr.	Lt.	Dk.	Name	Ht.	Gr.
10	11	Mark Tilden	5-10	12	32	33	Eric Lounds	5-11	11
12	13	Tim McFadden	5-8	11	34	35	Tony Parker	6-2	11
14	15	Rod James	5-10	11	40	41	Ken Reed	5-10	12
20	21	Andre Speaks	6-1	11	42	43	Pierre Bailey	6-0	11
22	23	Tony Mondy	5-11	10	44	45	Tony Moore	6-4	11
24	25	Mark Haberberger	6-0	11	50	51	Craig Dixon	6-1	11
30	31	Mike Dutton	6-0	12					

Head Coach: Dan Schneiss  
Colors: Blue and White

### Elkhorn Antlers

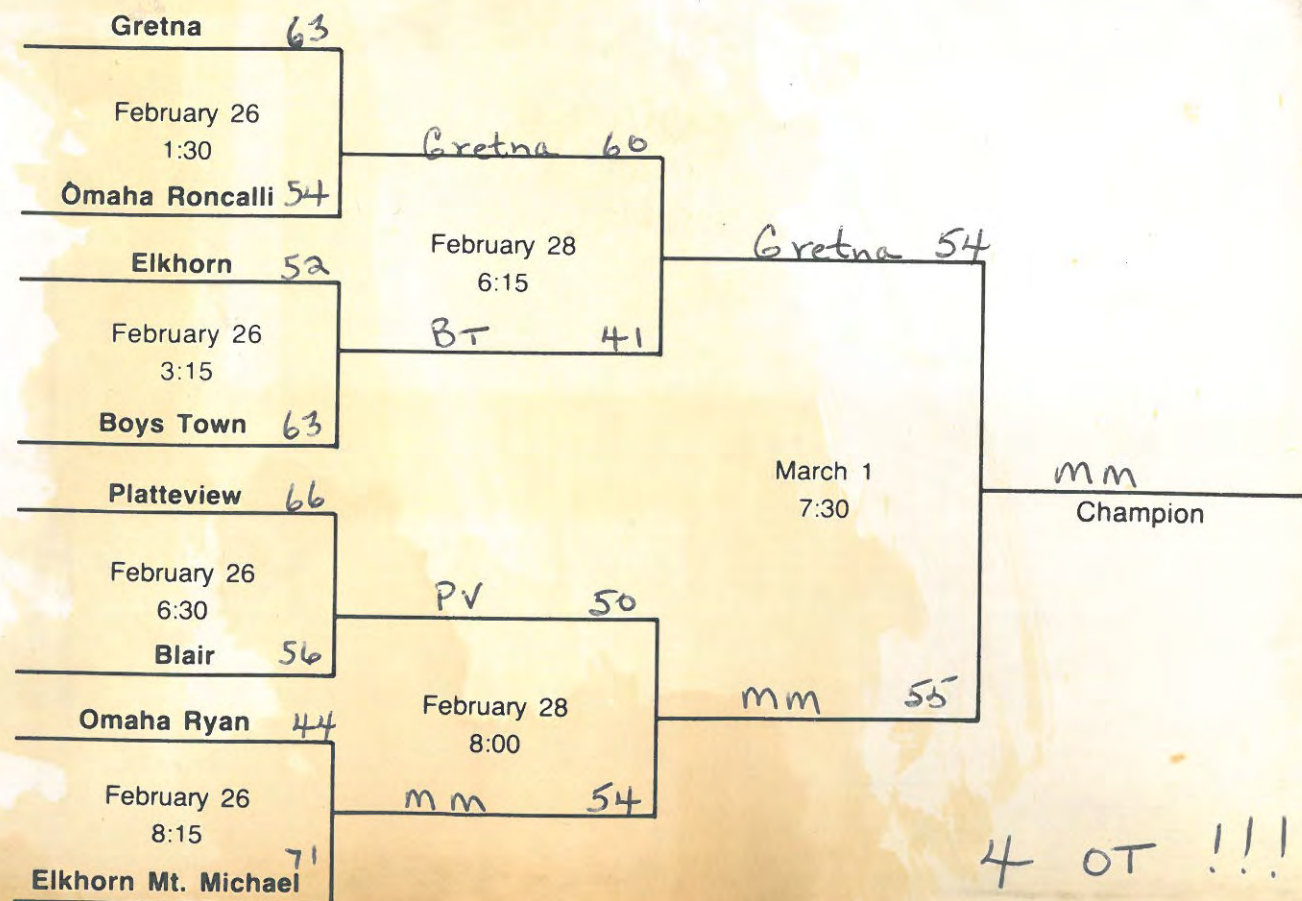
Lt.	Dk.	Name	Ht.	Gr.	Lt.	Dk.	Name	Ht.	Gr.
10	11	Mike Peters	6-1	11	34	35	Jim McArdle	6-4	12
14	15	Jay Pilkington	5-9	10	40	41	Ron Prideaux	6-1	12
20	21	Richard Hilske	6-2	11	42	43	Mitch Rolfes	6-3	11
22	23	Doug Hays	5-10	12	44	45	Steve Thacker	5-10	12
24	25	Derrick Olsen	5-9	12	50	51	Tim McArdle	6-1	10
30	31	Roger Hunwarden	5-10	11	52	53	Brad Olsen	5-7	10
32	33	Todd Jorgensen	6-0	12	54	55	Dale Cheloha	5-11	10

Head Coach: John Bacus  
Colors: Red and White

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# District B-1

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# Elkhorn MM, Gretna to meet in B-1 championship

By Mike Babcock  
Staff Sports Writer

FREMONT — If you can believe Platteview boys' basketball coach John McGill, Class B second-ranked Elkhorn Mount Michael will win its rematch with sixth-rated Gretna when the teams play for the championship of the B-1 District on Tuesday night.

"I think Mount Michael might get it because of their outside shooting," McGill said after his team dropped a 54-50 decision to the Knights in semifinal action Monday night at Midland College's Hopkins Arena.

Earlier in the season, Platteview lost to Gretna by six points.

McGill considered his prediction. "Actually, I really don't care who wins," he said, pausing again then adding: "But I will be here to watch it."

Gretna, the defending state Class B champion, pulled within one victory of another trip to the state tournament by defeating Boys Town, 60-41, in Monday night's first game.

The Dragons, 19-2, handed Mount Michael its only loss in 19 games, 49-40, early in the

season. Gretna coach Tim Hoffman downplays the significance of that first meeting, however.

"The game was so far back, we can hardly remember it," said Hoffman. Besides, "our thinking is, they're No. 2 and we're No. 6 so the monkey's on their back."

Mount Michael coach Jim Kane didn't think his team played like No. 2 on Monday night. "Gretna looks like it's really playing well right now; they look sharp, and if

we play like we did tonight, they'll beat us by 30 points."

Kane smiled and amended his prediction. "This is a good bunch," he said. "We'll play well tomorrow night. It'll be a good game."

The 54-50 final score would seem to indicate Mount Michael's game with Platteview was a good one. Depending on which side you supported, that's partly accurate. Mount Michael held a 17-point lead halfway through the third quarter, but Platte-

view battled back.

At the outset, "we were intimidated by them," said McGill, whose team finished 9-9 after starting the season 1-6. "Our kids were, and I was, too."

"Mount Michael was ripe to get beat tonight, and we just weren't good enough to beat 'em," he said.

Platteview's biggest concern was the Knights' Paul McCann, who hit 8 of his first 10 shots on the way to a game-high 22 points. "We like

to think we've got three good shooters, but (Jeff) Jamrog and (Jim) Mayberger didn't shoot worth a darn tonight," said Kane.

Jamrog got 10 rebounds and finished with 11 points, but he had to work hard for each one. Mayberger scored six points.

Platteview was led by 6-2 sophomore Monte Neitzel, who scored 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Ken Cloyd added 12 points.

Gretna's Craig Frahm

provided most of the offensive show in Monday's first game. In a little more than three quarters, the 6-2 junior scored 26 points and pulled down 13 rebounds. "We knew if we took it inside, we'd either score or get them in foul trouble," Hoffman said.

Boys Town was led by junior Pierre Bailey who finished with 14 points, 10 of them in the fourth quarter. Tony Moore, another junior, added 10 points to the Cowboy total.

Hoffman expects a low-scoring battle in Tuesday's 7:30 p.m. championship game. "We play under control; that's the key to our season," he said. "And Mount Michael is a control team, too."

Kane wasn't going to argue with that assessment of his 18-1 Knights. "I'd take my chances on the (score being in the) 40s," Kane said.

According to Platteview's McGill, whatever the score, it should be a good one.

## Elkhorn MM sends defending champ home in 4 OT game

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### Gretna must forfeit five games

FREMONT — The Gretna boys basketball team must forfeit five games for using an ineligible player, coach Tim Hoffman said Tuesday night.

According to Hoffman, a Gretna substitute came to him and admitted playing in a church league after reading newspaper accounts of the recent forfeits the Nebraska Schools Activities Association handed Lincoln Pius X for using a similarly

ineligible player.

"He had the courage to come to us," said Hoffman, who declined to identify the player, noting: "He feels bad enough the way it is."

Hoffman said his 19-3 team would have to forfeit victories over Valley, Wahoo, Plattsmouth, Crete and Blair, making its final, official record 14-8. But "in our hearts we're still 19-3, and you can't take it out of our hearts."

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## Mount Michael edges Gretna in four overtimes

Elkhorn Mount Michael basketball coach Jim Kane called Tuesday night's district championship game the most exciting game he's ever been associated with. Most fans at Midland Lutheran College's Hopkins Arena probably agreed as the Knights earned yet another trip to the state basketball tournament with a 55-54 victory over defending state champion Gretna in four overtimes.

"I've been in coaching 25 years and this was the most exciting game I've ever been associated with," Kane said. "The boys played well. It's really too bad Gretna had to lose but I'd rather it be them than us."

Paul McCann hit a 15-foot shot with four seconds left to play in the fourth extra period to lift the Knights to the victory. It also avenged Mount Michael's only loss of the year, a 49-40 setback to the Dragons early in the season.

"We really had some ups and downs this year," Kane said when reminded of that earlier loss. "By the middle of January we started playing real well. Last night was a very well-played game by both teams."

Mount Michael, a veteran state tournament team, is making its second straight trip to the Class B meet. The Knights lost in the first round last year but they will be the top seed this year and will apparently face Lexington, 8-11, in a 2 p.m. March 10.

"We've just had a superior year after winning the football championship," Kane said. "A lot of those same kids are on the basketball team but when we get down there (Lincoln) there will be a lot of good teams. But this is a solid team and I feel pretty good about their chances."

But it took McCann's shot to assure the Knights of a try at the state title this year.

"We had the thing won about three times and they (Gretna) thought they had won it at the end if McCann hadn't made that shot," Kane said. "It was such and up and down thing. We had the ball at the end of nearly every period with the score tied and we couldn't win it. We were fortunate we came out on top."

The Knights appeared to be in good shape near the end of regulation time when, with the score tied 41-41, Gretna was assessed a technical foul for not being aggressive enough on defense.

McCann hit the free throw with 24 seconds left but the Knights lost a chance to seal the win when Jim Mayberger missed a one-and-one free throw chance with 14 second left. Craig Frahm hit a free throw with

eight seconds to play to send the game into overtime to set up the dramatic extra periods and McCann's clutch basket.

"(Jeff) Jamrog had fouled out," Kane said, "and Paul was our best shooter in the game. We gave to him and told him to shoot it and we'd try to get under for a rebound. Fortunately it went in."

Mayberger led the Knights with 22 points while McCann and Jamrog had 13 each. Mount Michael is 19-1 after the victory.

Elkhorn MM	7	14	14	7	2	4	2	5	55
Gretna	9	9	14	10	2	4	2	4	54
SCORING									
Mount Michael — Mayberger 8, 6-7, 22; Jamrog 4, 5-7, 13; McCann 4, 5-6, 13;									
Wilcox 0, 1-2, 1; Wemhoff 3, 0-0, 6; Totals — 19, 17-22, 55.									
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## Free throws lead Mount Michael

Elkhorn Mount Michael hit 37 of 52 free throw attempts enroute to a 71-44 victory over Omaha Ryan in the B-1 district boys' basketball tournament Saturday night.

Mount Michael will meet Platteview, a 66-56 winner over Blair, tonight at 8:00. Gretna will play Boys Town in the first game at Midland College's Hopkins Arena tonight. Gretan defeated Omaha Roncalli 63-54 and Boys Town topped Elkhorn 63-52 in Saturday's other first-round games.

Jeff Jamrog had 20 points to pace Mount Michael's victory Saturday afternoon. The Knights outscored Ryan 20-9 in the second quarter to take a 36-19 halftime lead and never looked back.

Blair outscored Platteview 33-29 in the second half but it was too little too late as Platteview built a 37-25 cushion at halftime. Phil Seevers led Blair with 15 points while Shawn Wederquist had 12 points and Steve Johnson 11.

Jim McArdle had 14 points in Elkhorn's losing effort. The Antlers fell behind by 10 points at halftime and couldn't make up the difference. Jay Pilkington added 11 points.

Boys Town 63, Elkhorn 52  
Boys Town.....17 16 14 16—63  
Elkhorn.....10 13 13 16—52

SCORING  
Elkhorn — Pilkington 11, Olson 8, Jorgensen 4, J. McArdle 14, Prideaux 10, Thacker 2, T. McArdle 3; Totals — 22, 8-15, 11, 52.

Platteview 66, Blair 56  
Platteview.....19 18 15 14—66  
Blair.....15 10 15 16—56

SCORING  
Blair — Shawn Wederquist 12, Phil Seevers 15, Scott Hazard 8, Steve Johnson 11, Jay Nielsen 6, Steve Green 2; Totals — 24, 8-13, 19, 56.

Elkhorn MM 71, Omaha Ryan 44  
Omaha Ryan.....10 9 15 10—44  
Elkhorn MM.....16 20 16 19—71

SCORING  
Mount Michael — Mayberger 17, Scieuej 2, Kinney 2, Jamrog 20, McCann 12, Wilcox 6, Hettinger 3, Peterson 4, Wimmhoff 4; Totals — 17, 37-52, 14, 71.

# McCann Ends Marathon, Sends Mt. Michael to State

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with five fouls, still had its arms wrapped around an apparent victory when senior Brad Fleck hit a 15-foot jumper from the left side with 11 seconds remaining in the fourth overtime. Fleck's bucket put Gretna ahead 54-53.

Mount Michael brought the ball up near the mid-court line, then called time with six seconds left.

When play resumed, Jim Mayberger flipped the in-bounds pass to McCann. He caught the ball near the time line, then began to dribble for the key. McCann reached the free-throw line, pulled up and fired. It was a swisher.

"Believe it or not, it worked about the way we planned it," Kane said. "We told him to start deep, dribble up and shoot. Everybody else was just to crash the boards. It wasn't very complicated, but it worked."

### Lost Track of Time

The Knights were without starters Doug Wernhoff and Jeff Jamrog when McCann finally ended the marathon. Wernhoff and Jamrog, like the three Gretna starters, had each drawn five fouls.

Both Kane and Gretna Coach Tim Hoffman confessed they had no idea how many overtimes had been required.

"All I know is that our kids just kept coming back," said Hoffman. "They would not say die. They went out like champions."

"What more could you ask? It was basket for basket, free throw for free throw, rebound for rebound. I'm so proud of every one of those kids."

Kane said the game was everything he expected it would be.

"I knew this game would be that way," he said. "We both play tough defense and are deliberate on offense. I told my kids at halftime they had to turn it into an alley fight. It was."

### Gained Revenge

Mount Michael, ranked No. 2, raised its record to 19-1 as the Knights gained revenge for their lone loss of the season. Gretna won 49-40 on Dec. 10.

Gretna is rated No. 6, but toppled fourth-ranked Seward in the final game of the regular season. Seward also reached the state tourney Tuesday night by stunning top-ranked Lincoln Plus X 53-50.

Mount Michael will be attempting to add the state basketball crown to the one it captured last fall in football.

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—Burke gave Gretna a 46-44 lead early in the second overtime by driving the lane for a layup. McCann and Mayberger each drilled two free throws for the Knights. Gretna lost Frahm on fouls with 50 seconds left. McCann missed a one-and-one with 17 seconds left. Gretna tied with four seconds left on a layup by Fleck.

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Gretna's Fleck then tied up Mayberger and won the jump ball. That turnover was Mount Michael's first since the second quarter. The Dragons tied when Todd Jeffries slipped a pass inside to Bryan Ruffcorn, who scored with two seconds remaining.

"It's a shame someone had to lose, and I mean that sincerely," Kane said. "But better them than us."

## Gretna Beaten By Mt. Micheal In 4 Overtimes

By Larry Porter

World-Herald Staff Writer

Fremont, Neb. — Paul McCann's jumper from the free throw line with two seconds remaining in the fourth overtime gave Elkhorn Mount Michael a 55-54 victory over Gretna Tuesday night and shoved the Knights into the Class B state tourney field.

A crowd of 2,100 at Midland College roared itself hoarse as the two heavyweights traded lethal punches that would have decked most common teams.

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The score was tied at the end of regulation 42-42; after one overtime 44-44; after two overtimes 48-48, and after three overtimes 50-50.

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CLASS B	
Hartington CC 61	Grand Island NW 49
Elkhorn MM 61	Lexington 42
Fairbury 89	O'Neill 53
Seward 84	Mitchell 36
CLASS C	
Howells 73	Stromsburg 56
Henderson 76	Plainview 60
Omaha Cathedral 85	Indianola RV 69
Grant 52	Stanton 51
CLASS D	
Dalton-Leyton 48	Pleasanton 40
Lawrence 61	Filley 45
Coleridge 75	Loomis 52
Spalding Academy 59	Fairmont 50

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### Boys' basketball ratings

(Final)

#### Top Ten

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 — Millard South (20-3)  | 6 — O. Northwest (17-6)    |
| 2 — Omaha Westside (23-2) | 7 — Lincoln High (13-8)    |
| 3 — Omaha Bryan (14-6)    | 8 — Omaha South (13-9)     |
| 4 — Lincoln East (15-5)   | 9 — Creighton Prep (13-10) |
| 5 — Norfolk (17-3)        | 10 — Omaha North (13-9)    |

**Comment** — The same Omaha district provides the Top Ten with its top three rated teams. Wild Card State Champ Millard South No. 1, district champ Westside second and district runnerup Bryan third. Omaha South, yet another team out of that district, earns the eighth position in the final ratings. Creighton Prep and Omaha North both played their way into the ratings through district and state, replacing Scottsbluff and Omaha Tech.

#### Class B

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 — Elkhorn MM (22-1)     | 6 — Hartington CC (20-4)   |
| 2 — Fairbury (22-4)       | 7 — Ashland (16-5)         |
| 3 — Gretna (14-8)         | 8 — North Bend (18-3)      |
| 4 — Seward (21-4)         | 9 — Grand Island NW (18-5) |
| 5 — Lincoln Pius X (15-6) | 10 — Norris (15-8)         |

**Comment** — Non state tourney qualifier Gretna cracks the top three by virtue of its four-overtime loss to Mount Michael in the district finals, a previous win over Mount Michael and a season-ending victory over Seward on the road. But the Dragons' record, like fifth-ranked Lincoln Pius, is tarnished by five forfeits. Hartington CC, North Bend and Norris are new entries, replacing Cozad, Sidney and Mitchell.



Chuck Sinclair

#### Class C

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 — Howells (23-2)         | 6 — Sandy Creek (17-4)       |
| 2 — Henderson (23-1)       | 7 — Sutton (16-4)            |
| 3 — Omaha Cathedral (20-5) | 8 — Republican Valley (17-2) |
| 4 — Grant (21-4)           | 9 — Stromsburg (20-4)        |
| 5 — Stanton (20-3)         | 10 — North Platte SP (18-3)  |

**Comment** — North Platte St. Pats earned the No. 10 position over Tecumseh. Stromsburg gains ratings status for the first time after making the state tournament field. Henderson holds the runnerup position to state champ Howells despite losing in the semifinals to the Bobcats. Cathedral is a very close third.

#### Class D

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 — Lawrence (23-1)          | 6 — Spalding Academy (19-2) |
| 2 — Coleridge (22-3)         | 7 — Pleasanton (19-4)       |
| 3 — Leyton (20-3)            | 8 — Nelson (14-3)           |
| 4 — Maxwell (21-1)           | 9 — Lodgepole (17-4)        |
| 5 — Neb. City Lourdes (22-3) | 10 — Sumner (15-3)          |

**Comment** — The ten teams rated entering districts remain that way, but in quite a different order with previously sixth Lawrence now holding down the No. 1 position. Maxwell, the top-ranked and unbeaten leader entering districts is now fourth.

# Mount Michael hopes for second title

By TOM VINT  
Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN (AP) — Elkhorn Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane isn't fickle, he is seasonal.

Among the last of the major high school coaches who takes on the challenges of coaching both football and basketball as well as track in the spring, Kane said he's not certain which sport he likes better.

"I guess you kind of like the one you have the most talent in," he said. "That and the season you're in at the time. You know, I don't know if I like one any more than the other."

Actually this season, Kane has to like both sports quite well. His football team captured the Class B state championship and his basketball team has qualified as the top-seeded team in the State High School Boys Basketball Tournament to open Thursday in Lincoln for Class B.

"I don't know of anybody right off who coaches both these sports (football and basketball)," said Kane. "Anymore there are so many sports it seems like you have to have somebody for each one. But I've always liked it this way.

"I've always felt that having one coach helps me. I think it allows me to know the kids a lot better. The kids may get pretty tired of me but it also gives them a better understanding of what to expect from me, what makes me mad and what makes me happy."

Kane has three starters who also started on his unbeaten football squad. All-stater Jeff Jamrog is the team's leading scorer and quarterback Paul McCann and tight end Tim Wilcox also are leaders.

Jamrog is averaging more than 17 points per game

for the Knights while McCann is scoring an average of 11.4 points per game. It was McCann's shot from the free throw line with four seconds left that lifted Mount Michael to a 55-54 four-overtime victory over defending state champion Gretna in the district championship game.

Kane is hoping the winning ways of his seniors will carry over to their third trip to the state tournament. "We've been down there five of the last six years and it'll be a third trip for Jamrog and Wilcox," Kane said. His team lost in the first round last year, but said Kane, "I hope they get excited one of these years down there."

The veteran Mount Michael coach said Seward, which beat Lincoln Pius X in districts, and Fairbury appear to have the strongest teams in the tournament.

"You don't find many poor teams at state," Kane said. "Before districts everybody kind of thought (Lincoln) Pius would have the best team but Seward beat them. It may sound kind of bad but that's a good deal. As a coach, you want to keep every good team out of the tournament."

## Boys' state basketball tournament

By The Associated Press  
Nebraska State Tournament

Class A  
All Games At Devaney Center  
Wednesday's First Round

Noon, Millard South (17-4) vs. Omaha North (13-8)

2 p.m., Norfolk (17-2) vs. Omaha Creighton Prep (12-9)

6 p.m., Omaha Northwest (17-5) vs. Lincoln East (14-4)

8 p.m., North Platte (8-10) vs. Omaha Westside (21-1)

Class B

Thursday's First Round  
At Devaney Center

Noon, Hartington CC (19-3) vs. Grand Island NW (18-4)

2 p.m., Lexington (8-11) vs. Elkhorn MM (19-1)

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9 p.m., Seward (20-3) vs. Mitchell (15-4)

Class C

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At Devaney Center

10 a.m., Howells (20-2) vs. Stromsburg (20-3)

5 p.m., Plainview (15-5) vs. Henderson (22-0)

At Pershing Auditorium

2 p.m., Indianola RV (17-1) vs. Omaha Cathedral (18-4)

9 p.m., Stanton (20-2) vs. Grant (20-3)

Class D

Thursday's First Round  
At Pershing Auditorium

10 a.m., Pleasanton (19-3) vs. Dalton Leyton (19-2)

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5 p.m., Loomis (17-4) vs. Coleridge (20-2)

7 p.m., Spalding Academy (18-1) vs. Fairmont (15-4)

## Defense Key to 61-42 Win

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# Elkhorn MM Routs Lex

By Lee Barfknecht

World-Herald Staff Writer

Lincoln — Elkhorn Mount Michael sprinkled some balanced scoring in with its usual formula of four parts defense to bounce Lexington from the Class B Nebraska boys high school basketball tournament Thursday.

The Knights, second-ranked and 20-1, held Lexington to just three field goals in the first 14 minutes of the second half to pull away to a 61-42 win at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

"We played OK," Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane said. "We always like to play better. But defensively, we held them down pretty good."

The Knights' 1-3-1 half-court zone limited 8-12 Lexington to just one-of-nine shooting in the third quarter.

Mount Michael took advantage of that cold spell to build a 40-27 lead, then pushed it to 21 points in the fourth quarter.

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Wilcox Praised

McCann hit five of six shots in the first quarter as Mount Michael jumped to an 18-8 lead.

"Paul got us going even though Jeff has been our leading scorer," Kane said. "Then Jeff got it going."

Kane also praised Tim Wilcox, who had nine points and 11 rebounds.

Lexington made a run in the second quarter, getting within six points. But the Minutemen were hampered when leading scorer Mitch Muma went down with an ankle injury.

"I thought it would have been a barn-burner if Mitch hadn't got hurt," Lexington Coach Kent Meyer said. "We lost our offensive flow when he went out."

Muma did come back in the second half, but scored just four points.

### 'Had Chances'

Lexington also missed the front end of three one-and-one free throws in the second quarter.

"They're a great ballclub," Meyer said, "but we had some chances."

Lexington entered the tournament with the worst record of any team in the four classes.

"We respected them very much, but we didn't fear them," he said. "I don't think many people gave us a shot. But if we had made those free throws in the second quarter, it could've been more of a game like the kids and I expected."

Milan Norton led Lexington with 13 points.

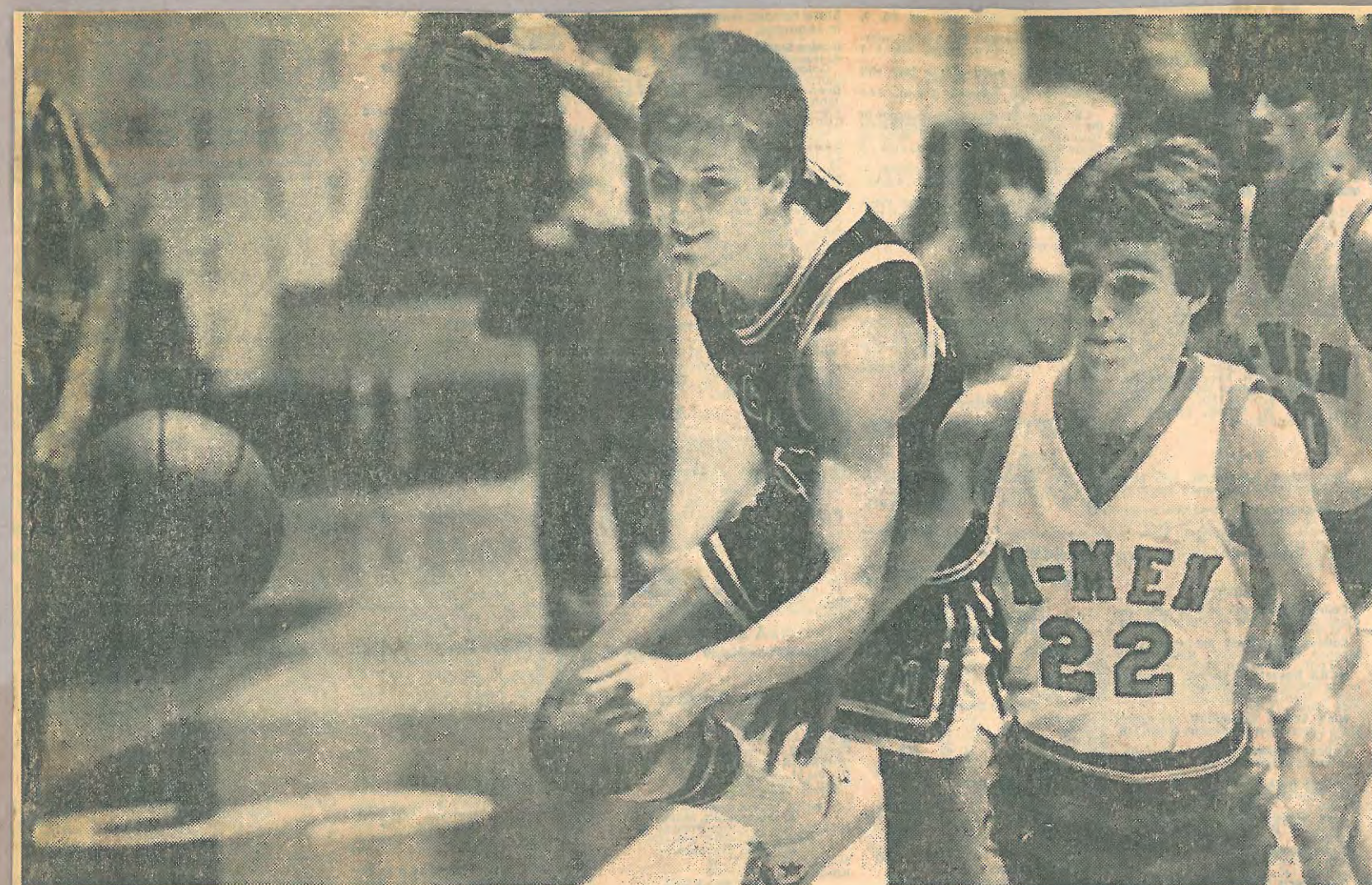
Elkhorn Mount Michael meets Hartington Cedar Catholic in today's semifinals at 2.

Elkhorn MM ..... 18 12 10 21-61  
Lexington ..... 8 13 6 15-42  
MM — Mayberger 1-5 4-5 6, Jamrog 5-11 3-4 13,  
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7 9, Matt 1-1 0-0 2, Heffinger 0-1 0-0 0, Peterson 1-1 0-0  
2, Boyle 0-1 2-2 2, Wemhoff 5-11 0-1 10. Totals: 21-47  
19-24 61.

— Grafelman 0-1 0-1 0, Gruidel 2-2 0-0 4, Muma  
2-5 0-0 4, Higgins 0-6 3-5 3, Norton 4-4 5-7 13, Chri-  
singer 2-2 2-3 6, Trueblood 2-15 2-2 6, Neil 1-1 0-0 2,  
Kennedy 2-2 0-0 4. Totals: 15-42 12-18 42.

Turnovers — Elkhorn MM 13, Lexington 20. Field  
goal percentage — Elkhorn MM 44.7, Lexington 21.  
35.7. Total fouls — Elkhorn MM 17, Lexington 21.  
Fouled out — Lexington, Chrisinger, Trueblood.





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Going for the ball . . . Elkhorn Mount Michael's Tim Wilcox, left, and Lexington's Dirk Higgins reach for a loose ball. Mount Michael posted a 61-42 victory.



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The chase is on . . . Lexington's Daren Chrisinger, left, tries to keep up with Elkhorn Mount Michael's Jim Mayberger.

## Elkhorn MM, Hartington CC advance

By Ken Hambleton  
of The Lincoln Star

Like the classic matchups between the boxer and the slugger, Elkhorn Mount Michael and Hartington Cedar Catholic await Friday's Class B semifinal at 2 p.m. at Pershing Auditorium.

Top-seeded Elkhorn MM powered its way past Lexington, 61-42, while unranked Hartington CC raced past tenth-rated Grand Island Northwest, 61-49, in first round games Thursday afternoon before 5,251 fans at the Sports Center.

"We've got the kids who

can muscle around, but Hartington CC has the shooters and they like to use a little more finesse than we do," Elkhorn MM Coach Jim Kane said.

Cedar Catholic counted on 54 percent shooting from the field, including a 10 of 14 shooting effort by junior Tom

Vlach to overcome the Vikings.

The Trojans, Class B champions in 1980, took an early lead and with the outside shooting of Vlach and guard Mark Schieffer, expanded the margin to 24-13 with 5:53 left in the first half.

Northwest started working

the ball inside to Dan Hartman and Kurt Grimminger in the third quarter and the Vikings took a 39-38 lead with 1:47 left in the period on consecutive baskets by Hartman.

But three straight baskets by the Trojans, including 15-

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foot jumpers by Thom Kastrup and Vlach, put Cedar Catholic ahead 44-39 with 7:26 left in the game.

The Vikings never threatened again. After opening the fourth quarter hitting three of four shots, GINW missed its next 13 shots from the field, while the Trojans pulled away.

"We tried to pressure their shooters and the high post, and we got pretty tight on defense in the last quarter," Hartington CC Coach Bob Uhing said.

"This team has improved 100 percent since the start of the season, and all seven of our players have done it together," he said.

"Vlach had an outstanding start. Wherever he wants to shoot, that's okay with us," Uhing said. After missing his first shot, Vlach connected on seven straight shots, all but one from outside of 15 feet.

"When Northwest keyed on Vlach in the second half, we got some excellent shooting from Schieffer and Kastrup and Craig Leise got aggressive under the boards," Uhing said.

Schieffer finished with 17 points, while Leise tallied 11.

"We kept our composure when we lost the lead — maybe because we've won close games this season," he said. "We knew we had good athletes, but we didn't know how much they'd improve this season. It was a good sign today."

Northwest Coach Al Sheffield said he was impressed with Hartington CC's "intelligent play."

"They shot well when we had somebody on them, and they forced us into the kind of things we don't normally do," he said.

"I think they have an excellent chance if they shoot this well the rest of the tournament and keep that intensity," he said.

Elkhorn MM Coach Kane said after his team walloped Lexington the challenge in facing Hartington CC would be to stop their shooters.

"Through the course of the year, we know it's pretty tough to look good against us," he said.

The Knights, now 20-1 and ranked No. 2, battled to a 28-19 halftime lead behind the five-of-six outside shooting by Paul McCann, and four tipins by Tim Wilcox and Doug Wernhoff.

Elkhorn MM, the Class B football champions last fall, then scored seven straight points to open the second half, while Lexington missed its first seven shots and finished the third quarter with just one field goal.

"I was satisfied. Our defense had them in hand most of the game and when their (Mitch) Muma sprained an ankle, it really hurt them," Kane said.

"And when the game got physical we got the edge there, too," he said.

Milan Norton was the only player in double figures, with 13 points, for the Minutemen, who finished the season 8-12.



# Mount Michael's Defense Gobbles Up Hartington CC

By Steve Sinclair  
World-Herald Staff Writer

Lincoln — Elkhorn Mount Michael students have brought a Pac-Man sign to the Nebraska boys high school basketball tournament.

The Knights represent Pac-Man on the sign, and each of their opponents are creatures to be gobbled up.

When victory is apparent the students remove the creature and feed it to Pac-Man.

Hartington Cedar Catholic became the second opponent wiped out by Mount Michael Thursday as a 43-38 loser to the Knights in a Class B semifinal game at Pershing Auditorium.

One creature remains on the Pac-Man poster. If it enters Pac-Man's mouth this afternoon at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, it will be symbolic of Mount Michael's first state basketball championship and the style of play that advanced the Knights to the title game.

The Knights win with an aggressive 1-3-1 zone defense that chokes the life from its opponents.

"I'm going to be real honest," Coach Jim Kane said. "We really don't have a great offense any time. I know we're

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close to leading the state in defense. We have the last four or five years."

Fairbury, which scored 89 points in the first round against O'Neill and defeated Seward in Friday night's semifinals, will be Mount Michael's opponent in today's 2:10 p.m. championship game. The Knights, 21-1, are trying to add a state basketball championship to the football title they won last fall.

Cedar Catholic Coach Bob Uhing said with Mount Michael playing it will be a low-scoring game.

"They play the passing lanes so well," he said. "If people aren't breaking to the ball, you're in trouble."

Cedar Catholic suffered from that lack of movement in the decisive third quarter and scored only four points.

The 20-4 Trojans didn't score until 1:46 remained in the third quarter and Mount Michael took advantage to expand its 16-14 halftime lead to 28-14.

The game had been tied at 14-14 late in the low-scoring first half. Cedar Catholic opened a 5-0 lead early but went 5:40 without scoring and led only 8-6 after one quarter.

"Our defense really did a good job all day," Kane said. "Gosh darn, we just

played super defense.

"On offense in the first quarter, we left it back in Elkhorn. Maybe you've got to give them credit for that. I'm just happy our defense played so well and kept us in it until we got going."

The Knights got moving on offense at the start of the third quarter. Guard Jim Mayberger hit twice from the outside in the first minute to open a 20-14 lead.

"Jim's a good shooter," Kane said. "I told him at halftime they were going to make him all-state. They were letting him go."

Mount Michael increased its lead with two baskets by sophomore Doug Wemhoff, one by Paul McCann and another by Mayberger to complete its run to the 28-14 lead.

The Knights got the points they needed, but the defense was the key.

"That's the old momentum deal,"

Kane said. "We swiped a couple of passes and their guards got frustrated."

Mayberger and Jeff Jamrog led the Knights with 12 points each.

Mount Michael	6	10	12	15	43		
Hartington CC	8	6	4	20	38		
MM — Mayberger	4-11	4-4	12	McCann	2-6	0-0	4
Jamrog	6-9	0-5	12	Wilcox	0-5	7-10	7
Wemhoff	4-10	0-1	8	Totals	16-41	11-20	43
HCC — Schieffer	2-7	2-3	6	Kastrup	2-3	3-6	7
Blach	8-15	4-4	20	Liese	2-4	1-2	5
Becker	0-2	0-2	0	Totals	14-31	10-17	38
Turnovers	—	Mount Michael	12	Cedar Catholic	18	Field goal percentage	—
Mount Michael	39	Cedar Catholic	45.2	Total fouls	—	Mount Michael	16
Cedar Catholic	16	Cedar Catholic	17				

# Knights stymie Cedar Catholic

By Ken Hambleton  
of The Lincoln Star

Even the poorest offensive performance can be overcome by the best of defenses, Elkhorn Mt. Michael proved in a 43-38 victory over Hartington Cedar Catholic in the Class B semifinal of the Boys State Basketball Tournament Friday at Pershing Auditorium.

"I told the kids at halftime, 'we can't play any worse on offense,'" Elkhorn MM Coach Jim Kane said.

"But I don't care if the score is 4 to 3 for an hour as long as our defense gave us time to get the offense going," he said.

"We started the game as though we left our offense back in Elkhorn. I was happy our defense kept us in it," he said. "If you can keep someone to 37 points, you should be able to steal 50 or so. Keeping track of the score is a lot more important than scoring lots of points."

Second-rated Mt. Michael, now 21-1, took a 16-14 halftime lead on Jeff Jamrog's five-of-six shooting performance.

The Knights broke the game open in the second half, blanking Hartington CC for the first six minutes of the period and took a 28-14 lead with 2:05 left in the third quarter.

Junior EMM guard Jim Mayberger hit three 15-footers and sophomore teammate Doug Wemhoff added two more baskets in the 12-0 third-quarter start.

The Trojans, who had six turnovers and three missed shots to open the period, finally scored on back-to-back baskets by Tom Vlach, who finished with 20 points.

"We were lucky they had a third-quarter lull," Kane said.

"We weren't moving, they covered the passing lanes and we left Mayberger alone and they just got away from us," Trojan Coach Bob Uhing answered.

"One spurt in the third quarter and the game got out of hand," he said.

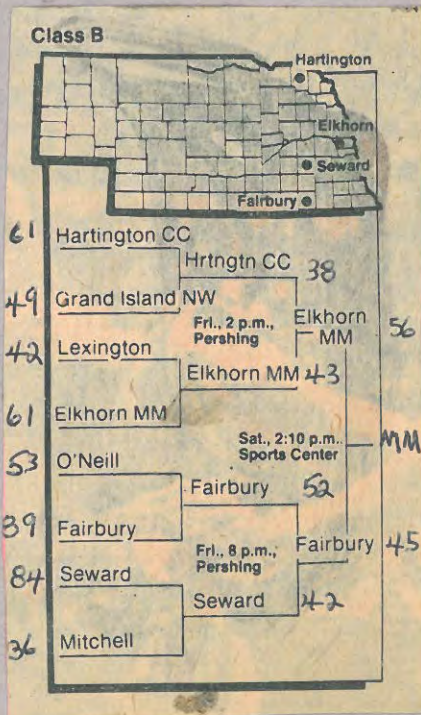
Hartington CC, which finished the season 20-4, chipped away at the lead in the fourth quarter, hitting seven of 10 shots from the field, while the Knights hit just two of seven.

But seven consecutive free throws by Tim Wilcox, a 43-percent free throw shooter during the season, and four straight charity shots by Mayberger gave Mt. Michael its first state championship berth since reaching the Class C finals in 1968.

"They missed three free throws in the final minute, but kept getting the offensive rebound. If we had gotten the boards and scored it would have been a different game," Uhing said.

"We kept fouling Wilcox, because he's not been their free throw shooter, and we avoided Jamrog. But Jamrog missed five free throws and Wilcox hit about everything," he said.

"Elkhorn MM is a great defensive team and has three great shooters," he said. "I think they'll be in the final with a good shot at winning. I guess the winner will be under 60 points. You can't force anything against that kind of defense."



# Mayberger leads Knights to victory

## Basketball crown is first for Mount Michael

By KIM HEUSEL  
Sports Editor

LINCOLN — Elkhorn Mount Michael was looking forward to the basketball season this year. The Knights had a veteran ballclub returning and they were ready to add to their Class B state football championship they had won last November.

But when the dust settled Saturday afternoon, it was a junior and one of the few non-football playing members of the Mount Michael basketball team who sparked the Knights to their first state basketball championship.

Jim Mayberger, a 5-10 junior guard, scored 15 points, 10 of them in the second half and eight in the third quarter, as Mount Michael rallied to defeat Fairbury 56-45 for the Class B state basketball championship at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

It was the first try at the Class B title for Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane although his 1968 team lost in the Class C finals to Grant.

"We may not be very pretty out there," Kane said, "but those kids play hard."

Fairbury took an early 8-1 lead in the game, the only Mount Michael point coming on a free throw by Mayberger with 5:36 left in the first period. But Mayberger connected on two field goals a short time later to slice the Fairbury lead to 8-5 before the Jeffs, behind the hot shooting of Bruce Zabel, built a 14-9 lead at the end of the first period.

Zabel, who finished the game with 18 points, had eight of them in the first period and added four more in the second quarter as Fairbury clung to a 27-24 halftime lead. It might have been more but the Knights' defense started to get in high gear and forced two straight

turnovers to slice a seven-point Jeffs lead to 23-22 with 2:06 left.

In the third quarter, Mount Michael's offense and defense clicked together. After Fairbury opened a 28-24 lead, Jeff Jamrog's two free throws with 7:25 left in the third period made it 28-26. Zabel hit for Fairbury to make it 30-26 but Paul McCann stole a Fairbury pass and Doug Wemhoff put in a rebound shot with 5:25 left to cut the lead to 30-38.

Wemhoff then rebounded a missed shot by Zabel and Mayberger hit to tie the game at 30-30, the first time the two teams had been even since the start of the game.

Mayberger scored again with 3:38 left and Mount Michael was in the lead for the first time and never trailed after that. Mayberger stole the ball and popped in another outside shot to give Mount Michael a 34-30 lead.

"Mayberger really did a super job of handling the ball for us," Kane said. "He was our catalyst. Jim was trying to beat his man one-on-one, which we thought he could do, and he just dumped it off inside when he didn't shoot it."

But the comeback appeared to be threatened when Jamrog fouled out of the game with five seconds left in the third quarter. His fourth foul was a controversial blocking call where he appeared to have perfect defensive position. Ironically, he was called for charging on his fifth foul.

"I didn't like either call," Kane said. "In the end they don't look that bad but at the time I didn't think much of them."

Jamrog said he was more upset with the blocking call than the charging foul.

"The fourth foul was the worst,"

he said. "I really thought I had pretty good position."

But as Kane said, in the end, it didn't really matter since Joe Hettinger proved to be an able substitute for Jamrog. Hettinger, a starter last year, hit a big basket from an assist from Mayberger with 6:34 left in the game that gave Mount Michael a 40-36 lead, and put in a rebound shot with 5:18 left that extended Mount Michael's advantage to 44-38 with 5:18 left. That basket came after a Mayberger steal.

The Jeffs never got closer than five points the rest of the way.

"We got a bad start but I think they (Fairbury) got a little tired in the second half," Kane said. "They had to play that 8:00 game last night while we had a chance to go home, put our feet up and rest for a while."

Once again, it was the defense that was the clincher for the Knights. Fairbury managed just 18 points in the second half and Zabel was the only member of the Jeffs' one-two punch of Zabel and Larry Klaus who could find the range.

"We knew Zabel was good," Jamrog said. "The two we had to stop were Zabel and Klaus. We stopped Klaus pretty good. He's the type that if you get out on him he probably won't shoot so I tried to stay on him."

Fairbury.....	14	13	7	11	—	45		
Elkhorn MM.....	9	15	12	20	—	56		
Elk MM fg ftm-a	pf	tp	Fairbry fg ftm-a	pf	tp			
Maybrgr	7	1-4	3-15	Cote	0	0-0	1	0
Ciurej	0	0-0	0	Doleman	0	0-0	0	0
Kinney	0	0-0	0	Cervnts	0	0-0	0	0
Jamrog	3	3-3	5	Gerber	0	0-0	1	0
McCann	5	4-7	1-14	Brown	1	2-3	2	4
Matt	0	0-0	0	Stanton	0	0-0	0	0
Hettingr	3	0-0	1-6	Klaus	1	3-4	2	5
Petersn	0	0-0	0	Harling	0	0-0	0	0
Wemhoff	5	0-1	4-10	Walker	4	6-10	4	14
Totals	23	10-19	17	Vernon	1	0-0	0	2
				Zabel	9	0-0	4	18
				Ward	1	0-1	3	2
				Totals	17	11-18	17	45



Mount Michael's Tim Wilcox (30) and Doug Wemhoff (44) are waiting for Fairbury's Bruce Zabel (53) but are unable to keep Zabel from scoring two of his 18 points during Saturday's Class B state championship game. Mount Michael won the game, 56-45, for the first state basketball championship. (Tribune Photo by Kim Heusel)

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### After Jamrog Fouled Out

## 'Other Guys' Rescue Elkhorn MM

## 'Other Guys' Save 'B' Champ Mount Michael

By Lee Barfknecht  
World-Herald Staff Writer

Lincoln — When Elkhorn Mount Michael's Jeff Jamrog fouled out with five seconds left in the third quarter Saturday, some may have thought the Knights' Class B state championship hopes went to the bench with him.

But junior guard Jim Mayberger had other ideas.

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"When Jeff fouled out, we had to do it for him," Mayberger said. "He's been our leader all year."

So Mayberger, whose hot streak brought Mount Michael from behind in the third quarter, worked some ball-

handling and defensive magic in the fourth quarter to spark the Knights to their first boys state basketball championship in a 56-45 victory over Fairbury at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Mount Michael's win gives the school a double, as the Knights, 22-1, won their first state football crown last fall.

Their basketball title hopes got a jolt when Jamrog, a 17.3-point scorer,

picked up his fifth foul on a charging call with Mount Michael leading 36-34.

But as Fairbury Coach Charlie Moore said, "That may be the best thing that ever happened to them."

"Sometimes you can go to your horse too much. And those other guys didn't miss."

One of those other guys was May-  
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berger, a player Mount Michael Coach Jim Kane said he knew could take the reins from Jamrog.

"Mayberger's an awfully good competitor," Kane said. "Toward the end of the year, he was really our leader."

Mayberger took over some of the leadership early, helping the Knights rally from 8-1 and 23-16 first-half deficits, as Jamrog hit just three of nine shots.

He also had a hand in holding Fairbury's Larry Klaus to just five points. Klaus had scored 44 points in his first two tournament games.

Even with Klaus shut down, Fairbury led through the first two and a half quarters.

Then Mayberger, who averaged 8.3 points a game, hit eight points in the third quarter. His 16-footer with 3:38 left in the third quarter gave Mount Michael its first lead of the game at 32-30.

Jamrog picked up his fourth foul with 42 seconds left in the third quarter, but Kane said he wasn't going to take him out.

"I couldn't," he said. "Hell, we were playing for everything. There's no use kidding around."

Kane didn't have a choice when Jamrog got his fifth foul 37 seconds later.

Jamrog said he gave Mayberger a simple message when he fouled out.

"I told Jim, 'You've got to do it,'" Jamrog said.

So with Jamrog out and 6-foot-4 Bruce Zabel guarding the 5-10 Mayberger, Kane switched to an old Kansas State 1-4 offense.

He put Mayberger on the point with instructions to take his man one-on-one.

"I knew Zabel couldn't be too quick," Mayberger said, "so I just pulled him out and drove around him. When they helped out, I dished it off."

Four times in the fourth quarter he passed off to Doug Wemhoff, Paul McCann and Joe Hettinger for easy baskets as the Knights pulled away from a 36-38 tie to a 50-41 lead.

Kane said his team had an advantage late in the game because his team had played its semifinal game Friday afternoon, while Fairbury played at night.

"I think they just ran out of steam in the last quarter," Kane said. "They couldn't get around very good and their shots wouldn't go down."

Almost everything went down for Fairbury in the first half as the No. 3 Jeffs hit 11 of 17 shots to take a 27-24 lead.

Zabel had 12 points at intermission, but made only three of 15 shots in the

second half. He finished with 18 points, and 61 for the tournament.

Kane said stopping Klaus and Zabel was important.

"We were going to let their other three people beat us," Kane said. "We wanted to get up real tight on those two and make them dribble. We didn't want them jumping over us."

Ron Walker was the only other double-figure scorer for the 22-4 Jeffs. He had 14 points.

Mayberger led second-ranked Mount Michael with 15 points, while McCann had 14, Wemhoff 10 and Jamrog nine.

# Mayberger key for Elkhorn MM

By Ken Hambleton  
Prep Sports Writer

Jim Mayberger, a 5-foot-10 junior, cast a giant shadow on defense and took the spotlight on offense to lead Elkhorn Mt. Michael to a 56-45 win in the Class B championship game of the Boys State Basketball Tournament Saturday at the Devaney Sports Center.

Mayberger, who tallied a team-leading 15 points, 11 in the second half, helped the Knights shut down the typically hot shooting of Fairbury's Bruce Zabel and Larry Klaus.

"With Mayberger shading those good kids (Klaus and Zabel) on the top of the key, we were able to take away some of their offense," Elkhorn Mt. Michael Coach Jim Kane said.

"We wanted to make their other three players on the floor beat us," he said.

## Team leader

"Late in the year, Mayberger grew into a team leader, hitting 28 points against Louisville, 22 against Gretna in the district final and so on," Kane said.

"Jamrog (Jeff) and McCann (Paul) have been the scoring leaders all year, but Jim has come through when we needed it," he said.

Leading 36-34 with five seconds left in the third quarter, Jamrog, EMM's leading scorer and rebounder all season, fouled out.

Fairbury tied the game on a 15-footer by Zabel, but the Knights took a 40-36 lead on back-to-back baskets by sophomore Doug Wemhoff and Joe Hettinger with 6:35 left and never lost the lead.

## In command

Mayberger, with 6-4 senior Zabel guarding him, only scored one of his five second-half baskets in the fourth quarter, but the EMM guard set up a basket by Hettinger and two more by Wemhoff to keep the Knights in command.

"When Jeff (Jamrog) fouled out, someone had to take the lead," Mayberger said. "I knew when I had Zabel on me, I was a little too quick. So I'd bring him out, get around him and dish off inside."

"When we first ran into a triangle and two defense, with the two on Paul and Jeff, I got 28 points

and I've been rolling since then," he said.

"We have a lot of pride in our defense and we figured they couldn't handle the pressure," he said.

## Leading scorer

Zabel, who finished as the leading scorer in the Class B tournament, hit 6 of 8 shots in the first half but was limited to 3 of 15 shooting in the second half.

Klaus, who led the Jeffs past archrival Seward with 25 points in the semifinals, was limited to just one point in the second half against the Knights.

"I don't think anyone has ever shut down Klaus like that before," Fairbury Coach Charlie Moore said.

"And when Jamrog fouled out, this doesn't sound right, but I think they got even tougher. The other guys never missed."

## KSU offense

Kane said he copied his 1-4 offense from Kansas State's Jack Hartman and his defense from "all kinds of coaches."

"I'm just a great copier. I'm too dumb to think these things up by myself," said Kane, who also coached EMM to the Class B State Football Championship last fall.

"Against the 1-3-1 defense you've got to be either inside or outside, no in between," he said. "When Klaus and Zabel went outside in the third quarter, we dogged them."

"When they went back inside, we tried to relentlessly stay after them," he said.

## Advantages

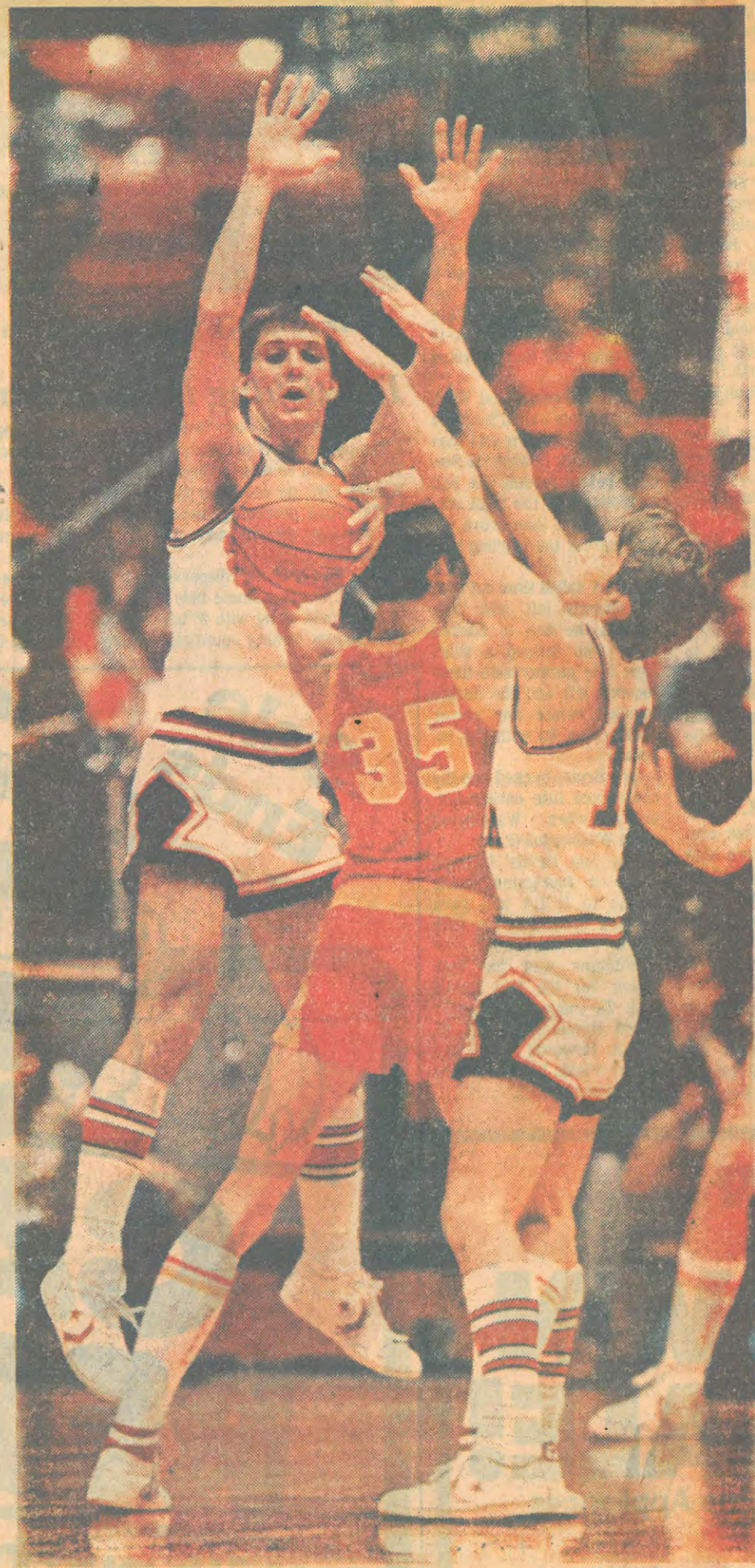
"We had a lot of advantages, getting the kids home at 4 p.m. yesterday, while Fairbury played in the late game last night," he said. "We did the same thing in 1968 when we lost the Class C final to Grant."

"But you could see Fairbury just ran out of gas in the fourth quarter," Kane said.

The Knights, who led Class B in defense, allowing less than 40 points a game, gave up just over 40 points a game in the three state tournament games.

"You get uptight and make them put the ball on the floor, and that slows a good player down," Kane said.

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STAFF PHOTO BY TED KIRK

Elkhorn Mt. Michael's Tim Wilcox (30) and Jim Mayberger (10) put the squeeze on Fairbury's Larry Klaus (35).

Fairbury	14	13	7	11-45					
Elkhorn MM	15	13	12	20-43					
F. Brown	1-3-4	Klaus	1-6-3-4	Walker	4-8-10				
14. Vernon	1-2-0-2	Zabel	9-23-0-18	Ward	1-2-0-7				
Taluh	1-1-1-1								
EMM	7-13	1-4	15	Jamrog	3-12	3-19			
McCann	5-11	4-7	14	Hausemann	0-0	1-2			
1. Hettinger	3-4	0-0	6	Wemhoff	5-8	0-1			
23-30	10-19	56							
Turnovers	Fairbury	19	Elkhorn MM	9	Field goal percentage	Fairbury	40.5	Elkhorn MM	46
Team fouls	Fairbury	17	Elkhorn MM	17	Fouled				

### Top Ten scorers

Name, school	Pts.	G
Bruce Zabel, Fairbury.....	61	3
Larry Klaus, Fairbury.....	49	3
Tom Vlach, Hartington CC.....	42	2
Ward Wolfram, Seward.....	36	2
Jeff Jamrog, Elkhorn MM.....	34	3
Jim Mayberger, Elkhorn MM.....	33	3
Paul McCann, Elkhorn MM.....	33	3
Doug Wemhoff, Elkhorn MM.....	28	3
Jon Bergman, Seward.....	25	2
Ron Walker, Fairbury.....	24	3

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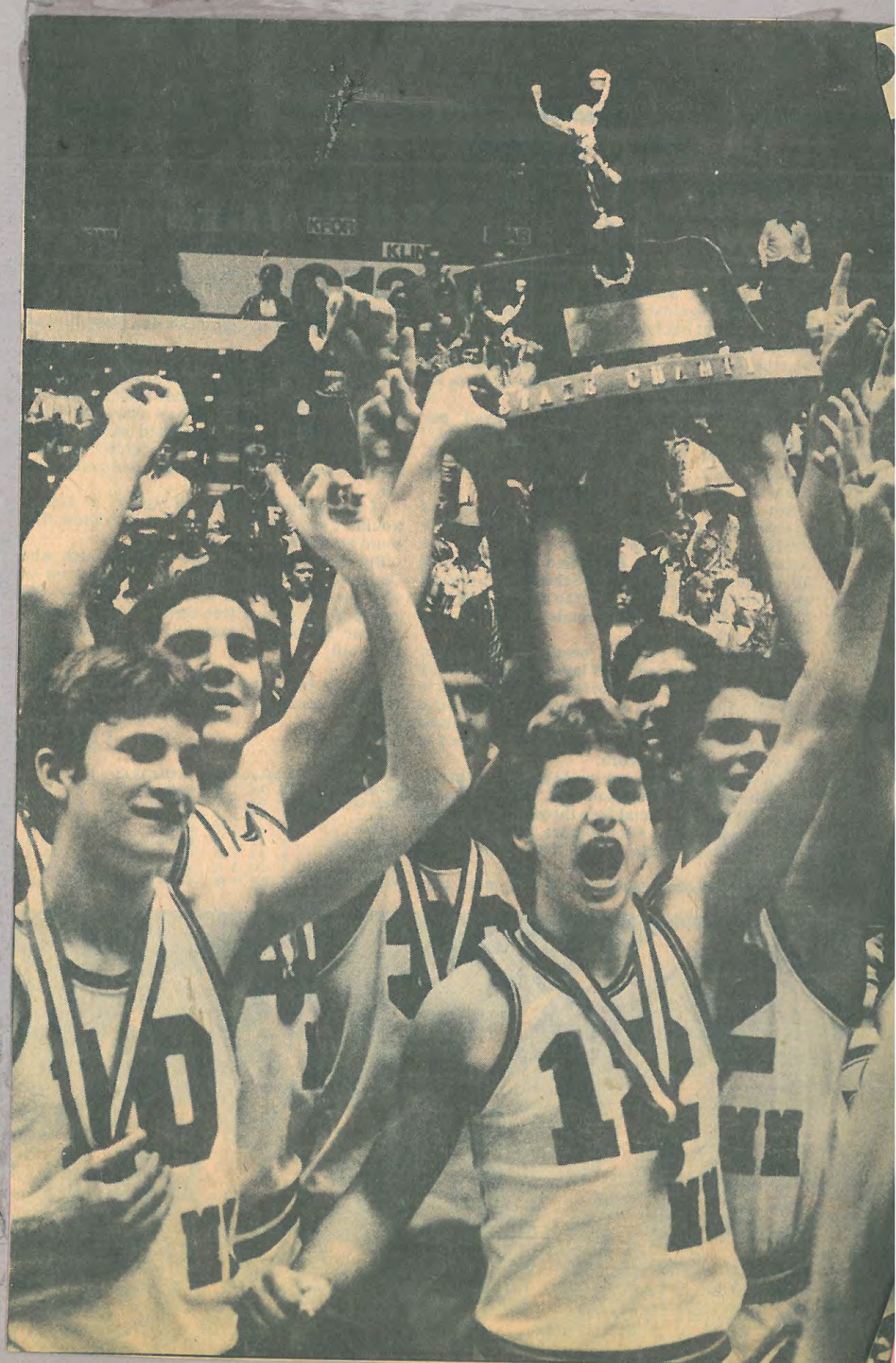
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Player, school	Ht.	Cl.	
Larry Klaus, Fairbury.....	6-3	Sr.	
Bruce Zabel, Fairbury.....	6-4	Sr.	
Tom Vlach, Hartington CC.....	6-3	Jr.	
Jim Mayberger, Elkhorn MM.....	5-10	Jr.	
Jeff Jamrog, Elkhorn MM.....	6-1	Sr.	



STAFF PHOTOS BY HARALD DREIMANIS

## Tournaments are up-and-down affairs

Elkhorn Mount Michael Coach Jim "Killer" Kane shouts instructions to his team during Saturday's Class B Boys State Basketball Tournament championship game. Kane's Knights defeated Fairbury 56-45. Stories on pages 1D, 4D-7D.



# Loss especially hard for Fairbury squad, veteran coach Moore

By Chuck Sinclair  
Prep Sports Editor

As unaccustomed to the position as he was, winning two Class B state championships in his only two previous trips to the finals, tears were swelling in the eyes of Fairbury Coach Charlie Moore after Elkhorn Mount Michael captured the Class B crown, 56-45, Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

"I can take it," Moore said, struggling to hold his composure. "But I just don't know about these kids."

For Charlie Moore, the kids were everything Saturday afternoon... just as they had been all year.

## Special kids

"That's what makes it so hard," Moore said. "These kids... they've been so special to me. There's not one of them I couldn't count on when I needed something."

In Moore's own way, he wanted to thank that special team by helping in whatever way he could to allow them the jubilation of carrying the state championship trophy out of the Bob Devaney Sports Center — the same way his 1973 team carted away the Class B Gold, and again in 1978.

The fact that the attempt failed was hard to swallow.

"Boy, to get a shot at it, and then not get it," Moore said.

Friday night's semifinal triumph over Seward at Pershing Auditorium.

There was even the fact that Seward played an 8 p.m. Friday semifinal and had to follow with a 2 p.m. final, while Mount Michael had an afternoon semifinal Friday.

They were all concerns to Moore, but not excuses.

Perhaps the hardest thing of all for Moore was watching four-year starter Bruce Zabel leave the Fairbury locker room for the last time... empty handed.

## Zabel frustrated

Despite scoring a game-high 18 points, Zabel was frustrated beyond belief in the second half after being held to just six points on three of 15 attempts from the field.

"I didn't even resemble being open in the second half," Zabel said. "I never felt like I was open at all. Once I would get the ball, there were even more people there."

But as soon as Zabel would feel like he was being doubled up, he'd pick up his dribble and the pressure would disappear back onto his teammates.

"Then there was no place to pass it," he said.

It was like Mount Michael's 1-3-1 defense was in reality a 1-3-3-1.

"They were everywhere," Zabel said.

## Got tougher

Zabel and Moore agreed

that once Mount Michael ace Jeff Jamrog fouled out of the game late in the third quarter, the Knights got tougher to handle.

"They had the right guy out front then," Zabel said of junior Joe Mayberger. "They were easier to defense when Jamrog was in there because he dominates the ball so much, and he's like a bull. Mayberger just took over and hurt us."

Knowing Mount Michael performed so well when it had to didn't ease the pain of the loss.

"We all wanted it really bad," Zabel said. "Maybe too bad. In the second half, I started to have trouble breathing. I don't know what it was. I wasn't tired, but I just couldn't get any air."

## Consoling

After all the other players had dressed and left the locker room, only Zabel and Moore remained, trying to console each other.

Finally, Moore said, "Four years boy, am I glad to be getting rid of you."

"Yeh, four years," Zabel said. "At least we made it."

"I just wish we could have made it one more game."

"Me, too," Moore said.

"That's what makes it all so hard," Moore said of the closehess he had with his players. "When your 12th man, who's a senior, comes up after the game and puts his arm around you to tell you they did everything they could... That's class."

## Superior effort

Nobody was hanging the loss on anything but a superior performance by Elkhorn Mount Michael.

There were things to consider, however, like the dislocated shoulder of sixth-man Nick Harling in Thursday's first-round victory over O'Neill.

Or the serious injury to Harling's father Tom in a car-pedestrian accident in downtown Lincoln before

## Knights

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As for Moore's evaluation of Elkhorn MM's defense, "the 1-3-1 really hurt us. It's kind of like the single-wing in football. Everybody's heard about it, but nobody knows what what to do against it."

## Class B Elkhorn MM 56, Fairbury 45

Fairbury	14	13	7	11	—	45
Elkhorn MM	9	15	12	20	—	56
Fairbury	— Gerber 0-0 0-0 0-					
Brown	1-1	2-2	4	Klaus	1-6	3-4 5-
Walker	4-8	6-10	14	Zabel	9-23	0-0 18-
Ward	1-2	0-1	2	Vernon	1-1	0-0 2-
Cote	0-0	0-0	0	Harling	0-0	0-0 0-
Stanton	0-0	0-0	0	Cervantes	0-0	0-0 0-
Doleman	0-0	0-0	0	Totals	17-41	11-17 45-
Elkhorn Mount Michael	— Mayberger 7-13 1-3 15, Jamrog 3-13 3-3 9, Wilcox 0-1 1-2 1, McCann 5-10 4-7 14, Wemhoff 5-8 0-1 10, Hettlinger 3-5 0-0 6, Kinney 0-1 0-0 0, Peterson 0-0 0-0 0, Malt 0-0 0-0 0, Hageman 0-0 1-2 1, Clurel 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-51 16-18 56-					
Total fouls	— Fairbury 17, Elkhorn MM 17. Fouled out — Jamrog.					
Rebounds	— Fairbury 34 (Walker 10), Elkhorn MM 31 (Wilcox 9).					
Turnovers	— Fairbury 19, Elkhorn MM 9. A — 5,997.					



STAFF PHOTO BY HARALD DREIMANIS

Fairbury's Ron Walker (43) battles Elkhorn Mt. Michael's Tom Vlach for the rebound.

John Hettlinger

# All-area players best of the bunch

By KIM HEUSEL  
Sports Editor

It probably is no surprise that state champions Howells and Elkhorn Mount Michael dominated this year's Fremont Tribune Boys' All-Area Basketball Team. Both the Bobcats, which won the Class C state crown, and the Knights, which won Class B, placed two players each on this year's first team.

Each team also had a player on the second team.

No area teams dominated the girls' list as a balanced team of 10 individuals from 10 different schools was selected with the help of ballots sent in by area coaches.

George Blum and Dave Belina of Howells were two of the most-named players on the 30 (out of possible 34) ballots which were returned to the Tribune. The same was true for Mount Michael's Jeff Jamrog. Jamrog's teammate, Paul McCann, also joined the first team list. Both players also were first team all-area football players after the Knights captured the Class B state championship in that sport.

Rounding out the boys' team were Mike Peterson of Oakland-Craig, Gregg Bromm of Tekamah-Herman, Paul Holtorf of Cedar Bluffs, Rodney Asche of Leigh, Jim George of West Point, Mark Vollmer of Wisner-Pilger, Jim Peters of North Bend and Kurt Hartman of Waterloo.

Belina led his team with an 18.8 points per game average while Blum dropped in more than 12 points per contest for the Bobcats. Jamrog led Mount Michael with 16 points per game.

The only junior on the team is Peterson who led Oakland-Craig to a regional playoff berth against Howells. The 6-2 post man carried a 24-point game average.

Jim Peters was North Bend's top player and scorer before a tragic accident resulted in his

death near the end of January. He left a good impression on area coaches. Peters averaged 15.1 points through North Bend's first 14 games. He also led the team in field goal percentage (56 percent) and averaged 7.4 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 3.8 steals per game.

Hartman, Holtorf and Bromm were both part of vastly improved programs. Tekamah-Herman had a 17-4 record, losing to Oakland-Craig in the district championship game. Bromm had a big part of that success. He led the team in scoring and rebounding.

Hartman averaged 16.3 points per game for Waterloo and 9.4 rebounds while Holtorf keyed Cedar Bluffs' best record in several years with his 16.9 points per game average as well as leading the team in rebounding with 7 per game and making 4.1 assists and 3.4 steals per contest.

Vollmer was a key figure in Wisner-Pilger's success this year as he averaged more than 18 points per game while George also scored at nearly an 18 points per-game clip for West Point. Asche also will be sorely missed by the Leigh basketball team after hitting more than 20 points per game and pulling down 13.2 rebounds per contest his senior year.

For the girls, three players dominated the voting. Beth Stockamp, who led Scribner to the brink of the Class C state championship game, and Tami Petersen of Tekamah-Herman, led the voting with 10 votes each while Kris Smith, a 6-1 junior from Pender, had eight votes.

Also named to a team that is relatively young were repeaters Jill Samuelson of Bancroft-Rosalie and Linda Kohl of Fremont along with Joan Eckerson of Fremont Bergan, Carmen Feller of Wisner-Pilger, Mary Hohl of Wahoo Neumann, Jill Kallhoff of Bennington and Susan Langemeier of Schuyler Central.

Along with Smith, Kallhoff and Feller as juniors while Hohl is a sophomore.

Smith was one of the main figures in one of the best Pender teams in many years. She averaged 18.5 points per game and 17.5 rebounds and also had 50 assists and 39 steals.

Stockamp, whose Scribner team edged Pender in a regional playoff game by one point, was the quarterback of Scribner's team which lost to Omaha Cathedral by one point in the state tournament semifinals. She averaged 12.7 points per game, 2.1 assists and 3.1 steals.

Petersen, whose coach Jim Andrew maintains that "she is the best in the East Husker Conference and of our area teams," averaged 12.4 points per game, 7.4 rebounds, 2.1 assists and had 79 steals. Both Petersen and Stockamp are 5-7 seniors.

Repeaters Samuelson and Kohl also bear top credentials. Both players drew opponents defenses like flies to honey but Samuelson still managed to average more than 19 points per game while Kohl averaged 11 points per contest as well as four assists and one steal.

Eckerson averaged more than 12 points and 10 rebounds per game to help Bergan to its best record ever while Kallhoff averaged more than 15 points on 56 percent shooting. She also pulled down an average of 7.7 rebounds and made 36 steals during the season.

Feller led Wisner-Pilger to a 13-5 record with an 11.8 points per game scoring average and a 9.8 rebounding average while Langemeier has been one of the top players at Schuyler for three years. She average 8.2 points per game and 8.1 rebounds.

Hohl is just one of several young players at Wahoo Neumann where teammate Jeanne Osmera, also a sophomore, was named to the second team. Osmera might well have been a first team member except for a broken ankle in mid-January that cut her year short. Hohl played well all year and averaged more than 14 points, six rebounds and 2.3 steals per game.

## FREMONT TRIBUNE ALL-AREA BASKETBALL

### First Team

#### Boys

Player, School	Ht.	Class
Dave Belina, Howells	6-1	12
George Blum, Howells	6-0	12
Mike Peterson, Oakland-Craig	6-2	11
Jeff Jamrog, Elkhorn MM	6-1	12
Gregg Bromm, Tekamah-Herman	6-0	12
Paul Holtorf, Cedar Bluffs	6-1	12
Rodney Asche, Leigh	6-4	12
Jim George, West Point	6-0	12
Mark Vollmer, Wisner-Pilger	6-2	12
Jim Peters, North Bend	6-1	12
Paul McCann, Elkhorn MM	6-1	12
Kurt Hartman, Waterloo	6-2	12

### Second Team

#### Boys

Jim McArdle, Elkhorn	12
Todd Johnson, Howells	10
Arlin Johnson, Mead	11
Joel Woita, Neumann	12
Matt Svehla, Clarkson	11
Chris Emanuel, North Bend	12
Kevin Lambley, North Bend	12
Mark Williams, Fremont	10
Lonnie Peterson, Valley	12
Doug Hartford, Cedar Bluffs	11
Robert Parr, Logan View	12
Jim Mayberger, Elkhorn MM	11

#### Girls

Paula Brown, Fremont	11
Susan Kula, Schuyler	10
Kathy Hunke, Dodge	12
Joyce Broekemeier, West Pt.	12
Stacey Carlsten, Pender	12
Theresa Lana, Bergan	12
Susan Lux, North Bend	10
Jeanne Osmera, Neumann	10
Joy Cohrs, Bennington	12
Julie Pribnow, Scribner	10
Carol Steffensmeier, Howells	11
Darcy Dethloff, Elkhorn	12

### Honorable Mention

#### Boys

Shawn Wederquist, Blair; Doug Wemhoff, Elkhorn Mount Michael; Scott Feldhacker, Waterloo; Paul Barnes, Ryan Moeller, Bennington; Craig Johnson, Tom Simon, Mead; Greg Chapek, Wahoo Neumann; Jeff Coufal, Prague; Jim Skovsende, Dean Dreyer, Greg Rathke, Wisner-Pilger; Mike Slagle, West Point; Jay Pilkington, Elkhorn; Paul Juilfs, Darin Egr, Yutan; Jim Mengedoht, Logan View; Ken Korth, Fremont Bergan; Brett Anderson, Tekamah-Herman; Bruce Wobken, Scribner; Tim Hayes, Ron Kellogg, Lyons; Duane Hagedorn, Jeff Recker, West Point Central Catholic; Duane Renter, Snyder; Arvid Hass, Beemer; Paul Prohaska, Prague; Tom Krause, Bergan; Mike McMahon, Rob Samson, Terry Besta, Valley; Brad Slaughter, Bancroft-Rosalie; Jun-ay Walker, Decatur; David Swenson, Paul Gahan, Oakland-Craig; Scott Muller, Scribner; Kirt LeGrande, Cedar Bluffs.

#### Girls

Dawn Jansen, Wahoo; Deb Schutte, Schuyler; Angela Brabec, Wahoo Neumann;

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# Editorial Page

Unsigned articles are the opinion of The World-Herald.

## Mount Michael Performs in Character

A recent gesture by Elkhorn Mount Michael High School provided a pleasant departure from the deadly seriousness with which too many are approaching life these days.

The background was this:

Mount Michael won the Class B state boy's basketball championship earlier this month. The Legislature voted on whether to extend its congratulations. Sen. Clarence Jacobson of Hastings voted against the resolution, explaining that he was an alumnus of Lexington High School, whose basketball team was one of Mount Michael's victims.

At that point, some schools thus slighted would have retorted angrily, and most would have looked the other way.

But Mount Michael presented Jacobson an honorary Mount Michael diploma and praised him for his loyalty to Lexington.

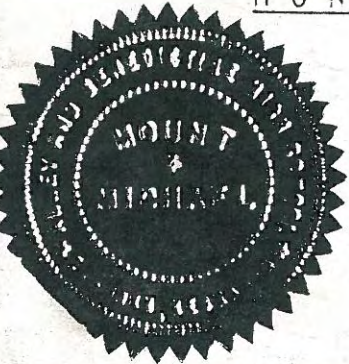
It was a performance worthy of a champion.

—So They Said:—

Government has been a fossil; it should be a plant. — R.W. Emerson.

THE FACULTY AND STUDENT BODY OF  
MOUNT MICHAEL BENEDICTINE HIGH SCHOOL

HEREBY DECLARE  
SENATOR CLARENCE JACOBSON  
OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA,  
TO BE AN  
HONORARY ALUMNUS.



GIVEN AT MOUNT MICHAEL BENEDICTINE  
HIGH SCHOOL THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH 1983.

*Rev. Charles Zoch OSB*

PRINCIPAL



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Mrs. Labeledz and Jacobson with resolution . . . Too late to change his vote.

## Hastings Senator Gets Honor For 'Steadfast Loyalty, Fidelity'

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — Hastings Sen. Clarence Jacobson Monday was honored by Elkhorn Mount Michael High School for his "sterling example of steadfast loyalty and fidelity" to his alma mater, Lexington.

The honor, ironically, came from Jacobson's vote last week against a resolution honoring Elkhorn Mount Michael for winning the Class B state basketball championship.

Jacobson is a graduate of Lexington High School, which was defeated 61-42 by Elkhorn Mount Michael in the first round of the tournament.

Omaha Sen. Bernice Labeledz presented Jacobson with an honorary Elkhorn Mount Michael diploma and read him a statement from the school's student body, administration, faculty and alumni.

"We envy such devotion and fervently hope that all Mount Michael alumni will display this same unswerving dedication toward their alma mater," the statement read.

"We are pleased to confer upon you an expression of our esteem which will allow you proudly to claim the unique status of being at once a Lexington Minuteman and a Mount Michael Knight," the statement read.

In receiving the diploma in a presentation witnessed by the full Legislature, Jacobson said he wished Mount Michael well and that he hoped Lexington didn't have to play the Knights again.

Asked by a reporter if he now would change his vote against Mount Michael, Jacobson said, "It's too late to do that."

He said his original vote was motivated more against Mrs. Labeledz, who sits next to Jacobson in the first row of the chamber. "Actually I just did it to needle her," he said.



**Mount Michael**  
Benedictine High School  
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TO SENATOR CLARENCE JACOBSON

FROM THE MOUNT MICHAEL BENEDICTINE HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The Faculty, Administration, Student Body and Alumni of Mount Michael Benedictine High School note with admiration the sterling example of steadfast loyalty and fidelity toward your Alma Mater, Lexington High School, displayed during the vote in recognition of the 1983 Nebraska State Basketball Champions on the floor of the Unicameral on March 16, 1983.

We envy such devotion, and fervently hope that all Mount Michael alumni will display this same unswerving dedication toward their Alma Mater.

In recognition of your example -- and in gratitude for the additional recognition which your actions have brought to Mount Michael -- we are pleased to confer upon you an expression of our esteem which will allow you proudly to claim the unique status of being at once a Lexington Minuteman and a Mount Michael Knight.

Your fellow Mount Michael Knights,  
March 21, 1983  
The Feast of Saint Benedict

**Senator Votes 'No' on Mount Michael**

Lincoln (AP) — The Legislature Wednesday recognized the championship teams in the Nebraska boys high school basketball tournament last week. A rarity occurred when one of the resolutions that routinely wins overwhelming adoption drew a "no" vote. A resolution honoring Elkhorn Mount Michael was adopted on a 25-1 vote. When Sen. Clarence Jacobson of Hastings voted against the resolution, he was asked if he had accidentally pushed the wrong button. "Lexington is my alma mater, so I voted no," Jacobson said. Resolutions honoring Class C champion Howells, Class D champion Lawrence and Class A champion Millard South were adopted unanimously.

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## EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

March 21, 1983

The Reverend Charles Zach, OSB  
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Dear Reverend Zach:

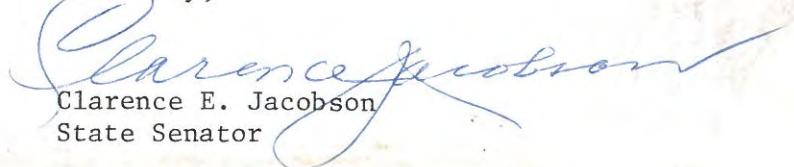
Let me say that becoming an Honorary Alumnus of Mount Michael High School is indeed one of the finest honors ever bestowed on me in my three score ten years of citizenship in this great state. All of our fine schools, and in particular those with clean, outstanding athletic programs, are things I like to discuss with my friends. Mount Michael and Lexington are two of the schools that fit in those guidelines.

In our Unicameral Legislature, after the members have spent a couple of months in many hours of listening to a wide variety of testimony poured out in the discussions of hundreds of proposals, it seems that a little levity is in order, and a brief respite necessary from the humdrum order of things. Therefore, when Senator Bernice Labedz, who occupies the desk next to mine, introduced the resolution honoring the fine championship won by Mount Michael, I turned to her and said, "I cannot support this legislation, and feel it a duty to be loyal to my Alma Mater."

Your school has shown greatness in scholastic endeavors, and greatness in athletics by being outstanding champions in both football and basketball this current school year. I offer my heartiest congratulations, and wish you well in your future program.

I deeply thank you for my award.

Sincerely,

  
Clarence E. Jacobson  
State Senator

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