







# CAGERS TO ENGAGE FOUR OPPONENTS IN NEXT TWO WEEKS

## Meet Lincoln High on Tech Floor Tonight

Tilts with Abe Lynx, Lincoln, Tech to Affect Status of Valley Loop

### ALL RETURN GAMES

Meeting Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln, Tech, and South, the Central High basketball team will enter into one of the most strenuous two weeks of the entire basketball season tonight.

Tonight Coach Baller's Capital City tossers will journey to Omaha where they will meet Central at the Tech High gym. This is the second meeting of the two teams this year, the first encounter ending with the Purple cagers holding an 18 to 12 decision. The Links have been finding the going hard after the graduation of two of their stars in January.

Wampler, veteran guard of the Black and White aggregation, is the mainstay of the team, both offensively and defensively. Central's shift of Carlsen to guard should give the Eagles a stronger offense. Tonight's combat should prove to be a fast hard-fought contest.

Tuesday evening the Eagle cagers will journey across the river to the Lynx stronghold to engage in conflict there. The Abe Lincoln team is leading the Missouri Valley conference, and have one of the finest teams in the school's history. They have been defeated only once all season, and that defeat was administered by Central by a score of 25 to 23.

Benson High gym will be the scene of the traditional Tech-Central battle on Saturday evening February 21. Tech won the first meeting 11 to 8 in a slow, uninteresting game, and the Eagles will be out for blood and victory. This will be Central's home game.

The game with South at Tech on Tuesday, February 24, should prove quite an interesting conflict; since the victory-starved Packers have yet to win a city game. When the two teams met before, Central emerged with a 51 to 22 victory. This tilt will also be a home game.

## Abe Lynx Retains Valley Leadership

Abraham Lincoln Beats Lincoln, Josies Conquer Tech And Central

By defeating Lincoln Saturday, Abraham Lincoln maintained its lead in the Missouri Valley conference race. St. Joe, however, gained a half a game on the Lynx by defeating Central and Tech last weekend.

Central lost a good opportunity to stay nearer the top when they lost to the Josies. By winning this game, the Purples would have a better chance for the title. As it now stands, they must win the remainder of their games to gain a tie for first place.

Abraham Lincoln has met defeat in only one conference game, losing to Central earlier in the season. Incidentally this is the only defeat the Lynx has had this season. They have beaten the strong St. Joe team twice and Tech and Lincoln once.

	W	L	Pct	Pt	Op
Abraham Lincoln	4	1	.800	124	70
St. Joe Central	4	2	.667	129	91
Omaha Central	2	2	.500	63	78
Lincoln	1	3	.250	62	95
Technical	1	4	.200	65	109

### Win One of Four Games

Losing three games and winning one was the record of the Central second team cagers during the last three weeks.

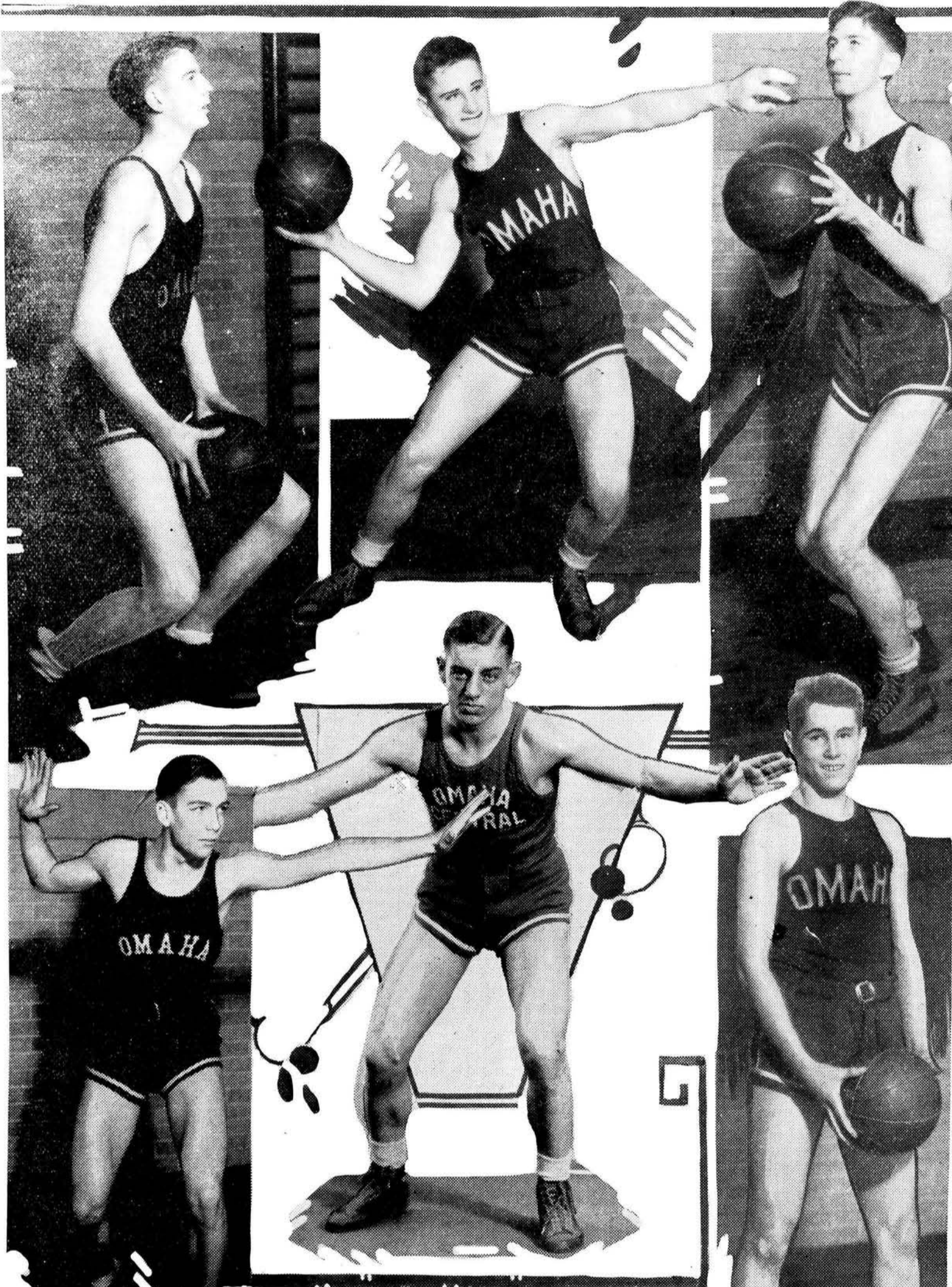
North beat Central, January 27, by a score of 12 to 6. Butts of North starred, and Beh and Daubenheyer played well for the Purple.

Creighton Prep's second team handed the Purple seconds a 24 to 15 trouncing, February 4, in a fast game. Kanouff of Prep topped the scorers with 6 points. Campbell and Daubenheyer of Central each earned four.

Central dropped the third game, 38 to 21, to a husky Carson, Iowa, team February 7. The game was more like a gang fight than a ball game, the referee not bothering to call the fouls. Bolton of Carson was the whole show and then some. He scored twenty points.

Tuesday Central broke the jinx to beat North at North by a score of 9 to 7. Best broke a 7 to 7 tie in the last half to put Central in the lead. Payne, who went out on personal fouls, lead the scorers with 5 points. Battiato of North followed with four points.

## Central High Representatives on the Basketball Floor



PICTURED above are the Purple standard bearers on the basketball court. The team made a very impressive record during the first of the season; however, during the last three weeks they have gone into a slump but are determined to end it in the very near future.

Reading left to right top row are Carlsen, forward who plays a very heady floor game, Howell, guard who is showing up exceedingly well for a first year man, and Brown, forward who is one of the leading scorers in the city.

Lower row, left to right are Emmert, guard who is a thorn in many an offensive drive, Everett, guard who was lost to the squad on account of graduation, and McFarland, center, who is Central's main offensive cog.

## Bexton, Barnhill Plan Basketball Tournament

An open tournament, which will probably be held in about two weeks under the direction of Coaches G. E. Barnhill and L. N. Bexton, is now being planned.

Any team of Central High students may compete. However, lettermen and reserve players will not be eligible to play on any of the teams. This is to give inexperienced players a chance to get some experience without meeting too stiff competition.

The tournament will be a round robin affair with each of the teams playing eight or ten games depending upon the number of teams entered. The team with the highest percentage at the end of the tournament will be declared the winner.

Anyone interested in entering a team should get in touch with Mr. Barnhill or Mr. Bexton immediately as the entry list will be closed in the near future.

### Gerelick '24, Oak Brand Player

Philip Gerelick '24 will play with the Oak Brand basketball team, a local team composed of former college stars, when they oppose the Phillips 66 quintet, a nationally known group of players, on the Creighton floor tonight. The receipts of this game will go to the Omaha Bee-News Shoe fund.

While at Central Gerelick won letters as guard on the basketball team in his junior and senior years. As a running mate to Vinton Lawson, Central's all-state guard of 1924, he was one of Coach "Zip" Hill's outstanding players.

## Basketeers Beaten Four Out of Five Games As Team Goes Into Bad Slump

Going into a bad slump, the Central High basketball team have lost four out of their last five games. They dropped two to North, one to Creighton, one to St. Joe, and defeated Lincoln.

North defeated the Purple by a score of 24 to 12 in their first meeting on January 27 and beat the Eagles again Tuesday by a count of 30 to 7. In both games, the wins were due to the height of the Viking's forwards, Zentz and Mitchell, and their center, Davis.

The deadly underbasket shooting of these three accounted for 50 out of the Norsemen's 54 points, Zentz garnering twenty-one tallies, Mitchell twenty, and Davis nine. The Knapplemen played under a handicap in the game Tuesday due to the illness of two regulars, Carlsen and McFarland, who were too ill to attend school and only played in part of the game.

In the St. Joe game, Saturday, the Purples were defeated by a score of 32 to 12. The Central team did not score a field goal in the first half, and it ended with the Indians leading by a 17 to 2 score. Geiger tallied twelve points for high scoring honors, while McFarland was high for Central with five points.

With the outcome in question until the final whistle blew, the Purple basketeers dropped a closely fought game to Creighton by a score of 15 to 11 on February 4. The count was tied at 9 all at the end of the third quarter, but the Blue Jays were not to be denied, and their six points in the last period iced the game. McFarland was high point man of the game with eight tallies. The Central team displayed its early season form when they defeated the Lincoln High at Lincoln, January 30, by a score of 18 to 12. The Lynx were playing without their two star players, Carlsen and Yelkin, who were lost on account of graduation.

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## Three Girls Receive Life Saving Awards

Junior Life Saving degrees have been awarded to Dixie Bexten '31, Lillian Rolif '32, and Jerene Grobee '34. These girls worked on their awards all last semester in an advanced swimming class taught by Mrs. Glee Case and were the first Central girls to receive awards this year.

This semester Mrs. Case is holding a marathon swimming contest among the girls in advanced swimming classes.

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## CAGE DOPE

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The Central wrestlers may be out of the city running, but they can still have competition, for Frankie Wright has challenged anyone within ten pounds of his own weight to a wrestling match. Apply to "Submarine" Peterson, his manager, for further details.

Harlan Haulman '28, former all-around star athlete at Central, and now attending Cotner College, is fourth in the scoring column of the N.C.A.C. loop. In five games he has scored forty-five points for an average of nine points a game.

Six promising freshmen have been promoted to the second team. They are Leo Frame, Charles Clark, Henry Reikes, S. Rosenbaum, Frank Sears, and Sid Neveleff.

Girl athletes beware! A future star has appeared on the horizon. Coach Knapple had his little daughter running up and down the corridors for exercise after the Creighton game the other evening.

The membership of the convict haircut club has increased, according to a late report by President John "Stall" Howell. The new editions to the exclusive society are Van Ackeren and Pratt of Creighton and Sutton of St. Joe. Bill Scott of Central is the club's literary adviser.

The playing of the band has added much pep and enthusiasm to the home games. Keep up the good work, boys.

## Coach Burdick's Natators Down Prep, Southmen

Defeat Creighton Prep, 78-15; Rim South, 57-36

Not allowing a Blue Jay to finish ahead of a Purple man, Coach Ed Burdick's Central High swimming team initiated the 1931 season with a 78-15 win over Creighton Prep at the Knights of Columbus pool Friday afternoon, January 23. In their second meet of the year a week later, the Purple ducks submerged the South High swimmers under a 57-36 score at the same pool.

In piling up their one-sided victory over Creighton, the Purple mermen won both the free style and the medley relays and took first and second places in all the other events. Donald Ralya and Norman Cole, newcomers to the squad, starred particularly in the win.

Continuing their winning power, the Burdick-men hung up the second victory by vanquishing the South High swimmers in a similar manner. With most of the regulars kept in readiness for stiffer competition in the Lincoln and Tech meets, the team grabbed first honors in all the individual events, dropping only the individual and medley relays to the South Omahans.

Outstanding in the victory were Robert Race, Harold Swanson, and Jack Clark for the winners, while Zolpis, Barnash, and Veylupek were the whole show for the Packers.

## Aquatic Squad Meets Lincoln In Tilt Today

Engages Balanced Lincoln Team In Preparation for Meet With Tech Mermen

### NINETEEN TAKE TRIP

With the prospect of meeting the stiffest competition of the season this far, Coach Ed Burdick's Central High swimming team will put forth their best material when they meet the Lincoln High mermen this afternoon at the Capitol city. Next Friday night the Purple will oppose the Technical High city and state champions in the Knights of Columbus pool at 8 o'clock.

Lincoln has a well balanced team, but has not very many individual stars. Kuklin and Grossman are the Links' two diving aces, while Rathbun and Price will probably be their best bets in the free style events. Kuklin also swims the backstroke and should turn in a victory over the less experienced Purple men. In a recent meet with Tech, Lincoln was defeated by a score of 36 to 45. There will be no plunge for distance or individual medley in the meet.

Meeting their age old rivals, the Eagle splashers will endeavor to break Tech's string of victories Friday night. The Maroons now have a record of eighty-four victories to their credit without a loss. Captain Mann of Tech is Coach Hubbard's outstanding star. He swims on the 200 yard relay team, in the 100 yard dash, and in the individual medley. Anderson in the backstroke event is Tech's other most outstanding star.

Central will have Buell and Swanson in the free style events, Lima in the breaststroke, and Reavis in diving as their best bets. It is doubtful if Kelley, free style star, will swim on account of his sinus trouble.

The boys that will probably make the trip to Lincoln are: Adams, Bob Buell, Dick Buell, Burdick, Brison, Clark, Cole, Crawford, Douglas, Epstein, Gordon, Kelley, Lima, Race Ralya, Reavis, Rimmerman, Rutter, and Swanson.

## Grapplers Disband As Coach Resigns

Erich F. Pohl Quits Due to Dissatisfaction of Omaha Mat Rules

Due to the resignation of Erich F. Pohl as wrestling coach a few weeks ago, the Central High mat squad has discontinued taking part in the city league, at least until a new coach can be obtained.

The resignation was the result of Pohl's dissatisfaction with the present wrestling code of Omaha, and the decisions of the referee of the Central-Creighton Prep meet, January 21, at which Creighton won, 18-15. Protesting the meet, Pohl sought to bring about a reform in the city wrestling circles by urging the adoption of the national interscholastic and intercollegiate rules.

With no change of the present rules in sight, Coach Pohl then resigned. The result was the breaking up of the team, forfeiture of the unwrestled scheduled city dual meets, and further inactivity until a new coach can be procured.

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