

Central Stops Four Foes; Cements Grip on 1st Slot

Grappling Machine Rolls Past Hapless Maroons; Tee Jay Next Mat Foe

"Hall to the conquering heroes."

Coach Norm Sorensen's bonebenders continued their torrid pace of burning up the Intercity mats by crumpling Tech, 32-16, January 16. This was the grapplers sixth straight romp past their faltering foes.

Tech's Ralph Patterson started the Maroons off on the right foot with a pin over Central's Mike Denenberg. Patterson hasn't lost a match yet this year, so Mike doesn't have too much to be ashamed of. Little John Radicia gained three points back for Central by decisioning Al Corner. Jerry Davis continued to show his powerful superiority over his opponents by garnering another five points with a fall.

In the 112 and 118 brackets, the Abhoud cousins matched their talents by both gaining falls. These two boys have proved a great asset to Sorensen's bonebenders this year.

Bobby Mancuso continued his string this year by completely frustrating his man 6-0. The Maroons broke the monotony by taking the 130 and 136 pound matches. Ray Farris won another one of those exciting matches 1-0, when he decisioned Dick Dunn.

Central lost the 155 pound match by a pin, but retaliated by capturing the 165 pound match on a forfeit. Bob Hall continued his steady pace by decisioning big Bob Brown in the heavyweight class.

Tonight the Eagles will go against Thomas Jefferson. If they win this match, they will clinch their fifth straight city title.

Long Shot by Sirles Cinches Eagle Win Over Lincoln Team

Don Sirles walked off with all the honors at the Lincoln Central-Eagle basketball game, Friday, January 19. The pint-sized guard sank a last minute desperation shot from mid-court to give the Omaha crew a 51-49 victory over a fighting Lincoln team.

Sirles added to his final goal by racking up 11 other points to lead the Eagles' scoring for the evening. Speaking of the "fighting" Lincoln team, that's just exactly what they did. In a game that was lacking in real basketball most of the time, the Capital City crew made things interesting by engaging in fistcuffs and elbowing with the Eagle players, who were not clear of fault either.

The game was a free-for-all after the first few minutes, with 45 personal fouls being called in the regular 32 minute playing time. Central accounted for 21, Lincoln for 24.

Fouls Mar First Half

The referees' eyes were open wide and they saw every infraction, no matter how minor. The fans, loudly booing the referee and the opposing team, were rapidly becoming whistling happy when the gun went off to end the first half, with 33 personal fouls on the board.

The Eagles actually should have walked off with the game after chalking up 18 points and limiting Lincoln to 10 in the first quarter. One part of the opening period found the Eagles in a commanding 17-5 lead. Lincoln came roaring back in the second quarter to throw in 17 points and run their total to 27. The Eagles could add only 9 points in the second period and led by one point at the half, 28-27. Maury Rule played well in the first period, but had to sit out most of the second because of his four personal fouls. Rule racked up eight points of his nine in that first quarter.

Lee, Rule Foul Out

In the third period the pace continued to be furious as both teams battled to forge ahead. Rule fouled out after scoring one more point and the Eagles managed to increase their half-time lead by one point and go ahead 41-39 at the end of the third period.

Jack Lee and three Lincoln players fouled out in the fourth period, where the score was knotted three times, at 45, 47, and 49 all. Jerry Schenken filled in for Rule on defense and chipped in with three important baskets to go with his work. Mel Hansen also played well.

Then came Sirles' shot. He took a throw from out of bounds, dribbled to the north side of the court, glanced around, and, seeing no Eagle in the clear, heaved his long one through for a swisher and the deciding two points.

Murphy's Gym Classes Complete Cage Tourney

Last semester ended with more close races in Tom Murphy's gym class basketball leagues. The boys have been fighting for first place in their respective hours since the beginning of the year.

In the first hour, Jerry Berman led his team to first place with an impressive 8 won and 1 tied record. Runner-ups in the first hour were Ronald Peterson's team with a 7 won and 1 tied record, and Ernie Saltzman's "five" with a 6 and 1 tied slate.

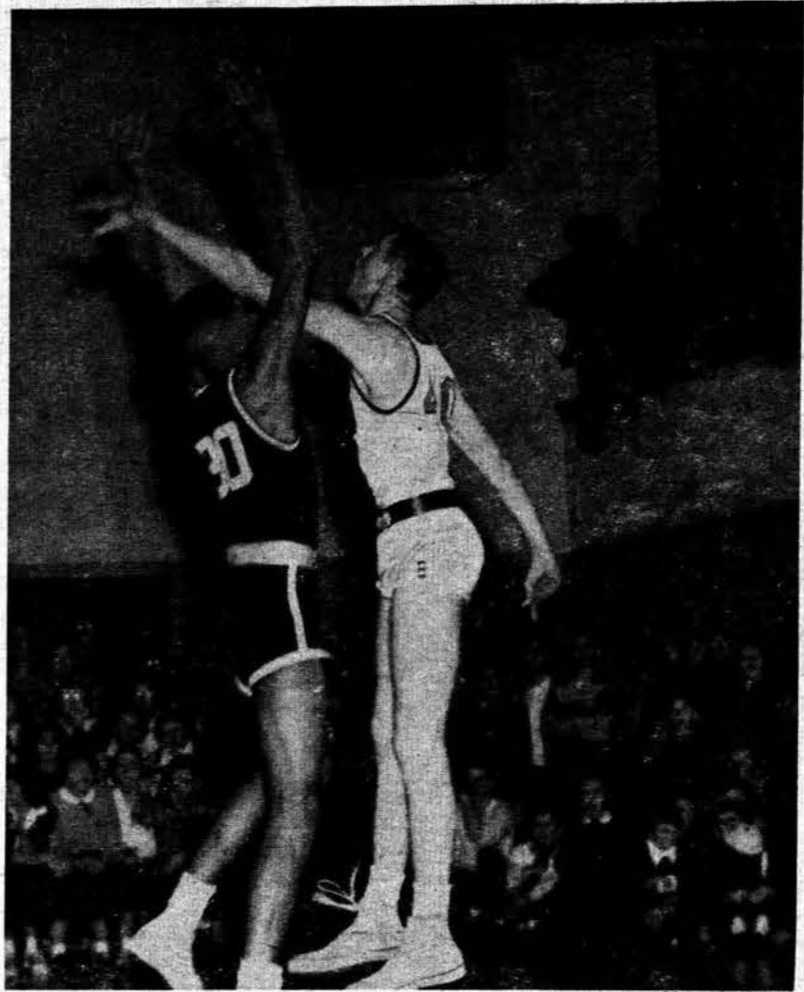
In the second hour, Ray Wells and Joe Jones' teams tied for first with 10 wins apiece. In the third slot were Mickey Skinner's boys with a torrid 9-0 outcome.

The fourth hour class had the team with the most victories; Dean Wilson's quintet with a 12-0 record. Bob Scott's boys had a 10-0 record, and Don Long's team wound up in third place with 8 wins.

The gym classes this semester will be concentrating on basketball fundamentals for the first three weeks. They will then play a couple of weeks of basketball and wrestle for five days. The remainder of the indoor season will be spent tumbling, working on the trampoline, body building, and boxing.

When the weather is nicer, the boys will take to the cinders and try their luck on the track.

Frigid Central Hoopsters Fail In Important Benson Contest



BOWMAN AND MUENSTER scrap for the ball on rebound en route to Central loss. — Photo by Dvoskin

Muenster, Mink Display Smart Defensive Game In Squelch of Eagles

Central's hot and cold basketball team was ice cold for the second straight week as they suffered their worst defeat of the season, 35-22 to Benson High, last Friday on the Bonnie court.

The contest can be likened to last week's game with South High as Central was missing easy lay-ups on break aways, and their long shots were not hitting close enough to drop through the twine.

The Eagles were able to sink only 14 per cent of their shots from the floor, while Benson hit a 38 per cent mark to coast to an easy victory.

The Purples were held without a field goal in the first quarter, but they made four out of five free throws and held a six point deficit after eight minutes.

In the second quarter the Eagles found the range from the court, but Benson soared farther ahead, 17-8.

Campbell Spoils Hopes

After the intermission the Bonnie team cooled down, and the two squads were matched point for point through the third period. Each of the teams made just one fielder during this time. The Bonnie two pointer was counted by big Don Muenster while the Eagles' was a one-hander by Bill Bowman.

In the last quarter the Bunnies, sparked by Bill Campbell and Ronnie Smith, pulled farther away and killed all Eagle hopes for a victory or the intercity league title.

The only bright spot in the loss was the way the Hilltop defense was functioning. The Eagles' man-for-man defense tied up a much taller Benson squad and allowed them a total of only 30 shots.

Benson Boys Top Scoring

Don Muenster and George Mink, Bunnie forwards, were tied for best scoring honors with 11 points. Muenster hit five baskets but was able to convert only one out of five gift tosses. Mink's performance was almost the opposite, hitting seven out of eight points from the 15 foot line.

Jack Lee and Bill Bowman led the Eagles with nine and eight points respectively. Bowman grabbing many rebounds also turned in an outstanding job on defense.

Don Sirles looked good for Central although he was able to score only one point.

The six fielders converted by Central and the total of 22 points were a low ebb for Hilltop cage teams in the last few years.

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Frosh Quintet Tied For Second in City

Central's freshman basketball team is in the middle of an average hoop season. As far as winning and losing is concerned, the Li'l Eagles have won two and lost two and are tied for second place in the Intercity freshman loop.

In the last three weeks the busy frosh won two and lost one, and although they are out of the running for the league championship, a win over Creighton Prep, this year's champs, will give them undisputed possession of second place.

On Saturday, January 20, the Li'l Eagles beat the Benson Bunnies, 31-28. Boetel was high for Central with 10 points. Huber got five for Benson to lead the losers.

The following week, January 27, Central absorbed its second loss in three games. Tech spoiled the Eagles' hopes in a close game, 29-24. Tech's Hansen led the winners with 10 points. Lincoln pushed in six markers for Central. The second win of the Eagles was a 31-17 runaway over South on Saturday, February 3. Eight Central frosh shared in the scoring. Thomas was high for Central with nine points. Warner and Lincoln got six each. Philby had seven for the Packers.

Intercity Standings

	W.	L.
A. L.	4	1
Benson	6	2
South	5	3
North	3	3
*T. J.	2	2
Tech	4	5
Central	2	4
Creighton Prep	1	7

*Not eligible for League championship.

Packers Smother Eaglemen, 50-39

Bill Bowman Displays Fine Defensive Work

The South High Packers, capitalizing upon the sub-zero weather that apparently hit the Eagle quintet, pulled out of a two game losing streak. The towering Packers dumped the favored Centralites, 50-39, Wednesday, January 25, on the Eagle maples.

The Purples, experiencing the coldest game of the season, hit only about 15 per cent of their shots.

Dave Bell, South's candidate for all-city honors, opened the scoring by looping a fielder over the heads of the short defenders. Before Central could recover, the scoreboard read 5-0.

Bouncing Billy Bowman, outstanding on defense all evening, broke the thick scoring ice for the Eagles with a rebound shot. Jack Lee responded to the Eagles' call with a mid-court swisher, but the Packers led 14-7 at the quarter mark.

Central matched South's torrid pace in the second quarter as both teams meshed ten points. Bowman, the only Eagle to find the range, had a half time total of 11 markers.

The Eagles, inspired after the intermission, began to close the deficit during the third stanza. Don Sirles and Moe Rule dunked field goals to chop the gap to 33-30.

Bell threw a damper into the Purples' hopes by netting two points and setting up Larry Spaustat for a bucket.

During the last quarter, the South wind again hit the Eagles, and enabled the Packers to jump to a comfortable 41-31 lead with four and one-half minutes remaining.

Mel Hansen played his usual fine floor game, but he was unable to rack up any points. Moe Rule failed to finish his third game in a row as he fouled out late in the fourth period. Jerry Schenken proved an able substitute for Rule.

Bowman reached his highest point total this year with 17 markers. Bell managed 15 for the Packers.

The South reserves made it a complete sweep by downing the Eagle seconds, 46-32.

Gym Jeans

Now that bowling is over, the girl athletes have scheduled a ping pong tournament, which is slated to begin Monday before school. Girls who are interested in entering should be signed up by today.

There will be three divisions; beginners, intermediates, and advanced. Team competition will probably pit freshmen against sophomores and juniors against seniors.

The final results on the bowling season show the five high teams to be:

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- Pat Kidwiler
- Barbara Dergan
- Jo Anne Holmes
- Sharlyn Dixon

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Tech 30-14

The high riding Central High wrestling team trampled Tech 30-14, Friday, February 2, to take their eighth straight match.

Tech took an early lead as their 85 pounder, Dean Corner, pinned Mike Denenberg in 3:07. Central took the 95 pound bracket as John Radicia won by forfeit. In the 105 pound scrap, Central's Jerry Davis easily defeated John Hofferber 6-0.

The Abhoud boys then took over. Ronnie, wrestling in 112 pound division, pinned Kermit Anderson in 2:43. Cousin Mike, 118, easily decisioned Henry Horan 6-1. Bobby Mancuso kept the Eagles in the win column by beating Ron Dennis 5-2, in the 124 pound match.

Tech finally broke the Eagle winning streak as Tigue Bass and Dean Van Caster won successive decisions in the 130 and 136 pound classes. Bass defeated Sub Salanito 8-1, and Van Caster edged Joe Radicia 3-0.

Ray Farris, 145, gathered the fastest pin of the match by stopping Fred Perry in 2:19. Ray, along with Sam Anzalone who was graduated at mid-semester, has been one of the most reliable point-getters for the Eagles this year.

Arnold Gunn took the measure of Jack Davis, 8-6, in a fast moving 155 pound tussle. In the 165 pound class, Joe Prucka defeated Jack Cosgrove, 4-0. Bob Hall, Central's heavyweight, decisioned Bob Brown, 6-3, for the final three points.

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Gymnastics Squad Performs Before Council Bluffs Crowd

Central's tumblers, like the tumbleweed, just keep rollin' along without attracting much attention, but their sport is much more exacting than being blown along by the wind. The nimble matmen are of that selected group that can do a somersault without breaking their necks, but the crowd appeal to most students is lacking. However, credit should be given to these boys and girls who get little applause for their work.

The first time the gymnastics squad has been seen this year was between halves of the Central-South football game, where some members of the squad put on an exhibition in shorts while bundled up fans in the stands were freezing.

Last week the tumblers again showed their wares at the Mardi Gras Ball in Council Bluffs, where they were well received, according to Coach Crown. Among the participants in the Mardi Gras exhibition were Aloise Hagedorn, Greta White, Willard Harris, and Dan Fogel.

Fogel will probably enter the state tournament in Lincoln on March 10. None of the other 16 members of the squad will compete.