

Abes Cop Sectional, Lose Two at Madison

Cochrane, Thorp Lose to Purple

"Hud" Gelein and Tom Partlow each scored 16 points to lead Eau Claire through the Cochrane Indians in the thrilling, 61-56 win at Menomonie.

Four of Cochrane's starting five fouled out in the last five minutes to ease some of the pressure on Eau Claire.

Eau Claire seemed to have a better eye for field goals, making 25 of 57 for 44 per cent, compared to the Indian's 36 per cent. On the free throw line, however, the percentages were reversed, with Cochrane sinking 44 per cent to Eau Claire's 37 per cent.

The Abes led all the way after trading buckets in the first minute until Cochrane's Pat Leahy dunked a lay-up to surge ahead 52-50, with less than four minutes to go.

Eau Claire then came back to tie the score. Cochrane pulled ahead again by sinking a free-throw.

From then on the Abes took control pushing ahead to end the game in our favor.

Cochrane, long famed for their bothersome full court press, didn't slow the Abes much as Dick Torzowski and Bruce Neuman coolly dribbled around the besiegers.

The Eau Claire Old Abes took 51 of 79 rebounds to control the back boards and "Hud" Gelein took game scoring honors in the 73-56 win over Thorp.

Bruce Neuman had one of his hottest nights, scoring 16 points and receiving several assists with his excellent passing.

The Cardinal's only lead came in the first minute when Jerry Boardman capitalized on an Abe foul to put them ahead, 1-0. The Abes took control then, however, and wound up at the quarter mark with a 17-9 margin. Eau Claire's lead had climbed to 17 points by half-time and the closest Thorp could come after that was 11 points.

High scorers for Thorp were Hallanger and Lawrence with 17 and 13 points, respectively. Eau Claire had one of its coldest free throwing nights, making only 9 of 19, but made up for it by sinking 32 fieldgoals.

Three Students Win Art Prizes

Memorial High School art students submitted twenty-five entries to the Annual Wisconsin Regional Scholastic Art Exhibit in Milwaukee. Out of the twenty-five entries, fifteen were accepted to be exhibited. Three MHS students were chosen key finalists. They are Paul Klawiter, Phillip Millwood, and Sadie Hazen. Their art work will be exhibited in New York and will be trying for cash prizes and higher honors.

Other art work receiving honorable mentions were those by Kathy Nelson, Larry Rehberg, Ron Geschel, Jerome Steinke, Tom Graham, and two were won by Phillip Millwood.

Key awards were given to Jim Davis, Wilma Jean Prince, Paul Klawiter and John Teign.

The students submitted entries in wood cuts, oil paintings, fabric design, linoleum cuts, and silk screening for greeting cards. The judges, who were from Wisconsin and Illinois, based their decision on the student's creativity, technique, design and aptness of idea.



Receiving the Sectional Trophy at Menomonie after a hard game is Harry Gibbs, coach of the Old Abes.

Twelve Students Get "A" Ratings In Local Meet

Eau Claire Memorial High had 12 students who received "A" ratings in the invitational speech meet held here on Saturday, March 15. The students received "A's" in each of the three rounds conducted during the day.

Len Friede and Janet Christianson won three "A's" in extemporaneous reading. Jan Targart in humorous declamation; Kay Schriber and Kay Furrer, interpretive reading; Reed Mackenzie, Jim Jones, Kathy Kappers, and Jerry Welter in extemporaneous speaking; and the Roy Gilbertson Group in play reading.

March 22, a group of MHS students took part in the district forensics meet at the college. Students participating were: Jerry Welter and Roger Winter, learned oration; Suzi Hulbert and Jack Powell, original oration; Barb Benson and Jan Targart, humorous declamation; Linda Miles and Karen Gabus, serious declamation; Len Friede and Janet Christianson, extemporaneous reading; Gary Thompson and Barb Halverson, four minute speech; Kay Schriber and Ron Lindeke, interpretive reading; Jim Jones and Reed Mackenzie, extemporaneous speaking; and Roy Gilbertson, Virginia Lind, and Marlys Lee in play reading.

Scholastic Aptitude Tests Taken

On Saturday, March 15, 48 students in a radius of fifty miles of Eau Claire took the Scholastic Aptitude and Achievement Test given here at Memorial High.

Before taking the test, students were to have registered four weeks in advance with the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey. With this registration was sent a fee of \$7 for the aptitude test and \$9 for the achievement tests. Most colleges require an aptitude and achievement test to be taken.

Cheerleaders Chosen For Tourney Trip

Tuesday night, March 11, at 3:00 eleven senior cheerleaders met in the MHS auditorium. This was the day that the twelve junior cheerleaders were to choose six tournament cheerleaders.

The six girls who were chosen are: Jean Jacobson, Carolyn Neperud, Karen Gabus, Barb Benson, Judy Kruger, and Judie Persiko. In previous years the six were chosen to represent MHS in the regional, sectional, and state tournament. But this year it was decided that the squads should alternate at the regional and sectional games. If the Old Abes went to state, then the tournament cheerleaders would be chosen. Because the girls who were chosen had to make arrangements for attending the tournaments they were chosen before the sectionals.

The girls were required to do two yells. The first cheer was a general yell, Call to the Old Abes, and the second was any yell the girls chose to do. The six cheerleaders chosen were announced by Miss Hammersten Tuesday night after the votes had been tabulated.

A five point grade scale was used for scoring the senior girls. Five was excellent; four, good; three, average; two, poor; and one, failure.

Walker and Jarosch Win in UN Contest

The school winners of the United Nations test recently given have just been announced. They are Bill Walker and Richard Jarosch.

Their papers were sent to New York for final judging in the national contest. First prize in this contest is a trip to Mexico.

The NEWS staff and the entire student body and faculty express their sympathy to Miss Hanatsch on the recent loss of her father.

E C Defeated By Shawano, Manitowoc Down Black River Falls Tigers 87-71

The Eau Claire Old Abes were defeated in their bid for the state championship as Shawano proved victorious in a 90-81 game.

Playing one of their best games of the season, the Old Abes took the lead at first, with the score being 8-6. Shawano's Marty Gharrity then came through for the Indians to sink a shot and give them a lead that the Abes were never able to overtake.

Following this shot, Shawano racked up a score of shots, ending the first period with 26 points to the Abes 15.

In the second quarter the Abes brought forth a terrific rally, knocking over the Indian's hopes for an easy victory. Led by Gelein and Partlow, the Abes rapidly gained on Shawano, bringing the score to 39-35 before time out was called.

With 1:20 left in the second quarter Partlow raised the Abes score to 37. The Indians then ran up two more points but Gelein sunk a hook to end the half 41-39.

The third quarter proved to be in Shawano's favor as the Indians kept a 3-8 point lead all the way. At the end of the third period the score stood at 62-67.

In the fourth quarter the Abes could get no closer than 8 points to the tournament experienced Shawano. After trailing 76-90, the Abes cameback to shorten the lead to nine points, ending the game 90-81.

In the game, Gharrity broke the tournament's individual scoring record of 41 by racking up 44 points. Partlow scored 24 points and Gelein 32.

The Old Abes stepped into the consolation finals of the WIAA State Tournaments by downing Black River Falls, 87-71, Friday afternoon. The Purple blazed the nets with 42 field goals to set a new record in that department.

Coach Gibbs' Old Abes proved to be just too big and too hot for Black River Falls as they fired away at a

494 clip on the field goal attempts. After holding a slim lead of 26-20 the Abes built up a 47-26 half-time advantage. From then on the Old Abes were never in danger.

Wausau held the previous field goal mark for one game with 35 against Shorewood in 1955. "Hud" Gelein's short shot with 5 minutes 11 seconds to play was the Old Abes' thirty-six two pointer which left Wausau record in the wake.

Eau Claire went to the other extreme in sinking only three free throws.

Tom Partlow led the scoring for the Old Abes with 24 and Gelein added 20 points. Bruce Neuman and Mike Tietge each added 11 as the Abes won over the Tigers.

Eau Claire was handed their second tournament defeat Saturday by the taller and hotter-shooting Ships from Manitowoc, 82-70.

The Old Abes set two offensive records, most field goals made in the three game series, and most field goals attempted in the three game series. In addition they had the dubious distinction of giving up 243 points in the three games played at 62-67.

Eau Claire made 29 field goals against Manitowoc to bring their total to 105, besting the standing record by nine. Eau Claire also attempted 70 field goals against the Ships, bringing their tournament total to 246, three more than Tomah's 243 tries in 1953.

"Hud Gelein" hit 24 point against the Ships to bring his journey total to 75. Tom Partlow and John Coggins with 10 and 9 points respectively were the other leading Abe scorers in the game. Percentage wise the Abes did well with a 41.4 per cent from the floor and 63.2 per cent from the free throw line.

Nelson was high scorer for Manitowoc, scoring 17 points, while Hall had 16 to lead the Ship attack.

Eau Claire started slowly, gained steadily but was never able to catch Manitowoc.

Beware! April First is Near!

Soon, a day which we all wait for will be here, and once again we will be playing practical jokes on our pals and neighbors.

April Fool's Day, always the first day in April, was originally called All Fools Day. Although the origin of this day is not actually known, it is believed that it had its beginning in France around 1564, when the peasants were allowed to run the city for one full day. This was seen in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame".

From time immemorial, the first day of April had been set apart as a time when it is permissible to play harmless tricks upon one's friends and neighbors. This custom, which is almost universal in Christendom, is becoming more popular every year.

It was not until the eighteenth century that this custom became common in England. In Scotland, the April fools are called April gowks, the gowk being a cuckoo.

Almost everyone is acquainted with the types of practical jokes which are played on unsuspecting persons on the first day of April.

For example, a friend puts a sign on his buddy's back which says, "Klek Me!". Then when the result happens, gales of laughter are raised.

Nailing a purse to a board, sticking coins on the sidewalk with gum, and shortsheeting people are different

types of jokes which have been played on "fools" in the past.

This reporter once played a joke on a teacher, covering Fels Napha soap with creamy chocolate. However, the joke was to no avail, for the teacher was just to clever.

Naturally, some jokes can go too far, and this often happens. Somehow festivities such as this can often be spoiled.

But with the great day arriving within the week, this article serves as friendly and helpful warning... beware of your best friend, "you can expect most anything April Fool's Day!"

DeMolay Plays in Tourney

The DeMolay State Basketball Tournament was held the week-end of March 15 and 16 at Green Bay. The local chapter's team placed fourth in the tourney. The team was sparked by the brilliant scoring of Bob Luxsinger, Dave Putney, and Dave M. Johnson.

B. Aberg Finalist In Contest

Barbara Aberg, a junior, is one of the ten finalists in the state wide Physically Handicapped theme contest sponsored by the local Elks and the Easter Seal Society.

Learn Proper Study Habits

While walking down the hall the other day two girls were talking over some recent tests that they had taken. One was ashamed of her marks and wouldn't repeat them. When asked why she didn't do better on the test she couldn't explain why. She said she had tried to study at home, but couldn't remember a thing when she reached school the next morning. What are the proper ways of taking tests and studying for them. The first thing to do is listen to the instructor. A test that is given in a class is usually well talked about before it is scheduled and a few hints are generally given to study by. Inquire as to the type of test the instructor plans to give. Another important point to remember is to do your daily assignments and keep up with the rest of the class. Write down notes, and don't trust your memory. Most students spend too much time just reading the lessons, and too little in preparing the summaries on statements in their own words. Those daily assignments should be well understood and be done by you. Remember that learning is a personal thing; others cannot do it for you. Avoid concern about your neighbor when there is an examination to be taken.

Do you suffer from pre-examination jitters that make your school life miserable? Most students don't realize that tests have a definite value. They give you an opportunity to let you know whether you have done a good job in your studies. If you haven't you should know it.

We hope you did well on your nine weeks tests, but if not maybe you'll take our advice.



Today is our last day in school, for awhile! Sounds pretty good though doesn't it?

Wonder what some people will do during vacation:

Riding motorcycles... Jim Jensen
Going Swimming, Rosie and Shortie
Writing letters... Carol Sly
Sandy Toy

Breaking up probably quite a few
Going to Parties... everyone
Hoot-Howling... the 18 year olds
Hunting for prom dates... most girls

What happened during the time when Sandy Dreke was in the hospital is her secret alone and she says she's not ready to tell anyone.

Ed Jensen caused a slight riot when he walked into lifesaving class a couple of weeks ago. Jan Bliss was shocked so the story goes.

Several of our former cheerleaders are pretty happy gals now. They're traitors... they changed from eagles to owls!

Mike Coffman persuaded Mr. Poquette to go talk to his mother about students getting married during college... seems that he has been fighting with her about that for a long time... awww, Mike.

Paid Advertisement: Hello to the Marines in California. Even though you may not think so, we're thinking of you all the time! (There you are, Sandy Hessler we did it!)

Jokes, Jokes, and More Jokes???

She was only a moonshiner's daughter but he loved her still.

A kleptomaniac is one who helps himself because he can't help himself.

Memo to Mike:

Just because your head is shaped like a hub cap is no sign you're a big wheel.

One-two-three... who is he, eh, Judy?

Joe Moore was rather naughty and got set on the dunce stool in the halls. The big question is what he did to get set on the stool! Poor Joe. At least there were plenty of girls talking to him in the halls.

"The Rendezvous" was quite the hang-out for the Eau Claire kids during the sectional games... just ask Errol Eastenson!

There was another attraction just outside of Menomonie which was quite something... if you get "The Point".

Question of the Week:

What's happening to the much talked-about love lives of the basketball players?

That's it for this issue. Hope you all had fun in Madison; we'll report on that next time. Happy Vacation, everyone!

String and Pete

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E.C. District Music Festival to be Held

The annual Eau Claire District Music Festival will be held on Friday, March 28, and will run from 7:30 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. Vocal, band, and orchestra solos and ensembles will be presented by the students of the band, orchestra and choir.

There will be 46 solos and ensembles entered by the first and second band members.

In the MHS orchestra there will be approximately 20 students entering their arrangements in solo, duet and quartet form.

Approximately 100 choir members will also be participating in the event. The students will be singing solos and ensemble arrangements.

There will be 20 different schools taking part in the event.

K. Kappers Wins State Elk's Prize

It was announced Saturday, March 15, that Katherine Kappers, a senior, won first place in the state Most Valuable Student contest, conducted by the Elk's Lodge.

The state award is a \$500 scholarship and the winners of first place for both boys and girls will be entered in the national contest.

Paul Klawiter, another senior, won fourth place in the boy's division. He won \$50.

There were twenty boys and nineteen girls entered in the state competition. A special Elk's Committee conducted the final judging at Milwaukee.

The top prize in the national contest is a \$1,200 scholarship in each division. Twenty five \$500 scholarships will also be awarded.

GR's Sponsor Bunny Hop In Gym Tomorrow Night

The Bunny Hop, sponsored by Girl Reserves, will be held Friday night in the gym from 7:30 to 10:30. Admission is by booster or 35 cents.

The theme of the dance is Spring-time. For decorations the girls are using bunnies, birds, butterflies, and flowers. At one corner of the gym they will have a bird bath.

Girls making up the committee are: Nancy Anderson, Jerriann Carlisle, Sandy Faanes, Sharon Garton, Jayne Gore, Judy Klawiter, Carol Milward, Bev Teigen, Bev VanGorder, June Kopplin, and Sue Severson.

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Active Senior, Jim Jones, Announced March Uthrotar

Chosen as this month's Uthrotar is Jim L. Jones. Jim was introduced to the Rotary members by Neil Brenden, February Uthrotar. He will attend the Rotary meetings every Monday in March and will present a speech at the final meeting of March.

Jim is one of the active seniors in MHS and was recently chosen as second place winner of the Elk's Most Valuable Student Contest. Jim was on the debate team, which won the state championship at Madison. He has also been interested in forensics the past four years and has won two "A's" at Madison. Jim was elected to the Student Council this year and

was an alternate for the Badger Boys State in his junior year.

Extra-curricular activities also share a large part of Jim's time. Last year he was sergeant at arms of the Footlighters Club, but this year he is president. He was also last year's sergeant at arms for Mike and Platter. Jim was selected to be his senior class motto chairman.

Being president of his Luther League at Our Savior's Luthern Church is another activity of Jim's. His hobby is photography and examples of his work are familiar to many around MHS.

Jim has managed to maintain a high average scholastically throughout his four years of high school. His future plans are to attend college and to be a social studies teacher.

R. Winter Places in Contest

Roger Winter, senior here at MHS, has placed among the top 1,000 in the preliminary Wisconsin High School Mathematics contest which was held February 27.

Another Eau Claire student who placed in the contest was Francis Biermier of Regis.

This contest was sponsored by the Wisconsin Section of the Mathematics Association of America. It is designed to reward and stimulate students of mathematics.

The final exams will be given April 12.

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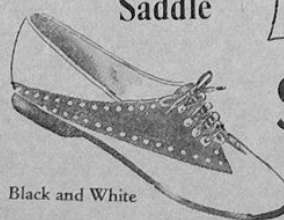


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