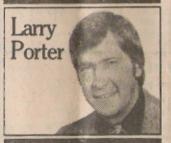
# Neophyte Hordville Is 'D' Cage King

Lincoln - Three teams long on state tournament experience and a neophyte are cemented in the No. 1 positions in The World-Herald's final high school basketball ratings of the season.

Omaha Creighton Prep rules



the Top 10 after winning the Class A portion of the state tourney Saturday. Class B state champ Sidney and Class C king Grant are also No. 1 selections.

Those schools have sent plenty of teams to the state tourney through the years. But Hordville, the Class D champ, is a newcomer that made the most of its first trip to state by turning in the upset of the tournament, a 41-40 triumph over Filley that snapped the Wild-

cats' winning streak at 78 games.

All four No. 1 teams will receive plaques from the The World-Herald.

Grant is the only top-ranked team that occupied the No. 1 spot in the ratings published prior to the start of district action. The Plainsmen led the Class C ratings from start to finish and were the only team to go undefeated this season.

Grant also finished No. 10 in the Top 10, a spot it held all season. Sidney helped determine Grant's Top 10 status when it became the first team from the west in 20 years to capture the Class B state crown.

One of Sidney's three losses this season was a 73-59 setback at the hands of Grant.

Prep led the Top 10 ratings most of the season, but fell to No. 4 prior to the start of district play. Sidney entered state tourney play as No. 6 and Hordville was ranked fifth.

The most tangled ratings list is Class C. Second-ranked Mead, No. 3 David City Aquinas, No. 7 Bloomfield, No. 8 Hemingford, No. 9 Wahoo Neumann and No. 10 Rushville did not reach the state tournament.

## Final W-H Boys Ratings

By Larry Porter

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Valley, which suffered six of its eight losses to Class B schools, crashed into the Class C ratings at No. 4 after its runner-up finish to Grant.

Homecoming festivities were held throughout the state Saturday night and Sunday by communities eager to honor their state tourney teams. The residents of Hordville had quite a blowout.

morning," Hordville Coach Glenn Bouc said Sunday, "We had a little gathering in the replay," Bouc said. "The roof Community Hall. It has a maxi- blew off every time we made a mum seating capacity of about basket. It was so noisy you 100 and there were at least 300 couldn't hear a thing," people standing. We were packed in like sardines."

The celebration was arranged during an early-morning gathering at the coffee shop Saturday, Bouc said.

"Some people were in there drinking coffee and they started to talk about wanting to do something for the kids. Win or lose, they were going to show their appreciation. They thought the kids had a great season just by making the finals."

Bouc joined the coffee clatch since his team returned home every night during the tournament. Plans for the celebration to be held that night were made and 40 large pizzas were ordered.

The show of appreciation turned into a victory party after Hordville was responsible for snapping the longest basketball winning streak in Nebraska prep history. The fans gleefully relived those cherished moments when a video recorder "I got to bed about 5 this provided a replay of the championship game.

"Everybody watched the

Later, after all but about 75 Please Turn to Page 16, Col. 6.

# Bulldogs upend Filley in 'D'

By DOUG BARBER Independent Sports Writer

LINCOLN — It'll be cloudy in Filley for the next few days, but the sun won't be going down on Hordville for a while.

The Bulldogs made their first-ever trip to the Boys State Basketball Tournament this week and walked away with the Class D title after a 41-40 win over the two-time, state-champion Filley Wildcats at the Bob Devaney Sports Center Saturday night.

But the championship trophy was almost secondary to the fact that the

> Class D Boys



win Filley's state record of 78 consecutive victories.

"That makes it a lot more special, it's something that will be remembered," Hordville Coach Glenn Bouc said. "I told these kids in 1978 that they would be state champions in 1981 and to be here and see it happen, I can't hardly believe it."

And the greatest writers in the world couldn't have written a better fairy tale ending for the game.

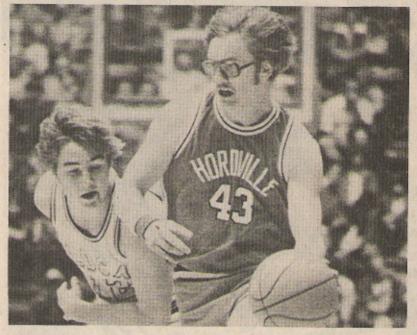
Filley led 40-39 with 25 seconds remaining in the game and the Wildcats had control of the ball. But guard Donovan DeBuhr was called for palming the ball and the Bulldogs got one last shot with 24 seconds left.

Hordville brought the ball in and with eight seconds left senior reserve Kevin Guilford pulled up and hit nothing but net on a 13-footer to give Hordville a 41-40 lead with only five seconds to play.

Filley's last ditch attempt ended in a steal by Hordville's Russell Wilshusen to end the game.

The final bucket was Guilford's only shot of the game and his only two points of the tournament.

"I wasn't even supposed to take



THIS BULL NO DOG — Hordville's Russell Wilshusen, who keeps the ball-handling duties for the Bulldogs, drives upcourt during their stunning 41-40 win over Filley in the Class D championship Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln. Hordville broke a 78-game winning streak owned by Filley. (AP Laserphoto)

the shot," Guilford said. "The ball was supposed to be on the other side and I was just supposed to rebound and be out of the way."

But the ball wound up in Guilford's hands and he took the shot, but with some reservation.

"I thought I was going to miss,"
Guilford said. "I didn't want to take
it but I had to."

Bouc said "(Todd) Tyler was supposed to take the shot, but he was shut off, so all Guilford had left to do was shoot. I thought, there's our 40 percent shooter out there. Of the top seven or eight guys on the team, he'd be our last pick to take that shot, but the way he went up we knew it was going in."

The Wildcats took the lead at 24-23 with 6:45 remaining in the third quarter and the game seesawed from that point onward.

straight freethrows. But a Shoup basket and a fielder from guard Todd Tyler cut the Filley lead to one and set the stage for Guilford's heroics.

The Bulldog's win brings the state championship trophy to the Hamilton County community of 150 and brackets the Filley winning streak with state tournament losses to area schools.

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Proudly displaying their state championship trophey, members of the Hordville Bulldog basketball team tell everyone that they really are No. 1. The Bulldogs win over Filley Saturday night gave Hordville its first state championship in only its first trip to the tournament, held at the Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln.

Staff Photo by Linda Harrison

## Four-year prophecy comes true

By Mike Pratt

**News-Times Sports Editor** 

LINCOLN - Coach Glenn Bouc was sure his team would be No. 1.

In fact, the Hordville coach predicted

it four years ago.

"I told the kids four years ago that in 1981, we'd go to Lincoln and we'd be the best," he said following Hordville's semi-final win over Henderson Friday night that pushed the Bulldogs into the title game with undefeated and No. 1 ranked Filley.

Following Hordville's thrilling, 41-40 win over the Wildcats that ended Filley's state record winning streak at 78 games Saturday night, Bouc admitted

## Scores

Nebraska State Tournament Class A

Friday's semifinals
Omaha Benson 60, Omaha Northwest 57
Omaha Creighton Prep 68, Lincoln East 65
Saturday's final

Omaha Creighton Prep 54, Omaha Benson

Class B
Friday's semifinals
Holdrege 58, Columbus Scotus 51
Sidney 58, Crete 57
Saturday's final
Sidney 55, Holdrege 50
Class C
Friday's semifinals
Valley-61, Gibbon 55

that going into the game, his feelings still were the same.

"The thing that makes me happiest is that every Saturday morning I'd read about that great Filley match-up zone defense," Bouc said. "That's the same thing I teach.

"That great zone isn't as good as ours.

After I saw them play Friday, I knew
we'd win."

Bouc may have been confident going into the game, but the Wildcats provided some anxious moments for the Hordville fans. Trailing 21-8 midway through the second quarter, Filley ripped off 12-straight points to pull to within one, and from that point on, it was anybody's game.

Until the last two minutes

Leading 40-35, it looked like Filley would hang on for the win and leave the Bulldogs disappointed. But uncharacteristically, the Wildcats did not handle the pressure well. And with 25 seconds left, Hordville had the ball and a chance to win the game.

Senior Kevin Guilford, who entered the game in the fourth quarter when Bruce Blase left with a sprained ankle, sank the winning basket with five seconds left

"Kevin was supposed to be the backside rebounder," Bouc said. When he got the ball, "he figured the clock was running down and if he missed the shot, we'd have a chance for the rebound."

As it turned out, Guilford missed the rim completely. He got nothing but net.

Bouc didn't mind Guilford's late heroics. "I thought, 'there goes our 40 percent shooter. It might as well be him as anyone else," the coach said.

Bouc said his team had trouble really believing his prediction of four years ago. "When you tell a group of kids in 1978 that in '81 they'd be state champs, they find it hard to believe," he said. "Now I'm just about the smartest man on earth."

Senior Gary Shoup, Hordville's mainstay in the middle with 21 points, confirmed what his coach had said.

"He kept saying, 'I told you this would be the year," Shoup said. "But we didn't really take him seriously.

"Now I guess he knows what he's talking about."

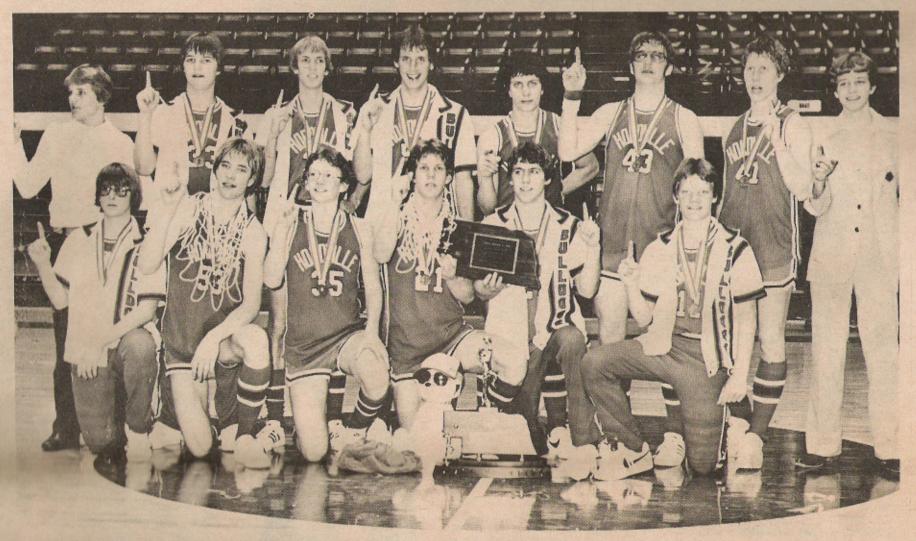
Score by quarters: Hordville — 14 9 10 8 — 41 Filley — 8 12 12 8 — 40

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# Congratulations HORDVILLE BULLDOGS



STATE CLASS D CHAMPIONS — Hordville team members and their state champion and Lincoln newspaper first place plaque. Front row, left: Gregg Fowler, Gary Shoup, Mike DeMers, Todd Tyler, Craig Quick and Mark DeMers, Back row, left: Jeff Timmons, fan; Bill Lindburg, Jim

Anderson, Lyle Blase, Kevin Guilford, Russell Wilshusen, Bruce Blase and Scott Carpenter, student manager. Coach Glenn Bouc and Assistant Coach Dennis Gray are not pictured. — News-Register Photo







Road to victory...

From wonder and disbelief, to prayer and pleading, to a final shout and jump for joy, Hordville cheerleader Susan Bannister ran the gamut of emotions Saturday as the Bulldogs

News-Times Photos by Linda Harrison

captured the class D high school basketball championship in Lincoln by beating Filley, 41-40. Details of the game and more pictures of the championship game are on Page 4.



World-Herald/Tom Allan

Letters and flowers for Class D champs . . . Front row from left: Bruce and Lyle Blase, Kevin Guilford, cheerleader Kris Riekenberg and Russell Wilshusen; at rear are Bouc and Gray.

## No. 1 Twice Hordville's Proud Record

By Tom Allan World-Herald Staff Writer

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Hordville, Neb. - This Hamilton County village of 150 is an ecstatic No. 1 - plus 1.

Missed by some outsiders following the Hordville High Bull-Class D basketball championship Saturday night and The World-Herald's No. 1 Class D rating to the team Monday morning is the that fact Hordville was already No. 1.



ning streak at 78 games to take the title in the school's firstever trip to the state tourney was the Bulldogs' encore to their hometown being named the state's No. 1 small town last November in Hordville's first-Ending Filley's record win- ever entry in the statewide Ne-

braska Community Improvement Program competition.

### Double Pride

Double pride reigned here Sunday. Monday brought another reason to celebrate - the arrival of the morning World-Herald and sportswriter Larry Porter's selection of Hordville as Class D kings.

Formal celebration for the Bulldogs will be April 25 at the annual athletic banquet; the whole town will celebrate again

#### Sept. 5-6 at its 75th birthday party

The Community Club is meeting tonight to discuss defending the town's No. 1 rating in the NCIP contest.

"And sure to be discussed will be the possibility of using ) the \$450 Hordville won (in the NCIP contest) to erect a big sign proclaiming we are both the State Class D 1981 basketball champion and Nebraska's best small town," said banker Dick Anderson.

Anderson was having a tough time trying to do business

#### 'Proud of Boys'

All of the morning newspapers had been sold out early and Anderson was making copies of the World-Herald story on his bank's copying machine.

Among his customers was Kenneth Wilshusen, father of senior Bulldog player Russell, who said, "We are all so darned proud of all the boys.'

Up the street at Gil's Market, owner Merlin Guilford could hardly cut the steaks in his butcher shop. His son, Kevin, was the one who made the winning basket in the upset of

Filley At the post office, retired postmaster Elmer Garner, the town's NCIP chairman, said.

## **Dentists: Tooth Care** Needs Brighter Image

By Mary McGrath World-Herald Medical Writer

Dentistry needs to market good care with as much appeal to the public as, for example, designer bluejeans, an American Dental Association official said Monday in Omaha.

Simply telling people that regular checkups can help prevent cavities is not enough, Dr. Burton H. Press of Pittsburg, Calif., said.

was elected president and Dr. G. G. Pejsar of Lincoln president-elect.

Dr. Wayne Wessel of Wayne, was selected vice president.

Other officers are Dr. C. F. Bower of Lincoln, treasurer; Dr. D. W. Edwards, Lincoln, secretary.

## Dental Hygienists Pick New Officers

Jacqueline Rhodes of Lincoln was elected Monday to head t

## Exxon Seeking Iowa Uranium

Inwood, Iowa (AP) - A subsidiary of the Exxon Corp. has been seeking to buy rights to explore for uranium in northwest

Ommer Humble, a representative of Exxon Minerals of Denver, Colo., has been negoti-ating with farmers in the Inwood area for mineral rights during the past week. Lyon County Recorder E.C. Fitzgerald said no lease agreements had been signed by the end of

the week. Recent geological studies have shown there is a belt of