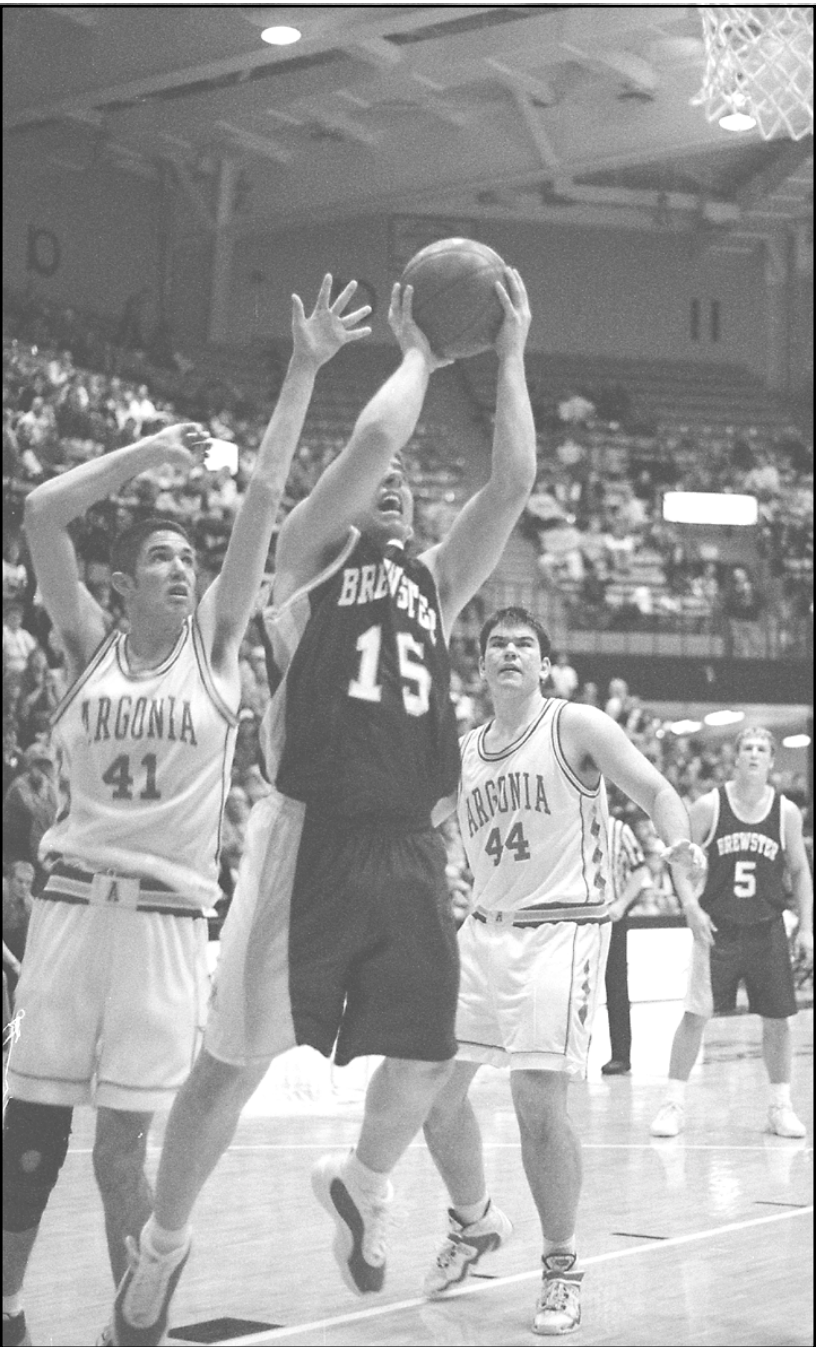


Brewster repeats as state class 1A champion



Brewster's Clint Horinek (15) put up a shot in the lane Saturday night in the Class 1A state championship.
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baseball scoreboard

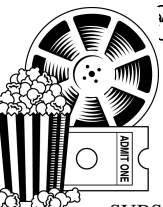
By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	7	3	.700
Texas	6	3	.667
Toronto	7	4	.636
Minnesota	7	5	.583
Cleveland	5	4	.556
Anaheim	6	5	.545
Chicago	5	5	.500
New York	5	6	.455
Oakland	5	7	.417
Seattle	5	7	.417
Detroit	4	6	.400
Kansas City	4	6	.400
Tampa Bay	4	6	.400
Boston	2	9	.182

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct
Florida	8	2	.800
Cincinnati	9	3	.750
San Diego	8	3	.727
Arizona	7	4	.636
Los Angeles	6	4	.600
Pittsburgh	7	5	.583
Colorado	5	5	.500
New York	5	5	.500
Milwaukee	6	7	.462
San Francisco	5	6	.455
St. Louis	4	6	.400
Chicago	5	8	.385
Montreal	4	7	.364
Atlanta	3	6	.333
Philadelphia	3	7	.300
Houston	2	5	.286

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Sunday's Games
Florida 2, Atlanta 1, 11 innings
Texas 2, Cincinnati 1
N.Y. Mets 7, Detroit 2
Baltimore 10, Boston 2
Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 2
Pittsburgh 2, Toronto (ss) 1
Minnesota 9, Tampa Bay (ss) 4
Toronto (ss) 11, N.Y. Yankees (ss) 6
Kansas City 4, Philadelphia (ss) 2
Tampa Bay (ss) 7, Philadelphia (ss) 6
N.Y. Yankees (ss) 7, Montreal 6
Anaheim 5, Seattle 4
Colorado 2, Milwaukee 1
Oakland 12, San Francisco 6
Chicago White Sox 6, San Diego 1
Arizona (ss) 13, Chicago Cubs (ss) 3
Arizona (ss) 4, Chicago Cubs (ss) 3
Today's Games
Montreal vs. Boston at Fort Myers Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Atlanta vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Texas at Port Charlotte Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Kansas City vs. Detroit at Lakeland Fla., 11:05 a.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Toronto vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater Fla., 11:05 a.m.



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By Roxie Yonkey
The Goodland Daily News
HAYS—Brewster basketball coach Larry O'Connor got a state championship medal Saturday night.
He won one last season, but he gave it to assistant coach Jon McKee. For some reason, assistant coaches aren't given state medals, but last year, O'Connor said the team would win one for him in 2001. And he was right.
With chants of "Repeat, repeat," echoing in Gross Memorial Coliseum, Brewster fans celebrated their second straight state championship Saturday night. They had plenty of time to plan, since the boys blew Argonia away, 60-40.
According to Bulldog senior Jay Reid, the second time is better than the first.
"Repeating in my senior year, that's definitely sweeter," he said.
Senior Justin Jamison agreed.
"Words just don't describe this," he said. "I've waited my whole life for this."
The Bulldogs' game was a bit off in the championship's early going, which was clearly attributable to the energy spent on the previous evening's three-overtime victory. All the Bulldogs' 12 first-quarter points came inside. Their outside game was nearly non-existent, which helped Argonia to lead by one at the end of the first quarter, 13-12.
The teams traded buckets through the middle of the second quarter, then Reid found Brett Aramberger for three to take a 21-19 lead.
Argonia's Brett McNeil tied the game at 21 with an 18-footer, the last time Argonia would get so close.
After McNeil's bucket, Reid put back an Aramberger miss and Bulldog Justin Jamison completed an old-fashioned three-point play. The 'Dawgs led

'Dawgs get big welcome home

By Roxie Yonkey
The Goodland Daily News
BREWSTER—The state champion Brewster Bulldogs got a warm welcome home Sunday afternoon.
Fans and the team started a parade down Old U.S. 24 from Levant, led by Brewster Mayor Mike Baughn, the Thomas County undersheriff. The parade of honking vehicles wound through Brewster's north-south streets before the team and fans went into the school for a homecoming celebration.
After watching film of Brewster's classic state semifinal game with Tribune, Bulldog seniors presented roses to their cheerleaders and trainers. The coaches then talked about their team.
"This group of seniors is second to none," head coach Larry O'Connor said. "This last four years has been absolutely fantastic."
The Bulldog seniors have been undefeated at home since sixth grade, and have qualified for state four straight times, placing third once and winning twice.
"We'll miss you, but it's time for you to move on," the coach continued.
Assistant coach Jon McKee said the Bulldogs' accomplishments probably hadn't sunk in yet.
"They've had so much success that they don't realize how hard it is to do what they've done," he said. "Very few teams are able to win state back-to-back. Teams have talent, but they don't have the mental toughness to fight through the pressure."
O'Connor pointed out the Brewster's seniors have been under pressure every game for at least the last three years — pressure not just to win, but to win while looking good.
"If they don't look good while winning," he said, "people ask what's wrong."
Now, he said, Brewster's seniors are relieved of that pressure.
"It's ended and in a good way," he said.
The seniors' example has trickled down to the lower grades, he added. About 40 fifth- through eighth-grade kids plan to play summer league basketball, following the seniors' example.
"Probably in the next five to seven years, we'll win two or three more of these," O'Connor predicted. "Since you've gotten our junior-high and grade-school kids to believe in hard work, you can take a little part in the next state championships we win."
"And we will be back."

by five, 26-21, going into the locker room.
"When they were five down at the half and we were not shooting well, I knew everything would be all right," O'Connor said. "I told them to keep shooting because the shots were going to come. They proved me right."
And how.
Reid opened the second half with consecutive threes, followed by a Jamison layup. The 'Dawgs shot ahead 34-21 at 5:12 in the third and the rout was on.
Brewster's victory puts them in the

record books. They join Northern Valley, Baileyville B&B and Natoma as the only three-time 1A state champions. (Brewster also won the Class BB state tournament in 1968.) The Bulldogs have won their three Class 1A state championships in the last seven years, 1995, 2000 and 2001. Northern Valley (1990-91) and Hanover (1998-99) are the only other 1A teams to repeat.
Jamison had Brewster's lone double double with 11 points and 11 rebounds.
"I told him that if he had a great tournament, we would win," O'Connor said. "He had a great tournament and

we won."
Aramberger scored 18 points and had five assists and three steals. Reid scored 17 points. Horinek scored 10 points and had seven rebounds. P.J. Crumbaker and Jacob Falcon scored two points each. Every Bulldog played.
McNeil led Argonia with 19 points. Brandon Koehler had 10 points and seven rebounds.
Brewster, with 52 students, was the tournament's smallest school. The Bulldogs finished their season 27-1, while Argonia finished 25-3.

Big 12 earns six bids, but seeding angers Texas

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Iowa State earned the best of the Big 12 Conference's six NCAA tournament bids Sunday — even though the No. 7 Cyclones weren't anywhere near the site of the Big 12 championship game when the bids came out.
And the selection committee further mystified conference coaches and players when it didn't send a Big 12 team to the Midwest Regional's first-round game in Kansas City.
No. 9 Kansas, Missouri, No. 7 Iowa State, Oklahoma State, No. 20 Oklahoma — all within a day's drive of Kemper Arena — were all sent elsewhere. Kansas was assigned to the Midwest Regional, but the Jayhawks open at Dayton, Ohio.
"It would have been better for our fans" to play at Kemper, coach Roy Williams said. "It's about 643 miles to Dayton, but we played ourselves into this spot."
Oklahoma State, which saw 10


members of its traveling party killed in a January plane crash, is just glad to be going anywhere.
The Cowboys (20-9) were made the 11th seed in the East regional. They will play No. 6 seed Southern California (21-9) on Thursday at Uniondale, N.Y.
"It doesn't make any difference as long as we make the big dance," Sutton said. "I was really thrilled and so happy for our team. It means so much to them after what they've been through. I think they've been very courageous to

get their team to this point."
Iowa State is the NCAA's No. 2 seed in the Mideast Regional, despite being upset by Baylor in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 tournament. The Cyclones (25-5) play Hampton (24-6) on Thursday at Boise, Idaho.
"I was like, 'Where's Boise at?'" Iowa State forward Martin Rancik said. "I mean, it's not the most attractive spot in the United States."
"But it's the NCAA tournament and no matter where we go, we've got to


take care of business."
Iowa State's position is two seeds better than tournament champion Oklahoma and four better than runner-up Texas — which didn't sit well with either of those two teams.
"Why play a tough nonleague schedule if you're not going to be rewarded for it?" said Texas coach Rick Barnes, whose 20th-ranked Longhorns dropped to the sixth seed in the South Regional after falling 54-45 to Oklahoma in the conference title game.

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