

Birds Dull Knight's Shining Armor, 73-61

By JIM BELL. Telegraph Sports Writer WOOD RIVER — Third time is not the charm. And there is a coaching gentleman in this town who'll attest to the fact. He goes by the name of Bob Knight.

tory. But there is one thing the man from the country of famed Phog Allen and equally famed Adolph Rupp did accomplish. Knight saw quite a change in the point difference between the two contestants.

neither was the scant audience who sat around Memorial Gymnasium throughout the 32-minute shoot-out. "We simply lost our poise in the first half," opined Knight, "particular when we had to remove Waits (Dwight) in the second period because of his personal fouls."

the opening period and, like Knight said, that's when the Redbirds put the big breach between the two teams. "That was as good a quarter as we've played all year," Sterrett mentioned. "We jelled in that period, worked as a unit. But, after that, I wasn't too pleased with much of anything we did."

The Redbirds were on top at the quarter, 17-13. They held a comfortable margin at the intermission, 41-24, and were on top at the end of the third, 56-41. Besides failing to move against Alton's moderate press, the Oilers blew nine free chances from the line which would have kept them in contention.

ly followed by team leader Mike Jeffries, who had 17. Burton, who also grabbed 14 rebounds, chalked up 18, his top production of the year. Burton picked up four of his eight field goals in the opening period, during which time the lead changed hands three times. Sophomore Ron Caldwell, scoring on a fastbreak, put the Redbirds out front to stay, 15-13.

who not only gave away ruggedness but more experience on the with only 19. The Redbirds hit 30 of 58 attempts from the field for a .517 average, getting most of their hits in close. Wood River had 23 of 48 for 47.9.

Alton's next action will be in the Carbondale tournament Dec. 28-29 while Wood River will be participating in the Olney tournament on the same dates. Alton is now 2-3 for the season and 1-1 in conference. Wood River is 1-5 overall and 0-2 in conference.

Minnesota, Chiefs Hope Ball Control Is Answer

By DICK COUCH. Associated Press Sports Writer. It'll be no great surprise if the Kansas City Chiefs try to sock it to Oakland's defending American Football League champions with a ball-control offense in Sunday's Western Division title playoff.

more. The Vikings-Colts survivor will meet the winner of today's Eastern Conference showdown between Dallas and Cleveland on Dec. 29 for the NFL title of the Easter champs' home field. The New York Jets will entertain the Kansas City-Oakland winner the same day for the AFL championship.

But the Raiders, who have scored more points, 453, and averaged more yards per game, 406.9, than any other AFL club, wound up their regular schedule with three close-shave victories while Kansas City breezed past its last five opponents.

only regular season collision with Baltimore. The Colts, on the way to a 13-1 finish, won 2-9, limiting Minnesota to three Fred Cox field goals. They out-gained the Vikings 413-229, with a 70-51 edge in offensive plays.

kings' knack for scoring "with a haymaker—the long pass, the big play." Up front, however, the Vikings' defensive front four of Carl Eller, Jim Marshall, Alan Page and Gary Larsen could give Morrill—and possibly Johnny Unitas—the same kind of fits Kapp can expect from Colt pass-rushers Bubba Smith, Ordele Brasse, Billy Ray Smith and Fred Miller.

Minnesota quarterback Joe Kapp has thrown 10 touchdown passes—16 fewer than the Colts' Earl Morrill, the league leader. Vikings Coach Bug Grant admits his club can't match the Coastal

er came close to the Explorers. It seemed as if everyone got into the act for the Explorers. Only two players on the squad failed to score. Jim Siemer, a 6-1 senior at Marquette, led all scorers with 29 points. Bill Pate was high man for the Cardinals with 19.

Basketball Results

Table listing basketball results for various schools including Alton, Wood River, Marquette, etc. Columns include school names and scores.

Explorers Rap Breese, 93-67

By BOB HERTZ. Telegraph Sports Writer. Marquette's Explorers won their fourth game this season without defeat, trouncing Breese High School, 93-67, Friday night at Marquette.

and the Cardinals never caught Marquette again. At the end of the first quarter the Explorers had 21-12. In the second quarter Marquette assembled its biggest quarter total of the night — 26. Siemer had five field goals in the period and reserve guard Mike Vonnahme came in to score three baskets and two free throws. Breese scored 15 points in the quarter and at the half

Marquette's lead grew to 47-27. Marquette center Jack Tueth contributed 10 points to the Explorers' 25 in the third period and Greg Schulz, who had 14 points in the game, had six in the third.

It was Bunker Hill's fifth victory in six starts, while it marked St. Paul's third loss to go with six victories. Coach Jim Hafka's Minutemen were on top at the end of the opening period, 18-12, at the half, 37-24, and at the end of the third, 51-33.

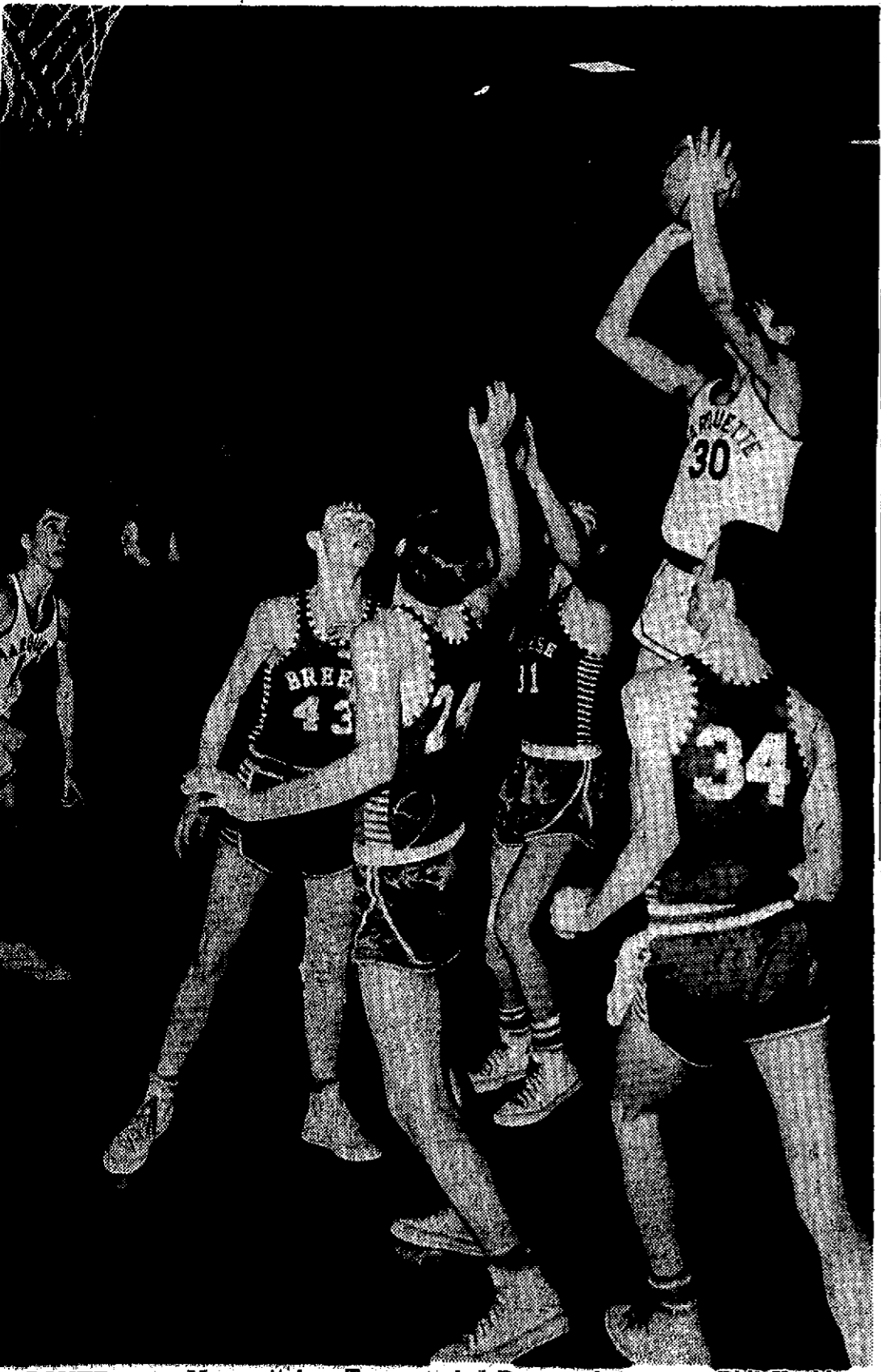
Mr. A played about 28 minutes, threw in 25 points, grabbed 20 rebounds and set a UCLA career scoring record of 1,695 points. It was UCLA's 20th straight victory, four this season, and the Bruins' 67th triumph in their last 68 games.

over 15th-ranked California 98-81 in the Sun Devil Classic at Phoenix, Arizona State whipped Nebraska 83-76 in the other game at Phoenix.

at the end of the first quarter, and led 34-22 at halftime. Granite City fought back in the third quarter to narrow the gap to 37-35.

UCLA Romps Again

By TED MEIER. Associated Press Sports Writer. Low Alcindor's injured foot turned out to be a pain in the neck for the Minnesota Gophers. The agile 7-foot-2 All-American earlier Friday for disciplinary reasons. Temple downed Fordham 72-60 in the other Lobo first-round contest.



LONER — Marquette's Tom Schmidt (30) rises above four Breese defenders to take a shot in Friday night's game at Marquette. The dark-

Blues, Plante Hand Seals 1-0 Setback

OAKLAND (AP) — The Oakland Seals have more than a case of the blues when it comes to beating St. Louis, the West Division leader in the National Hockey League. The bitters is more like it. The St. Louis Blues downed the Seals 1-0 Friday night before only 3,565 in the NHL's lone game.

So far this year, the Blues have allowed the Seals only one goal in three games. St. Louis leads the NHL in defense, having giving up 66 goals in 30 games. Goalie Jacques Plante turned aside 24 Oakland shots in recording his fourth shutout of the season.

Overall Champ

SPORT SHORTS INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Overall is the \$75,000 American Pacing Classic champion after his half-length victory over favored Best of All Friday night. Overall driven by Del Insko, paid \$9, \$2.80 and \$2.10 in his fourth victory of the year. Time for the mile and one-eighth was 2:15 3-5.

Dale Changes Mind

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — The University of Southern Mississippi is shopping for a head football coach for the second time within a month. It was announced Friday that Roland Dale, who had accepted the job Nov. 30, has changed his mind and will stay at the University of Mississippi, where he has been an assistant under Johnny Vaught for nine years.

Edwardsville on Top After Edging Granite

The victory lifted Edwardsville into sole possession of first place with a 3-0 record. Overall, the Tigers are 5-0. The loss was Granite City's first of the season after five wins and drops them to second place with a 3-1 mark. Edwardsville beat Granite City by playing a patient game, waiting for the breaks.

AT GRANITE CITY

Table showing basketball statistics for Granite City, including player names, points, and rebounds.

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