

Late Outburst Downs Emporia; Fort Hays Hosts OU Saturday



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It's a "Touchdown" for Hornet John Rose . . . Briscoe can't make "tackle"

By Mike Moran

Omaha U basketballers, fresh from a thrilling win over CIC rival Emporia State on Tuesday, travel to Hays, Kansas, tomorrow for a league encounter with Fort Hays.

OU will be looking for its third straight CIC win. The Tigers are 0-1 after a Monday travel to Pittsburg State.

The Indians will be home Tuesday night against Washburn. Tip off time is eight in the Fieldhouse.

Emporia Topples

Sputtering and erratic Omaha U, stymied for three quarters by Emporia State's zone defenses, finally broke through in the final five minutes to gain a 70-66 win at OU Tuesday.

The Indians trailed throughout the game until subs Bill Haas and Ed Woodward provided a late spark that sent the Omahans into a seven point lead, 68-61, with 1:18 to play.

The lead nearly vanished as the Indians got careless, but soph Marlin Briscoe, a sparkling floor leader, got crucial baskets to help OU nail down its second CIC win in as many starts.

Ragged Play

Both teams were unable to score in the first three minutes of the ball game as play was ragged. OU scored first and held a brief lead. Emporia came back to take a 31-25 lead at the half, largely on the shooting of Bob Goldsmith.

The second half began the way the first had ended, with Omaha falling off the pace as Emporia began to find the range. But a three point play by Big Sam Singleton and the entrance of Haas and Woodward fueled an OU comeback that forged a tie at 50-50.

The suddenly - hot Indians then took command and moved into a seemingly comfortable lead which lasted until the Hornets' late heroics that barely missed catching OU.

Story In Percentages

The comeback by Omaha is reflected in the 50 percent shooting in the second half as compared with 22 percent before intermission.

Also, Larry Villnow and Charlie Myers, blanked during the first stanza, came back with six and ten points each to lead the Indians out of the doldrums.

But in the final analysis, it was subs Woodward and Haas that proved to be the OU heroes as the Indians improved their season mark to 5-6.

Ironically, the Hornets took third place in the recent Hastings Xmas tournament in which the erratic Indians notched only a sixth place finish.

Briscoe's 22 points led Omaha while rookie sensation Dick Osterhaus and Singleton each chipped in with 11.

Box Score

Omaha (70)			
	fg	ft	tp
Singleton	4	3-3	11
Osterhaus	4	3-3	11
Villnow	2	2-4	6
Myers	5	0-0	10
Briscoe	9	4-6	22
Woodward	2	2-2	6
Burnau	1	0-0	2
Haas	1	0-0	2
Totals	28	14-18	70
Emporia (66)			
	fg	ft	tp
Scott	3	0-1	6
Rose	4	0-0	8
Goldsmith	8	3-6	19
Swazick	4	3-4	11
Smith	3	2-6	8
Wendell	2	0-1	4
Burnau	2	1-1	5
Edwards	2	0-0	4
Totals	27	12-21	66

Tourney Results

- 1st—St. Benedict's 100 . . . Hastings 92
- 3d—Emporia State 93 . . . Westmar 77
- 5th—S.W. Oklahoma 56 . . . Omaha 43
- 7th—Illinois St. 109 . . . Sioux Falls 88

Third seeded St. Benedict's opened the 1964 Hastings Holiday Tournament with a convincing 94-72 win over Omaha University on December 28th.

The Ravens, eventual tourney champs, shot a torrid 52 percent in beating Omaha for the second time this year. 6-5 Daryl Jones and veteran Pat Hare led the Kansas club to the victory with outstanding efforts on both boards.

The Ravens shot to a 53-33 lead at halftime and could never be caught as Omaha failed

to find the shooting touch in the second half.

Senior Larry Villnow and scoring ace Sam Singleton led Omaha with 15 points apiece. Charlie Myers added 12 for the Indians.

Box Score

St. Benedict's (94)			
	fg	ft	tp
Hare	4	2-3	10
Brungardt	4	0-0	8
Pratt	3	1-1	7
Dugan	5	3-5	13
Jones	8	1-3	17
Wewers	3	0-1	6
Schuering	7	0-0	14
Maurer	0	0-1	0
Weber	4	0-0	8
Glore	3	1-1	7
Thorp	0	0-0	0
deGroeff	1	2-5	4
Totals	42	10-20	94
Omaha (72)			
	fg	ft	tp
Briscoe	3	0-0	6
Cribbs	1	0-3	2
Myers	4	4-8	12
Osterhaus	1	0-0	2
Haas	2	0-0	4
Burress	3	2-3	8
Davis	1	0-1	2
Villnow	6	3-5	15
Singleton	5	5-6	15
Woodward	3	0-1	6
Totals	29	14-25	72

St. Benedict's . . . 53 41-94
Omaha . . . 33 39-72
Total fouls—St. Benedict's 19, Omaha 17.

Illinois St. Falls

Shoved into the consolation bracket after the opening loss December 28th to St. Benedict's, Omaha quickly rebounded.

The hot shooting Indians mauled Illinois State, 94-80, as newcomer Dick Osterhaus and Larry Villnow got 20 points apiece to go with Briscoe's 24.

Omaha moved to a narrow 43-42 lead at halftime but quickly pushed the advantage to ten points in the second half as Osterhaus and Briscoe spurred the efforts. Scoring ace Sam Singleton sat on the bench throughout the game as coach Jim Borsheim attempted to find a smooth offense.

Osterhaus proved to be the answer as well as Courtney Burress, the Chicago transfer, who also proved a valuable sub for Bill Haas.

Osterhaus, a soph from Omaha Sacred Heart, also nailed 11 rebounds in a great performance.

Borsheim called the moves "experimental" and in no way a

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punishment for Singleton's recent "gunning." However, the move was to suddenly backfire the next day.

Box Score

Omaha (94)			
	fg	ft	tp
Myers	6	0-0	12
Osterhaus	9	2-6	20
Briscoe	10	4-4	24
Burruss	2	1-1	5
Cribbs	4	3-5	11
Villnow	7	6-6	20
Woodward	1	0-0	2
Totals	39	16-22	94

Illinois State (80)

	fg	ft	tp
Ross	5	2-4	12
Denman	0	0-2	0
Cruser	9	0-0	18
Lapas	4	1-2	9
Akin	7	6-7	20
Rush	0	1-1	1
Martin	1	1-2	3
Lehnus	0	0-1	0
Bruninga	7	3-3	17
Totals	33	14-22	80

Omaha	43	51-94
Illinois State	42	38-80
Fouled out:	one.	
Total fouls:	Omaha 19, Illinois State 16	

Brrr . . .

Hero Osterhaus turned into a goat along with the rest of the team in the next day's consolation championship against Southwest Oklahoma.

Hitting a miserable 4 for 24 from the field, Omaha fell behind, 29-12 at the half in one of the worst offensive performances ever seen at Hastings.

Not a single Indian could find the range despite repeated substitutions by Borsheim. The Oklahomans, who seemed stunned

by the poor OU showing, couldn't do much better.

Singleton came off the bench in the second half and picked up the sagging Indians with ten points. But it wasn't enough or early enough and the final was 56-43, Southwest Oklahoma.

Omaha had only three points after the first ten minutes. Ironically, Borsheim called the OU defense the best he has had in four years.

Borsheim, angered after the tournament, added, "We should have whipped 'em by thirty."

It was the second year in a row that OU has finished sixth in the Hastings extravaganza.

Box Score

Omaha (43)

	fg	ft	tp
C. Myers	5	0-1	10
Osterhaus	0	0-0	0
J. Myers	1	0-0	2
Briscoe	1	3-5	5
Haas	0	0-0	0
Burruss	1	0-0	2
Villnow	4	1-1	9
Cribbs	1	1-2	3
Woodward	0	0-0	0
Vincent	1	0-0	0
Davis	0	0-0	0

Totals	19	5-10	43
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Southwest Okla. (56)

	fg	ft	tp
Cannon	1	2-2	4
Hickman	0	0-0	0
Clouse	7	2-3	16
Mullins	0	0-0	0
Edwards	6	2-3	14
Smith	0	0-0	0
Holt	6	2-4	14
Rodgers	0	0-0	0
Neely	4	0-1	8

Totals	24	8-13	56
Omaha	12	31-43	
Southwest Oklahoma	29	27-56	
Total fouls:	Omaha 12, SW Okla. 10		