

Mid-Game Change Lifts Indians To 21-6 Victory

by Mike Moran

Omaha University's junior quarterback, Marlin Briscoe, a harried signal caller the first thirty minutes, took charge in the second half and led the Indians to a 21-6 win over Morningside last Saturday before 5,000 fans at OU Stadium.

Playing in 75 degree weather, the Indians limped through a first half that saw Morningside score once on a 46 yard run by halfback Gary Beaubien.

Two Omaha drives were foiled on fourth down within the 15 as the Indian offense sputtered and coughed during the early going.

Two Games?

After intermission, the story changed themes rapidly as Omaha took complete command with style. Briscoe, suddenly daring as a riverboat gambler, wheeled and dealt the Red and Black 83 yards to paydirt in four minutes of the third stanza.

Marlin followed Harlan Aden to his right for a three yard scoring jaunt for the tally that tied it at 6-6. George Blankenship's placement gave OU a lead it never lost.

A pass interference call and a 30 yard sprint by halfback Gerry Allen set up Briscoe's touchdown.

Moments later the Indians were back for more. Briscoe's bullet to flanker Rick Davis was good for 40 yards and a first and goal from the eight. Two plays later, Bill Dodd hammered his way into the end zone for the second Omaha touchdown. Blankenship was accurate again from placement and the scoreboard blinked 14-7 as the third quarter ended.

OU's tough-as-nails defense got the ball back again and Marlin wasted no time in registering another six points. A nifty fake to Dodd and one quick pump of Briscoe's right arm found Davis

alone in the flat at the Morningside 35. Ricky cut to his left and outran two Chief defenders the rest of the way for a 63 yard scoring jaunt with ten minutes remaining to play. Again, Blankenship's toe was good and 21 points flashed on the OU board.

Big Change

Omaha's pro-set offense hurtled into second gear during the decisive second half and the statistics prove it. Briscoe completed 11 of 20 tosses for 195 yards. Little All-American Allen didn't tarnish his reputation with 128 yards on 25 carries in a work-horse performance.

The real key lay in the ability of the OU defense to recover from a first half lashing that saw the Chiefs rack up 135 yards on the ground.

The Indian secondary held up expertly and turned back a minimal Morningside air threat. Interceptions by Don Crum and Lew Garrison stymied threats in the second half.

Old Stuff

The win gives OU a 13-12 lead in the oldest series in Omaha history. The two teams first met in 1935. Morningside is now 1-2 on the season. Omaha is 2-1 and must begin the long grind that includes Bradley, Eastern New Mexico and Drake in addition to CIC rivals.

Final Statistics

	OU	Morn.
First Downs	13	10
Rushing Yards	156	240
Passes	11-20	3-13
Pass Yards	195	26
Total Yards	251	266
Punts	2-34	3-46
Penalty Yards	10	25

Individual Statistics

	OU		Morn.	
	Att.	Net	Att.	Net
Allen	25	128	11	115
Dodd	10	28	8	91
			Ohl	9
			Kuchel	4
				10
PASSING				
Briscoe	11-20	195	Larsen	3-12
Benson	0-1	0	Turnure	0-1
Score by Quarters:				
Omaha	0	0	14	7-21
Morningside	6	0	0	0-6
Attendance: 5,000				