

Briscoe Baffles Braves

8,256 See Indians Take 14-12 Squeeze



Scrambler Briscoe . . . baffles Braves.



Part of record 8,256 persons in the crowd Saturday night.

by Mike Moran

A record throng of 8,256 fans jammed Rosenblatt Stadium last Saturday night as Omaha nipped Bradley, 14-12, in a gilt-edged thriller. The GATEWAY Football Night crowd was the largest turnout ever to see the Indians play at home.

Al Caniglia's troops struck first, and didn't waste any time doing it. A 42 yard trap pass from scrambling Marlin Briscoe to flanker Rick Davis put the OU on the Bradley 20 with just 10 minutes gone in the first quarter.

Battering Bill Dodd and Briscoe moved it to the three before Terry Allen pushed it on third and goal. Soph George Blankenship toed his first PAT of the night and OU was off to the races at 7-0.

The Braves roared back after Allen's fumble of a hurried Briscoe pitch was covered by Terry Melba on the OU 18. Two plays later, Brave quarterback Bob Caress triggered a screen pass to Hollie Innskeep for the touchdown. Caress, usually accurate, missed the placement badly.

The score stayed at 7-6 until late in the third quarter when Briscoe guided Omaha 43 yards to the winning score. Big gains by Dodd, playing his best game, and Allen moved the ball to the seven. Briscoe rolled into the end zone on third down behind mauling blocks from Dodd and

Jimmy Jones. Blankenship's kick was picture perfect as the third quarter ended.

The teams traded muffed chances and OU used up five minutes in a sustained drive that ended with a fumble on the Brave 15. Caress and company got the ball back with a minute left and went right to work. The last minute blitz ended with a muffed field goal attempt from the OU 21 as time ran out.

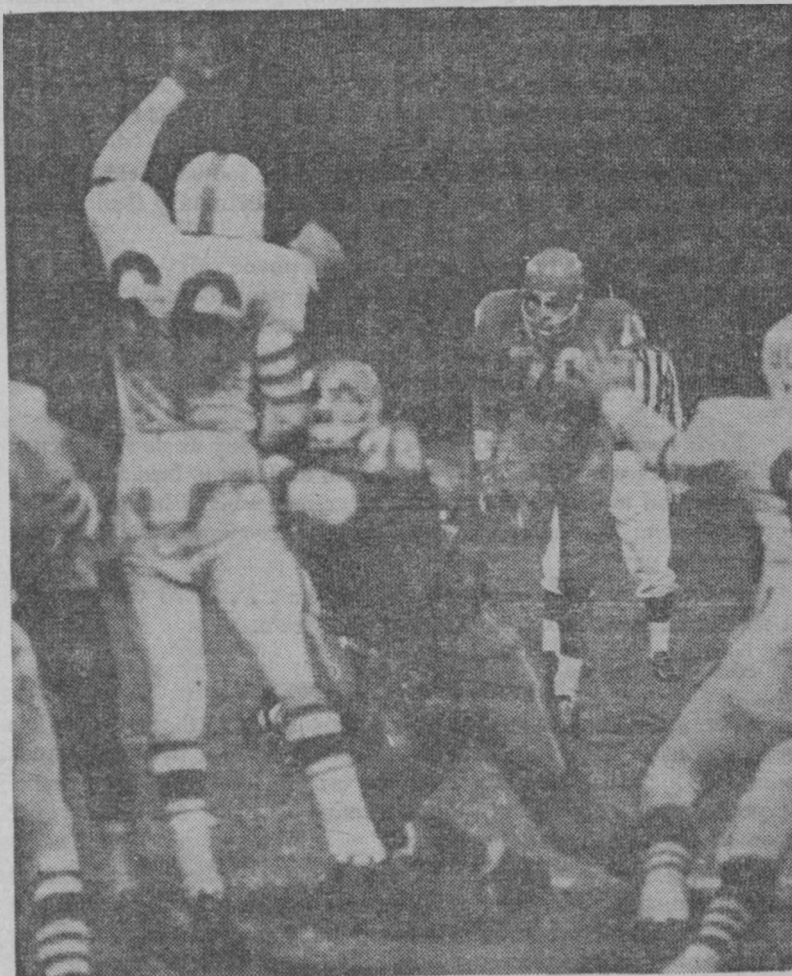
The win was the third in four games for Omaha. Bradley slipped to 1-3 on the season. The Peoria team has lost three games by a total of seven points.



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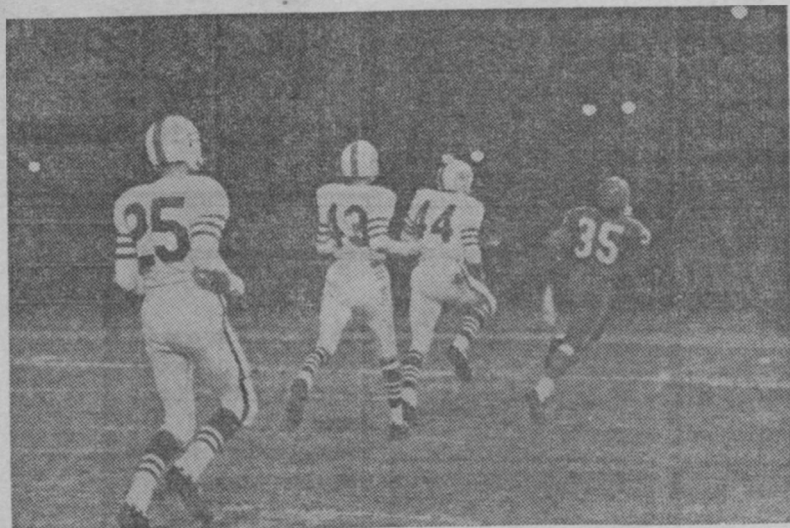


Rick Davis . . . "I'll take that!"



Blankenship's talented toe . . . margin of victory.

	Omaha		Bradley	
First Downs	17	16		
Rushing Yards	151	35		
Passing Yards	123	266		
Passes	10-17	27-49		
Total Yards	274	301		
Punts	4	4		
Punt Avg.	31.6	36.6		
RUSHING				
	OU		Bradley	
	Att.	Net	Att.	Net
Dodd	16	56	10	20
Allen	15	55		
Briscoe	12	40		
PASSING				
	Omaha		Bradley	
	Att.	Comp.	Att.	Yds.
Briscoe	17	10		123
Bradley				
Caress	49	27		266
Scoring by Quarters:				
Omaha	7	0	7	0-14
Bradley	6	0	0	6-12
Attendance	8,256			



Davis again . . . "See ya fellas."