

St. Louis playoff hopes still alive

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Jim Hart passed for 204 yards and two touchdowns and Jim Otis added 107 yards rushing Saturday to lead St. Louis to a 24-17 victory over the Baltimore Colts and keep the Cardinals' playoff hopes alive.

The Cardinals now are 9-4 and need to beat the New York Giants and hope Dallas downs Washington to gain a wild-card berth. The loss dropped the Colts' record to 10-3 and kept Baltimore from clinching the AFC-East title.

The final Cardinal tally came on a 22-yard Jim Bakken field goal with 2:34 remaining in the game. The St. Louis defense set up the score with John Zook nailing Colts' quarterback Bert Jones from behind and Charlie Davis recovering Jones' fumble at the Baltimore 35.

Hart hit four of nine passes for 143 yards and both touchdowns in the first half to give St. Louis a 21-10 lead at the intermission.

The Cardinals got a quick score after Howard Stevens fumbled the opening kickoff and Eddie Moss recovered for St. Louis at the Colts' 37. Otis picked up 17 yards in three straight carries and Hart passed 19 yards to Ike Harris at the Baltimore three. Tight end J.V. Cain then made a diving catch in the end zone for a 7-0 Cardinal edge.

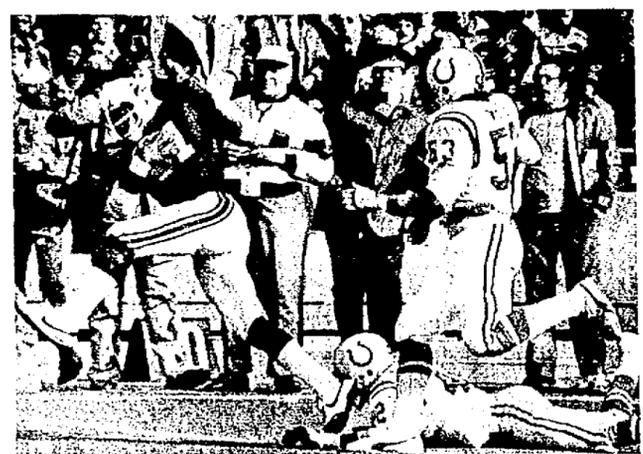
It took Baltimore only three minutes to tie the game. Lydell Mitchell, who finished with only 54 yards in 15 rushes, ran for 26 yards in five carries before diving from a yard out for the score.

The teams swapped fumbles on the following drive with St. Louis ending with the ball at the Baltimore 41. Hart passed to Terry Metcalf, who bounced off a Colt defender at the 20, regained his balance and charged into the end zone to complete a 41-yard pass play

for a 14-7 lead with 37 seconds left in the initial quarter.

Stevens returned the next kickoff 83 yards to the St. Louis 10, but the Cardinal defense stiffened and Baltimore settled for a 22-yard Toni Linhart field goal.

Linhart's ensuing kickoff was low, and Jackie Smith returned it 35 yards to the St. Louis 47. Hart lofted a 34-yard pass to Cain at the Baltimore six and Steve Jones lugged the last four yards for the final Cardinal score of the half.



Long stride

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Coyotes rally by Bethel, 86-75

By BILL BURKE

Kansas Wesleyan was almost a victim of its own mistakes Saturday night but finally settled down late in the game and came charging from behind to spill the Bethel Threshers 86-75 in a Kansas conference basketball game at Sacred Heart gymnasium.

Erratic passing and poor shot selection got Wesleyan into the hole early and Bethel zoomed to a 32-19 lead at one time before taking a 43-34 lead to the dressing room at halftime.

But in the 2nd half the Coyotes settled down, selected better shots, and stopped throwing the ball away. Soon were back in the contest.

Dave Brown and Tim Teeter proved to be the steady influence in the 2nd half and were the leading scorers. Brown pitched in 26 points to lead the scoring and Teeter followed with 22 points.

Ken Shine, a rugged, free-wheeling 6-6 junior, scored 21 points to set the pace for the Threshers, who dropped their 2nd straight KCAC start and now stand 2-3 for the season.

The Coyotes, who evened their conference record at 1-1 and their overall mark at 3-3, finally caught up at 53-53 with 13 minutes to play in the game but continued to fall behind before regaining the lead at 63-61 for the first time since the opening 2 minutes of action.

Again Bethel surged to the front but Wesleyan came back for ties of 69-69, 71-71 and finally 73-73 on a layup by Teeter with 3:34 left in the contest.

At this point the Coyotes took over the lead for good with 7 straight free throws. 4 by Brown, one by Jeff Laha and a pair by Teeter.

With 1:21 remaining J. C. Evans pitched in a free throw for Bethel to make it 80-74, then Brown and Laha each pitched in a pair of free throws to assure the victory, pushing it to 84-74.

Evans again scored a free one for Bethel at the 8 second mark and Laha closed out the scoring with 2 free ones for Wesleyan. Bethel went the last 5 1/2 minutes in the game without scoring from the field.

The Coyotes travel to Tabor in Hillsboro Tuesday night.

In the junior varsity game Saturday, Bethel won 73-72 with Russ Gaedderi scoring 16 and Mike Stewart 14 for Bethel. Mark Spears had 19, Tom Wikoff 13 and Dave Mayo 10 for Wesleyan. Bethel led at the half, 37-32.

In the women's game, Bethel won 70 to 26 and led 32-14 at the half. Jill Rietzke scored 12 for Wesleyan. Klaassen had 20 for Bethel.



Obstruction

Lloyd Haffenden of Bethel (with ball) goes up for a shot as Rufus Covington of Kansas Wesleyan cuts in front Saturday night during KCAC basketball game at Sacred Heart gymnasium. Haffenden lost the ball on the play and the Threshers lost the game to Wesleyan, 86-75. (Journal Photo by Glenn Kearns)

Bethel 43 32-75
At Wesleyan 34 52-86
Visitor: Petrocci 3-0-5; Martens 0-3-4; Schmidt 5-3-5; Krehbiel 3-3-4; Evans 2-4-2; Goering 2-0-3; Shine 7-7-4; Regler 0-0-1; Totals 26-23-32.
Home: Laha 3-8-2; Tamsen 3-3-3; Ruidel 0-1-2; Brown 8-10-4; Teeter 8-6-4; McCartney 1-0-2; Hixon 0-0-0; Covington 0-0-3; Lambing 0-0-0; Keltner 4-2-2; Gant 1-0-3. Totals 28-30-25.

Women
Bethel 32 38-70
At K-Wesleyan 14 12-26
Visitor: Springer 2-0-0; Keulman 1-0-1; Schmidt 3-2-5; Klasse 0-2-3; Stucky 6-5-9; Carlson 1-0-3; Ero 7-2-1; Goering 0-0-1. Totals 29-12-14.
Home: Clayton 1-0-4; Husira 0-0-4; Kraft 1-0-0; Sias 2-0-3; Rietzke 4-4-4; Hilton 2-0-5; Budke 1-0-1. Totals 11-4-21.

Baltimore moved to the Cards' 31 with a little more than a minute remaining but Cardinal safety Ken Reeves intercepted a Jones pass to end the threat.

Hart finished with 13 completions in 22 attempts while Jones was 13 for 23 for 241 yards.

After a wild first half, Baltimore scored the only points in the third quarter on a 30-yard pass from Jones to a wide open Raymond Chester, which brought the Colts to within 21-17.

Texas Tech grabs SWC title share

LUBBOCK, Tex. (UPI) — Tailback Larry Isaac galloped five-yards for a touchdown and quarterback Rodney Allison added two more scores — one on a 77-yard run — to lead Texas Tech to a 24-21 decision over Baylor Saturday and give the Red Raiders a share of their first Southwest Conference crown.

Tech, however, had to hold off a last minute flurry by the Bears and a 48-yard field goal attempt by Lester Belrose with 28 seconds remaining fell short.

The eighth-ranked Red Raiders tied for the league title with Cotton Bowl-bound Houston. It was the first league title for Tech since it entered the league in 1960.

Tech, finishing its regular season with a 10-1 record, will meet Nebraska in the AstroBluebonnet Bowl New Year's Eve.

Allison ran 77 yards on the first play of the game and then gave Tech a 14-0 lead with a one-yard dive with five seconds remaining in the first period.

Baylor, however, knotted the score

at the half, 14-14, on a two-yard run by Gary Blair and a 50-yard touchdown pass from backup quarterback Sammy Bickham to Tommy Davidson.

Tech took the lead on a 40-yard field goal by Brian Hall with 9:50 left in the third quarter, but on Baylor's next possession it drove 80 yards with Blair diving over from the one to give the Bears a 17-14 advantage.

Then Tech drove 89 yards for what proved to be the winning touchdown, with Isaac scoring from five yards out with 13:34 remaining.

Tech's only loss of the season was to co-champion Houston, which had to hold off a late bid of its own Saturday to prevent an upset by the Miami Hurricane.

Baylor 0 14 7 0-21
Texas Tech 14 0 3 7-24
Tech—Allison 77 run (Hall kick)
Tech—Allison 1 run (Hall kick)
Baylor—Blair 2 run (Belrose kick)
Baylor—Davidson 50 pass from Bickham (Belrose kick)
Tech—Hall 40 fg
Tech—Blair 1 run (Belrose kick)
Tech—Isaac 5 run (Hall kick)
A-37,105

All-Area squad loaded with talent

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state championship season.

"He's a good athlete as well as student," said coach Clayton Williams. "He was one of our underclassmen that really came around for us this year."

On defense, Thierolf played at end, making 52 tackles and assisting with 23.

One opposing coach watching him play said "he's without a doubt the best center I've seen this year. His drive off the ball is amazing."

The junior was right in the middle of the biggest play of the season for Beloit, in the 4th quarter of the state championship game against Garden Plain. The Trojans, down 6-0 with less than 4 minutes to play, had a 3rd down and one for the go-ahead score.

Beloit quarterback Tim Campbell went over Thierolf's block for the winning TD.

Kirk Ellis — SE of Saline
Ellis, at 6-foot-3 and 230 pounds is the biggest player on the All-Area team. He was a stalwart for Dee Kolzow's 6-3 team that surprised a lot of people in the rugged North Central Activities association.

The senior lineman played guard for the Trojans.

"He has real good quickness," said Kolzow of his star player. "We trapped quite a bit with him and used him on sweeps a lot. On short yardage situations, we went right over him."

A couple of schools interested in the Gypsum native are Butler County and Pratt juco, "but we're anticipating a lot more," said Kolzow.

"Kirk has had a back injury in the past which hurt him for awhile but he is a real coachable kid," added the Trojan coach. "He's great to work with and deserves the recognition."

Steve Sheahon — Sacred Heart
Sheahon is the greatest passer ever to play at Sacred Heart High School.

The 5-9, 170-pound scrambler threw for 3,139 yards in 2 years as the Knights' starting quarterback, and had 3,604 yards of total offense. Sheahon holds 9 school records.

As a senior, Sheahon completed 89 of

168 passes for 1,478 yards and 19 touchdowns. He rushed for 264 more.

Probably his greatest game was the last of his junior year, when he riddled the Stafford secondary for 444 yards and 8 touchdowns.

Coaches around the North Central Kansas area can breathe a sigh of relief: Steve is the last of a long line of Sheahon brothers — all talented athletes. One who hates to see him go is coach Jon Bingesser.

"I have coached some good athletes over the past 15 years," said Bingesser. "Some have made all-state, some have played major college football ... but I can honestly say Steve is the finest all-around athlete I have ever coached."

Not only did Sheahon lead the offense, but he also was the top defensive point-getter with 408 in 2 years.

Frank Wattlelet — Abilene
Wattlelet was the ringleader on offense and defense for the Abilene Cowboys who surprised football experts by finishing in the top 4 of Class 3A this year.

The 6-2, 183-pound wishbone quarterback rushed for 704 yards on 125 carries for a 5.6-yard average and threw for 315 yards. But Wattlelet is not all-offense.

He punted 44 times for a 35-yard average and kicked off for the Cowboys this season. In 2 years, his 73 punts were returned for only 75 yards. He kicked 2 field goals and 19 extra points during the year and scored 12 touchdowns.

Defensively, he intercepted 6 passes from his linebacker position, and returned them 88 yards for 1 touchdown. He made 18 tackles and assisted on 62 others.

"He's just been a good team leader for us," said coach Paul Dennis. "He's been my quarterback captain and made some big plays on defense."

Wattlelet, who is also an exceptional basketball and track man, has Kansas and Kansas State interested in him.

Rick Balluch — WaKeeney
Balluch did it all for the Golden Eagles this season.

The 6-1, 175-pound senior fullback-de-

fensive guard powered for 1,462 yards on 241 carries for coach Earl Barber — and even though teams ran away from him, still managed 36 tackles and 63 assists. He also recovered 5 fumbles, caused 5 more, scored 23 touchdowns and kicked 9 extra points.

The Eagle star, who has Kansas State and Wichita State looking at him, had 2 outstanding games running the ball this season. He tore up Norton with 239 yards on 31 carries and ripped Phillipsburg for 293 on 31 totes.

"Rick did a good job for us this year," said Barber. "He has as much natural skill as anybody I've ever coached. He is strong and has great quickness (runs the 100-dash in 10.1)."

What made Balluch's achievements hard to believe was that this was the first year he carried the ball. The past 3 seasons he was an offensive lineman.

Alan Shull — Beloit
Shull was the leading rusher for the 2A state champions.

The 6-0, 170-pounder, rushed 196 times for 1,341 yards and 17 touchdowns. He was also a standout on defense with 47 solo tackles, 21 assists, 2 blocked punts, 2 recovered fumbles and 5 pass interceptions.

Coach Clayton Williams had nothing but praise for his running star.

"He does the job week after week," said the highly-successful coach. "The state final game wasn't one of his better games, but he was our most consistent player throughout the season."

"He's my idea of a complete ballplayer," added the Trojan coach. "He isn't flashy but he just goes out and gives you that 100-percent effort each game."

Along with being a fine football player, Shull is an honor-roll student.

"He gave us fine leadership during the year," said Williams. "Alan's a fine young man to work with."

Jim Ginther — Salina South
Ginther was a big reason in Salina South's 2nd half success in 1976.

The 5-10, 162-pound kicking specialist, has decided the outcome of 7 South victories in 2 years with field goals and extra points.

In those 2 years, Jim was 17 for 20 on

extra points and 5 for 7 on field goals, including a 37-yarder.

Ginther also served as the Cougar punter, averaging 36.5 yards per punt. Coach Chuck Culley feels good about having Ginther on his side.

"It's really nice to know that Jim is back there," said Culley. "The wind didn't worry us the past couple of years because we knew Jim would give us a good kick."

Games that Ginther helped decide this season were against Manhattan, where he toed 2 extra points in a 14-12 win, against Wichita Heights when he kicked the extra point in overtime for a 7-6 win. Great Bend where he kicked a field goal with 15 seconds left for a 3-0 win and McPherson, where he kicked a field goal and extra point in a 10-6 South win.

"Jim has become a student of kicking," said Culley. "He used to outkick his coverage on punts, but now he gets decent height on the ball and teams haven't been able to run them back."

Ginther can also kick the long field goal, although "we haven't given him a shot at one," said Culley. "He has kicked them 50 yards in practice."

2 can't make picture, banquet

Of the 24 players and coaches invited to Salina for the All-Area Football team picture and banquet, only Coach Clayton Williams of Beloit and lineman Jim Gouldie of Mankato couldn't make it.

Plaques commemorating the players' selections to the All-Area team were given to the coaches to present to the players' parents. After the color team picture, the players, coaches, and members of the Journal staff went to the Salina Country Club for a steak dinner.

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Houston holds off Hurricane

HOUSTON (UPI) — Quarterback Danny Davis ran for two touchdowns and the Cotton Bowl bound Houston Cougars intercepted four passes near their own goal line Saturday afternoon to hold off the upset-minded Miami Hurricane, 21-16.

Cougar freshman defensive back Elvis Bradley intercepted a Frank Glover pass at the Cougar one-yard-line late in the fourth quarter when Houston held only a four-point lead, and then in the final minutes tackle Willis Williams intercepted another pass at his goal line with Miami holding a first and goal with the two.

Bradley ran the first key interception back 15 yards, and from there Davis moved the Cougars 84 yards, in seven plays for what became the winning touchdown. Halfback Alois Blackwell scored it on a 28-yard run.

Despite Houston playing a prevent defense in the closing minutes, Glover passed 49 yards to Larry Cain to bring the Hurricane to within five points with 4:39 left to play, but a two-point conversion pass was batted away by tackle Grady Ebersberger.

Then Miami's Brian Ferguson ran a punt back 49-yards to the Houston 15 with 3:05 remaining, and Glover moved his team to a first down at the two, but Williams ended that threat with his interception.

Miami, playing its final game for ousted coach Carl Selmer, grabbed a

	Mia	Hou
First downs	19	19
Rushes-yards	44-158	57-240
Passing yards	282	127
Return yards	54	64
Passes	17-34-4	8-18-3
Punts	7-34.6	7-42.0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	4-2
Penalties-yards	5-60	5-53

10-7 halftime lead on Chris Dennis' 41-yard field goal and Glover's 10-yard scoring pass to Mike Adams.

Miami's inside kick to open the second half was unsuccessful and Houston had to drive only 50 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. Davis capped the drive with a 25-yard run around the left side.

There were no other scores in the second half until the drive following the interception.

Houston, 9-2, co-champion of the Southwest Conference with Texas Tech and host team in the Cotton Bowl against Maryland, took a 7-3 lead early in the second quarter on Davis' four-yard touchdown run.

Miami 3 7 0 6-16
Houston 0 7 7 7-21
Mia—FG Dennis 41
Hou—Davis 4 run (Coplin kick)
Mia—Adams 10 pass from Glover (Selmer kick)
Hou—Davis 25 run (Coplin kick)
Hou—Blackwell 28 run (Coplin kick)
Mia—Cain 49 pass from Glover (pass failed)
A-20,849

K-State by SMU, 103-85

DALLAS — Kansas State played its best basketball of the season to break open a close basketball game early in the 2nd half and down Southern Methodist university 103-85 in a non-league game Saturday night.

The game was tied at 46-46 at halftime before the Wildcats came out of the dressing room and ran off 26 points in less than 6 minutes to open the last 20 minutes of play.

Mike Evans scored 24 points to again lead the KSU team and took over 8th place on the all-time K-State scoring list. A total of 6 Wildcats were in double figures.

The Wildcats, now 4-0 for the season, play North Texas State Monday night at Denton, Tex.

It was a tight game during the first half with the Wildcats leading early in the game. However SMU went ahead by 5 points twice midway in the first period, the last time 28-23, before the Cats caught up. The lead see-sawed after that.

Evans carried the hot hand to open the 2nd half and at one time made 8 of

8 shots from the field. His back court partner, Keith Frazier, also had a outstanding night, stealing the ball 5 times, making 9 assists and scoring 15 points.

Center Darryl Winston followed Evans in the scoring column with 19 points, Larry Dossie added 15, Dan Drogge 10 and Curtis Redding 11 with the last 2 coming on a steal and dunk that broke the 100 point mark for the Wildcats.

K-State opened up its biggest lead of the night during the 2nd half at 92-67 before SMU narrowed the gap during the last 8 minutes of the game after coach Jack Hartman cleared his bench.

KANSAS STATE (103)
Drogge 5 0-0 10, Dossie 7 1-2 15, Winston 9 1-1 19, Evans 11 2-2 24, Frazier 6 3-4 15, Redding 4 4-6 12, Langston 3 0-0 6, Black 0 0-1 0, Ladson 0 2-2 2, Danner 0 0-0 0, Barton 0 0-0 0, Seldner 0 0-0 0. Totals 45 13-19 103.
SMU (85)
Swedlund 5 0-0 10, Robinson 7 0-0 14, Swanson 10 0-0 20, Cerezola 1 0-0 2, Ledwick 5 1-2 11, Davis 2 0-0 4, Hale 0 0-0 0, Harris 6 0-1 12, Arnold 4 0-0 8, Somerville 2 0-0 4, Scheibel 0 0-2 0, Anderson 0 0-0 0. Totals 42 11-5 85.
Halftime: SMU 46, Kansas State 46. Fouled Out: None. Total fouls: Kansas State 10, SMU 20.
A: 4,790.

KU rolls by Central Missouri State by 22

LAWRENCE, Kan. (UPI) — Herb Nobles and John Douglas combined for 25 points in the first half to stake Kansas to a 19-point lead en route to a 74-52 basketball victory over Central Missouri State Saturday night.

The Jayhawks jumped to an 8-0 lead, but Central Missouri put in six straight points to narrow the gap.

Central Missouri's attempt to slow the pace failed as the Jayhawks hit 73 per cent from the floor during the opening half.

Kansas hit 11 straight points to take a 36-17 halftime lead. Nobles, with 15 points and Douglas with 10, provided

the bulk of the Kansas scoring.

In the second half, Central Missouri never came closer than 19 points although Kansas played 13 men. The largest lead was 31 points, 50-19.

Nobles totaled 19 for game honors and Douglas finished with 14. Jeff Branstetter led Central Missouri with 16 points.

The win was Kansas' third of the season without a loss. It was Central Missouri's first loss after two wins.

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