

Alton Wins, 83-65, Awaits One-Man Gang

Maroons Victims; Granite Tonight

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Comes now the tough task of trying to stop high-scoring Gary Simpson.

That's what Alton has to look forward to tonight when the Redbirds entertain Granite City in another Southwestern Conference basketball game at West Junior High School at 8 o'clock.

Alton will be gunning for its second conference win in as many nights. Friday night the Redbirds made Belleville West their third league victim, 83-65.

The win enabled the Redbirds to stay in contention in the tight conference race with a 3-1 record, good enough for third place behind Granite City's 4-1 and Edwardsville's 5-0.

The two front-runners were victorious Friday night, Edwardsville barely getting by Collinsville, 48-46, while Granite City, with Simpson scoring 30 points, beat Wood River, 76-68.

The Redbirds shot 53 per cent in downing the Maroons Friday night. They hit 33 field goals in 62 tries, coming on strong the second half after a 14-for-31 performance the first two quarters.

Belleville West couldn't cope with that kind of shooting, managing 37 per cent from the field on 20 baskets in 54 attempts.

Free throws, 25 of them, kept the Maroons in the game as Alton had 25 fouls called on it. West missed 10 from the foul line.

West had two of its starters (Mark Kroening and Lyn Mueller) foul out. Both left early in the fourth period. By then, however, Alton had the game safely tucked away, having run off a string of nine points to close out the third quarter for a 15-point, 62-47, lead.

Alton got off to a slow start, trailing 16-17 at the end of the first quarter.

Alton's full court man-to-man pressing defense limited Belleville to three baskets in the second quarter and 13 points.

Larry Hardimon and Mike Jeffries scored six points each and Ed Hightower came off the bench to spell a flu-bitten Terry Middleton to score four points.

The 22-point period enabled Alton to take a 39-31 halftime lead.

Jeffries' nine points in the third quarter and a 9-for-17 performance from the field by the team lift the Redbirds to a comfortable margin heading into the fourth quarter but only

after Belleville West had narrowed the gap to four points, 47-43, midway through the period.

It was 47-38 when the Maroons put together five points to close it to four points. Jeffries and Middleton hit for Alton, Bob O'Neal got a Maroon basket, Jeffries hit again and Glen Chinn, the most consistent Maroon, closed it to six points, 53-47, with a 14-foot jumper.

Alton went on a point binge. Jeffries hit again. Don Koppenhaver, another reserve, hit a layup, Jeffries got a layup, was fouled and hit the free throw and Koppenhaver sank two free throws for a 62-47 bulge. That put it out of reach.

Subs played most of the fourth quarter for both teams.

"Our bench gave us a big lift," said Alton coach Ralph Sterrett. The young coach was referring to Hightower, Koppenhaver, Gary Hagen and Chris Mills as the bulk of the bench strength.

Jeffries wound up high scorer for Alton with 19 points. Hardimon hit 15 and center Stan Burton, hitting the offensive boards hard again, wound up with 14.

Chinn crammed in 23 points for Belleville, getting 11 of his points on free throws as he missed just once from the foul line.

What does Granite City have? "Besides Simpson," answered Sterrett, "they've got this Melzer. He can shoot real well from the corners, if you leave him alone. We've got to pressure him."

What about Simpson? "You just try your best against him," said Sterrett. "They try to isolate him a lot. That is, they try to get him one-on-one a lot. He's tough in that situation. You've just got to keep the pressure on him."

Simpson didn't hurt his 26.4 average against Wood River with his 30 points. He's the leading scorer in the Telegraph area.

The win was Alton's fourth straight and raises its record to 8-4.

ALTON (83) B'VILLE (65)
Player fg ft pf Player fg ft pf
Hardimon 7 11 4 Chinn 4 11 2
Jeffries 10 17 4 O'Neal 4 4 2
Burton 5 4 4 Kroening 3 6 5
Middleton 5 5 0 Mueller 2 6 5
Caldwell 0 0 0 Stone 2 5 1
Koppenhaver 3 2 2 Bunch 1 0 3
Theen 0 0 0 Hackman 2 1 1
Hagen 2 2 0 Karavina 0 0 0
Matlock 0 0 0 Stock 0 1 1
Bower 0 0 0
Mills 0 0 0
Hightower 3 1 2
Totals 32 77 25 Totals 20 55 22
Score by Quarters: 1 2 3 4 T
ALTON 16 18 16 18 68
B'VILLE WEST 17 22 23 21 63



NOT A DANCE — Players from Alton and Belleville West used their arms and legs in trying to grab a rebound in Friday night's Southwestern Conference game at West Junior High School. In the middle is Alton's Mike Jeffries with teammate Larry Hardimon (10) on the floor in the foreground. Belleville players are Jim Hackmann and Mark Kroening (reaching for ball). Player in the right foreground is Alton's Ron (Leech) Caldwell.

Tigers Nudge Kahoks, 48-46

EDWARDSVILLE — Edwardsville High School's basketball team is still undefeated today. Barely.

Friday night the Tigers, now 10-0, had to overcome a five-point deficiency at halftime to down revived Collinsville, 48-46, on the Tiger floor.

The victory enabled Edwardsville to keep sole possession of first place in the Southwestern Conference with a 5-0 record.

Collinsville, now 2-3 in the conference and 8-5 overall, has lost four in a row. Not since the early 1950's has a Kahok team lost four straight games. It was in the early 50's that Collinsville had its only losing season under Vergil Fletcher — 8-17.

Collinsville had Edwardsville down by five points at halftime, 22-17. The Tigers came back in the third quarter to pour in 16 points in the cautiously played game to seven for Collinsville. That gave Edwardsville a 33-29 lead.

Collinsville's free throw shooting in the early going enabled it to set the tempo of play and keep Edwardsville off balance. It was Collinsville by two points at the end of the first period, 11-9.

Edwardsville finally tied the score at 20-20 in the third quarter on two free throws by Martin Gusewelle, who was to foul out later in the game. Another

starter, Jon Harris, had already left on fouls before Gusewelle hit his free shots.

Collinsville had held a 20-24 lead when Edwardsville scored the last nine points of the third period for its four-point margin heading into the final eight minutes.

With 3:48 left to play, 6-8 junior Bob Shapiro hit two free throws for Collinsville to tie it at 38-38. Morris Bradshaw's only field goal of the game put Edwardsville ahead, 40-38, and the Tigers were never caught again.

With any kind of shooting, Collinsville would have won. Instead, the Kahoks finished by hitting 30 per cent of their shots with a 15-for-50 performance from the field.

Edwardsville took just 29

shots and hit 13 baskets for 45 per cent.

The Tigers won it at the free throw line where they had 22 connections to 16 for the Kahoks.

Edwardsville, rated seventh in the state and first in the Greater St. Louis Metropolitan area, has another tough game tonight. The Tigers entertain sixth-rated Quincy, coached by former Alton boss, Sherrill Hanks.

EVILLE (48) CVILLE (46)
Player fg ft pf Player fg ft pf
Schmidt 4 7 1 Terrydis 2 4 4
Gusewelle 4 5 5 LaFrank 3 4 4
Ahart 4 1 2 Shapiro 6 6 4
Harris 0 0 0 Fletcher 1 1 4
Schwarz 0 3 0 Caselli 1 0 1
Bunker 0 5 1 Brennan 2 1 0
Bradshaw 1 1 2 Vidano 0 0 1
Totals 13 22 16 Totals 15 16 16
Score by Quarters: 1 2 3 4 T
EDWARDSVILLE 11 11 7 17 46
EDWARDSVILLE 9 8 16 15 48

Dimes Dinner
There will be a March of Dimes dinner Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Bob Burnes, executive sports editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, will be the speaker. There will be a refreshment hour at 5:30. Tickets are \$3.50 each and may be purchased in advance from Dr. Martin Carrow or Mrs. Michael Powers or at the KC Hall or at the doors the night of the dinner.

The 6-foot-1 guard faces the Redbirds tonight in their own hall after leading Granite City to a 76-68 victory over stubborn Wood River here Friday night in a hot-shooting Southwestern Conference struggle.

Simpson fired in 30 points, 17 of them in the last half, as he kept the Warriors afloat in a game that was much closer than the final tally indicates.

Outside of upping his Telegraph scoring ante to 320 points, Simpson also proved there is about only one way to stop him. That's simply prevent him from getting in to the game in the first place. Wood River learned the fact here painfully, while giving the favored Warriors all they wanted right up to the final buzzer, even with the loss of two regular frontliners.

Simpson's leading scoring total is supported by 110 field goals and 80 free throws, topping

all Telegraph shooters. Last year he scored 25 and 35 against the Oilers in leading Granite City to a 60-48 win over them at Wood River's goaly and a second triumph, 83-62, on his own floor.

Simpson's last total paced the Warriors to their highest team scoring aggregate of the 1967-68 season, also.

But his points in that 111 victory of last season weren't needed as dearly as they were Friday against the Oilers, who refused to quit.

Both clubs were red hot from the field and the ironical part was they each shot the same number of times — 53.

Each used zone defenses, forcing considerable outside shooting, particularly from the corners and around the key.

Simpson, who can hit from about any position regardless of his speed, got many of his buckets on fast breaks, getting down and behind the Oilers

but they could set up their picket works.

He was easily the difference, a fact admitted by losing Coach Bob Knight.

"His speed and quickness are amazing, almost unbelievable," said the Oiler bossman. "We didn't have anybody who could keep up with him."

"But, I'll say one thing. We made them earn every point they got."

The Oilers were on top at the quarter, 19-18, but found themselves trailing at the intermission, 40-36, mainly because Simpson picked up eight of his 13 first half points in the second period.

In the third quarter, besides losing 6-4 Finley Teasley on personal fouls, the Oilers ran into their coldest quarter, bagging only three of 11 shots, to trail at the period's end, 55-40.

At that start of the fourth period, Dave Melzer hit from the corner and Simpson followed on the scoring end of a fast break to put the Warriors out, 59-46. Their biggest lead of the game, four within the first three minutes of the opening quarter, got his fourth with 7:18 to go

Colts, Jets Ready For Super Fling

MIAMI BEACH — Two Baltimore Colt defensive stars crashed into each other in mid-air yesterday in the Colts final heavy workout for Sunday's Super Bowl game, Coach Don Shula reported today.

Shula said Defensive Back Lenny Lyles and Linebacker Don Shinnick collided during an intensive workout. Lyles suffered a bruised leg and Shinnick a bruised thigh.

Both continued to practice and are expected to face the New York Jets Sunday.

Shula also revealed that Running Back Timmy Brown pulled

up slightly lame while running for passes. If Brown is not ready, Terry Cole will replace him as the deep man with Preston Pearson on kickoff returns, and Rick Volk will be the deep man in Brown's place on punt returns.

Meanwhile, Weeb Ewbank, the little round man who coaches the Jets, took a look at the dark clouds hovering over Miami Beach today and asserted that the possibility of a wet or damp field Sunday will not bother his team.

"Some of our best games this year were played on a damp field," said Ewbank.

Ewbank revealed Don Maynard, the Jets' veteran flanker who has had a pulled hamstring, is ready and that Fullback Matt Snell had his knee drained for the third time this year.

"We do this a lot of times for

Joe Namath," he said.

The New York coach was asked if a victory by his club would indicate the American Football league had achieved parity with the older National league.

"If we're fortunate enough to win," Weeb replied, "I would certainly not pop off that we've passed them. It's only one game."

If the Jets win the toss, will New York kick or receive? "In all the years I've been around I've never done anything but receive," Ewbank said. "I think the players would run me out if I didn't get the ball if I had the chance."

Shula, who followed Ewbank to the rostrum in separate press conferences here today, said he thinks "a lot of people are putting too much emphasis on the point spread — three touchdowns or whatever it is. The

Jets with Namath are a fine football team, capable of exploding at any time for the easy touchdown."

Told that Namath has said that if Shula has to put newspaper clips up on the locker room walls to get them up the Colts are in bad shape, the Baltimore coach responded: "He's right. We're adults. The players know the magnitude of this game. They've worked a lifetime to get here."

Shula made it clear there is very little likelihood Quarterback John Unitas will get into the game unless Earl Morrall is injured.

"I was asked why John didn't play in the Cleveland game after we built up a big lead. I think such a situation is below John's dignity. I'm not going to put him in there to run out the clock. He's not that type."

Bunker Hill Survives Late Venice Spurt

VENICE — Despite a last quarter surge by Venice, Bunker Hill held on to sneak by the home forces, 60-57, Friday night.

Hitting 25 of 56 shots from the field for 45 per cent, Bunker Hill handed Venice their fifth loss in nine starts, and raised its record to 9-2.

Bob Heal and Randy Morris were high for the victors with 13 points each.

Venice's Fessor Gray led all scorers with 26 points. His 12 field goals accounted for half of all baskets made for Venice. They went 24 of 68 shots from the field for 35 per cent.

Bunker Hill plays at North Greene Tuesday night.

VENICE (67) B. H. (60)
Player fg ft pf Player fg ft pf
Gray 12 23 3 Beaver 3 0 3
Coleman 2 3 2 Gill 2 0 0
Johnson 2 0 2 Hardin 4 0 0
Gardner 4 1 1 Morris 6 1 4
Huitts 2 3 3 Bennett 6 2 1
Heal 4 5 0
Totals 24 56 Totals 25 10 10
Score by Quarters: 1 2 3 4 T
BUNKER HILL 15 17 15 13 60
VENICE 16 10 7 21 57

NHL Standings
WESTERN DIVISION
Club W L T Pts
BLUES 18 11 10 46
Oakland 13 22 6 32
Los Angeles 12 18 6 30
Philadelphia 9 20 11 29
Minnesota 9 24 7 25
Pittsburgh 9 23 7 25

EASTERN DIVISION
Montreal 23 10 7 53
Boston 21 8 8 50
Chicago 22 14 3 47
Toronto 19 11 8 46
New York 21 16 3 45
Detroit 17 16 8 40

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Chicago at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Boston at Montreal
Los Angeles at Toronto
New York at Detroit
Philadelphia at Minnesota
Oakland at Pittsburgh



COVERED — Steve Harris of Granite City is poised to lay it up but airborne Finley Teasley of Wood River is ready to block anything the Warrior shoots as is Roy Morris (left) who has defending hand covering the ball. At right is Wood River's Bill Colclasure. It was part of Friday night's basketball action at Granite City, a game won by the hosts, 76-68.

Wisconsin Fires Ivy Williamson

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Ivan B. (Ivy) Williamson, who helped preside over the rise and fall of Wisconsin football fortunes over a 20-year span, was fired Friday as athletic director of the Big Ten school.

Williamson's departure followed five consecutive losing football seasons, the last two of them winless.

Failure of the football Badgers to draw capacity crowds in recent years has helped send the athletic department's budget tumbling more than \$260,000 into the red.

The board of regents, which announced Williamson's removal, said a screening committee would be set up to search for a successor.

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Meanwhile, Ed Short, personnel director of the Chicago White Sox, hinted that players who hold out past spring training may get pinched in the pocketbook.

BETHALTO — With junior Dave Taynor, the Telegraph area's second leading scorer, hitting 37 points, Civic Memorial easily bombed Highland here Friday night in a Midwestern Conference game, 97-78.

Taynor rammed in 15 field goals and seven free throws to equal his highest production of the season.

The first and last quarters were CM's most potent. The Eagles opened with 27 points in the first period and hit 37 in the last period. They led 87-37 at the end of the first quarter, 46-36 at the half and 84-56 after

three quarters.

Mike Marburger had 19 points, Steve Bivens 15 and Greg Heavner 12 for CM.

Charles Nickerson was high for Highland with 23 points.

The victory leaves Civic Memorial with a 2-1 record and 7-4 overall.

Highland is winless in four league outings and 4-3 for the season.

CM takes on visiting Dupont in another conference game.

The Eagles had a sizzling performance from the field, hitting 38 field goals in 66 tries for 58

per cent. Highland hit 42 per cent on 28 of 66.

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Bivens 15 28 5 Schoppert 1 1 1
Moss 1 1 1
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Wall 0 0 0 Perkins 0 0 0
Drake 0 0 0 Michael 0 0 0
Stratton 1 0 1
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