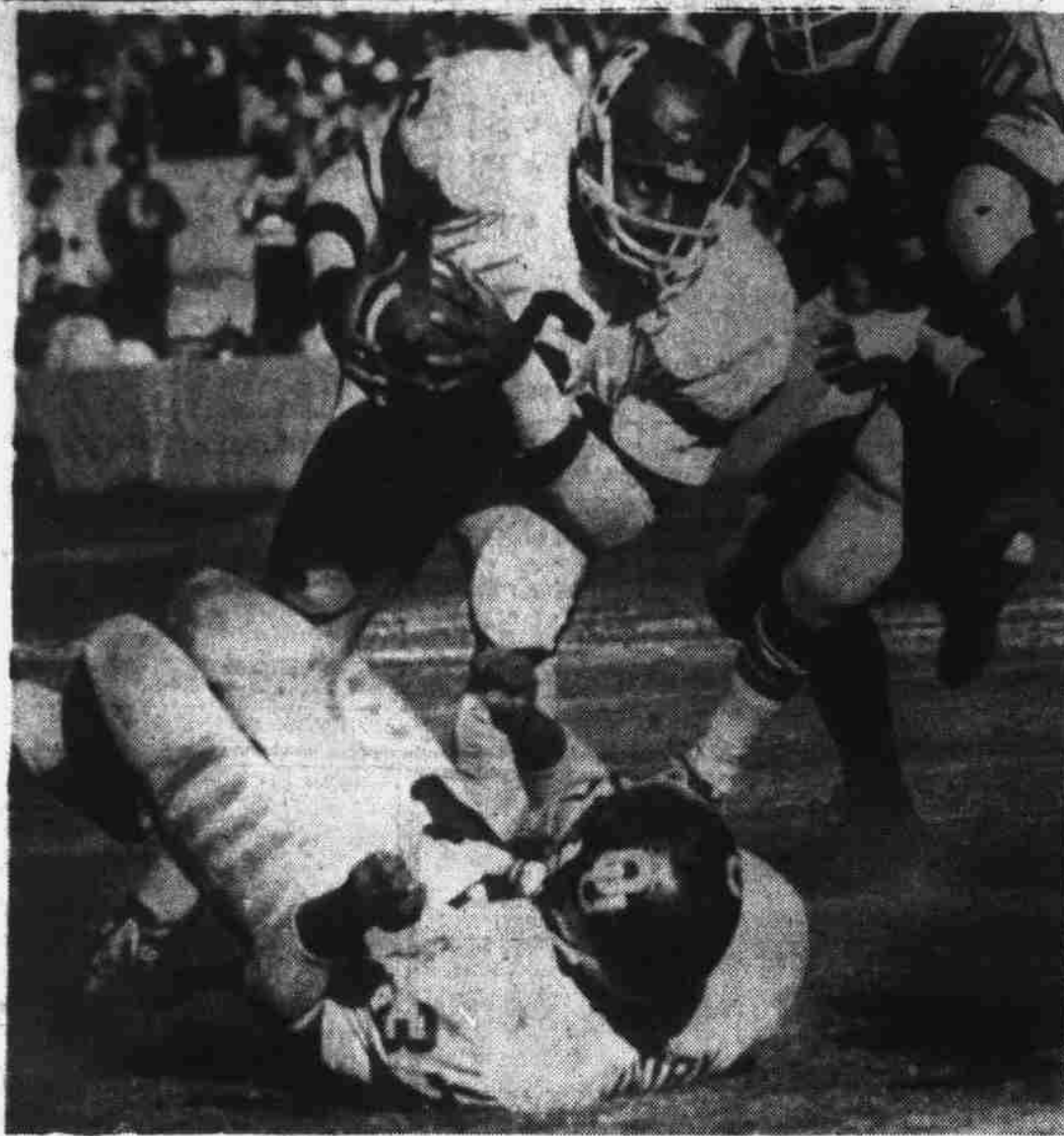




SPORTS



UP AND OVER -- Oklahoma quarterback Thomas Lott leaps over Horace Ivory as Wyoming's Craig Parham moves in from behind in second half of sixth annual Fiesta Bowl on December 25. Oklahoma won, 41-7. (UPI).

EARL "THE PEARL" MONROE USES MANY MOVES IN PROS

Followers of the National Basketball Association games in the past nine years have seen the play many times.

Earl Monroe gets the ball around the foul circle, backs his man towards the basket, twists, jumps and scores. The Knicks' veteran has been one of the league's top guards since joining the Baltimore Bullets as their first draft choice for the 1967-68 season.

But how can he look so natural in a position not nor-

mally suited for guard? Easy. "I played center in high school," recalls Earl. "I always played with my back to the basket and I learned many moves which I still use."

Many of the moves Earl makes routinely cannot be learned, however, "I've always had the ability to ad-lib," says Earl modestly.

Bob Ferry, general manager of the Bullets, and New York Nets' coach Kevin Loughery were teammates of

Monroe in his rookie season and have appreciated his skills throughout his pro career.

"He was like the leader of the Jazz band," recalls Ferry. "He got us going and then everyone joined in. I never say anyone use the spin move and the ball fake before Earl started it."

"The most exciting player I'd ever seen until Julius Erving," says Loughery who teamed in the backcourt with

Monroe and later coached Erving with the Nets.

Then Loughery began talking like a coach instead of a teammate when discussing The Pearl.

"There are many players who don't want the ball late in a close game," adds Kevin. "Good players want the ball and Earl has always been like that. He's a great one-on-one player but when he came to the Knicks he adjusted to their style. Only great players can adjust to a different style without any loss in skill and you see what Earl has done." "Adjust" is also the word used by Monroe's current coach Red Holzman.

"He's a smart player and adjusts to every situation. He

does whatever is necessary to fit into what the team is doing."

Now the Knicks are a running club once again and Monroe is getting more opportunities to play the way he did in his early seasons in the league. And isn't it tougher to play fast break basketball as you get older? Not the way Earl explains it.

"Most players prefer to play a running game. I think it prolongs your career. The constant pounding when you have to set up plays is much tougher."

Don't think that Monroe is just an offensive player. Holzman is aware of his other contributions.

Jabbar Runner up In Four Categories

NEW YORK — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the Los Angeles Lakers is not leading in any individual statistical categories in the National Basketball Association, but he's second in four and a key reason for the success of the Lakers so far this season.

League statistics released recently show Abdul-Jabbar runnerup in scoring (26.7), field goal percentage (.586) rebounds (14.9) and blocked shots (3.03)

With his leading the way, Los Angeles has moved to within one game of Portland in the Pacific Division and

now won 14 consecutive home games.

Denver's Dan Issel, who recently faced him for the first time, had nothing but praise for the Laker's center. "I was surprised to find he isn't as physical as some," says Issel. "He just goes about his work and there is no pushing or any of that stuff. He's a real

class player. Let him get the ball close inside and forget it."

Life Saver

Saint Mary's College baseball catcher Dwayne Wright will be presented the NCAA Award of Valor for saving the lives of a Chico, Calif., couple by pulling them from their burning automobile.

Saved Lives

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Garten of Chico, Calif., were trapped in the burning auto, but Wright leaped from his vehicle and pulled the couple to safety without concern for his own life.

The car and trailer were destroyed in the fire, and Wright was credited with saving the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Garten. He and Freeberg received certificates of appreciation from the Clarinda sheriff's and police departments.

"There is no doubt he saved those people's lives," commented a rescue squad officer at the scene of the accident.

Wright has been selected to the second team of the All-West Coast Athletic Conference the past two years. The Berkeley, Calif., native led the Gaels in home runs and runs-batted-in during each season.

"It is a privilege for the Association to honor this outstanding young man for his act of heroism," said NCAA President John A. Fuzak, Michigan State University.

Three actions of valor were recognized by the Association when the award first was presented at the 1974 Convention in San Francisco. Charles "Lefty" Driesell, University of Maryland basketball coach; University of Texas-Arlington football player Jeffrey Miller; and the entire Ursinus College basketball team were recognized.



DORSETT'S WIN OF HEISMAN TROPHY DELIGHTS PITT ALUMNI—When Tony Dorsett (second from left) won the 1976 Heisman Trophy Award as the outstanding collegiate football player in the United States, it would have been difficult to find two more happy people than Herb Douglas (left), vice president in charge of special markets for Teacher's Scotch, and Morty Reifer (right), executive vice president of Schieffelin & Co. Douglas was one of the first blacks to every play varsity football for Pitt and Morty Reifer is an alumnus of the school. Immediately prior to the Heisman Award Dinner in New York, Douglas and Reifer met with Dorsett and the Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Wesley Posvar (second from right), at a distinguished guest reception.

REBOUND LEADERS					BLOCKED SHOTS LEADERS				
Minimum 30 games or 335 rebounds					Minimum 30 games or 42 blocked shots				
	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG.		G	NO.	AVG.
Walton, Port.	35	133	431	564	16.1	Walton, Port.	35	117	3.34
Abdul-Jabbar, L.A.	35	115	405	520	14.9	Abdul-Jabbar, L.A.	35	106	3.03
Gilmore, Chi.	31	138	251	389	12.5	Hayes, Wash.	33	91	2.76
Lucas, Port.	34	125	278	403	11.9	Jones, Den.	34	74	2.18
Heard, Phoe.	31	93	272	365	11.8	Malone, Hou.	32	68	2.13
Shumate, Buff.	35	104	305	409	11.7	Jones, Phil.	33	69	2.09
Hayes, Wash.	33	117	261	378	11.5	Smith, Mil.	29	58	2.00
Lanier, Det.	35	117	275	392	11.2	Paulitz, S.A.	35	69	1.97
McGinnis, Phil.	32	110	248	358	11.2	Roundfield, Ind.	36	69	1.92
Kenon, S.A.	33	127	235	362	11.0	Gilmore, Chi.	31	58	1.87

ASSISTS LEADERS					STEALS LEADERS				
Minimum 30 games or 170 assists					Minimum 30 games or 53 steals				
	G	NO.	AVG.		G	NO.	AVG.		
Buse, Ind.	37	317	8.6	Buse, Ind.	37	136	3.68		
Henderson, Atl.	38	316	8.3	Taylor, K.C.	35	102	2.91		
K. Porter, Det.	35	274	7.8	Kenon, S.A.	33	86	2.61		
Van Lier, Chi.	31	233	7.5	Watts, Sea.	38	98	2.58		
Archibald, Nets.	34	254	7.5	Ford, Det.	35	90	2.57		
Watts, Sea.	38	277	7.3	Hollins, Port.	36	90	2.50		
Barry, G.S.	32	221	6.9	Jones, Den.	34	75	2.21		
Bing, Wash.	33	203	6.2	McGinnis, Phil.	32	70	2.19		
Frazier, Knicks	30	167	5.6	Barry, G.S.	32	69	2.16		
Lucas, Hou.	32	177	5.5	Gale, S.A.	35	75	2.14		

INDIVIDUAL HIGHS		
Most Minutes Played, Season	:1426,	Buse, Ind.
Most Points, Game	: 51,	Smith, G.S. vs Hou. 12/11; Maravich, N.O. vs K.C. 12/14
Most Field Goals, Game	: 23,	Maravich, N.O. vs Wash. 12/26
Most Free Throws, Game	: 16,	McAdoo, Buff. vs Ind. 12/7
Most Rebounds, Game	: 33,	Water, Mil. vs Atl. 12/19
Most Offensive Rebounds, Game	: 15,	G. Johnson, G.S. @ Hou. 11/24; Water, Mil. vs Atl. 12/19
Most Defensive Rebounds, Game	: 23,	Abdul-Jabbar, L.A. vs K.C. 11/7; McAdoo, Buff. vs Ind. 12/7
Most Assists, Game	: 20,	K. Porter, Det. vs Bos. 11/20
Most Blocked Shots, Game	: 9,	Smith, Mil. @ Den. 12/7
Most Steals, Game	: 11,	Kenon, S.A. @ K.C. 12/26
Most Personal Fouls, Season	: 160,	Meriveather, Atl.
Most Games Disqualified, Season	: 11,	Meriveather, Atl.

TEAM HIGHS & LOWS		
Most Points, Game	: 146,	Port. vs Phil. 11/5
Fewest Points, Game	: 74,	Chi. @ Mil. 10/30
Most Points, Half	: 80,	Port. vs Atl. 11/2
Fewest Points, Half	: 31,	by three teams
Most Points, Quarter	: 48,	Bos. vs K.C. 11/24
Fewest Points, Quarter	: 10,	Phil @ Ind. 12/18; Chi. vs Port. 12/28
Most Field Goals, Game	: 61,	L.A. vs Bos. 12/28
Fewest Field Goals, Game	: 27,	Chi. vs Port. 12/28
Most Free Throws, Game	: 43,	Bos. vs K.C. 11/24
Fewest Free Throws, Game	: 4,	Mil. @ Cleve. 11/4
Most Rebounds, Game	: 69,	Ind. vs S.A. 12/15
Fewest Rebounds, Game	: 26,	Atl. @ Hou. 12/16
Most Assists, Game	: 45,	Chi. vs G.S. 11/30; Den. vs S.A. 1/2
Most Steals, Game	: 23,	Port. vs Knicks 11/7
Most Personal Fouls, Game	: 40,	by three teams
Fewest Personal Fouls, Game	: 13,	Nets @ Det. 12/11
Most Blocked Shots, Game	: 13,	by four teams
Most Turnovers, Game	: 38,	Phil. vs S.A. 10/22
Fewest Turnovers, Game	: 7,	Clev. vs Mil. 11/4

CIAA STATISTICS

SCORING	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVE	REBOUNDING
Epps, NS	7	85	20	190	27.1	Terry, WS
Cozart, SP	6	70	13	153	25.5	Payne, HI
Lewis, JCS	8	80	25	185	23.1	Board, VS
Payne, HI	10	91	15	197	19.7	Epps, NS
Rhodes, SA	8	67	23	157	19.6	Hicks, Shaw
Terry, WS	6	50	17	117	19.5	Preston, SA
Tisdol, VS	6	41	22	104	17.3	Duffin, HI
Hicks, Shaw	7	48	21	117	16.7	Lewis, JCS

FG% (5/game)	G	FG-FGA	PCT.	FT% (2.5/game)	G	FT-FTA	PCT.
Collins, VS	7	22-35	.628	Rhodes, SA	8	23-26	.884
Jones, VS	7	33-53	.622	Larkin, SP	7	16-19	.842
Isabelle, NC	7	43-71	.606	Haywood, NS	7	15-18	.833
Shaw, VS	6	23-39	.589	Bell, VS	6	14-17	.824
Board, VS	7	33-59	.559	Powell, SA	8	41-50	.820

TEAM OFFENSE	G	(W-L)	PTS	AVE.	TEAM DEFENSE	G	(W-L)	PTS	AVE.
Virginia St.	7	(6-1)	728	104.0	Norfolk St.	7	(7-0)	493	70.4
Norfolk St.	7	(7-0)	634	90.5	Eliz. City	7	(4-3)	427	71.2
Va. Union	6	(4-2)	532	88.7	Winston-Salem	6	(4-2)	443	73.8
Winston-Salem	6	(4-2)	522	87.0	Shaw	7	(3-4)	526	75.1
Hampton	10	(4-6)	860	86.0	Fayetteville	7	(3-4)	543	77.6
J.C. Smith	8	(4-4)	680	85.0	St. Augustine's	8	(6-2)	623	77.8
St. Augustine's	8	(6-2)	640	80.0	St. Paul's	7	(4-3)	568	81.1
St. Paul's	7	(4-3)	554	80.0	Va. Union	6	(4-2)	489	81.5
Fayetteville	7	(3-4)	624	76.4	Virginia St.	7	(6-1)	593	84.7
Eliz. City	7	(4-3)	453	75.5	Hampton	10	(4-6)	869	86.9
Shaw	7	(3-4)	518	74.0	Livingstone	8	(1-7)	696	87.0
Livingstone	8	(1-7)	546	68.3	J.C. Smith	8	(4-4)	718	89.8

TEAM REBOUNDS	G	REB	AVE.	PCT.	TEAM FG%	G	FG-FGA	PCT.
Virginia St.	7	376	53.7	.578	Norfolk St.	7	272-526	.517
St. Augustine's	8	366	45.8	.562	J.C. Smith	8	294-597	.492
Winston-Salem	6	312	52.0	.535	Winston-Salem	6	219-463	.473
Hampton	10	599	59.9	.529	Virginia St.	7	300-660	.454
Norfolk St.	7	339	48.4	.512	St. Paul's	7	230-527	.436
J.C. Smith	8	334	41.8	.498	Shaw	7	224-514	.431
St. Paul's	7	331	47.2	.480	St. Augustine's	8	257-599	.429
Shaw	7	305	43.5	.476	Livingstone	8	241-608	.396
Livingstone	8	285	35.6	.453	Hampton	10	342-900	.380

TEAM FT%	G	FT-FTA	PCT.	SCORING MARGIN	OFF.	DEF.	MARGIN
St. Paul's	7	94-128	.734	Norfolk St.	90.7	70.4	+20.3
Winston-Salem	6	84-117	.717	Virginia St.	104.0	84.7	+19.3
Virginia St.	7	137-198	.691	Winston-Salem	87.0	73.8	+13.2
St. Augustine's	8	126-188	.670	Va. Union	88.7	81.5	+7.2
Hampton	10	176-272	.647	Eliz. City	75.5	71.2	+4.3
Norfolk St.	7	90-143	.629	St. Augustine's	80.0	77.8	+2.2
Shaw	7	70-116	.603	Hampton	86.0	86.9	-0.9
J.C. Smith	8	92-157	.586	St. Paul's	80.0	81.1	-1.1
Livingstone	8	56-100	.560	Shaw	74.0	75.1	-1.1
				Fayetteville	76.4	77.6	-1.2
				J.C. Smith	85.0	89.8	-4.8
				Livingstone	68-3	87.0	-18.7

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