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## SCOT RALLY UPENDS AKRON, 58-56

### Otterbein, Carlos Invade Severance Tomorrow; Walsh Bows

One of the finest players ever to hit the hardwoods of the Ohio Conference invades Severance tomorrow night when Otterbein sophomore Don Carlos leads his Cardinals in to face an upset-minded Scot five.

The visiting Cards are a sure shot not to be down for this one. Coach Curt Tong has instilled in his men the result of last Saturday's Akron-Wooster game here as well as the fact that the locals only lost to Otterbein by five points last year at Westerville.

Tong's squad went on to post a 16-5 mark, the finest record ever for the school. Otterbein, for decades on the lower rungs of the conference ladder, has become under its mentor one of the most respected squads in the OC. Don Carlos is a big reason why.

The 6-4 bruiser from Columbus is way ahead in the league scoring race with a 27.2 point per game average and on three straight occasions last season had 40-plus efforts. He also leads the league in field goal percentage at 57.2 percent and is second best rebounder with an average of nearly 15 per contest. Carlos is not all Otterbein has, however. He is joined up front by dangerous Bill Patterson, a fine rebounder and scorer. Mike Greyem, Tim Pond and Dick Reynolds could round out the slick starting five, although the visitors have a fine sixth man in Jan Sorgenfrei.



Don Carlos

Coach Tong was quoted recently as believing that next to Akron and Wittenberg, the Scots have on paper the best personnel in the conference. He has had all week to prepare his boys for tomorrow's game, since exams interrupted the

#### JAYVEE RESULTS

A 71-67 win over Akron has highlighted the Jayvee season to date. Coach Gordon Jeppson's team followed this game with a win over Kent State's Extension School Wednesday night and hosts the Kent State Freshman tonight at 8.

Cards' schedule this week. Last Saturday they scored a convincing 89-63 win over Lawrence Tech to run their mark to 10-4 overall, 5-2 in OC play.

After tomorrow's game the Wooster cagers travel to meet a stumbling Baldwin-Wallace five, Tuesday, and return home next Friday night against the touring Parsons College outfit from Fairfield, Iowa. Game time for tomorrow's big game is 8 p.m. with a Jayvee contest set for 6:15.



The 1964-65 version of the Wooster hardcourt basketball team pose for the official team photo early this campaign.

## Three Teams Vie For OAC Honors

by Ron Wirick

Rebounding from their loss to the Scots, Akron's high-powered Zips overcame a five-point half-time deficit Tuesday night to turn back a previously undefeated (in league play) Ohio Wesleyan five, 85-73. The setback dropped the Bishops into a three-way tie for the conference lead with Akron

and Muskingum's early-season upset of the Wittenberg Tigers must also be rated as a "surprise." Wittenberg itself has raised quite a few eyebrows this season. The perennially strong Tigers lost Little All-American Al Thrasher and All-Conference Bill Cherry from last year's five, and after the defeat by the Muskies, Wittenberg was counted out by many self-styled experts. The Springfield lads have shown, however, that such thoughts are premature, for their team now sports the best defense in the league and has not lost another conference tilt.

Among the OAC's "expected developments" have been the outstanding showings of Akron, Ohio Wesleyan and Otterbein. Akron's performance has been keynoted by a well-balanced attack, for at various times five players have led the scoring. OWU and Otterbein, on the other hand, have achieved much of their success because of two players: the Bishops' Barry Clemens, and the Otters' Don Carlos. Clemens, a senior, was voted the league's outstanding player in his freshman and sophomore years, and this year he is averaging close to 25 points a game while pulling down about 15 rebounds. Carlos, the best rookie in the conference last year, is leading OAC scorers with a 27.2

average, and is virtually tied with Clemens for second place in rebounding.



TIM JORDAN

With an off-balance toss . . .

Other teams in the conference have demonstrated flashes of brilliance. Hiram has shown a devastating offense (and leads the league in that department), but has been unable to put together a consistent defense. Mt. Union has continually improved and now must be considered a threat to anyone. Even winless Kenyon (beaten by the Scots 86-43) stayed within striking distance of Akron before losing by nine in a recent game.

### The OAC Race

1. OWU*	7-1	.875
Wittenberg	7-1	.875
Akron	7-1	.875
4. Otterbein	5-2	.714
5. Hiram	6-3	.667
6. Muskingum	5-3	.625
7. Capital	5-4	.555
8. WOOSTER	4-4	.500
9. Mt. Union	3-4	.428
10. Marietta	3-5	.375
Denison	3-5	.375
12. B-W	1-5	.167
13. Oberlin	1-6	.143
14. Heidelberg	1-7	.125
15. Kenyon*	0-7	.000

\*last night's game not incl.

Tuesday Night Results

Akron 85, OWU 73  
Hiram 77, Mt. Union 62

and a rejuvenated Wittenberg team. Going into the OWU-Kenyon encounter last night, the three front-runners possessed 7-1 conference marks. With less than a month remaining before the OAC Tournament, only Otterbein (5-2) has a realistic chance of catching the leaders.

The Ohio Conference race to date has shown a few surprise developments and many expected ones. Chief among the surprises, of course, would be the Scot defeat of an Akron team which had not lost to a small college foe previously this season, and which had been ranked 12th among the na-

tion's small colleges. Muskingum's early-season upset of the Wittenberg Tigers must also be rated as a "surprise." Wittenberg itself has raised quite a few eyebrows this season. The perennially strong Tigers lost Little All-American Al Thrasher and All-Conference Bill Cherry from last year's five, and after the defeat by the Muskies, Wittenberg was counted out by many self-styled experts. The Springfield lads have shown, however, that such thoughts are premature, for their team now sports the best defense in the league and has not lost another conference tilt.

Akron's invasion of Severance Gymnasium last Saturday took on added significance because of the Zips' hitherto unblemished OC record and their upcoming meeting with Ohio Wesleyan. But despite Coach Laterza's warning about the small confines and rattling crowd, last year's NCAA runners-up blew a 10-point lead before half-time and a nine-point bulge by the end of the game.

#### Bishop, Harris Shine

Game heroes for the Scots were numerous, although Buddy Harris, Gary Bishop and Tim Jordan especially picked up the team in tight situations. Bishop canned six of the first 13 home markers and did a fine job of hounding smooth playmaking guard Bobby Smith. Harris, cold as ice during the initial stanza, popped in 15 big ones after intermission to take game honors.

The game was almost a complete opposite of both meetings between the two teams last season. Akron now boasts a Wooster-style 1-3-1 offense and is a much more deliberate outfit than before.

After 12 minutes the score stood at 16-16 before the Zippers took advantage of a rash of Scot fouls and a pretty Don Williams hook shot to run up a 30-20 lead with 2:29 remaining in the first half. A three-point play by Bill Gribble, a bucket by Tim Jordan and two Bishop free throws closed the gap to 32-27 at the break.

Al Van Wie's five took right up where they had left off and knotted the score 34-34 after three minutes of the second half, but the visitors sprinted to a 42-36 lead three minutes later. They increased this edge to 54-45 with a little over eight minutes remaining. Then

Wooster began a rally which will be remembered for a long time.

George Baker started things off with a long pop, Harris drove up the middle for two, and Dave Guldin clicked on a shot from the right corner. Clinging to a shriveled 54-51 lead, Laterza called for a time-out to think things over.

His 14-points-per-game center Don Williams played into the Scots' hands by committing a technical foul. Dave Guldin swished the free throw and Harris knotted affairs with a corner shot. At the 4:53 mark, Bud tipped one in to push Wooster ahead.

Williams came back to tie the score and, after a time-out, Van Wie put the home five into a freeze. Guldin's traveling violation gave Akron control, but Williams—fast becoming the goat of the game—lost the ball on the sidelines, and the home forces worked for one last shot with 1:12 remaining.

The dramatic clincher was an off-balance right-handed bank shot by Tim Jordan. By the time Akron could get the clock stopped amidst the uproar, just one second remained, despite Laterza's angry claim that his team had been deprived of two extra playing seconds on a slow move by the clock-watcher. Ken Mackovic's futile last-second shot missed as Severance erupted.

#### Scots Rip Walsh

Darting out to an 8-0 bulge against Walsh College, Wooster went on to a 53-40 lead at the half, despite some poor blocking-out on rebound efforts. By the midway point of the final stanza, the margin stretched to 20 points and the only question remaining concerned the home team's chances of hitting the 100-point mark. A "foxy" steal and lay-up by George Baker turned the trick.

Six Scots finished in double figures (Guldin, Harris, Jordan, Bishop, Baker and Houser) to cap a good final tune-up for the Otterbein game. Nick Pallotta, vaunted 6-4 transfer from Chicago Loyola's basketball machine, pumped for 30 points to sweep game honors.

#### Voice Sports

## Thoughts On A Deserved Upset

by Steve Avakian

Wooster 58, Akron 56—therein lies the surface story of what will undoubtedly become one of the classics of Scot roundball history. But a fact too few people realize is that more goes into brewing an upset victory than meets the eye. Perhaps it all began last March, when the cagers played well but still lost to the Zips at the tournament, 76-53. Firm plans for the big upset were laid early this season and both the steps leading up to last Saturday night and the final result make those interested in sports glad that it could all happen here.

The Akron victory was Al Van Wie's 39th since taking the Scot helm. Right after the game he said that the great team effort was his most satisfying win ever. The reason—this year's team two weeks ago was a disillusioned, spiritless crew which had just suffered a stinging 72-69 setback by an only-fair Oberlin quintet on Wooster's own friendly court. Final exams began and student attention naturally turned away from preparation for the crucial Akron game.

Anyone who sat through the practice sessions during finals week knew these guys weren't ready to quit yet. Van Wie and his assistant Bob Nye stressed key patterns and situation on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, not even mentioning Akron until the end of Wednesday's session. Remember that fine stall Wooster put on prior to Tim Jordan's dramatic final shot? It was rehearsed and refined virtually every practice that week.

Thursday almost saw tragedy strike. Bill Gribble rested with a bad sore throat while Gary Bishop, named starting "point" man by Van Wie just the previous day, came down with a heavy cold. The fact that both improved sufficiently to start probably saved the Scots.

Bishop especially deserves a great deal of the credit for the way things went. Here was a guy who had sat on the bench most of the

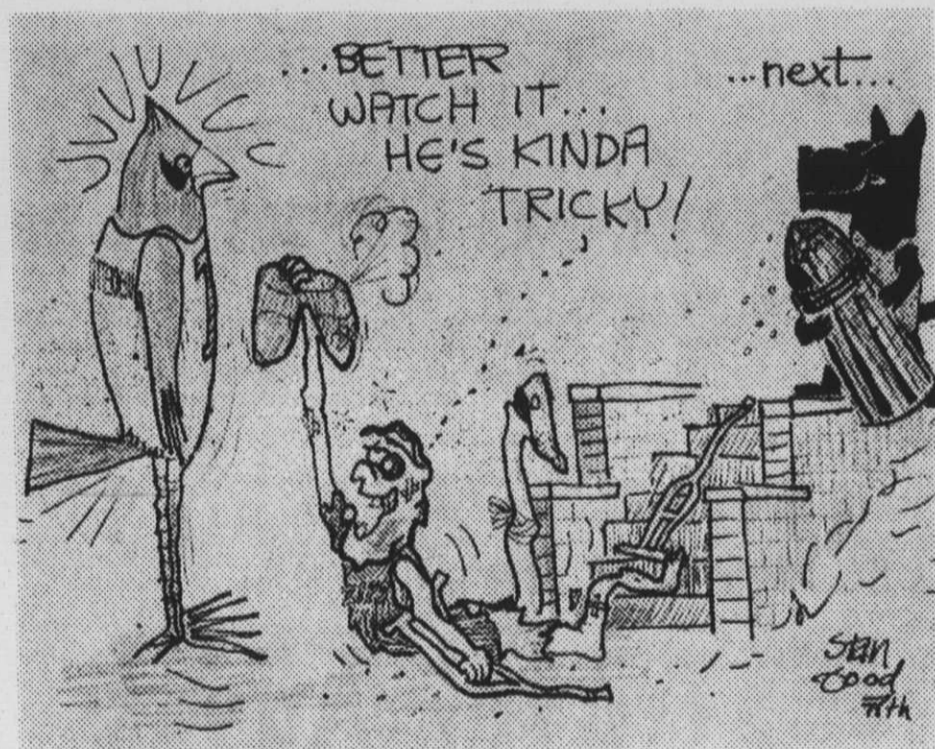
year but who really wanted to "get" his hometown opponents from Akron. Those who listened to Gary play the role of prophet during finals couldn't have helped but been imbued with optimism. It takes a big man to ask to be removed from a game because he feels he can't keep up the pace. But that's exactly what Bishop did when he knew the cold was slowing him down and might hurt the team.

As for the coaches, they both deserve a high degree of tribute for the job they did. Both Nye and Van Wie watched over their team like hawks and never gave up hope, although things looked mighty grim at times.

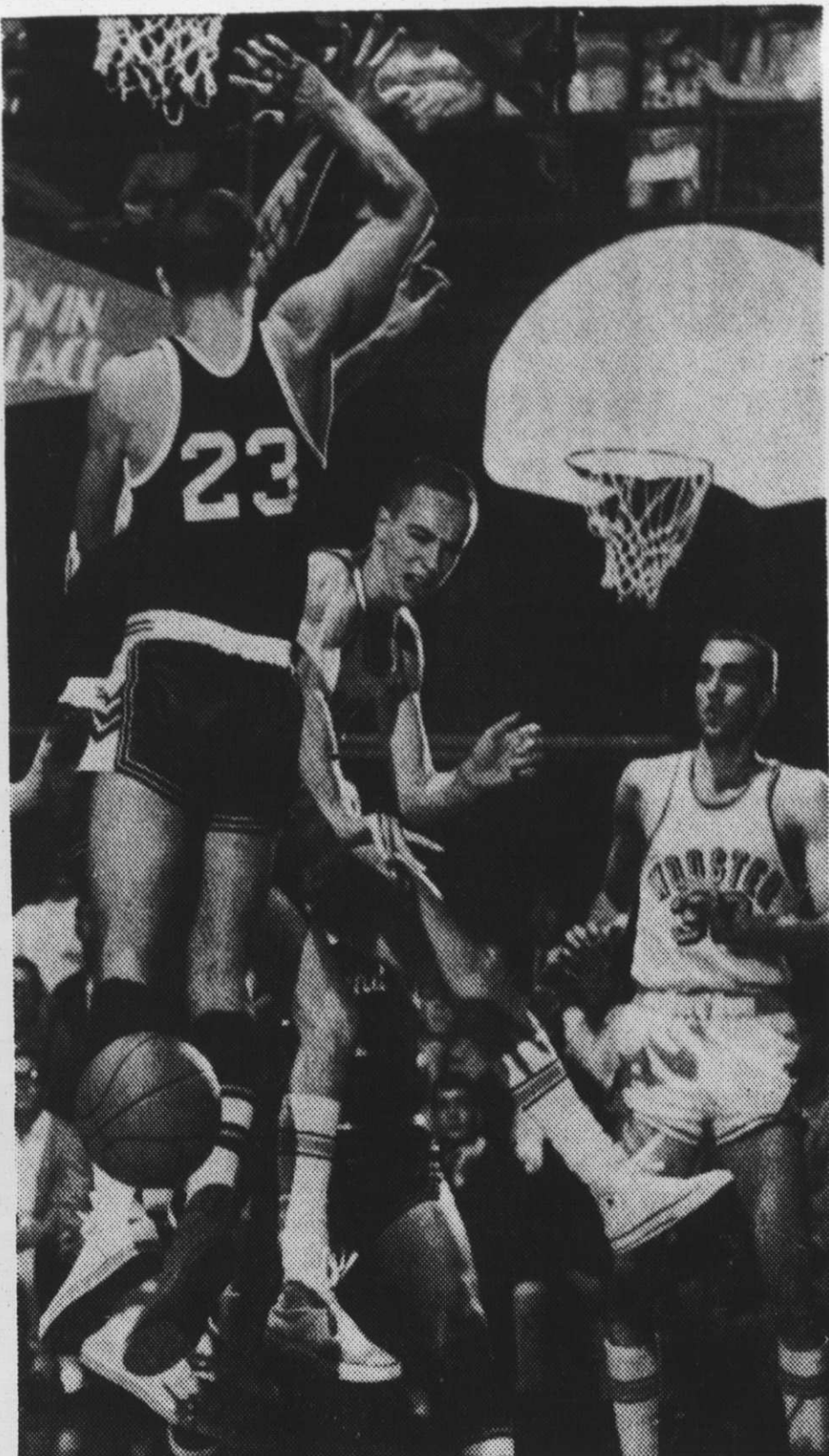
Then there were the loyal Scot fans who turned out in such fine numbers to go delirious over their team. They dispelled the opinion that Wooster students had forgotten about the 1964-65 squad and were fed up with the sequence of events thus far this season. Sure, they have been disappointed. But their support last Saturday proved they were not through yet.

Upsets of the magnitude of Wooster's win over Akron U. last Saturday don't just happen. They are made by meticulous attention to detail and faith that the desired result can be achieved. The Scots worked for almost a week to set up a battle plan against Akron. They showed Ohio that they are championship caliber both on paper and on the court. All their loyal supporters hope they can continue to prove this fact not only in the vital contest tomorrow against Otterbein but against lesser teams like Baldwin-Wallace.

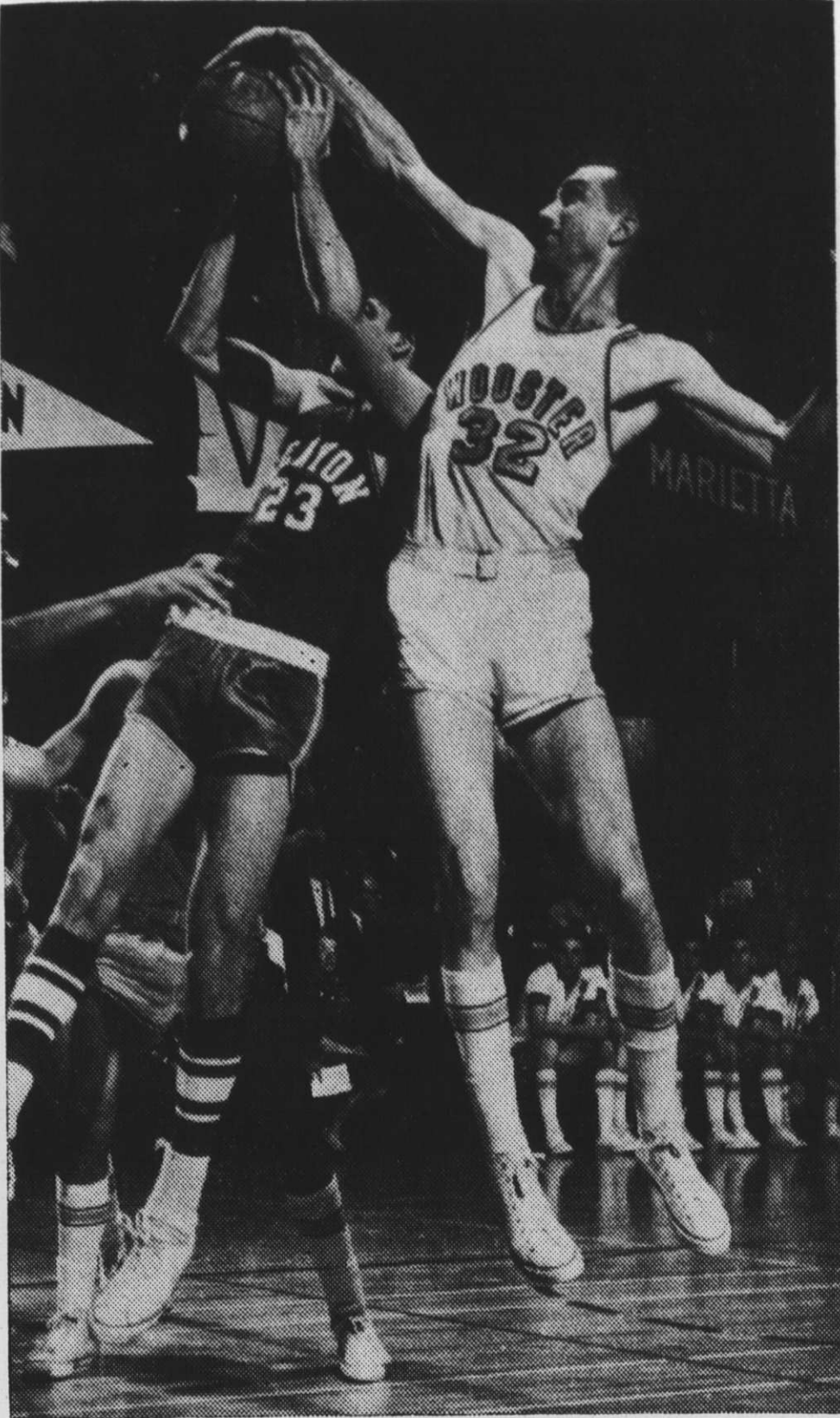
As the final words of the Scot play manual for the Zips contest stated, "VICTORY COMES TO THE PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THEY CAN."



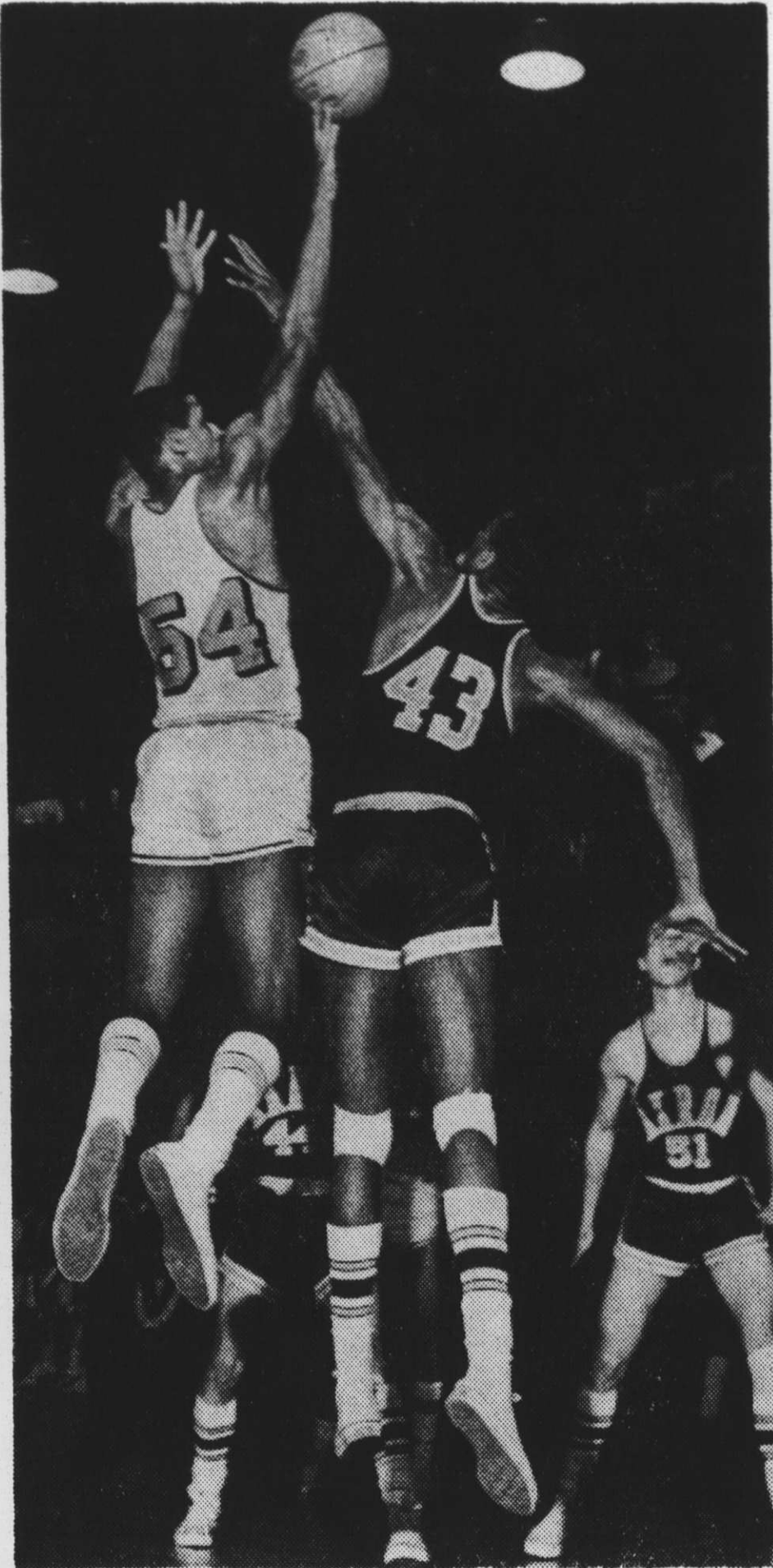
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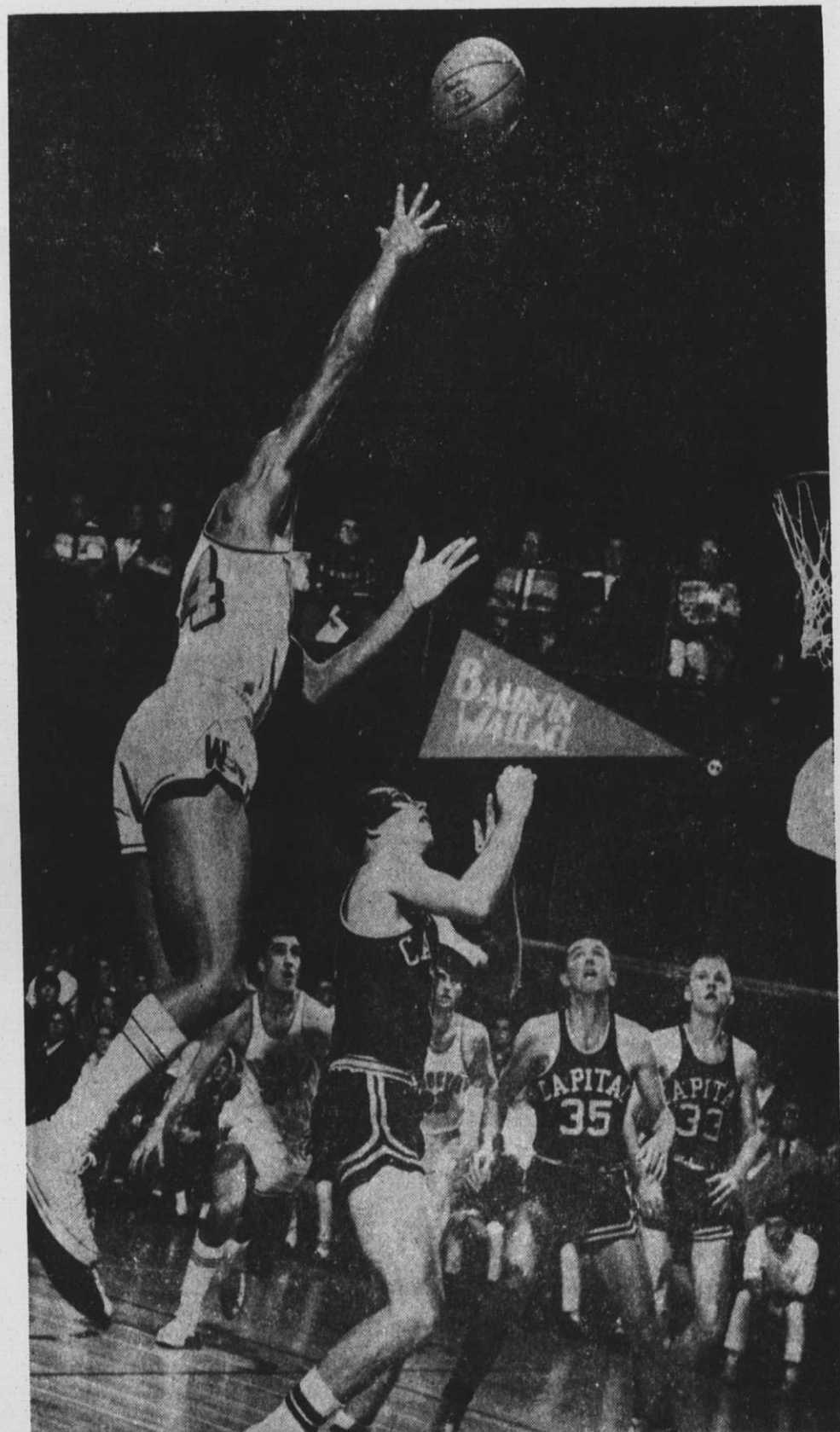
The Scots' Grant Sherwood struggles to regain a loose ball against Kenyon.



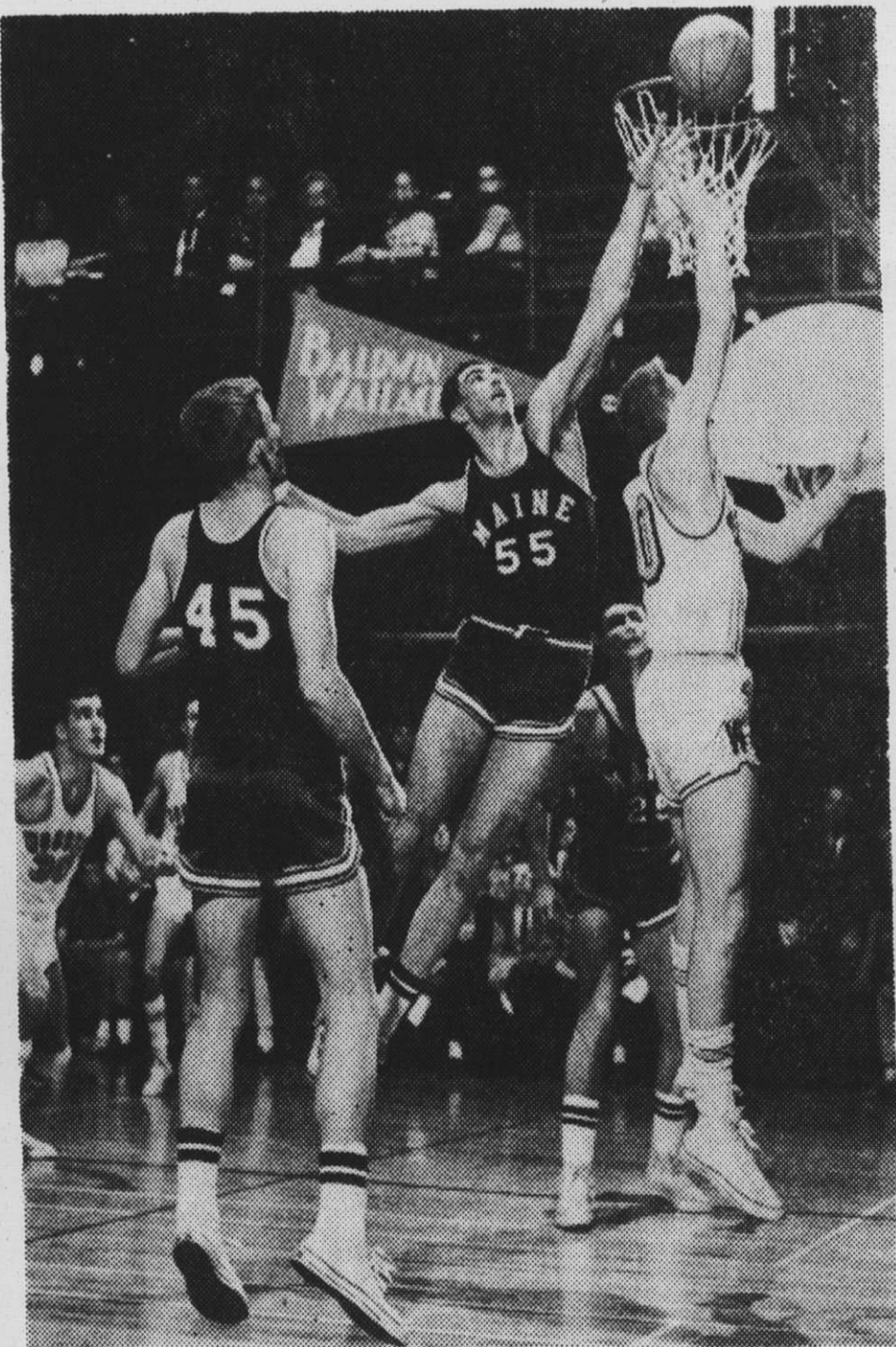
The defensive genius of Dave Guldin throttles a Kenyon Lord's attempted shot.



BUDDY HARRIS wins this battle of the high scoring big men over Akron's Billy Turner. Wooster's silent standout outscored his counterpart by a single point.



Buddy Harris arches a hook shot during action in the Capital game.



A Maine player futilely attempts to stop a Bill Gribble drive for a bucket.

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