

"Roar" Buttons On Sale Today!

Blunt High basketball fans—adults as well as students—have an opportunity beginning today to "show their colors" in support of their team for the final five games of the season plus the tournaments.

Going on sale here this morning are "ROAR" buttons!

The "ROAR" buttons are $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter, are a fluorescent yellow in color, show a picture of a ferocious monarch lion, and state boldly, "I roar for the Blunt Monarchs!"

Selling the buttons will be members of the Blunt High School chorus to raise a few extra dollars for the music fund's miscellaneous expenses.

Two hundred of the buttons were ordered and arrived yesterday. Demonstrations on how to wear the buttons—and a long and loud sales pitch!—will be made in the grade school rooms today or Monday by several members of the chorus in hopes that elementary students will join in purchasing the buttons.

Each button will cost only 35 cents and will match any color of sweater, jacket, or coat.

Chorus members will check out as many of the buttons as they wish to sell from Mr. Knox's room today. Students are urged to buy one of the new buttons for themselves and others for their parents and brothers and sisters.

Join the act! Buy your "ROAR" button today!

WEATHERMAN GIVES US A DAY OFF!

A bill has been introduced into the South Dakota legislature this month to move several holidays to Mondays to allow for more three-day weekends every year.

Blunt students got one without the benefit of any new law Monday when the wintry weather forced Supt. Nelson to call off all classes for the day.

"A" Honor Rolls Prove Juniors Rule!

Ted Massey of the junior class is the only Blunt High student to make the "A" honor roll for the first semester of the 1968-1969 school year.

The junior class also had the "A" honor roll for the third six-week period all to itself. Only Ted Massey and Don Kietzmann achieved membership in this group.

The "B" honor roll for the entire first semester does include somebody from each class, however. These students are Janet Goe, Randy Harkless, Mary Junkman, and Julian Olson, seniors; Don Kietzmann and Carlotta Albright, juniors; Len Albright, Pam Hinckley, and Joan Flansburg, sophomores, and Mark Kozel, Rhonda Massey, and Dewayne Robbins, freshmen.

The third six-week "B" honor listings include Randy Harkless, Mary Junkman, Julian Olson, Carlotta Albright, Len Albright, Pam Hinckley, Joan Flansburg, Mark Kozel, Rhonda Massey, and Dewayne Robbins.

Fourteen students—almost one-fourth of the student body—maintained perfect attendance for the first semester. These people are Shirley Flansburg and Julian Olson, seniors; Don Kietzmann, Ted Massey, Sandra Small, juniors; Mike Bourk and Pam Hinckley, sophomores, and Janelle Adams, Sharon Harkless, Mark Hinckley, Nyleen King, Mark Kozel, Rhonda Massey, and Steve Ogan, freshmen.

These fourteen students, plus Jeannie Bourk, Janet Goe, Rich Doyle, Joan Flansburg, Barbara Kruger, and Jerry Ogan, had perfect attendance for the third six-week period.

NEXT WEEK:

- *** District 15 tourney drawings.
- *** Blunt vs. Harrold!
- *** Senior Sketches #2: Julian Olson.
- *** Feature story: getting ready for the Hobridge music contest.

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

QUESTION: Do you believe that present-day movie censorship, such as age limits for certain shows, is necessary? Should stricter censorship be in effect? (asked by Gary Harkless and Charlie Boyles)

Ed Walsh: I think that movie censorship is completely "put on." Any little kid with enough money could get in to a sexy movie. That "no one under 16 allowed" or such is just an attraction to draw crowds.

Rich Doyle: Most kids hear worse language at home than they would at an "adults only" show. I don't think the age limit on certain movies is necessary. I think a kid's parents should say whether or not he sees the movie.

Sandra Small: I think that the reason why they have a restriction on some of these movies is because the kids might not understand what is said or get the wrong impressions of it. As for the age limit, some kids at 14 could probably understand it more than someone who is 19 or 20, so what do you do about that?

Debra Marshall: I don't really think they mean older kids because if it says "adults only," you can bet there'll be more teenagers than adults. I think they mean parents bringing their seven- or eight-year-old kids because they can't get babysitters.

June Chase: Yes! Today movies almost always have a love scene in it and certain ones even deeper. Younger kids don't really understand what's happening and after they reach a certain age, well, lock out!

Mrs. Hoyt: I refuse to answer on the grounds that since my popularity has waned (I didn't get any votes for Prettiest Cheerleader), I am temporarily pouting.

Mike Mitchell: Yes, they should have a little something for the older folks!

Dawayne Robbins: On some movies they should!

Colleen Doyle: If kids really want to see the show, they can always lie about their age, but in some cases it helps.

Calvin Harsins: I think they ought to clean up the movies really.

Senior Sentences

The seniors of '69 took their last semester tests. Here are some of their comments on the tests and the fact that it was their last time:

Harry: I didn't feel as if it was my last test.

Joe: Kept thinking that it was my last test and glad that it is over.

Randy: Just as bad as the first ones were.

Jon: I didn't like them, but I am glad they're my last ones.

The seniors are trying to decide a way to raise money. Also there is some talk about Skip Day. Both will be reported on later.

Enola, how's the action out in Rapid City this week?

The results of the ACT tests are being shown to the seniors.

—Kate Mitchell

T.V. HIGHLIGHTS

Tonight, Jan. 31:

6:30 p.m.: The Harlem Globetrotters' annual TV special features Soupy Sales as team coach. He introduces hypnosis, disguise, good luck charms, and the ultimate weapon—garlic!—to overcome the opponents' defense.

Saturday, Feb. 1:

1:00 p.m.: Big 10 basketball: Purdue vs. Ohio State.

Sunday, Feb. 2:

1:30 p.m.: NHL Hockey: Montreal Canadiens vs. Chicago Black Hawks.

Another reminder to collect those "Frettiest Cheerleader" ballots that appear daily in The Daily Plainsman. Send them to school where they are being collected and filled in in the typing room.

Debra Marshall is Blunt's entry in the contest, so you may fill in her name and mail in the ballots on your own. The deadline is February 15.

BUY YOUR "RCAR" BUTTONS NOW; ONLY 75¢!

SENIOR SKETCHES #1

Shirley Flansburg

The fact that she will be out on her own to work and to do as she pleases is the main reason why Shirley Flansburg is looking forward to graduating from high school this spring.

Shirley, who attended eight years of elementary school at the Britain School, came to Blunt as a freshman in September, 1965. Her sister Betty graduated here in 1968, and another sister Joan is a sophomore. There are four younger brothers and sisters in the Flansburg family.

As a member of the student body at Blunt High, "Shirls," as people will call Shirley to give her a bad time, has taken part in the activities of the music department and the Pep Club for four years. She has also been on the paper staff and the annual staff while a student here.

To fill part of her spare time and to provide some spending money, Shirley has found after-school and summertime employment in such jobs as dishwasher at the Chuckwagon Cafe in Blunt during her freshman and sophomore years, as a babysitter in Pierre the next summer, and as a dishwasher and waitress at the Frontier Cafe in Pierre last summer. When she does have a little time off, Shirley enjoys riding horses and going to shows, especially the Western variety.

Shirley has a lot of good times she remembers at BHS, but she says one of the most embarrassing occurred last year while she was playing baseball with both boys and girls while wearing a dress. She tried to slide into third base and fell into the mud instead.

Among the things she says she will miss most about this school are the basketball games, Coach Vosberg and his constant teasing, and all of the bad times she and her classmates gave Mr. Knox.

Following graduation on May 28, Shirley hopes to get a job and then to get married. As for advice she would give to underclassmen, Shirley says: "Study while you can, because before you know it you are graduating!"

Things won't seem quite right with Shirley gone from Blunt High next fall, and her friends wish her well.

Two Years Ago

Issue of Feb. 3, 1967:

The eighth grade basketball players, fans, and chaperones arrived home at 1:30 a.m. after the school bus gave out near Miller. On the way to the game at Polo, the group had missed the turnoff and ended up in the Redfield area..... Blunt High defeated Burke, 49-41, as Joe Junkman scored all of the team's eight points in the final 2½ minutes.....Mr. Baselay tried to play the role of cook at his Onida apartment but spilled pizza sauce in the oven and filled the place with smoke.....Several ballplayers stayed out all night rabbit hunting following the Agar game and as a result were not allowed to play at Wolsey the following night.Black and Gold Day winners were Phil Howard, Francie Start, Sharon Metzinger, Spike Hazelrigg, Keith Mercer, and Terry Otteson.

One Year Ago

Issue of Feb. 2, 1968:

The Blunt Blasts column nominated Les Sevensing as snipe wenter of the week.New curtains were installed in the high school assembly stage.....The PTO voted to purchase a new electric duplicator for the school paper's use..... Blunt led at the half 33-12 and downed Cresbard 71-41.....The sophomores lost in two overtimes at Stephan, 64-60.....The eighth grade class visited various sites in Pierre.....Because of a broken arm, Dwayne Robbins was surprising everybody with his lefthanded writing.....Blunt teachers attended an audio-visual and instructional media workshop conducted here by Mr. Stan Lang of CEP.

Mr. Knox had an unpleasant weekend. On Friday night he fell on the ice and cut his right hand. At the game on Saturday he tripped over Rhonda Massey's foot and spilled popcorn over a good part of the basketball court. Later that night he even managed to get stuck in an open driveway!

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

SIXTH GRADE

We began our study of South Dakota this week. Each student is preparing to present a lesson to the group. After a pre-test we think that the best way to learn the geography of our state is to travel through it.

A self-review in math has been set up in our room. Following a chart above the blackboard a student prepares a worksheet on the skill. When he receives a "B" grade, he can proceed to the next skill.

Mrs. Sprague taught our room while Mrs. Steele entertained the flu. Luckily no one else has been absent because of illness.

Four students have had perfect attendance.

The 500-piece puzzle brought last week is together with one piece missing!

FIFTH GRADE

We all feel glad because we got an extra day of vacation on Monday.

We finished our reading books so sometime this week we're going to read in groups.

In science we have been observing bean plants.

We think not everyone was too pleased about the grade school game being cancelled at Highmore. It hasn't been rescheduled yet.

As far as all reports show, everybody has survived semester tests this week.

Barb Longkeek from the sixth grade had an accident in P. E. the other day; right, Barb?

Vick and Deb were absent Tuesday afternoon.

If you want to know about an embarrassing situation, ask Leann Sevensing!

See you next week!

---Barb Johnson and Rebecca Nelson

THIRD GRADE NEWS

We had a birthday in our room this week so we wished Mary a happy birthday!

Everyone was anxious to get his report card this week.

Troy was excited over his new baby brother.

SECOND GRADE

Vona Bourk brought an interesting book to show to her classmates. It was Walt Disney's World of Nature. There were colored pictures of animals of the Galapagos Islands, just as we had seen the night before on television.

Our Weekly Readers included a special science section about scientists who are exploring the ocean and the fascinating animals who live there.

We are learning to write and have displayed our papers on a bulletin board.

SOPHOMORE SLANTS

The sophomores are still around, but that's about all.

Len Albright isn't around here, however. He went to the hospital Tuesday night for an appendectomy.

The new schedule for this new semester has the sophomores busy all morning.

In general science we are studying about weathering and erosion.

In world history we are studying about the making of modern England. Mr. Nelson isn't too happy with the grades most of us got in the semester test. Guess we'll have to try harder next time!

The plane geometry students, who are studying inequalities, have had the class changed to second period, which means they have to get it done the night before and not during the school the same day!

The English II class has received workbooks instead of the textbooks they had before.

Journalism class is new for the sophomores, and the students are looking forward to receiving daily newspapers.

Hope the column is more interesting next week!

---Frank Gee

The sophomore class has set the date for the annual BHS carnival at which the King and Queen of Hearts will be crowned. The date is Friday night, Feb. 21, in the school gym.

The sophomores have begun making plans for the various games and booths as well as for the lunch and entertainment for the evening.

Music Contest 12 Days Away

The Region VI music contest is now only 12 days away for 25 Blunt High students who will make the trip to M_obridge on Wednesday, Feb. 12—weather permitting, of course.

Six soloists will enter the contest from Blunt High, with several eliminations still to be made.

The "A" and "B" triple trios, the mixed ensemble, and the boys ensemble will also sing in the M_obridge event.

The names of judges, times of performance, solo entries, and ensemble members will be reported here next week.

New Schedule For 2nd Semester

Several conflicts, most of them involving one-semester courses and most of them concerning sophomores, made necessary a new schedule of classes for the second semester at Blunt High.

The new schedule went into effect on Tuesday morning after registration for new classes.

Being offered this semester is sociology, which replaces the economics course taught by Mr. Nelson last semester.

U.S.D. MUSICAL CHANGED TO RIGGS HIGH AUDITORIUM

"The Unsinkable Molly Brown," musical presented by the University of South Dakota, will be held in the Riggs High auditorium in Pierre on Thursday night, Feb. 6, at 8:00 p.m.

Advance tickets cost \$2.00 whereas tickets at the door will cost \$2.50. The site of the play was changed from the city auditorium after an inspection by USD officials showed the Riggs stage to be better fitted for this particular presentation.

READ ALONG WITH MONTY

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Published weekly at Blunt High School, Blunt, S.D.; letters from readers on any subject are welcomed.

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MONARCHS TACKLE WALL AT PHILIP

The Blunt High Monarchs take to the road again tomorrow night to meet the Wall Eagles at the Philip Armory.

This is a rematch of last year's Blunt "home" game at Ft. Pierre won by the Monarchs quite handily.

Coach Ken Poppe's Eagles have won six and lost eight to date this season and will be playing Kadoka at home tonight to warm up for the Monarchs.

Wall's victories have come over New Underwood (60-55), Mission (66-63), Bison (58-52), Highmore (70-59), White River (54-53), and Murdo (62-48). The eight defeats were administered by White River in overtime, Martin twice, Faith, Chamberlain, Philip, and Kadoka.

Before the season Coach Poppe was quoted as saying he would have one player 6-1 and the others under 6-0. Leading scorer most of the time this year has been Jerry Johnston, who scored 17 last year against Blunt in a game which Wall lost, 78-45.

The other main cogs in the Wall attack are LeRoy Eisbraun and Scott Hildebrandt.

Fans attending Saturday's game at Philip are reminded that that town is operating under Mountain Standard Time.

Blunt Bests Polo By 96-60---Again! Wins 3rd Place

The Central Plains Conference Tournament finally got around to playing its final session at Highmore Wednesday night, and when it was all over, the Harrold Cardinals had won it, 67-51 over Stephan in the championship game.

Roger Meyer and Alan Parks scored 15 apiece for Harrold, which led at all the quarter stops, 18-13, 36-31, 53-40, and 67-51.

Blunt's Monarchs proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that they are 36 points better than the Polo Bears. For the second night in a row they defeated Polo by the score of 96-60 and came home with the third-place trophy.

After the score was tied at 4-4, Blunt scored nine straight points on two field goals by Russell Spaid, one plus a free throw by Ted Massey, and a basket by Ed Welch to jump into the lead 13-4. After that the game was all Blunt's although the Bears did come to within five points at one time in the second period.

By halftime the Monarchs led 41-30 on 37.5% shooting in the first half---16 of 43 attempts.

In the third period Blunt stretched its lead up to 22 points, 65-43, setting the stage for a wild-scoring fourth quarter in which Blunt outscored Polo, 31-17. The Monarchs' shooting improved in the second half, 53% (24 of 45). For the game they shot 45%, 40 baskets out of 88 attempts.

Russell Spaid led Blunt's scoring with 22 points, many of them on rebound shots, and was getting rebounds better than he has all season. Ed Welch added 20 points, Bud King 13, and Ted Massey ten.

Gale Harkless scored only six points, but he greatly contributed to everybody else's point totals with nine assists that led directly to baskets. On eight other occasions he hit the open man, but the baskets were not converted. Blunt's other guards, Les Sevensing and Rich Doyle, had four and three assists, respectively.

Ken Schaefer scored 18 to lead Polo's scoring. Rod Schaefer and Gary Venjohn had

BLUNT (96)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Nassey	4	2-3	4	10
Welch	9	2-2	3	20
Spaid	10	2-3	5	22
King	6	1-5	2	13
Harkless, G.	2	2-2	3	6
Doyle	2	0-0	2	4
Sevensing	1	6-10	1	8
Harkless, R.	0	0-0	4	0
Kimbley	2	1-3	0	5
Kirsch	0	0-1	3	0
Ogan	1	0-2	1	2
Kozel	3	0-1	1	6
TOTALS	40	16-32	29	96

POLO (60)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Schaefer, K.	8	2-7	2	18
Schaefer, R.	6	2-4	3	14
Venjohn, G.	4	6-12	4	14
Wernsman	2	3-8	4	7
Wieseler	1	2-4	4	4
Koldy	0	0-0	1	0
Venjohn, C.	0	0-0	1	0
Brueggeman	1	0-0	0	2
Venjohn, P.	0	0-0	0	0
TOTALS	22	16-37	22	60

BLUNT	20	11	24	31---96
POLO	8	2	13	17---60

Officials: Kerns and Hugland.
(This was the 3rd-place game in the CPAC tournament.)

14 points apiece.

This was Blunt's third victory over Polo this season. In the opener back in November the Monarchs beat them by 16 points, 64-48.

TOURNEY SIDELIGHTS

The Harrold band, directed by Mrs. Audrey Owens, provided halftime music for all three sessions of the tournament---two weeks ago and Wednesday night.

Mark Kogel and Don Kietzman had an extra job during the tournament, removing and replacing the namecards on the scoreboards.

Blunt and Harrold provided ticket sellers and takers for the tournament games as well as official scorers and timers.

Monarchs' Press Befuddles Polo; CPAC Showdown Near

Blunt's full-court press led to basket after basket at Polo Tuesday night as the Monarchs remained in the lead in the Central Plains Conference race with a 96-60 victory over the Bears.

Blunt now stands at 6-0 in the CPAC with two games—Harrold on Feb. 5 and Stephan on Feb. 13—remaining in the conference. The only team that can keep Blunt from the conference championship is Harrold, and these two rivals will clash at Highmore next Wednesday night, Feb. 5, with the title at stake. A Blunt victory will clinch the championship for the Monarchs, whereas a win by Harrold will keep the Cardinals in contention.

At Polo on Tuesday, the Monarchs jumped out ahead 7-8, 13-4, 19-6, and led after the first period, 24-8, by shooting 59% in the quarter (10 of 17). Although they could score only four field goals in the entire second quarter, Blunt stretched its lead to 40-20 by halftime. Blunt hit only four of 21 shots in that period.

The beginning minutes of the second half blew the game wide open. A basket by Rich Doyle and free throws by Ed Welch and Gale Harkless made the score 44-20. Following a Polo basket, Blunt scored 11 straight points—one on a free throw by Russell Spaid and then five consecutive field goals by Ed Welch, and the score was 55-22.

Polo got another free throw before the Monarchs exploded for eight more quick points—two field goals by Buddy King, one by Ted Massey, and one by Randy Harkless. This made the score 63-23. The score by the end of the period was 71-37.

The fourth quarter was an even one, Blunt scoring 25 points to Polo's 23.

For the game the Monarchs shot 45%—37 out of 82 shots. They were guilty of 48 turnovers in the wild, ragged contest, but the press caused Polo to commit certainly as many turnovers, if not more.

Ed Welch's 23 points led the scorers on Tuesday. Ted Massey had 15, Buddy King 12, and Gale Harkless ten. Jerry Wieseler with ten was the only Polo player in double figures.

BLUNT (96)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Massey	4	7-12	2	15
Welch	10	3-8	3	23
Spaid	2	3-3	5	7
King	5	2-4	4	12
Doyle	4	0-3	3	8
Sevening	2	2-6	2	6
Harkless, G.	3	4-6	4	10
Kimbley	1	0-1	3	2
Harkless, R.	2	1-3	1	5
Kirsch	2	0-0	1	4
Ogan	2	0-0	1	4
TOTALS	37	22-46	29	96

POLO (60)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Kolda	2	2-5	4	6
Wernsman	2	2-2	4	6
Schaefer	2	5-8	5	9
Vanjohn, C.	0	0-2	5	0
Wieseler	5	0-0	5	10
Vanjohn, G.	3	1-5	4	7
Schaefer, R.	1	1-3	2	3
Schaefer, K.	3	3-4	1	9
Bruggeman	1	1-2	1	3
Vanjohn, P.	1	0-0	0	2
**basket by Blunt player	1			2
TOTALS	22	16-35	36	60

BLUNT	24	16	31	25-96
POLO	8	12	17	23-60

Next Wednesday's conference showdown at Highmore between Blunt and Harrold will be the third meeting of the year between the two old rivals. In December the Monarchs escaped with a 59-57 win at Ft. Pierre, but in the semifinals of the CPAC tournament two weeks ago, Harrold gained revenge with an 82-71 victory.

The Monarchs are now 1-3 on the season, and Harrold's record is 9-7. Until Wednesday night's tourney game, the Cardinals hadn't won a contest since beating Blunt on Jan. 14, running into a string of defeats at the hands of Highmore, Wessington, and Gann Valley.

In the conference the Cardinals have a record of 3-1 with four CPAC games still to be played. If they would defeat Blunt next Wednesday, they could tie for the championship by winning all of their remaining conference games. They could win it outright if Blunt would lose to Harrold and Stephan and Harrold would win all of its remaining games.

BLUNT (50)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Nassey	5	0-0	4	10
Welch	6	1-4	0	13
Spaid	2	2-2	5	6
King	4	0-1	2	8
Sevening	1	1-2	1	3
Doyle	4	0-1	2	8
Harkless, G.	1	0-0	0	2
TOTALS	23	4-10	14	50

CRESBARD (47)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Swanhorst	2	3-6	1	7
Toennies	4	0-1	1	8
Barondeau	9	2-6	3	20
Petersen	1	0-2	1	2
Gabler	3	0-1	3	6
Holt	2	0-0	1	2
TOTALS	21	5-16	10	47

BLUNT 9 12 15 14-50
 CRESBARD 7 18 11 11-47

Officials: Kerns and Anderson.

BLUNT (41)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Nassey	3	2-4	1	8
Welch	3	3-7	3	9
Spaid	7	1-0	5	15
King	1	2-3	3	4
Sevening	1	0-0	1	2
Harkless, G.	0	1-3	2	1
Harkless, R.	0	2-2	2	2
Doyle	0	0-2	4	0
TOTALS	15	11-22	21	41

AGAR (64)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Brandt	0	0-0	1	0
Nystrom	4	2-6	1	10
Weischedel	9	4-9	3	22
Robbennolt	4	3-5	1	11
Shoup	3	2-4	3	8
Cottrill	2	3-3	2	7
Schultz	1	0-0	1	2
Wagner	0	0-0	2	0
Wilhelmi	0	0-0	2	0
Asmussen	0	2-2	1	2
Weischedel, G.	1	0-0	0	2
Archer	0	0-0	0	0
TOTALS	24	16-29	17	64

BLUNT 11 12 9 9-41
 AGAR 15 13 21 15-64

Officials: Lawrence and Lonbakken.

Monarchs Split Weekend Games

The Blunt Monarchs split even in two games played at Agar last weekend, taking a trouncing at the hands of the Hi-Pointers on Friday, 64-41, and then hanging tough to win a tight battle with Cresbard on Saturday, 50-47.

Blunt played a close first half with Agar. The Monarchs led briefly in the opening period, 8-4, 9-5, and 11-7. From an 11-11 tie Agar took a 15-11 period lead and never trailed after that although the Monarchs rallied behind the scoring of Russell Spaid and Te. Massey to creep to within one point at 24-23. Agar led at the half, 28-23.

The third quarter was Blunt's downfall when Agar outscored the Monarchs by a 21-9 margin to lead 49-32. The Black and Gold stayed behind by that same margin for half of the final period and trailed by 13 with 2:50 remaining. However, Agar scored ten points in a row while holding Blunt scoreless to win by 64-41.

Spaid, who fouled out with 4:42 left in the third quarter, led Blunt scoring with 15 points. Jerry Weischedel had 22 for Agar.

The Cresbard match on Saturday was an exciting game to watch. The Monarchs rallied from an early 5-0 deficit to tie

the score and take the lead 9-5. It was 9-7 after the quarter ended.

After a Blunt lead of 11-10, the Comets jumped ahead and led the rest of the half. It was 25-21 at the break. Blunt had hit 10 of 28 for 35% in the opening two periods.

The Monarchs fell behind by as much as six points in the third period before fighting back to tie the score at 32 on a bucket by Rich Doyle. Ed Welch tied the score at 34, and a Doyle layup was matched by a Cresbard goal to make it 36-36 with one period to go.

Welch hit twice in the first minute of the fourth frame for a 40-36 margin, but three straight Cresbard baskets put that team ahead again. Then Gale Harkless tied it up, and Les Sevening and Ted Massey put the Monarchs up by four, 46-42, with 3:07 remaining.

Following a Cresbard basket, Welch scored once again (48-44) at the 2:00 mark, and Russell Spaid hit two important free throws with 1:23 to play to make it 50-44. The Comets got a field goal and free throw in the last minute to make the final score 50-47.

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