

SPORTS

Minnesota To Battle Illini This Evening

Gophers And League Leaders To Clash

Chicago, Feb. 16. — (UP) — The speedy sophomores from Illinois, leaders in the big ten basketball championship race, meet a powerful Minnesota squad in the crucial battle of four conference games scheduled for tonight.

A defeat for the northern team will virtually eliminate them as title contenders.

If Minnesota wins, however, it will be only a half a game behind the Illini and in a position to profit by possible defeats Illinois may suffer in its five remaining conference games. Minnesota has only three games to play after tonight's game at Minneapolis.

Indiana, in third place, and Wisconsin, in fourth, will defend their slim title hopes against Michigan and Purdue, respectively, which Northwestern will try to hand Chicago its 29th consecutive big ten defeat.

Purdue's chances for the title faded Saturday when Minnesota dealt them a 34-27 defeat at Minneapolis. Purdue scored on 11 of 12 free throws and managed to stay in the running in a game that was featured by defense play.

Illinois romped over Michigan, 52-29, at Champaign, leading the Wolverines 19-0 at half time and smothering them with an attack led by Andy Phillips, guard, in the second half. Phillips was high-scoring with 16 points.

The Badgers piled up a 17-0 lead over Ohio State in the first 6½ minutes of the game at Madison Saturday, but cooled off to lead only 25-16 at half time and 49-39 when the game ended. Johnny

Week's Schedule For Adams County Basketball Teams

Tuesday
Yellow Jackets at Harbord City.
Geneva at Ridgeville.
Wednesday
Jefferson at Kirkland.
Thursday
Pleasant Mills at Monmouth.
Friday
Berne at Yellow Jackets.
Hartford at Geneva.
Monroe at Kirkland.
Saturday
Jefferson vs. Bryant at Berne.

Kotz, conference individual scoring leaders, made 13 points.

Warren Lewis, sophomore forward, paced Indiana with 16 points in the 51-29 rout of Chicago at Bloomington. Coach Branch McCracken used his full squad of 16 players in the game.

In the contest between Iowa and Northwestern at Evanston, Tom Chapman, red-haired Iowa forward, tossed in 21 points to help the Hawkeyes win a 46-44 victory and give Northwestern its sixth straight conference defeat.

The standings:

	W	L	Pct.	P	OP
Illinois	8	1	.889	431	329
Minnesota	8	3	.725	505	415
Indiana	7	3	.700	462	397
Wisconsin	6	3	.667	427	343
Iowa	6	4	.600	474	428
Purdue	5	4	.555	385	320
Northwestern	3	6	.333	405	399
Ohio State	4	8	.333	400	402
Michigan	3	7	.300	346	441
Chicago	0	11	.000	335	643

Games tonight: Illinois at Minnesota, Wisconsin at Purdue, Indiana at Michigan, Chicago at Northwestern.

Results Saturday night: Minnesota 34, Purdue 27; Illinois 52, Michigan 29; Wisconsin 49, Ohio State 39; Indiana 51, Chicago 20; Iowa 46, Northwestern 44.

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Fort Wayne Central 42, Kendallville 20.
Fort Wayne North Side 37, Auburn 35.
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Chicago Leo 37, Fort Wayne Central Catholic 32.

LaPorte 40, Gary Emerson 31.
Anderson 32, Indianapolis Tech 27.
Bloomington 28, Bicknell 24.
Huntingburg 30, Salem 20.
Richmond 32, South Bend Riley 31.
South Bend Central 36, Rochester 16.
Kokomo 28, Hammond Tech 26.
Gary Horace Mann 37, Gary Wallace 34.
Gary Froebel 62, Elwood 45.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Indiana 51, Chicago 20.
Minnesota 34, Purdue 27.
Illinois 52, Michigan 29.
Wisconsin 49, Ohio State 39.
Iowa 46, Northwestern 44.
Notre Dame 55, New York U. 43.
Marquette 40, Butler 30.
Ohio U. 67, Evansville 40.
Indiana State 37, Central Normal 31.
Rose Poly 57, Earlham 42.
Franklin 53, Hanover 44.
Indiana Central 42, Ball State 33.

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St. Vincent's Is Tournament Winner

Decatur St. Joe Is Downed By One Point

St. Vincent's Villa of Fort Wayne won the invitational grade team tourney, played at the Villa Sunday, defeating St. Joe of Fort Wayne in the final game, 21 to 17. St. Joe of Decatur was defeated in the first round, losing a tough 24-23 decision to St. Joe of Fort Wayne after leading at the end of the third quarter, 19 to 17.

Decatur, however, salvaged the consolation game, defeating St. Joe of Fort Wayne, 24 to 17.

St. Vincent defeated St. Joe of Fort Wayne in a first round game, 20 to 18.

Decatur box scores:

	St. Joe	FG	FT	TP
Gillie, f.	3	1	7	
Blosser, f.	3	2	8	
Redman, c.	0	1	1	
Suit, g.	1	0	2	
Rinehart, g.	1	0	2	
Monter, f.	0	0	0	
Gummar, f.	0	0	0	
Woelfel, c.	2	0	4	

Totals.....10 4 24

Decatur box scores:

	St. Joe	FG	FT	TP
Gage, f.	3	0	6	
Gass, f.	2	1	5	
Geimer, c.	2	0	4	
Briede, g.	0	1	1	
Coffee, g.	2	1	5	
Hackman, f.	1	0	2	

Totals.....10 3 23

Decatur box scores:

	St. Joe	FG	FT	TP
Gage, f.	2	0	4	
Gass, f.	0	0	0	
Geimer, c.	6	2	14	
Briede, g.	1	0	2	
Coffee, g.	1	2	4	
Lengerich, f.	0	0	0	
Hess, f.	0	0	0	
Hackman, c.	0	0	0	
Monnier, g.	0	0	0	

Totals.....10 4 24

St. Joe (Fort Wayne) box scores:

	St. Joe	FG	FT	TP
Todoran, f.	1	0	2	
Zurigo, f.	0	0	0	
Lothamer, c.	2	0	4	
Hogan, g.	2	0	4	
Rucol, g.	3	1	7	

Totals.....8 1 17



Team Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Monroe	20	2	.909
Berne	13	6	.684
Commodores	11	9	.550
Jefferson	7	9	.438
Hartford	8	12	.400
Pleasant Mills	8	12	.400
Yellow Jackets	6	10	.375
Monmouth	7	12	.368
Geneva	6	11	.353
Kirkland	5	13	.278

Adams county teams, along with all other public high school teams in the state, will wind up their regular season schedules this week, with all eyes pointed ahead to the annual sectional tourneys, which will open Thursday night, February 26, in 64 sectionals.

Feature event of the week for an Adams county team is the annual state Catholic tourney, which will open at Fort Wayne Friday afternoon, with 14 teams entered.

Eight games are on the regular

ODDITIES of NEWS



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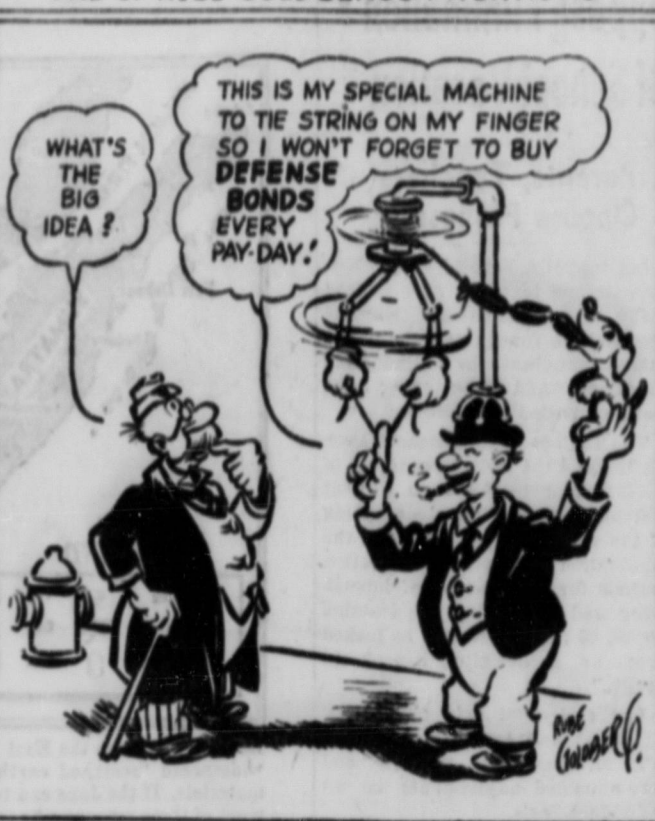
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schedule this week, scattered over five different nights, two Tuesday, one Wednesday, one Thursday, three Friday and one Saturday.

The Decatur Yellow Jackets will see action twice this week. The Jackets play at Hartford City Tuesday night in a Northeastern Indiana conference battle. Friday night, the Jackets wind up the season, meeting the Berne Bears on the Decatur floor. The Jackets downed the Bears, 32 to 28, on the Berne floor early in the season and the Bears will be out to even the score.

In the other tilt Tuesday night, Geneva plays at Ridgeville. Wednesday, Jefferson plays at Kirkland, and Thursday Pleasant Mills at Monmouth, a game originally scheduled for Friday night.

In addition to the Decatur-Berne game Friday night, Hartford plays at Geneva and Monroe plays at Kirkland. Lone game Saturday will be Jefferson vs. Bryant at the Berne auditorium.

Chances of the Commodores to get by the first round of the state Catholic tourney were brightened over the weekend, with the announcement from St. Mary's of Anderson that the Gaels have been forced to forfeit all games played this season, because of the use of an ineligible player.

Anderson school officials learned only last week that Mike Sokol, sparkplug of the Gael quintet, had enrolled briefly in Anderson public high school before entering St. Mary's, and that his eligibility for competition should have ended last season. As a result, Anderson forfeited all games, including two with the Commodores.

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Seven Leading Teams Stay On Top In State

Jasper Crowds Into State's Leading Ten

Indianapolis, Feb. 16. — (UP) — Seven top state basketball leaders kept firm grips on their positions in this week's ratings, fattening their victory columns. But in the lower berths, Frankfort gave way to a rushing Jasper five and Madison took its strongest gain of the season by downing Columbus and Greensburg.

The ratings and team records:

	W	L
1—Washington	20	1
2—Horace Mann	19	1
3—Evansville Central	16	1
4—Fort Wayne Central	17	1
5—Lafayette	13	3
6—Shelbyville	17	4
7—Richmond	15	4
8—Madison	20	1
9—Warsaw	22	1
10—Jasper	14	5

(Above records include holiday tournament games, but not wins or losses incurred in consolation play. Forfeitures also are excluded.)

Frankfort's Hot Dogs met their sixth defeat against Lafayette, and even though the score was so close (22-21) that it cannot count the Dogs out of the race, they were forced to drop below coach Gabby O'Neill's Jasper team.

Jasper, among the leaders for the first time, has not lost a game since its defeat to Washington's Hatchets Jan. 13. Jasper has won seven straight, one win helps Evansville Central's first defeat.

Madison's Cubs left no doubt that they again may be in the final test for the state crown. The Cubs had an unimpressive record of victories over weak-sister clubs until they decisively thumped Columbus and Greensburg for their 19th and 20th wins.

The Washington Hatchets took No. 20 against Greencastle and Central of Evansville took its 16th win against Hosse last week, while second-place Horace Mann squeezed through two narrow triumphs against Gary's Froebel and Lew Wallace. Mann, however, should not be underrated because of their narrow victory margins. The Horsemen were without a star regular against Froebel and played reserves against Wallace.

Lafayette and Richmond surged further toward state acclaim with prestige-building performances. The Lafayette Broncos of coach Abie Masters added their 13th win, and it was an important one—over Frankfort.

The schedule for the final night's play in the City Industrial league, to be played at the Lincoln school gym Tuesday night, is as follows:

G. E. vs. Master Mix; Casting vs. Fort Wayne Centlivre (exhibition); CYO vs. Cloverleaf. Gerald Vizard will officiate.

Town Without Barber

Keystone, Ind.—(UP)—It's going to be a tough pull for the 250 residents of this Indiana town unless they get a barber quick. When Keystone's only barber left to take a position in a larger town, citizens formed a "House of David" club, and swore to forego shaves and haircuts until some barber "took pity" on them.

and the jailors who could lock him up.

Promoted



Capt. Miles R. Browning

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A photo of Capt. Miles R. Browning, Chief of Staff to Vice Admiral William F. Halsey, who has been promoted from commander for his part in the brilliantly executed Navy raid on the Japanese islands of Gilbert and Marshall. Vice Admiral Halsey, who commanded the raiding force, was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Death Ends Flier's RCAF Goal



John M. Toth, a grocer in Charleroi, Pa., had more than 400 flying hours to his credit and expected to leave in two weeks for a Royal Canadian Air Force training base. His plane stalled in mid air, crashed and killed him after ploughing up ground for 100 yards near Greensburg, Pa.

Monroe Bearkat Score 20th Win

Down Bryant Owls By 47-32 Score

The Monroe Bearkat registered their 20th triumph of the season Saturday night, defeating the Bryant Owls at the Berne auditorium, 47 to 32. Monroe led at the half, 25 to 19.

Gilbert and Crist led the winners with 15 and 13 points, respectively. Arnold was best for the Owls with 12 points.

Monroe box scores:

	FG	FT	TP
Winterer, f.	0	2	2
Crist, f.	5	3	13
Gilbert, c.	5	5	15
E. Roubush, g.	2	0	4
A. Roubush, g.	3	0	6
Reef, f.	1	1	3
Johnson, f.	0	0	0
Lehman, c.	2	0	4
Rich, g.	0	0	0
Trump, g.	0	0	0

Totals.....18 11 47

Bryant box scores:

	FG	FT	TP
Orr, f.	2	2	6
Mumby, f.	1	0	2
Arnold, c.	6	1	13
Roll, g.	4	1	9
Engle, g.	1	0	2

Totals.....14 4 32

Referee, Lehman.

Umpire, Dorwin.

Preliminary

Monroe 32, Bryant 18.

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