

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 northmen 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, while 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, 55-29, at Champaign, leading the Wolverines 19-10 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 Hartford City, Geneva at Ridgerville.

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.

Wafer, Lewis, sophomore forward, paced Indiana with 16 points in the 51-20 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 44-44 victory and give Northwestern its sixth straight conference defeat.

The standings:

W L Pct. P OP

Illinois 8 1 .889 431 39

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 .333 465 39

Ohio State 4 8 .333 400 402

Michigan 3 7 .300 346 441

Chicago 9 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 32; Indiana 39; Illinois 51, Chicago 20; Iowa 46, Northwestern 44.

H. S. BASKETBALL

Fort Wayne Central 42, Kendallville 20

Fort Wayne North Side 37, Auburn 35

Leo 54, Ossian 41

Chicago Leo 37, Fort Wayne Central Catholic 32

LaPorte 40, Gary Emerson 31

Anderson 32, Indiana Tech 27

Bloomington 28, Bicknell 24

Huntingburg 39, 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 Froehel 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 43

Franklin 58, Hanover 44

Indiana Central 42, Ball State 33

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Team Standings

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Monroe 20 2 .969

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

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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 tournaments, which will open Thursday night, February 26, in 64 sections.

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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.

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Eight games are on the regular

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