

SPORTS

Illinois Drops Minnesota From Conference Race

Purdue, Indiana Score Close Wins In Big Ten Tilts

Chicago, Feb. 17.—(UP)—Only Indiana's hurrying Hoosiers held a Chinaman's chance today of pulling abreast of the pace-setting Illinois sophomores as the Big Ten's basketball race moved into the home stretch.

The tall boys from Illinois scored their ninth victory in ten conference games last night while snuffing out Minnesota's title hopes, 41 to 37. Purdue dealt a similar blow to Wisconsin, defending champion, breaking the Badgers' victory string at six straight, 40 to 34.

As a result, the Gophers dropped to third place with eight victories and four defeats and Wisconsin deadlocked with Iowa and Purdue for fourth place. All three have won six games and lost four.

Academically Chicago almost stole the spoils from such crucial contests by coming within a hair's breadth of scoring its first victory in 28 consecutive conference games. The Maroons folded up, 47 to 46, after leading Northwestern by six points three minutes before the final gun.

It took another "last minute" rally to salvage Indiana's title hopes from a hard-pressing Michigan five, 47 to 42. Close guarding by the Wolverines forced the Hoosiers to shoot from far out and Michigan went into the lead, 40 to 39 in the last three minutes. Andy Zimmer and Ralph Hamilton dropped in the decisive goals for Indiana.

By winning all four of their remaining games, the Hoosiers can share the title if Illinois drops two of its five contests. Indiana meets one major foe, Minnesota, while the Illini must encounter both Pur-

Week's Schedule For Adams County Basketball Teams

Tuesday Yellow Jackets at Hartford City, Geneva at Ridgeville.

Wednesday Jefferson at Kirkland.

Thursday Pleasant Mills at Monmouth.

Friday Berne at Yellow Jackets.

Monroe at Kirkland.

Saturday Jefferson vs. Bryant at Berne.

and Wisconsin.

Purdue's victory last night was doubly welcome at Lafayette, Ind., where Boilermaker fans were toasting Ward Lambert's 25th year as basketball coach. The Purdue cagers held Wisconsin's Johnny Kotz, leading conference scorer, to three points, while their star point-getter, Forrest Sproul, was bagging 16.

Kotz with 148 points still holds the individual lead, however. Otto Graham of Northwestern tallied 10 points against Chicago for a season total of 130 to hold second place, three points ahead of Sproul.

The standings:

Team	W	L	Pct.	TP	OP
Illinois	9	1	.900	472	366
Indiana	8	3	.727	509	439
Minnesota	8	4	.667	542	456
Wisconsin	6	4	.600	461	383
Iowa	6	4	.600	474	428
Purdue	6	4	.600	425	354
Northwestern	6	4	.600	452	445
Ohio State	4	8	.333	535	599
Michigan	3	8	.273	388	488
Chicago	0	12	.000	381	690

Last night's results: Purdue 40, Wisconsin 34; Illinois 41, Minnesota 37; Northwestern 47, Chicago 46; Indiana 47, Michigan 42.

Game Saturday night: Purdue at Chicago, Northwestern at Wisconsin, Ohio State at Illinois, Michigan at Iowa.

Lions Members To Farmers' Banquet

The weekly meeting of the Decatur Lions club, customarily held at the Knight of Pythias home on Tuesday night, has been cancelled tonight to permit the members to attend the annual Adams county farmers' banquet.

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Coming Sun.—"Close Call for Emily Queen" & "Perfect Snob"

Harbert Wins Texas Open Golf Tourney

Defeats Ben Hogan In 18-Hole Playoff

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 17.—(UP)—Melvin (Chick) Harbert, 27-year-old Battle Creek, Mich., professional, pocketed a prize of \$1,000 today and said he wished the entire winter-golf circuit would stay inside Texas.

Harbert nosed out Ben Hogan, Hershey, Pa., veteran, by four strokes in an 18-hole playoff yesterday to win the Texas open golf tournament, his second major triumph. He won the Beaumont open, last of the big 1941 meetings, last December.

Playing on a sodden Willow Springs course, neither Harbert nor Hogan could match their sub-par golf of the first four rounds, which both had finished in 272 strokes.

Harbert came in with a 72, one over par, but it was good enough to beat Hogan's miserable 76.

Hogan was in trouble several times on the first nine. His drives seemed to seek the trees lining the fairway and he three-putted two greens to give Harbert a two stroke lead at the turn.

By the 16th hole, Hogan had cut the lead to one stroke. But belting Ben's tee shot stymied behind an evergreen and despite a nice out he took two putts for a four. Harbert took a par three.

The 17th cost Hogan another two strokes, when his second shot hit a tree and his third landed in a trap. Harbert was holed out in four. Both shot par on the 18th.

Harbert, a comparative newcomer to the winter circuit, added \$108 playoff receipts to his first prize money of \$1,000. Hogan, leading money of the year, won \$750 for second place. His prize money and share of the playoff receipts lifted his 1942 total winnings to more than \$4,900.

Maple Rumblings



B. Schneider posted a 516 series that was tops in the women's league at Mies Recreation last night on games of 175, 175 and 166 . . . K. Steele, however, hung up the high individual for the evening, a 190 . . . B. Hamma also had a high single game, a 175.

Hall-Smith stayed out in front of the pack with three wins over Kettle, while Stolz stayed on the pace with three wins over Eve's Place and Gerber's dropped into a tie for second although they won two from Schafer's . . . Vera's Beauty Shoppe pulled Wiley's down with a pair of wins.

The standings:

Team	W	L
Hill-Smith	13	3
Stolz	9	6
Gerber's	9	6
Kettle	8	7
Wiley's	7	8
Eve's Place	6	9
Vera's	5	10
Schafer's	4	11

Minor League

Double century counts were plentiful in the Minor league last night . . . They included: J. Bultemeier, 201; H. Gallmeyer, 201 and 237; Geimer, 208; E. Reinking, 201; Marbach, 235; Inniger, 210; Top, 224; Mutschler, 212; Caston, 207 . . . Macklin's won three from Holthouse, Smith two from Doc's, Water Softener two from Schlitz, Schafer's two from First State and Wren two from Telephone.

The standings:

Team	W	L
Schlitz	11	4
Wafer Softeners	9	6
Holthouse	8	7
Telephone	8	7
Doc's	8	7
Wren	8	7
Macklin's	8	7
First State	7	8
Smith's	5	10
Schafer's	3	12

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at least part genius.

The arrival hasn't been confirmed because brother S. has hidden himself away in some distant fastness to avoid publicity. This is a reasonable gesture, although it is more common to retired Yale coaches than potential ones.

Suppose they have—what may be expected?

Not too much, I'm afraid. For several years now Yale has been a minor football power. Since the Clint Frank team broke up in 1937

The immediate reaction of most eastern observers to this news is that conditions on the west coast and at Yale must be equally bad. There appears to be no other conclusion. Yale has confirmed that Shaughnessy is being considered for whatever sort of position it will decide to offer, and that is too bad. After Chicago, Shaughnessy should know better.

The last authentic communiques intimated that the Stanford coach was more popular on the Palto Alto campus than a double chocolate malted or an autographed picture of Lana Turner. Other advises held that Yale would stand firm by its policy of de-emphasis. Obviously, both reports can't be accurate.

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Stanford on the surface adds up to everything a coach could want. It is big time, it has tradition and it is well supplied with material within the limits of the Atherton code. There is only one drawback and that is the war. Crowds in California now are limited to 5,000 persons and this ruling may herald lean times.

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