

SPORTS

Illinois Drops
Minnesota From
Conference RacePurdue, 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 Badger 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.

Academic Chicago almost stole the spotlight 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 Purdue and Wisconsin.

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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.
Hartford at Geneva.
Monroe at Kirkland.
Saturday
Jefferson vs. Bryant at Berne.

Purdue's victory last night was doubly welcome at Lafayette, Ind., where Bollermaker 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 Sprowl, 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 120 to hold second place, three points ahead of Sprowl.

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 4 6 .400 452 445
Ohio State 4 8 .333 535 590
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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Open Golf TourneyDefeats Ben Hogan
In 18-Hole Playoff

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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 superb 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 par four. Both shot par on the 18th.

Harbert, a comparative newcomer to the winter circuit, added \$108 money off receipts to his first prize payoff 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.

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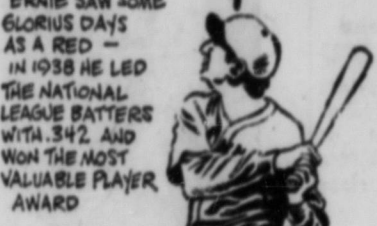
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antiquity — is just about all Yale can offer Shaughnessy that Stanford can't. Apparently the Elis have determined to damn the expense and proceed at full speed ahead.

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 Bulldogs have won only seven of 22 games, not all of them against major opponents. In the past two seasons they have triumphed only twice and Ogden Miller, the director of athletics, intimated that he didn't care.

He announced a de-emphasis program last fall and the old gaffers in Yale clubs throughout the nation bit off the ends of their moustaches in indignation. They were left only with the misty memories of other years when men were men but Yale men were something

special. Once Miller explained his policy, their annoyance grew into anger.

Nothing that has happened since has appeased them. Ducky Pond was bounced in 1940, but his successor, Spike Nelson, didn't have half a chance. He has enlisted in military service so the way is open for a new man. Shaughnessy, with his brand new reputation, could quiet many a complaint — until Yale lost a few more games.

Even if the de-emphasis policy is altered, any coach would have a full job at Yale. Material there can be more scarce than anyone realizes, but with cooperation a coach might re-build in three or four years. If the policy is not changed, any coach would find the task hopeless. Shaughnessy is a miracle man, sure, but he still is a mere man. A de-emphasized Yale isn't an assignment for a man — but for Merlin, Mandrake and Thurston the great.

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