

East Chicago Washington Snaps Muncie's Winning String To Capture Title

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INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — They hailed East Chicago Washington's brand-new Indiana high school basketball champions today as the comeback team of the golden anniversary tourney.

The Calumet finally had its first winner in 20 years. Never before in half a century of the "March madness" has this hardwood spectacle witnessed an about-face as in the four-team finals here Saturday, with Johnny Baratto's suddenly sensational Senators upending highly favored Muncie Central in the title clash, 75-59.

East Chicago's fourth-ranked West NHCST tilters, beaten twice during the season, barely got into the title match with a 62-61 win over Fort Wayne Central, thanks to Phil Dawkins' three points in the final 23 seconds, including the winning free throws with 7 seconds left.

It looked dim, indeed, for the upstarters, who expended a lot of energy against Fort Wayne, as they took the floor against Muncie's unbeaten powerhouse, which rolled to a record 102-66 rout over Bloomington in the first afternoon clash to extend its winning string to 28.

Muncie Highly Favored
Muncie, the experts figured, was fresh for the finale. The Bearcats tossed a red-hot 500 shooting average at Bloomington as Ron Bonham poured in a record 40 points in the devastating opener. Muncie, most sideline observers believed, would sweep the East Chicagoans off the Butler Fieldhouse boards to rack up an unprecedented fifth state title. But this wasn't the same East

Chicago club that faced Fort Wayne only five hours earlier. This was a hungry, fired-up, smooth-clicking machine that didn't know when to quit.

A signpost in their dressing room saying "When the going gets tough, the toughest get going" was their cue and the tough men from Lake County's steel mills took it to their hearts.

They took command from the outset and led at the first stop, 17-16. They withstood Muncie's furious second-period assault, with the lead changing hands 16 times, and they took charge for good late in the third period when Dawkins broke the final tie at 46-44.

Solid Senators
They sensed victory when 6-8 Jim Davis, Muncie's marvelous rebounder, fouled out with 5:20 left and they had in their pockets when the great Bonham left with 3:07 to go. It was the first time in 85 games that the blond bomber had fouled out.

They were awkward in the afternoon, but they were solid Senators at night. And all were heroes—Dawkins, Jim Bakos, Ron Divjak, Muncie's unbeaten powerhouse, which rolled to a record 102-66 rout over Bloomington in the first afternoon clash to extend its winning string to 28.

Dawkins, who fouled out late in the game, led East Chicago's scoring with 21 points. Bakos, whose rebounding sparked in the second half, pitched in 17.

"This was certainly their finest game," Baratto praised his boys. "They did everything well, especially when it came to working the boards. This was a great team effort."

Baratto, whose Senators lost in the state finals 13 years ago, said he thought his players could defend against Muncie.

"We thought they had a couple of weaknesses in their defense, and we concentrated on that," he said.

Bonham led the scoring with 29 points, including a record 15 free throws that bettered the previous title game mark of 13 by Willie Merriweather of Indianapolis. Attacks against Cary Roosevelt five years ago. But even Bonham wasn't the same as in the afternoon, when he and John Dampier were looping one-handers from 25 and 30 feet out.

A Bitter Loss For Muncie
It was a bitter pill for losing coach John Longfellow, in the finals the second time in three years only to be turned back.

"When you lose your tallest man and top scorer," he said, "there just isn't much you can do. We just never seemed to be able to find that spark to get rolling. We didn't play good basketball, they did, and that's the answer. They deserved to win."

Bloomington's fifth-rated Panthers, stayed within hailing distance of Muncie for half a game. Then Bonham and Dampier, who tallied 27 points and their classmates made a runaway of it. Their 102 points erased the 97 by Attacks, also against Roosevelt, in 1955.

Dick Sparks, with 23 points, and Mickey Reeves with 19, were Bloomington's only effective weapons as their 22-game winning

streak was clipped. "Even at our best we would not be able to beat that Muncie team," said Bloomington coach Keith Rhoades. "Our boys played a good ball game... but it was like trying to blow your breath into a hurricane to stop it."

For Fort Wayne, which battled East Chicago tooth and toenail, things might have been different, said coach Herb Banet, "if some of those shots had dropped." The two teams were never more than four points apart.

Cantrell, at 5-10 the smallest player on the floor, became only the second Trester medal winner in history from the winning team. The other was Bobby Plump whose jumpshot in the final seconds gave Milan a 32-30 win over Muncie in 1954 in another classy tourney upset.

College Basketball NIT Tourney
Utah State 99, St. Bonaventure 83 (consolation).
Bradley 88, Providence 72 (championship).

NCAA Tourney
Cincinnati 95, New York U. 71 (consolation).
Ohio State 75, California 55 (championship).

Pro Basketball SEMI-FINAL PLAYOFFS Eastern Division
Boston 120, Philadelphia 90 (Saturday).
Boston 112, Philadelphia 104 (Boston leads best of seven series, 3-1).

Western Division
St. Louis 93, Minneapolis 89 (Saturday).
Minneapolis 103, St. Louis 101 (Best of seven series tied, 2-2).

Hockey Results Saturday's Scores National League
Toronto 1, Chicago 0.
Montreal 5, Boston 1.
Detroit 6, New York 3.

International League
Louisville 7, Fort Wayne 5.
St. Paul 5, Milwaukee 2.
Toledo 9, Indianapolis 4.

Sunday's Scores National League
Toronto 3, Montreal 1.
Chicago 5, Boston 5 (tie).
Detroit 2, New York 4.

International League
Louisville 9, Fort Wayne 4.
Milwaukee 5, Minneapolis 4.
Toledo 12, Indianapolis 2.

Bowling Scores Rural League
Schrock Builders 19 11 27
McConnells 19 11 25
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Community Oil 16 14 22
Sheets Furniture 18 12 22
Shaffer's Restaurant 16 14 21
Steckleys 15 15 21
Stucky & Co. 13 17 18
Pioneer Drive-In 10 20 13
Klenks 6 24 6

200 games: L. Chrisman 209, D. Mies 213, H. Meyers 211, E. Thieme 205.
500 series: B. Baxter 513, H. Miller 533, D. Mies 541, E. Fuelling 502, E. Thieme 513, M. Affolder 513.

Adams County Rural Youth State Champ

The Adams county rural youth basketball team won the state rural youth championship crown Sunday evening by defeating Clark county in the final game of the state rural youth tournament by a score of 71-56. The local team won the right to play in the final game of the tournament by eliminating three rural youth teams in the tournament played this week-end in Indianapolis.

The local team, basketball champions in district IV, had defeated Grant, Huntington and Tippecanoe counties in the district tournament and ousted Cass county in the first game of the state tournament Saturday night by a score of 57-49. Hamilton county was defeated in the semi-final game, 65-56.

All ten districts in the state were represented by teams in the state tournament played at the Purdue-Marriott Center in the capital city.

The Cass county game was a see-saw affair with Cass county leading at the half, 35-28. The local rural youthers led throughout the Hamilton and Clark county games even though the score was tied a number of times. The championship trophy will be presented to Adams county at the district rural youth meeting April 18 in Wells county.

Ray Miller, local rural youth advisor, coached the following rural youthers to the state championship: Delbert McCune, Larry G. Dubach, John Mesberger, John Kirchhofer, Jerry Sprunger, Derryl Pharr, Dailey Bixler, Alan Habegger, Ron Gerber and Larry Myers.

Other rural youthers attending the week-end tournament were: Martha Brewster, Joan Fleming, Legora Markle, Sally McCullough and Gloria Koeneman.

Scoring in the Cass county game was: McCune, 16; Dubach, 10; Sprunger, 3; Pharr, 2, and Bixler, Mesberger, 13; Kirchhofer, 11; 2. The Hamilton county scoring was: McCune, 17; Dubach, 16; Mesberger, 15; Kirchhofer, 11; Bixler, 4; and Pharr, 2. The championship game with Clark county scoring was done by: McCune, 4; Dubach, 24; Mesberger, 20; Kirchhofer, 15, and Pharr, 8.

Leland Smith Team In National Meet
The Leland Smith bowling team of Decatur is competing in the ABC bowling tournament in Toledo, O., today and Tuesday.

Bill Tutweiler, Jim Parent, Dick Mies, Rolly Ladd, Gary Schultz, and Fred Hoffman are the team members. They will bowl in the 5-man event today, and in the singles and doubles Tuesday afternoon.

Decatur CYA Wins Way To Final Round
The Decatur C.Y.A. pummelled the Fort Wayne C.Y.A., 82-32, gaining the final round of the C.Y.O.-C.Y.A. basketball tourney. Glen Wilder with 26 and Dale Hake with 23 led the winners.

Schultz with 13, Wiseman with 10 and Heimann with 8 rounded out the awesome attack for the local shooters. Hartman of Fort Wayne topped the losers with 16, half of their total. Decatur led at the half by a comfortable 38-16 score.

Final Box Score

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Box score of Saturday night's championship game in the Indiana high school basketball tourney:
EAST CHICAGO (75)

	G	F	P	T
Dawkins	9	3-5	5	21
Divjak	3	1-3	4	7
Williams	0	0-14	4	8
Rodriguez	2	4-7	3	8
Cantrell	4	3-4	1	11
Bakos	8	1-2	3	17
Turpin	0	0-0	1	0
Johnson	0	0-0	0	0
Smith	0	1-2	0	1
Lamar	1	0-0	0	2
Totals	27	21-37	21	75

MUNCIE CENTRAL (59)

	G	F	P	T
Bonham	7	15-19	5	29
Dampier	5	1-3	3	11
Davis	1	0-3	5	2
Jolley	3	2-2	4	8
Nettles	3	3-3	4	9
Williams	0	0-0	1	0
Ervin	0	0-0	0	0
Dinwiddie	0	0-0	0	0
Daniel	0	0-1	1	0
Dick	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	19	21-37	21	59

SCORE by periods:
East Chicago 17-21-14-23-75
Muncie 16-21-10-12-59

Late Rally By Bradley Wins NIT Tourney

NEW YORK (UPI) — Another National Invitation Tournament championship for Bradley's basketball Braves next year? Maybe not — they may be too good.

That's the opinion of one eminent authority, Joe Lapchick of St. John's, the only coach to win more NIT titles (three) than Bradley's Chuck Orsborn (two). The notion has a lot of backers after the Braves' stunning 88-72 final win over Providence Saturday.

"With Oscar Robertson gone from Cincinnati, Bradley may be ready to take over domination of the Missouri Valley Conference," Lapchick points out. "As league champion, they would be going to the NCAA tourney rather than the NIT."

Orsborn, delighted with the rally his Braves staged to snatch the victory from Providence after trailing, 62-50, with 10 minutes remaining, isn't making any claims for next year, however.

Lose Two Starters
"For one thing," Orsborn said, "we lost starters Mike Owens and Dan Smith, so I'll have two spots to plug myself. For another, Cincinnati still has Bob Weisenhahn and Paul Hogue, who is going to be a real star, and they have a fellow on the freshmen named Tom Thacker who has a lot of Robertson-type talent."

But Orsborn admits his club will be a "contender" and that could be a huge understatement with such returnees as Mack Herndon, who led scoring in the finale with 26 points; Chet (orange juice) Walker, the team's ace scorer who was ill in the semifinals and final; and Al Saunders, whose clutch free throws sank Providence. Only Saunders will be a senior.

Movies Of Decatur Under Production
Movies of the city of Decatur in action went into their second week of production, with the Lions and Rotary clubs, post office, firemen, policemen, and civic basketball team providing activity the first week.

All of the film taken the first week has been processed, with reports very satisfactory. This week the cameraman will shoot pictures of the Decatur schools, as well as many other civic shots. Shooting of Decatur will be completed this week, with the movie ready for display to the public the last week in April.

Special Entertainment Thursday At Legion
A special entertainment for Legionnaires and children will be held at Adams Post 43, American Legion, Thursday evening, it was announced this morning.

The special event will open with a fish fry, with serving starting at 5:30 o'clock. Special feature will be the appearance of Pat Henry and his "golden horse," which has twice been featured in Ripley's "Believe It or Not." Admission fee for the party will be \$1, and one child will be admitted without charge with one adult. Legionnaires are urged to attend and bring their children.

Ohio State Is Easy Winner In NCAA's Finals

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The Buckeye buzz-saw, so powerful that it crushed favored California in a matter of minutes to give Ohio State the NCAA basketball championship, turned its sights today on a trip to Rome.

Coach Fred Taylor will lead his towering youngsters into the Olympic play-offs at Denver March 31-April 2 — where they will run into such seasoned performers as the Phillips Oilers and others from the AAU.

"We have three sophomores, one junior and one senior on our starting team," said the youthful Taylor. "But we might make up in conditioning and fight for what we lack in experience."

Worse Than Score
In whipping the favored California team Saturday night the sophomores showed no lack of experience. The final score was 75-55 — but really it was worse than that.

The Buckeyes poured 16 out of their first 17 field goal attempts from the floor through the hoop, took a 37-19 lead at the half time — and that was it.

It was a staggering defeat for the defending champions, who Friday night defeated Cincinnati and Oscar Robertson, 77-69. In what was considered the "dream game" between the top two teams in the country.

California held Robertson to just 18 points — but he bounced back with 32 Saturday night as he led the Bearcats to a 95-71 victory over New York University in a battle for third place.

Lucas Outstanding
The 56 sports writers who covered the tournament were so impressed that they: 1) named Jerry Lucas, the giant sophomore,

as the outstanding player of the tournament (he got 49 of the 56 votes); and 2) named all five starters from the Ohio State team on the first or second squads.

Named with Lucas on the first team were Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati; Darrall Imhoff, California; Tom Sanders, New York University; and Joe Nowell, Ohio State. On the second team were Bill McClintock and Tandy Gilles, California; Paul Hogue, Cincinnati; and John Havlicek, Joe Roberts and Larry Siegfried, Ohio State.

Bounties Paid Here On 33 Foxes To Date
Bounty hunters in Adams county have been having a field day the past two weeks, according to county auditor Ed Jaberg, who pays \$9 each for a kill. Of course, the bounty is not humans, but red fox. Elmer Dubach, of route 1, Geneva, tells the story of how patience in tracking down one female red fox resulted in \$27 extra. Dubach was hot on the trail of the fox, but decided to leave the animal until the next day. He had the tracks and the hair, and needed the rest any way.

When he returned about 27 hours later, the fox had added nine baby

foxes to the catch. And at \$3 a head, Dubach came out that much richer. Today, Herman Balsiger, of route 1, Geneva, brought in seven of the animals, collecting \$21. To date, according to Jaberg, 33 of the red foxes have been brought to the courthouse for the bounty.

Church League Will Meet Thursday Night
The Adams county church athletic federation will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Monroe Methodist church. Officers, will be elected, plans will be discussed for the coming year, and details of the past basketball season will be wrapped up.

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