

Monmouth And Berne Win Easy Victories Thursday; Name Champion Saturday

By Pete Reynolds

The Monmouth Eagles and Berne Bears joined the two Decatur teams in the semi-finals of the Adams Central sectional tourney Thursday night by scoring victories in the final round of play.

Monmouth advanced by ousting the Hartford Gorillas, 65-52, in Thursday's opener, and Berne eliminated the Pleasant Mills Spartans, 71-54, in the nightcap.

The Decatur Commodores and the Yellow Jackets will clash in the first semi-final tilt at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, followed by Monmouth and Berne, champion for the past two years.

The championship game will get underway at 8:15 p.m. Saturday.

No Games Today

There are no games today in the sectional, with the day devoted to sale of tickets to fans of the four schools still in the running. These tickets, priced at \$1, are for both Saturday sessions.

The Saturday tickets were distributed to the four principals Thursday night by Philip Souder, Adams Central principal and tourney manager, after conclusion of the Thursday games.

Under the distribution plan, 25 tickets go to each of the four schools which have been eliminated. Ninety-six tickets go to players, coaches and principals, and 15 for press and other complimentaries. This leaves a total of 2,089 for the four schools, as follows:

Decatur Catholic, 380; Decatur, 816; Monmouth, 361; Berne, 532.

Eagles Advance

Thursday's opener was a close struggle until midway in the third quarter, when the Eagles began to pull away and held fairly comfortable leads the rest of the way as they eliminated the Gorillas, 65-52.

The score was tied four different times in the first period, the last time at 14-14, but Don Brown's two-pointer in the closing seconds gave Monmouth a 16-14 advantage and a lead which they kept the rest of the ball game.

By half-time, the Eagles had boosted their lead to eight points, 30-22, with the B-boys pacing the attack, Don Brown with 11 points in the half and Dennis Braun with nine. Monmouth boosted its advantage to 12 points, 49-37, at the end of the third period, and increased its margin to 20 at 60-40 at the midway point of the final stanza.

Don Brown turned in the tourney's top individual performance with 27 points. Dennis Braun tallied 13 and Clarence Scheumann 10. Three players did the bulk of Hartford's scoring, Bob Fields with 14, Dave Runkel with 13 and Ronnie Habegger with 12.

Champions Move On

The Spartans traded point for point with the defending champion Bears for the first nine minutes of the second contest, but Berne then pulled away and had little difficulty in staying safely in front.

The score was knotted three times in the closely-fought first quarter, with Berne squeaking to a 19-18 lead at the end of the period. Erv Inniger flipped in 12 points during the quarter but also picked up three fouls and sat out the second period.

Gary Clouse's two-pointer in the first 20 seconds of the second quarter edged the Spartans into a 20-19 lead, but Jerry Fosnaugh hit his first bucket and the Bears never trailed after that, moving to a 43-30 advantage at the main intermission.

Berne had its lead up to 20 points, 57-37, as the teams entered the final eight minutes of play. Erv Inniger topped the Bears with 20 points, Gary Habegger counted 14, Dennis Baumgartner 11 and Dick Smith 10. Mary Luginbill turned in a fine performance in a losing cause, counting 20 points for the Spartans, who had no other player in double figures.

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Indiana U. Tackle Is Signed By Bears

CHICAGO (UPI)—The Chicago Bears today announced the signing of tackle Gregg Orth, Indiana University, for the 1962 season. Orth was a free agent.

Talent scout George Allen said he believed Orth, 6-5 and 225 pounds, could develop into a linebacker. He played linebacker, defensive end and tackle for the Hoosiers.

Tourney Notes

By Bob Shuluka

Two dull games Thursday night set the stage for what could be one of the finest Saturday sessions in a long while in Adams county — Yellow Jackets and Commodores at 12:30 p.m., Monmouth and Berne at 1:45 p.m.

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Both Hartford and Pleasant Mills but were simply outgunned by gave it all they had last night, their stronger opponents. Saturday's games, however, promise to be three, real terrific games of basketball.

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Berne's Bears, defending sectional and regional titleholders, led the shooters of the second night, hitting 438 of their shots, 28 of 27.

Monmouth shot at a .409 clip, 27 fielders in 66 shots. Hartford took 50 shots for their 18 buckets, a mark of .360, while Pleasant Mills had the worst shooting night of the four games played thus far. The Spartans took 61 shots, hit only 18 of them, for a .295 figure.

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Officials of the NCAA championship announced early Thursday night that Memphis State had accepted an invitation to meet Creighton in the first round of the Midwest regionals, thus completing the commitments for their tournament.

Memphis State was the ninth independent team named to the NCAA jamboree. The other 16 berths in the 25-team field will be filled by conference champions.

Holy Cross dropped an 84-80 verdict to New York University at Madison Square Garden Thursday night but showed enough class in losing to the NCAA-bound Violets to rate a return engagement in the NIT. The Crusaders bowed to Providence, the eventual champion, in the semifinals of last year's NIT.

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Leads Crusaders Jack (The Shot) Foley, the nation's second-leading scorer, tossed in 39 points and sparked a Holy Cross rally that carried the Crusaders from a nine-point deficit to within 82-80 of NYU with 40 seconds remaining.

However, Bill Canavan of the over-a-nxious Crusaders then fouled NYU's Don Blaha, who converted two free throws to wrap it up for the Violets.

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Other better than average shooters last night were: Mary Luginbill, 7 of 16; Mel Ohler, 3 of 8; Dennis Baumgartner, 4 of 10; Bob Fields 4 of 7; Clarence Scheumann, 4 of 6.

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Think the people in Adams county aren't interested in basketball? The Daily Democrat-Citizens Telephone news service handled better than 3,000 calls against last night, 3,596 to be exact. Thus, in two nights, the news service has handled 7,397 calls, with the biggest games yet to come.

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The latest report on junior guard Bob Stahly of Berne is that he is definitely finished for the season and will have an operation on his bad knee as soon as the Bears are eliminated.

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non by Jackson at Greensburg, 72-61.

New Castle was the only other ex-champ to get dumped, but the Trojans' 48-46 loss to Spiceland on their home floor and Hammond's 57-46 loss to Whiting at East Chicago were upsets of regional proportion.

Hammond had beaten Whiting in the West NIHSC, 78-59, but this time the Oilers led at all stops and held high-scoring John Serbin to 18 points.

Gary Froebel's West NIHSC champs, No. 6, clouted neighbor Edison, 91-43, to complete Thursday's sweep of anking teams.

Little Tunnelton ran its perfect string to 22 by blasting Orleans at Bedford, 103-80, for the biggest score since the tourney opened.

Sophomore Terry Hollars exploded for 40 points for the winners.

Orleans finished with a sad 1-20 record.

Seeks 22nd Win

North Caston, the other perfect team, can match Tunnelton's record by beating Beaver Dam at Peru tonight.

But today is "Black Friday," frequently a troublesome tormentor in the Hoosier Madness and some hectic battles were expected as the field jockeyed for sectional semi-final positions.

However, three of last year's state finalists, headed by defending champion Kokomo, advanced to the semis Thursday night in easy fashion. The fourth, 1961 runnerup Indianapolis Manual, opened this afternoon against Greenfield at Southport.

Top-rated Kokomo, beaten only once during the season, outclassed the Windfall, 74-31, for its 20th victory. The Wildcats led 33-18 at the half. Jim (Goose) Ligon, as usual, led the champs with 22 points and to their 17th consecutive victory.

Tell City Wins

Tell City, No. 9, also brought its record to 20-1 and its winning streak to 18 by snapping under Chrissy, 90-41. Gunner Wyman's boys piled up a big score despite the fact the subs played the second half.

Logansport, the third 1961 finalist sitting pretty at least until Saturday, dusted off Kewanna, 69-41.

Fourth-rated Lafayette and 10th-ranked Evansville Rex Mundi are the last members of the United Press International coaches' board "Big 10" to hit the tourney trail. Lafayette goes against Montmorenci tonight, Rex Mundi against city foe Central.

Unbeaten Madison, No. 3, made it 19 in a row by smothering Dupont, 83-35, behind Larry Humes' 26 points. The CUBs are also idle until Saturday.

Other games involving ranking teams included Attucks - Broad Ripple at Indianapolis this afternoon and tonight, Bosse meets Reitz at Evansville, Froebel tangles with Mann at Gary, and host Southport with New Palestine.

Only four defending sectional champs were ousted Thursday, making a total of seven eliminated in two days. Fort Wayne South, also a two-time state champ, couldn't make it two in a row this season over Elmhurst and lost, 51-42. Haubstadt was beaten by Fort Branch at Princeton, 59-47; Cambridge City by Centerville at Richmond, 63-45, and North Vernon.

Sidelights — Both Monmouth and Hartford came out on the floor at the same time last night, in sharp contrast to Hartford's "late" arrival last year against the same Eagles. . . . coach Don Elder was prepared for "anything" this year. . . . Dennis Braun had his specs on last night, which he wore for the last five games of the season, and it didn't hamper his shooting, six of 11. . . . Monmouth missed its first six shots, Dave Singleton connecting on a jumper with 3:53 left in the first quarter. . . . Pleasant Mills grabbed 25 rebounds, 23 defensive, while Pleasant Mills pulled down 33 rebounds and Hartford 22. Both Pleasant Mills and Hartford had 23 defensive rebounds each in their losing causes.

Bob Fields, senior forward for Hartford, topped the second night rebounders with 11 "grabs," eight on the defensive end. Inniger and Gray Clouse of Pleasant Mills had 10 rebounds apiece, each pulling down six from the defensive board.

Other rebounders of note: Brown, 7 of 16; Mel Ohler, 3 of 8; Dennis Baumgartner, 4 of 10; Bob Fields 4 of 7; Clarence Scheumann, 4 of 6.

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