

Louisville Trowned 99-59 To Scramble NIT Picture

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Louisville, victim of a 40-point drubbing in one of the most astounding upsets of the basketball season, must be wondering today what lies ahead in the National Invitation Tournament.

Monday started out as a day of jubilee for the Cardinals, because they announced the acceptance of a bid to the big NIT at New York's Madison Square Garden. It ended with a stunning 99-59 walling by Xavier of Ohio at Cincinnati.

It was not so much that Louisville, ranked fifth nationally by the United Press with a 19-1 record before Monday night, lost — because Xavier also has an NIT berth. But the humiliating loss saw the Cardinals outplayed in every phase of the game as their 11-game winning streak went smash.

Louisville was the seventh team named to the 12-team NIT field. No teams have yet been named for the NCAA tournament, where selection depends for the most part on conference championships.

Monday night's important league action saw Illinois and Alabama strengthen their conference leads, while West Virginia took a so-called "undisputed" league lead. Illinois, ranked No. 3 nationally, held onto the top spot in the Big Ten with an 89-66 rout of Michigan. The win made the Illini's perfect league record 8-0, was their 14th straight victory, and

their 15th against a single loss this season.

Alabama stayed in front in the Southeastern Conference, also with an 8-0 record, by walling Florida, 106-74. It was Alabama's 10th straight win, 15th in 18 games.

Wake Forest edged ahead in the Atlantic Coast Conference by beating Richmond, 73-68. Wake Forest has a 10-3 mark to 9-2 each for Duke and North Carolina, but Duke can catch up by beating North Carolina State, the nation's No. 4 team, in one of tonight's top games.

West Virginia moved ahead in the Southern Conference with a 105-90 win over William and Mary. West Virginia has a 9-2 mark to George Washington's 8-2.

In other leading games: Iowa played one game behind Illinois in the Big Ten by routing Purdue, 88-75. Vanderbilt, ranked No. 6 nationally, stayed on Alabama's heels with a 74-67 victory over Tulane for a 17-2 overall record, and Kentucky did the same with an 86-65 rout of Mississippi St., while Cornell, 69-67, in the Big Ten; Robin Freeman scored 23 in Ohio State's 83-72 win over Northwestern; Minnesota downed Michigan State, 77-73; 16th ranked Holy Cross downed Notre Dame, 84-72; Cincinnati trounced NIT-bound Duquesne, 95-79; Arkansas took undisputed second place in the Southwest Conference with a 61-52 win over Texas A&M; Oklahoma A&M drubbed Detroit, 74-48; Georgia Tech set a team scoring mark in beating Louisiana St., 97-74.

For the 10th straight week in the balloting of sports writers and broadcasters in the Associated Press poll, the unbeaten Dons came out far ahead. Drawing 83 of a possible 136 first-place votes, they polled 1,233 points on the usual basis of 10 for each first-place vote, 9 for second, etc.

The once-beaten Dayton Flyers strengthened their hold on second place in a scramble which saw four teams contending for runner-up honors and a fifth drop out rather unexpectedly.

The big changes, after a week of rugged competition which produced some surprising results, saw Vanderbilt tumble from third place to sixth and Illinois exchange places with the Commodores. Duke, which had squeaked into eighth a week ago, dropped out of the first 10. Most of the other places were shaken up.

Behind San Francisco and Dayton, who wound up in this order: Illinois, Louisville, North Carolina State, Vanderbilt, Kentucky, Alabama, Temple, North Carolina. The Illini apparently made a strong impression when they submered Ohio State 111-64 Saturday.

Vanderbilt, on the other hand, took an 88-61 thumping from Alabama early in the week and yielded the Southeastern Conference lead. Duke dropped an 80-77 decision to Wake Forest.

The leaders, with first-place votes in parentheses:

1. San Francisco (93) 1,232
2. Dayton (81) 950
3. Illinois (78) 816
4. Louisville (71) 800
5. N.C. State (4) 751
6. Vanderbilt (4) 449
7. Kentucky (1) 374
8. Alabama (7) 347
9. Temple (1) 276
10. North Carolina (13) 204

The second 10:

11. Duke 168
12. Southern Methodist (1) 136
13. St. Francis (Bklyn.) 121
14. Oklahoma City (2) 109
15. Iowa 83
16. Holy Cross 79
17. St. Louis (3) 73
18. Houston 57
19. Memphis State 52
20. UCLA (1) 51

U.P. POLL

NEW YORK (UP)—The United Press college basketball ratings (first place votes and won-lost records through Feb. 11 in parentheses):

Team Points

1. San Francisco (30) (18-0) 339

2. Dayton (25) (18-1) 283

3. Illinois (21) (14-1) 276

4. North Carolina St. (18-2) 270

5. Louisville (11) (19-1) 199

6. Vanderbilt (16-2) 133

7. Kentucky (15-3) 106

8. SMU (17-2) 92

9. Temple (17-1) 60

10. North Carolina (15-3) 44

Second teams: 11. Alabama, 40; 12. UCLA, 31; 13. Iowa, 28; 14. Duke, 26; 15. St. Louis, 18; 16. Holy Cross, 17; 17. Utah and Brigham Young, 16 each; 18. Houston, 13; 19. Xavier (Ohio), Iowa State and Cincinnati, 6 each.

St. Mary's Dumps Sacred Heart

The St. Mary's Academy of Medford basketball team won over the Klamath Falls Sacred Heart team 40-43 in a game played Sunday at the Sacred Heart Academy.

The St. Mary's starting team scored as follows: Walsh, 8; Mitchee, 8; Meunier, 11; G. Garlund, 11; and Papp, 16. Substitutes Plank and J. Dorian scored 2 and 3 points respectively.

The Sacred Heart starting team scored as follows: Durrell, 6; R. Watkins, 5; B. Wickline, 15; DuPuy, 4 and Michaelis, 9. Substitute Sari scored 2 points.

The losing varsity team score was 50 to 41 in favor of St. Mary's with Larry Jackson of Sacred Heart scoring 21 points.

Seals Telecasting Plans Announced

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Tom Franklin, a sportscaster from Seattle, will broadcast the San Francisco Seals televised baseball games this season over Stockton station KOVR.

A spokesman for the station said yesterday that Franklin was chosen from approximately 12 applicants.

Franklin has been announcing since 1937 and has covered such events as the Robert Bannister-John Lantry "mile of the century" at the Britton Empire Games and Florence Chadwick's attempt to swim the Straits of Juan De Fuca.

He is scheduled to on the Seals at their training camp at Delano, Fla., on March 1.

LIGHTBURN MATCHED

NEW YORK (UP)—Lightweight Ludwig Lightburn of British Honduras was matched Monday to meet L. C. Morgan of Youngstown, Ohio, in a return, 10-round bout at Madison Square Garden, March 9. Lightburn outpointed Morgan at Cleveland last Sept. 22.

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