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# Cage tourney begins Sat.

**Associated Press**  
The excitement in the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament now centers around the two unbeaten — Rutgers and Indiana. But none of that bothers defending champion UCLA.

The Bruins, winners of this tournament 10 of the last 12 years, are back in Saturday's semifinals along with the two unbeaten and Michigan.

UCLA, 26-4, draws Indiana, which has won 30 straight, in the second game of the semifinal doubleheader at the Philadelphia Spectrum Saturday. In the opener, Rutgers, winner of 31 in a row, plays Michigan, 24-6.

The game between UCLA and Indiana is a rematch of a season-opening showdown. In that one, Indiana romped to an 84-64 victory that

cast a pall over the Bruins' brand new coach, Gene Bartow.

Bartow blamed himself for that loss, saying he had over-prepared his team and put too much pressure on the players. He pledges that won't happen again this time.

"We're going to emphasize what UCLA does, not what Indiana does," said Bartow. "And if we play the way we are capable of playing... I think we're going to win."

UCLA's preparation will include a 10-minute walk-through of Indiana's offense Thursday. "I think we spent about 10 hours on it the last time," mused Bartow.

After that opening loss, UCLA won 26 of the next 29 games to set up the rematch. The Bruins and Bartow are looking forward to it. "It shapes up as a super game," the coach said. So does the Michigan-Rutgers

match, which opens the nationally-televvised semifinal doubleheader.

Rutgers has been criticized for the quality of its schedule — or lack of it — but Coach Tom Young defended his team's accomplishments.

"We have to play the best in our area and we do that," said Young. "We can't play a Midwestern schedule. We can't play an Atlantic Coast schedule. We've played every team in the East that has anything."

The Rutgers-Michigan game matches two teams with strikingly similar styles. Both have freshmen centers, Jim Bailey for Rutgers and Phil Hubbard for Michigan. Both

have tough point guards, Ed Jordan for Rutgers and Rickey Green for Michigan. Both love to play a running game.

All four semifinalists have won three tournament games so far. Rutgers edged Princeton by one point, then wiped out Connecticut and VMI to take the East. Michigan took Wichita State, Notre Dame and Missouri to capture the Midwest. Indiana eliminated St. John's Alabama and Marquette for the Midwest crown and UCLA won the West by beating San Diego State, Pepperdine and Arizona.

# Slighted Rutgers in NCAA finals

**Associated Press**  
NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — It seems now that the Rutgers basketball team can play ball with the rest of the country. Better than most, in fact.

Criticized for a "soft" eastern schedule, the Scarlet Knights have climbed to the summit of the NCAA playoffs, the glamorous final four in Philadelphia this weekend.

They jumped over some pretty good teams to do it, too.

"We've blown most people out, so everybody's saying the schedule's easy," says Coach Tom Young. "They say it even though we've played every team in the East that has anything. We have to play the best in our area — and we do that."

"We can't play a Midwestern schedule. We can't play an Atlantic Coast Conference schedule. We're being criticized for our schedule only because they're comparing us with the other teams in the Top Ten. But that says a lot for our program when they start comparing us with those teams."

After winning their first 10 games, the Scarlet Knights received recognition as a Top Twenty team. When they continued to go unbeaten, they

leaped into the Top Ten and finally, after finishing the regular season without a loss, wound up No. 4.

Now they're shooting for the NCAA moon.

"Playing in the final four is a dream that very few players or coaches realize in their lifetimes," says Young, "and we are there. There is no doubt that we are not as physical as Indiana and UCLA, but I don't think that they will be as quick as we are."

Rutgers may get a chance to play either Indiana or UCLA in Monday night's finals, but before then will have to beat Michigan in Saturday's semifinals at the Spectrum. Ironically, the Wolverines have a strikingly similar style of play.

"They have a freshman center (Phil Hubbard) just like we do (Jim Bailey)," points out Young, "and they have a great point guard in Rickey Green, just like our Ed Jordan. And Michigan likes to run, just like we do."

"I've heard that Michigan is a more physical team than ours, but I don't think that's necessarily true. They let them play a more physical brand of ball in the Big Ten and that may not be true in Philadelphia."

# Scott May's fears only false alarm

**Associated Press**  
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana's Scott May, college basketball's Player of the Year and two-time All-American, is really like a rookie in NCAA tourney competition.

And, for a while last Saturday, he had visions of being thwarted again in the top-ranked Hoosiers' bid for a national championship.

The 6-foot-7 senior, who picked up his third foul and was benched early in the Hoosiers' Midwest Regional finale against No. 2 Marquette, couldn't help remember a costly broken arm that sidelined him in last year's NCAA playoffs.

"Sure, it ran through my mind that maybe this was going to be like last year," May said. "Here we are playing in the regional finals and I'm on the bench again. I couldn't believe it."

"This was just as hard as last year, sitting on the bench and watching the game, knowing you can't help. All I wanted was for us to stay with

Marquette and give me a chance to get back."

Indiana led by one, 36-35, at the half, and, with May back in the lineup in the second period, the Hoosiers sprinted to a 65-56 victory and a semifinal berth against defending champion UCLA.

In that second half, May popped home all five of his field goal attempts and did not pick up another foul.

"We had to have Scotty in there," said Indiana Coach Bobby Knight.

"During the half we talked it over and decided to put him on Lloyd Walton. We figured Walton would be out on the perimeter and Scotty would be less likely to pick up fouls guarding him than someone like Earl Tatum."

Last year, May made a brief tournament appearance and, wearing a cast on his broken arm, was completely ineffective as the Hoosiers fell to Kentucky by two points. That has been Indiana's only loss in the last 65 games.

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# NAIA member teams subject to rule changes

**Associated Press**  
KANSAS CITY — Member teams of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics will be able to run kickoffs back from the end zone next season, but fumbles will have to be played from where they are recovered.

The NAIA Monday endorsed the football rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association for 1976 after announcing the dissolution of a joint football rules-making committee with the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations.

The National Alliance Football Rules Committee was established in 1957 by the NAIA and the high school organization. But the prep group now intends to publish a football rules code for high school use

only, according to a joint announcement.

The NAIA endorsed the NCAA football rules, which will be made mandatory for NAIA semifinal and championship games in Division I and II next fall, after a survey of NAIA coaches showed 81 per cent preferred the NCAA rules.

Under the rules, a player may run back a kickoff if he catches it in the end zone before it touches the ground, but not under the alliance regulations. But a defensive player may not advance a recovered fumble in the NCAA, as under the alliance rules.

On pass interference by a defender, under NCAA rules the offensive team gets a first down at the point of the foul; under alliance rules, it is a 15-yard penalty from the scrimmage line.

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