

Minnesota cage team gets lucky break in gaining playoff berth

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How sweet it is for the beleaguered Minnesota Gophers.

"It's a great thrill to win the Big Ten," said Bill Musselman, who suffered through the much-publicized fracas against Ohio State and tons of ensuing criticism but became the youngest coach ever to win a Big Ten basketball title when 16th-ranked Minnesota held off Purdue 49-48 Tuesday night.

Three other teams joined the Gophers in capturing NCAA Tournament berths. Unranked Kansas State upset No. 18 Missouri 79-76 for the Big Eight crown, two free throws by Scooter

Lenox with 39 seconds left gave Texas a 91-89 overtime victory over Southern Methodist in a Southwest Conference playoff and Ohio University's Todd Lalich scored with one second to play in overtime to give the Bobcats a 69-67 Mid-American Conference playoff triumph over Toledo.

In the three-way Ohio Valley playoff, Morehead State turned back Western Kentucky 82-79 and will face Eastern Kentucky tonight for the NCAA spot.

Minnesota's cliffhanger triumph over Purdue enabled the Gophers to finish one game ahead of Ohio

State, which beat Michigan State 92-73, and gave the Gophers their first outright Big Ten championship since 1919.

But it wasn't easy as Minnesota blew almost all of a 15-point lead in the second half but held on as Purdue missed two free throws and two desperation shots down the stretch.

"The last 13 seconds was the longest I've ever spent," first-year Coach Musselman said in the surprisingly quiet dressing room.

"They're as good as any champion I've seen," said Purdue's George King, "and I think they'll represent us well. They'll match up well with anyone."

Bob Ford of Purdue led all scorers with 24 points while Clyde Turner and Jim Brewer had 12 apiece for Minnesota, which went into a stall and didn't take a shot in the final 8:13.

Ohio State's balance—all five starters scored in double figures, led by Wardell Jackson's 19 points—offset a 30-point performance by Michigan State's Mike Robinson, but the defending champions still finished one game behind Minnesota.

What about the National Invitational Tournament for the 18-6 Buckeyes.

"I don't know," said Coach Fred Taylor. "I don't want to comment on it."

Steve Mitchell, a 6-foot-10 jun-

ior, was the key to Kansas State's win at Missouri. His hook shot put the Wildcats ahead to stay 71-70 with 2½ minutes left. He added a three-point play with a minute remaining and Ernie Kusnyer's two free throws and three by Lon Kruger closed out the K-State scoring.

The two free throws by Texas' Lenox offset a late SMU basket. Both teams played the extra session without their high scorers—Texas' Larry Robinson, who scored 30 points, and SMU's Ruben Triplett, who had 20. Both fouled out.

Toledo hit the first basket against Ohio U. but never led again, although the Rockets caught up at 58-all on John Ho-

dak's field goal with 3:17 left and forced the game into overtime. Tom Corde paced Ohio with 27 points while Mike Parker had 22 for Toledo.

Morehead State, whose run-and-shoot offense was led by Howard Wallen's 18 points, pulled away from Western Kentucky in the final four minutes and wrapped it up when Wallen hit two free throws with four seconds left. Jerry Dunn scored 26 points for the losers.

The only good news for Western came when former star Jim McDaniels told The Louisville Courier-Journal he would repay the \$66,318 his alma mater is being asked to return to the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The Hilltoppers finished third in last year's NCAA Tournament but had their third-place finish and gate receipts taken away when it was learned that McDaniels had signed a professional contract before the end of the season.

Elsewhere, Michigan trounced Wisconsin 93-70 behind Henry Wilmore's 25 points, John Ritter's 23 points and Steve Downing's 20. Helped Indiana hold off Northwestern 72-67, Nick Weather- spoon's career high 37 points sparked Illinois over Iowa 91-84 and Kentucky State, winner of the last two NAIA Tournaments, earned a berth again with an 86-67 win over Fisk behind Travis Grant's 30 points.

Accounts of Oiler coach ruled not libelous by court

AUSTIN (AP) — Published accounts that Hugh "Bones" Taylor, as coach of the Houston Oilers, had a "him or me" attitude about quarterback George Blanda leaving the squad were not libelous, the Texas Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

Taylor, coach of the professional football Oilers in 1965, sought \$600,000 in damages because of a story and a column by sports-writer Wells Twombly in the Houston Chronicle.

After a 4-8 season in which Blanda, a veteran, and second-year man Don Trull, formerly of Baylor, split playing time, team owner Bud Adams announced that Taylor would get a new three-year contract.

Twombly interviewed Taylor a couple of weeks later, however, and quoted the coach as saying, "I know this: one of us won't be back next year . . . you can't let a player dictate to you . . . I don't plan to take it from Blanda."

According to court records, Twombly, who is no longer with the newspaper, said Taylor put it on a "him or me" basis. He said that Taylor wanted Adams

to trade or buy up the remaining year on Blanda's contract and release him.

A few days later new general manager Don Klosterman announced that Taylor's contract would not be renewed after Jan. 31, 1966, and that the reason was because of the conflict between Taylor and Blanda.

Chris Chandler of KPRC-TV, Houston, sat in on Twombly's interview with Taylor, and Chandler said the gist of the article was untrue and that Taylor "did not indicate, much less say 'Blanda or me'."

Taylor also denied the statements at the trial.

The trial judge took the issue

from the jury and ruled in favor of the Chronicle.

The Houston appeals court said the "crucial question is whether the statements concerned Taylor tended to injure his reputation as a football coach, and thus were defamatory."

On the contrary, the court said, "such a statement rather portrays a man with convictions and the courage to back them up with action" and was not libelous.

The Supreme Court affirmed that ruling, without writing its own opinion. It merely said it could not find any reversible errors in the lower court judgments.

Baseball owners postpone sale of Cleveland Indians

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP)—American League club owners, after a seven-hour meeting Wednesday, postponed a decision on the \$9 million sale of the Cleveland Indians to a group of five Cleveland businessmen.

The announcement of the delay until March 22 in St. Petersburg was made by American League President Joe Cronin.

Cronin admitted that owners were sensitive in the areas of

team sales and transfers as a result of its poor experiences in Washington and Seattle in recent years.

The owners considered the sale by 70-year-old Vernon Stouffer, of his majority interest in the Indians to a group headed by Nick Mileti, 40-year-old attorney. Mileti owns the Cleveland Cavaliers of the National Basketball Association and the Cleveland Barons of the American Hockey League.

Cronin said that time was the important factor in the decision to postpone action on the bid of the Mileti group for the Cleveland franchise.

The American League president said Mileti would be advised within 48 hours of additional information necessary before owners could reach a decision. He said operating capital was one of the key questions. He said plans for a possible stock sale was another.

"This transaction from the league standpoint was brought to our meeting in rather quick fashion," Cronin said. The league constitution requires notice at least three days in advance. Mileti's information was received March 4 and the owners did not have enough time to examine the documents involved.

"As a result we didn't come to any conclusion today. The transaction is still under consideration."

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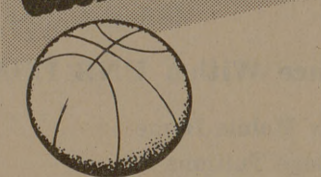
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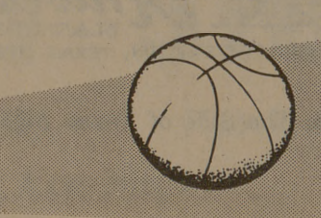


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SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Tang Ass't. Dry Cereal Fried Eggs Pan Fried Bacon Blueberry Pan Cake Toast—Oleo—Jelly Syrup Scrambled Eggs Coffee—Milk	Grapefruit Juice Ass't. Dry Cereal 1. Fresh Fruit Hotcakes and Syrup Finger Steaks Toast—Jelly—Oleo 2. Cherry Strudel Rolls Finger Steaks Coffee—Milk Sbisa—All plus Scrambled, Fried Eggs	Fresh Fruit Ass't. Dry Cereal 1. Scrambled Eggs Pan Fried Bacon Hot Biscuits—Jelly—Oleo 2. Coffee Cake Hot Biscuits—Jelly—Oleo Pan Fried Bacon Coffee—Milk Sbisa—All plus Hotcakes & Fried Eggs
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
*Baked Ham *Candied Sweet Potatoes w/Marshmallows Steamed Rice *Buttered Frozen Peas Harvard Beets Tossed Salad French Dressing Cherry Pie White Bread—Oleo—Ice Tea	*Ass't. Cold Meats—Salami—Cheese & Bologna *Beef & Vegetable Stew Beef & Vegetable Soup Sour Relish *Potato Salad *Baked Beans Stewed Tomatoes Oleo Leaf Lettuce & Tomato Slices Butterscotch Brownies White Bread & Whole Wheat—Tea	*Breaded Cod Fish French Cut *Pan Fried Liver & Onions Tartar Sauce *Lyonnaise Potatoes White Shoepeg Corn Buttered w/Pimentos Cole Slaw *Turnip Greens w/Ham Base Steamed Rice Lemon Pie Bread—Oleo—Ice Tea
Supper	Supper	Supper
*Tomato Juice Ass't. Dry Cereal 1. Scrambled Eggs Home Fried Potatoes Toast—Oleo—Jelly 2. Blueberry Muffins Sausage Patties Coffee—Milk Sbisa—All of above plus Hotcakes, Fried & Scrambled Eggs	*2 Tamales in Shuck *1 Enchilada Chicken & Dumplings *Chili w/Shredded Cheese Topping *Spanish Rice *Pinto Beans Shredded Lettuce Salad *Morton's Tortilla Chips *Chili Con Queso *Jalapeno Peppers Crackers—Bread Pina Colada Cake Milk—Coffee—Tea	*Grilled Beef Cutlet Au Jus Hot Roast Beef Sandwich *Mashed Potatoes *Dried Blackeyed Peas w/Salt Pork Steamed Rice Buttered Brussel Sprout Garden Green Salad French Dressing Banana Pudding Hot Rolls—Oleo—Coffee—Milk
TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Tang Ass't. Dry Cereal 1. Blueberry Muffins Pan Fried Bacon 2. Scrambled Eggs Home Fried Potatoes Toast—Jelly—Oleo Coffee—Milk Sbisa—All plus Hotcakes & Fried Eggs	Tang Ass't. Dry Cereal 1. Cherry Strudel Rolls Grilled Ham 2. Hotcakes and Syrup Grilled Ham Hot Biscuits—Jelly—Oleo Coffee—Milk Sbisa—All plus Scrambled & Fried Eggs	Pineapple Juice Ass't. Dry Cereal 1. Coffee Cake Sausage Patties Toast—Jelly—Oleo 2. Scrambled Eggs Sausage Patties Toast—Oleo—Jelly Coffee—Milk Sbisa—All plus Hotcakes & Fried Eggs
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
*Barbecue Franks *Fresh Water Catfish Tartar Sauce *Baked Macaroni & Cheese *Buttered Squash Broccoli Buttered Squash Steamed Rice Grape Jello Salad Apricot Crisp Bread—Oleo Fruit Punch	*Turkey Pot Pie *Bratwurst Mustard *Buttered Rice *Cut Green Beans w/Ham Base Buttered Carrots Tossed Salad French Dressing Cherry Tarts Bread—Oleo Grape Punch	*Fried Chicken Cream Gravy *Mashed Potatoes *Green Garden Peas Buttered Buttered Cauliflower Spanish Rice Cherry Jello Individual Pound Cake Tossed Salad French Dressing Bread—Oleo—Punch
Supper	Supper	Supper
*T-Bone Steak 12 oz. Au Jus Polish Sausage Steamed Rice *Mashed Potatoes *Buttered Yellow Corn Spiced Hot Apple Slices Tossed Salad Russian Dressing Crimson Cake w/White Icing Hot Rolls—Oleo Coffee—Milk	*Meat Loaf w/101 Sauce Barbecued Beef on Bun *New Potatoes Buttered Parsley *Mustard Greens w/Ham Base Spice Beets Steamed Rice Health Salad Marble Cake Hot Rolls—Oleo Chocolate Milk—Coffee	*Salisbury Steak Brown Gravy *Hash Brown Potatoes *Okra & Tomatoes Buttered Rice Buttered Mixed Vegetables Perfection Salad Debbie's White Snack Cake Bread—Oleo—Coffee—Milk
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