

Indiana shocks LSU, 67-49

United Press International PHILADELPHIA — Indiana, executing in the second half with the precision of a crack drill platoon, defeated Louisiana State, 67-49, Saturday to advance to the NCAA finals behind 20 points by Landon Turner.

The Hoosiers, who captured the NCAA title in Philadelphia in 1976, meet the winner of the North Carolina-Virginia game in the final Monday night.

Indiana, down three points at the half, changed the entire tone of the game in one sudden sweep. The Hoosiers went on bursts of 11-0 and 8-0 early in the second half and LSU was no longer in the game.

The Hoosiers, seventh-ranked in the nation, held LSU to just 19 points in the second half, the fewest the Tigers have scored all season. LSU had averaged 80 points, but they weren't even close to that on Saturday.

With LSU leading 30-27 at the half, the Hoosiers ran away with it immediately after intermission. They held LSU scoreless for 5:05 while running off 11 straight points and taking the score to 38-30. In that spree, Turner had nine points to provide Indiana with a vital lift.

After LSU's Howard Carter sandwiched two baskets around a pair of foul shots by Indiana's Ted Kitchel, the Hoosiers reeled off eight straight points while LSU went scoreless for 3:22 that brought the score to 48-34, removing any hope for LSU and ending the Tigers' spectacular season.

For Indiana, the Big Ten champions, All-America Isiah Thomas added 14 points and Kitchel had 10 as the Hoosiers ran their record to 25-9 for the season. For LSU, the regular season champion of the Southeastern Conference, Carter finished with 10 points and freshman Leonard Mitchell had nine.

Durand Macklin, the team's leading scorer who averaged more than 16 points a game this season, finished with a shockingly low total of four points. Macklin, who had six stitches in his finger as a result of an injury against Wichita State appeared tentative and did not handle the ball as much as he ordinarily does.

The Tigers, who won 26 straight in one stretch this season, finished with a 31-4 record.

LSU, due to Indiana's superior height and tough work off the boards, was a confused team during the second half. With Indiana's All-America guard, Thomas, on the bench with four fouls and more than 16 minutes remaining, the Tigers were unable to capitalize. The utility was typified with 4:20 remaining. LSU missed five shots from in close and Indiana grabbed the rebound each time. The Hoosiers rolled up their biggest lead with 1:44 left when reserve Glen Grunwald hit a free throw to make it 63-41.

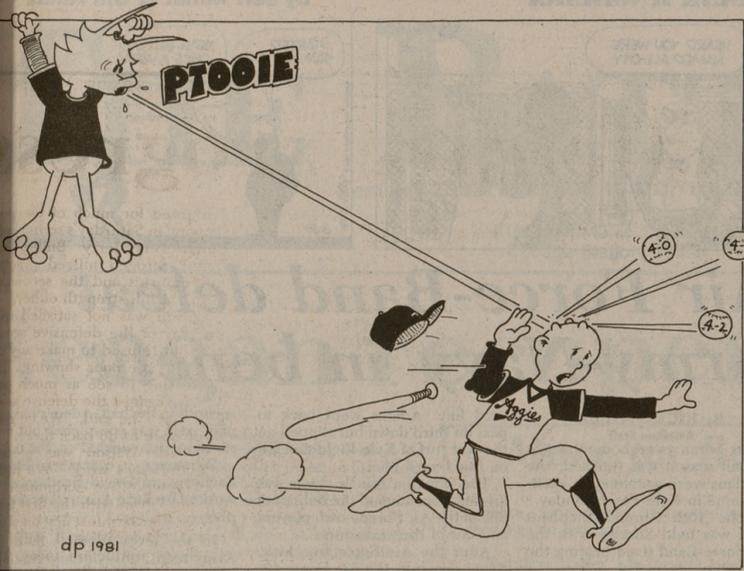
Indiana trailed by three points at the half, but it could have been a lot worse for the Hoosiers. LSU, ordinarily strong from the outside, shot just 40 percent from the floor. Yet the Tigers, on the strength of the inside play of Greg Cooke, and the penetration of Ethan Martin were able to maintain their lead.

Macklin was in trouble from the start. He scored all his points in the first half on 2 of 9 shooting. But Indiana was even worse from the floor, shooting 36 percent. Only the fine play of Isiah Thomas kept the Hoosiers in it. He scored 12 points in the first half and helped bring Indiana from a five-point deficit to a 27-26 lead with 4:28 to go.

The Hoosiers were initially hurt by center Ray Tolbert's inability to assert himself as he has done all

season. He did not score his first basket until five minutes remained in the half. But if Tolbert was not effective offensively, Turner more than picked up in his

place. Averaging nine points a game, Turner scored seven in the first 20 minutes before cutting loose in the second half.



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Wood, North Carolina outlast Virginia, 78-65

United Press International PHILADELPHIA — Al Wood scored a career-high 39 points and North Carolina — circling in for another shot at the national title — defeated Virginia 78-65 Saturday to advance to the NCAA championship game against Indiana.

The Tar Heels, aiming to give Coach Dean Smith his first championship in 20 years at the school, met the Hoosiers in the finals Monday night.

Indiana, executing in the second half with the precision of a crack platoon, beat Louisiana State 67-49 in the earlier semifinal at Pat Dumas Field.

Indiana, looking to claim its second national title in six years, on its last NCAA crown in Philadelphia in 1976.

North Carolina, making its 10th trip to the Final Four under Smith, parlayed outstanding defense on Virginia center Ralph Sampson, the Player of the Year, with some exceptional outside shooting in the second half by forward Jeff Raker.

Wood, a 6-foot-6 senior forward who has played in every game since joining the Tar Heels four years ago. The 39 points set a single-game scoring record for an ACC player in a 4:04 span to move ahead 36-30. Black, ordinarily not noted for his scoring, had three baskets in the spree.

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as the Tar Heels ran away with it. Sampson, the 7-4 sophomore who averaged 18 points, finished with just 11 and had no field goals in the second half until scoring on a dunk with 20 seconds left.

The game provided a measure of revenge for North Carolina, which twice blew big leads against Virginia in the regular season, losing both times. In the last encounter between the Atlantic Coast Conference rivals, Wood scored 33 points, but Sampson had 32 to spark the Cavaliers to an 80-79 overtime victory.

For North Carolina, winners of the ACC Tournament, Sam Perkins added 11 points and point guard Jimmy Black, in a strong second half, scored all 10 of his points. The sixth-ranked Tar Heels raised their record to 29-7.

For Virginia, winners of the ACC title in the regular season, Jeff Lamp had 18 points, Lee Raker had 13 and Jeff Jones 11 as the third-ranked Cavaliers finished 28-4.

With the score tied 27-27 at halftime, the Tar Heels put the game away with two bursts early in the second half. North Carolina ran off nine straight points in a 4:04 span to move ahead 36-30. Black, ordinarily not noted for his scoring, had three baskets in the spree.

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from that point, the cavaliers were in deep trouble. North Carolina reeled off 11 straight points in a 3:26 span to take a 48-37 advantage. During that outburst, Wood was superb, hitting four baskets in a row in one stretch.

In a first half played with all due caution, the teams went into the locker room tied on a 30-foot buzzer shot by Jones. As expected, the Tar Heels swarmed over Sampson and limited him to five points in the first half.

Positioned in a sagging 2-1-2 zone, the Tar Heels always had at least 20 players on the All-America center, but in the early going the strategy did not pay dividends as Virginia's Othell Wilson, Lamp and Raker were able to hit from the wings while the defense collapsed on Sampson.

Frustrated at times by North Carolina's tactics, Sampson put up shots he should not have. He took just 10 shots all game and made three.

Virginia shot 50 percent from the field in the first half and it was this dependable shooting that allowed the Cavaliers to stay with North Carolina.

The Tar Heels, working against a persistent Virginia zone in the first half, made just 38 percent of their shots from the field, but the second half was another matter as North Carolina converted 65 percent.

Rangers take Astros, 9-3

United Press International COCOA, Fla. — Texas pitcher Joe Medich allowed only five hits in seven innings of relief Sunday to lead the Rangers to a 9-3 exhibition win over the Houston Astros.

Rookie second baseman Mike Richardt had three hits and three RBIs and Buddy Bell and Jim Morris each drove in two runs to back Medich, who relieved starter Bob Babcock in the third.

Texas roughed up Wos reliever Sambito for four runs in the eighth inning. Richardt doubled with the bases loaded to drive in two and Norris singled to knock in no more.

Texas evened its record at 9-9 while the Astros fell to 6-11.

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