

BUCKEYES DEFEAT

SETON HALL, 97-57

16,378 See Ohio State Win on Evening Card—Utah Beats Penn, 72-60

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Ohio State and Utah joined St. John's and St. Bonaventure in tomorrow night's semi-finals of the Eastern College Athletic Conference's ninth annual Holiday Festival basketball tournament by scoring runaway victories at Madison Square Garden last night.

A crowd of 16,378 received its biggest thrill from Ohio State's dazzling first-half shooting in the Buckeyes' 97-57 triumph over Seton Hall. Also in command all the way, Utah defeated Pennsylvania, 72-60.

Coach Fred Taylor's high-powered Ohio State quintet, which includes four hold-over regulars from the team that captured the national collegiate championship at San Francisco last March, all but blasted Seton Hall off the court with its withering first-half barrage.

The respective opponents of the Buckeyes and Utes in the semi-finals will be St. John's and St. Bonaventure, who won afternoon games.

Ohio State Deadly

Clicking on nine successive shots in one torrid spurt, the Buckeyes hit on twenty-two of thirty-five attempts from the floor for an amazing 63 per cent average in the first half. They were particularly deadly on jump shots in the 15 to 20-foot range.

Over the route, Ohio State could not quite maintain that pace. But its over-all mark of 48 per cent represented a standard of performance calculated to make any coach happy.

The Buckeyes for whom this was the seventh straight victory, rolled up their big margin with minimal aid from Jerry Lucas, their all-America center. The 6-foot 8-inch Olympian had a slight fever and played less than twenty-five minutes, at slower than normal gait.

Taylor also removed the rest of his regulars, with two minutes to go in the first half and about eight to go in the second half. They should be well rested for St. John's.

Despite his curtailed activity, Lucas shared scoring honors with two of his mates, John Havlicek and Larry Siegfried. Each scored 16 points. Ohio State's other starters, Mel Nowell and Bob Knight, also were in double figures, with 15 and 12 points, respectively.

There were further reflections of the Buckeyes' exceptional balance in the unselfishness of their play and their attention to defense. These big, fast, strong, running, driving shooters don't hog the ball. They passed off every chance they got. Lucas was particularly outstanding in this respect.

Hank Gunter, with 14 points, was high for overmatched Seton Hall, which had won four of its five previous starts. Al Senavitis scored 11 points and Ken Walker had 10 for the Pirates.

Close for Ten Minutes

In the opener, Utah had too much speed, drive and height for Pennsylvania's young team, which had three or four sophomores in its line-up most of the time. The Quakers clung close for ten minutes, then the Utes clicked off 12 points in a row.

After that it was pretty much of a breeze for the red-shirted visitors from the Rockies. Utah held a half-time lead of 35-25, widened the margin to 16 points at the outset of the second half and never led by less than 12 points thereafter.

Billy (The Hill) McGill, who at 6 feet 9 inches had a five-inch height advantage over Penn's tallest regular, and Jim Rhead, a bustling 6-foot 4-inch forward, each scored 18 points for Utah. Penn's leader was Bob Mikvy. The brother of the former Temple star also tallied 18 points.

Penn might have fared better in its first Garden appearance if its shooting had been sharper. The Quakers sank only twenty-three of eighty-two shots from the floor. Utah, in contrast, was close to .500, with thirty hits in sixty-one attempts.

In view of the one-sidedness of the game, Penn's plurality of shots was somewhat surprising. But Utah generally held fire until it had worked the ball in close.

UTAH (97)				PENN (60)			
	G.	F.	P.F.P.		G.	F.	P.F.P.
Rhead, lf	7	4	2 18	Wideman, lf	2	3	1 7
Aufderheide	2	0	0 4	Kelly	0	0	0 0
Yergensen	0	0	0 0	Mikvy, rf	8	2	4 18
Ruffell, rf	6	0	1 12	Zajac	0	0	1 0
Cozby	0	1	0 1	Graham, C	2	2	4 6
McGill	6	6	4 18	Kauffman	1	0	3 2
Thomas	0	0	1 0	Purdy, lg	3	2	1 8
Morton, lg	6	1	5 13	Bibrosch	0	0	0 0
Epstein	0	0	1 0	Gr'neaf, rg	0	0	2 0
Rowe, rg	2	0	0 4	Amlra	6	5	0 17
Crain	1	0	2 2	Kwiat	0	0	1 0
Total	30	12	16 72	Canzano	1	0	0 2
				Total	23	14	17 60

Half-time score—Utah 35 Pennsylvania 25.
 Free throws missed—Rhead, Ruffell, McGill 3, Morton, Crain, Epstein 2, Cozby 2, Wideman 5, Mikvy, Purdy 2, Amlra.
 Officials—Lou Eisenstein and Edward Murphy.

OHIO STATE (97)				SETON HALL (57)			
	G.	F.	P.F.P.		G.	F.	P.F.P.
McDonald	3	0	4 6	Olender	1	0	2 2
Knight	6	0	3 12	Burkhardt	0	0	0 0
Hoyt	0	4	2 4	Besson	2	1	1 5
Miller	0	0	0 0	Hicks	2	1	3 5
Lucas	6	4	3 16	Furch	0	1	1 1
Lee	2	0	1 4	Klein	1	0	1 2
Nowell	7	1	2 15	Gunther	6	2	3 14
Gearhart	3	0	4 6	Kecmer	0	0	0 0
Landes	0	0	1 0	Senavitis	3	5	2 11
Siegfried	7	2	2 16	Brooks	0	5	1 5
Reasbeck	1	0	1 2	Walker	3	4	0 10
Total	42	13	26 97	Murray	1	0	0 2
				Total	19	19	14 57

Half-time score—Ohio State 48, Seton Hall 32.
 Free throws missed—Knight, Siegfried 2, Hoyt, McDonald, Hicks 3, Gunter, 6 Senavitis, Besson 3, Brooks 2, Furch, Klein 2.
 Officials—Jack Silverman and Lou Bounder.