

Fordham Ousted

Fast Villanova Start Beats Rams, 85-75 —Penn Scores

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RALEIGH, N. C., March 18—Villanova slammed shut the book on Fordham's fine success story of this basketball season tonight by beating the spunky, small Rose Hill mob, 85-75, in the Eastern Regional semifinals of the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament.

Then, Pennsylvania, the only remaining undefeated team in the nation, broke open a close game with about eight minutes remaining to defeat South Carolina, 79-64, before 12,400 persons in North Carolina State's Reynolds Coliseum.

This created a regional final between two members of Philadelphia's Big Five. Penn and Villanova will meet here Saturday afternoon for the right to move on to the national semifinals at Houston next Thursday.

Penn Won Earlier Test

Penn beat Villanova, 78-70, during the season as the Quakers gained the title in that Big Five group.

Penn's triumph marked the best success by an Ivy League champion in the National Collegiate tournament since 1965 when Princeton, with Bill Bradley, won the Eastern Regional and finished third in the national finals.

The taller Villanova team not only controlled the back boards most of the time but also employed a fast break that ren-

N.C.A.A. Tournament

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| Drake 79.....(ot)..... | Notre Dame 72 |
| Kansas 78 | Houston 77 |
| Long Beach St. 78..... | Univ. of Pacific 65 |
| Ohio State 60 | Marquette 59 |
| Pennsylvania 79 | South Carolina 64 |
| U.C.L.A. 91..... | Brigham Young 73 |
| Villanova 85 | Fordham 75 |
| Western Kentucky 107 | Kentucky 83 |

dered Fordham's pressing defense virtually useless.

Coach Dick (Diger) Phelps, in his first year as Ram coach, said of the most successful Fordham basketball team in history: "We made some mistakes but I am still awful happy with the year we have had."

Third Loss for Rams

Villanova handed the Rams their third defeat in 28 games.

Coach Jack Kraft's Wildcats threw up their regular zone and Fordham was unable to penetrate it for an inside attack. When the Rams' long shots missed, Howard Porter and Hank Siemiontkowski of Villanova were there to take rebounds and flip upcourt for the quick break.

But it wasn't until Charlie Yelverton, Fordham's star, got into serious foul trouble that Villanova really pulled out to a safe margin.

Capitalizing on his jump shots from the corner to overcome the zone, Yelverton scored 16 of Fordham's first 24 points before drawing his third foul. Thus, with 8½ minutes remaining in the first half, Phelps withdrew Yelverton for the rest of the period.

Villanova led at that point, 26-24, but within a short time the Wildcats moved to the 11-point lead they held at intermission.

Yelverton returned for the second half and finished with 32 points to be the game's high scorer. Villanova countered

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with all five of its starters getting at least 11 points, led by Porter's 25.

Porter also had foul problems and sat out seven minutes of the second half with four fouls. But Villanova had a substantial lead and held fast even when the Rams cut the margin from 12 to 5.

Villanova beat the Fordham press with quick, criss-cross passes on the journey up court. The Wildcats didn't dare try to dribble the ball.

| FORDHAM (75) | | | | VILLANOVA (85) | | | |
|--------------|----|-----|----|----------------|----|-------|----|
| | G. | F. | P. | | G. | F. | P. |
| Maler | 4 | 2-2 | 10 | Inglisby | 4 | 4-4 | 12 |
| Burik | 2 | 2-2 | 6 | S'ntkowski | 7 | 5-5 | 19 |
| Yelverton | 12 | 8-8 | 32 | Ford | 5 | 2-4 | 12 |
| Charles | 2 | 2-2 | 6 | Smith | 5 | 1-1 | 11 |
| Woypowitz | 5 | 5-6 | 15 | Porter | 11 | 3-3 | 25 |
| Sullivan | 2 | 2-7 | 6 | McDowell | 3 | 0-0 | 6 |
| Pipich | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | Fox | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Labres | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | Daly | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Carlesino | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | Gohl | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Griswold | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | | | | |
| Cain | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | Total | 35 | 15-17 | 85 |
| Zambetti | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | | | | |

Total 27 21-27 75

Half-time score—Villanova 47, Fordham 36.

Fouled out—Porter.

| PENN (79) | | | | SO. CAROLINA (64) | | | |
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| | G. | F. | P. | | G. | F. | P. |
| Wohl | 5 | 10-11 | 20 | Roche | 5 | 4-5 | 14 |
| Bilsky | 3 | 2-2 | 8 | Carver | 2 | 0-0 | 4 |
| Calhoun | 3 | 4-4 | 10 | Aydtlett | 3 | 2-2 | 8 |
| Morse | 10 | 8-10 | 28 | Owens | 6 | 4-7 | 16 |
| Wolf | 1 | 4-4 | 6 | Riker | 3 | 4-4 | 10 |
| Hankinson | 2 | 2-2 | 6 | Ribock | 1 | 0-1 | 2 |
| Littlpage | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | Joyce | 3 | 2-2 | 8 |
| Koller | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | Traylor | 1 | 0-0 | 2 |
| Cotler | 0 | 1-2 | 1 | Manning | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Haney | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | J. Powell | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Walters | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | D. Powell | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |

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Fouled out—Ribock, Aydtlett.

Attendance—12,600.