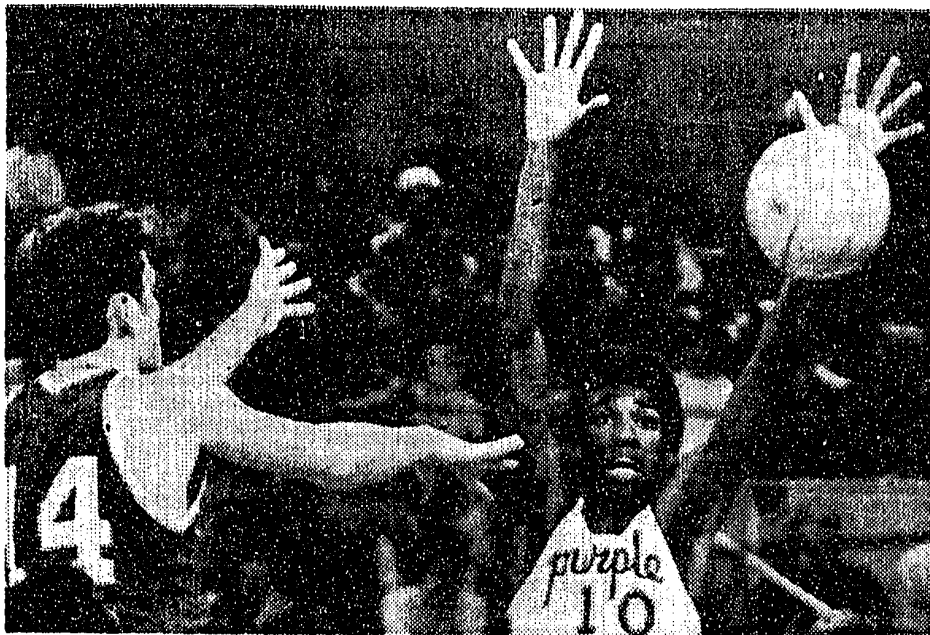


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WHERE'S THE STICKUP? Marshall Wingate of Niagara (10) trying to block Jim O'Brien's jump shot in game Saturday with St. Joseph's of Philadelphia at Buffalo.

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It was an embarrassing Saturday afternoon for Digger Phelps, the Notre Dame coach, and a punishing night for such Eastern unbeaten as Penn, St. John's, Fordham and Massachusetts, all of whom were toppled from the unbeaten basketball ranks.

Notre Dame, scoreless for the first 13 minutes against Indiana and beaten, 94-29, has nothing good to look forward to in the immediate future, since its next opponent — Wednesday night — is undefeated University of California, Los Angeles. The Bruins have scored 438 points in gaining four victories.

Notre Dame was the only team to beat U.C.L.A. in 30 games last season, so there may be further embarrassment in store for Phelps. The game has been sold for television in various parts of the nation and will be shown locally on WNEW-TV (Channel 5). The last time the Irish were held to 29 points was during the 1941-42 season, when they lost, to Illinois, 48-29.

The worst previous point-spread loss Notre Dame suffered was by 51 points — against U.C.L.A. by 114-63 in 1967.

Penn, the Ivy League champion the last two seasons and ranked fifth nationally, was handed its first loss in 49 regular season games by Temple, 57-52. It was one of those typical Philadelphia rivalries, with

Temple's box-and-one-zone defense shutting off the Quakers' outside shooters.

The first setback in six games for eighth-ranked St. John's came in the Marshall invitation tournament, which the host team won, 110-107, in overtime. A tap-in by Greg Cleuss enabled St. John's to tie at 94-94 in regulation play.

It was the sixth victory for unbeaten Marshall, led by Randy Noll's 33 points. Mel Davis had 32 for St. John's.

Marquette, second ranked behind U.C.L.A., won its fifth straight as it handed Fordham its first loss in six starts, 87-68. Jim Chones scored 25 points for Marquette.

Spirited Fordham managed to play the Warriors even for the first half, but the Marquette press took over in the second half and stymied Fordham, which was limited to one field goal in 10 minutes.

Jenkins Wins for Harvard

A basket by Tony Jenkins with 22 seconds remaining gave Harvard, loaded with individual talent, its fifth victory in seven games and halted Massachusetts' six-game winning streak, 80-78.

Florida State's trip to Hawaii was short-lived. It ended with 11:43 remaining in the first half and the ninth-ranked Seminoles picked up their first defeat in six games.

Hank Durham, Florida State coach, pulled his team off the floor after he drew a technical

foul and was ejected from the game. The score at the time was 30-10 in favor of the unbeaten Rainbows and it will go into the record books that way as Hawaii's fifth victory.

South Carolina, No. 3 nationally, needed two free throws from Kevin Joyce with 1:08 remaining in the game to beat Virginia Tech, 77-76, for its fourth straight triumph. The Gamecocks had to overcome a 31-point performance by Allen Bristow and a Gobblers press.

Once-beaten North Carolina, No. 4, used an explosive fast break to rout North Carolina State, 99-68, for its fifth victory in the final of the Big Four Tournament. Dennis Wuycik and Robert McAdoo scored 20 points each for the Tar Heels.

Adolph Rupp's crying that Kentucky "just doesn't have it this season," may have been a bit premature. Kentucky won its own invitation tournament by beating Princeton, 98-82. Jim Andrews led Kentucky with 28 points as the Wildcats opened a big lead and held off a second-half Princeton rally.

Southern California won the Jayhawk Classic by outscoring Kansas, 87-77, behind the 26-point scoring of Joe Mackey and 22 by Ron Riley.

Mike Edwards tallied 26 points as Tennessee won its sixth straight Volunteer Classic with an 85-61 victory over Michigan State. Nebraska beat La Salle, 75-60 in the Husker Classic.