

COLLEGES

UIC comes up short in title showdown

By Neil Milbert
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SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—"This little three-day affair may cause problems for us all for years to come," philosophized Southwest Missouri State coach Charlie Spoonhour.

"Someday, we may look back and ask ourselves how and when it all got started, and we'll say: 'Oh-oh, remember that year in the tournament.' Bob Hallberg can coach, and those kids in Chicago can play basketball. I'm afraid it's only a matter of time."

Time, as told by the 1988-89 college basketball season, ran out on Illinois-Chicago Wednesday.

The Association of Mid-Central Universities tournament ended, and for the third straight year, Southwest Missouri won the championship.

But, in getting to the title game and losing 73-67, the UIC Flames earned the respect of their adversaries and admiration from a rabid partisan crowd of 7,611.

After finishing last in the regular season and losing 10 of their last 11 games, the Flames became a different team in the tournament. They devoured second-place Northern Iowa and third-place Eastern Illinois before yielding with great reluctance to the regular-season champion.

Only two players cast in major roles during a season filled with sporadic individual brilliance but lacking in collective achievement are seniors—6-foot-8-inch center Derrick Johnson and his 6-9 backup, Darren Guest.

"It took us 27 games before we put our heads together," said Guest. "Now, I hope it carries over to next year after I'm gone."

The Thornton High graduate fouled out with his head held high as his play at both ends of the court kept this game close. His statistics—16 points, 4 rebounds, 2 blocked shots and 2 steals in 21 minutes—didn't do justice to the game he played.

At one point in the first half, Guest scored six straight points to

bring the Flames from a two-point deficit to a 23-19 lead. In the second half, he scored seven UIC points in a row to prevent the home team from breaking it open.

He also stopped an early scoring rampage by Kelby Stuckey and collaborated in getting the 6-7 all-conference senior in foul trouble.

"Stuckey was playing behind Guest when they had the ball," said Spoonhour. "I put [Hubert] Henderson on him, and Hubert played in front of him, which made it harder for them to get him the ball. That was something Hubert did on his own rather than on instructions from me."

UIC can vouch for that. In the final analysis, the 6-10 center is the reason the Bears (21-9) are going to the NCAA Tournament instead of UIC (13-17).

Agile and resourceful, Henderson scored a game-high 27 points. When opportunities beckoned on the perimeter, he explored and exploited them, sinking all three of his three-point shots. He also grabbed

six rebounds, assisted on four baskets and blocked four shots.

Southwest Missouri was in front most of the way but never by much. The Flames' only lead of the second half came on freshman Brian Hill's three-point shot that made it 43-42.

Down the stretch, UIC pulled to within 64-63 on Guest's tomahawk jam with 4 minutes to play. With a minute left, the Flames were down 69-65 and rebounding the ball when a sudden Southwest Missouri press saw Lee Campbell steal the ball from Tony Freeman near midcourt.

ILLINOIS-CHICAGO (67)—Harris 7-10 0-0 14, Hunt 3-9 0-2 6, Johnson 5-7 2-2 12, Diddy 2-5 0-0 6, Freeman 0-2, SW Missouri St. 5-9 (Henderson 3-3, Lewis 1-2, K.Jackson 1-3, Stango 0-1). Fouled out—Guest. Rebounds—UIC 32 (Johnson 6), SW Missouri St. 25 (Campbell 7, Assists—UIC 17 (Freeman 11), SW Missouri St. 18 (Lewis 6). Total fouls—UIC 20, SW Missouri St. 13. A.—7,611.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE (73)—Henderson 9-14 6-12 27, Stango 1-2 0-0 2, Stuckey 6-9 6-6 18, Lewis 3-5 1-2 8, K.Jackson 1-4 0-0 3, Campbell 2-4 3-7, Brown 0-0 0-0, Davis 4-5 0-0 8, 26-44 16-23 73.

Halftime—SW Missouri St. 33, UIC 30. Three-point goals—UIC 5-12 (Hill 3-7, Diddy 2-2, Hunt 0-1, Freeman 0-2), SW Missouri St. 5-9 (Henderson 3-3, Lewis 1-2, K.Jackson 1-3, Stango 0-1). Fouled out—Guest. Rebounds—UIC 32 (Johnson 6), SW Missouri St. 25 (Campbell 7, Assists—UIC 17 (Freeman 11), SW Missouri St. 18 (Lewis 6). Total fouls—UIC 20, SW Missouri St. 13. A.—7,611.



Southwest Missouri State's Kelby Stuckey splits Illinois-Chicago's Derrick Johnson (left) and Chris Harris in UIC's 73-67 loss.

Irish struggle past old rival Marquette

By Hugh Dellios
Chicago Tribune

MILWAUKEE—The Marquette Warriors are hardly the powerhouse archrival Notre Dame remembers from the Al McGuire days. But the Warriors made it clear Wednesday there's still no welcoming mat for the Irish in this town.

It took two Keith Robinson free throws with 3 seconds left to finally bury a stubborn Marquette team 67-63.

Ignited by a loud and rowdy crowd of 14,402 in the new Bradley Center, where the Irish were playing for the first time, the Warriors overcame a 12-point first-half deficit to lead through most of the second half and throw a good scare into the bigger and stronger Irish.

Marquette's upset hopes were dashed when Trevor Powell missed the first of a 1-and-1 with the Irish up 65-63 and :08 left. Robinson then put the game out of reach after he was fouled trying to get the ball upcourt. Notre Dame made all 11 of its free throws.

"Marquette is still Marquette. We thought this was going to be a war," Notre Dame coach Digger Phelps said. "Sometimes playing here is like playing in that place in Westwood [at UCLA]."

The victory was Notre Dame's 20th, and although he wouldn't comment, it left Phelps sounding pretty confident about his team's NCAA Tournament chances going into its last regular-season game Saturday at De Paul.

"A lot of people thought we wouldn't [win 20 games] after losing David Rivers," Phelps said. "But right now, we're 8-3 on the road. I think that's pretty solid basketball."

It was the second victory in a row for the Irish (20-7) without their freshman star, LaPhonso Ellis, who suffered a compound dislocation of his right index finger in a loss to Louisville last Saturday. He is expected to play against De Paul, who the Irish beat in South Bend March 1.

Marquette had no doubt about their mission Wednesday. They were trying to salvage at least something from a disappointing 13-15 season. And what better way to do it than cast some doubt on their old foe's tournament hopes? But even without Ellis, the Irish were just too strong.

"I thought the crowd got it's money's worth tonight," said Marquette coach Bob Dukiet. "When we fell behind early, it didn't look good, but we battled back and gave Notre Dame a hell of a second half."

It looked like the Irish would have an easy time of it in the first half. They led 35-28 at intermission after their rebounding and scrappy man-to-man defense overmatched the smaller Warriors.

But Marquette found the fire of the old rivalry immediately in the second half, and suddenly found itself with a 40-39 lead when Tony Smith broke through a crowd for a slam dunk with 14:40 left. The Warriors stretched that lead to 47-43 with 12 minutes to go.

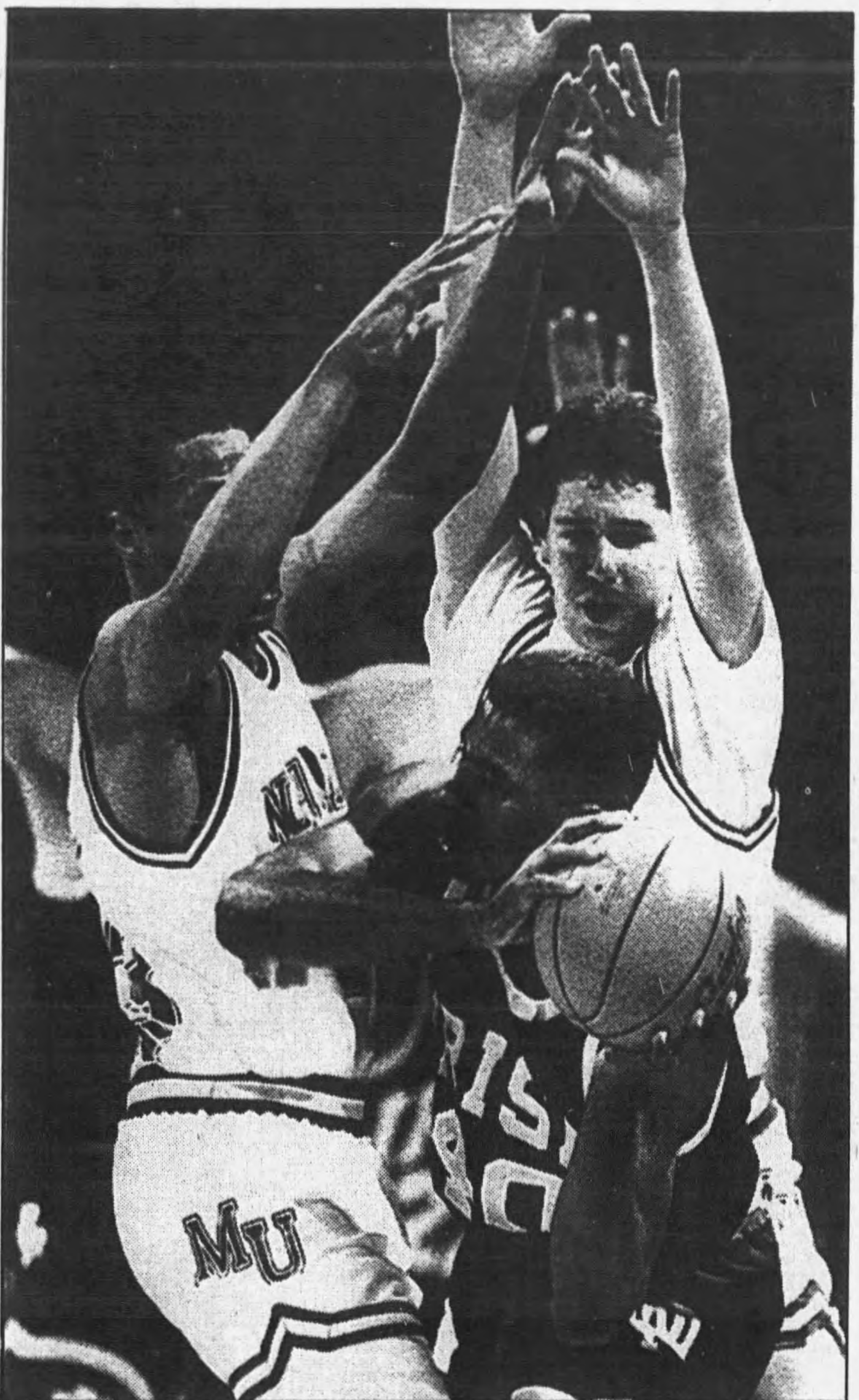
The Irish didn't regain the lead until only :45 remained. Jamere Jackson tied the game at 63 with a pair of free throws. After Marquette's Trevor Powell missed a jumper, Jackson put in an off-balance layup that gave the Irish the lead for good at 65-63.

Notre Dame junior guard Joe Fredrick kept the Warriors' second-half streak from getting out of hand, scoring all 11 of Notre Dame's points over a 6-minute stretch.

"At times we lost our composure," Fredrick said. "They played well once their crowd got them juiced up. You could see it in their eyes."

Fredrick led the Irish with 20 points on 9-for-13 shooting.

The Warriors got 19 points from Powell, whose 15 points, mostly on short lane jumpers, were key to Marquette's second-half run. Most of those baskets were against Ellis' replacement, 6-foot-11-inch freshman Keith Tower.



Jamere Jackson is caught between Marquette's Tyrone Baldwin (left) and Mark Anglarv during Notre Dame's 67-63 victory.

But Phelps blamed Powell's inside success on his club's fear of Marquette's outside shooting, especially guard Mark Anglarv, who's seventh in the nation in three-point accuracy.

NOTRE DAME (67)—Jackson 2-11 8-8 12, Robinson 3-8 3-3 9, Tower 4-7 0-0 8, Fredrick 9-13 0-0 20, Singleton 3-8 0-0 6, Bennett 2-5 0-0 4, Peddock 0-1 0-0 0, Sweet 4-5 0-0 8, 27-54 11-11 67.

MARQUETTE (63)—Baldwin 4-9 1-2 9, Flory 3-9 0-0 6, Powell 8-13 3-5 19, Anglarv 3-2 2-11, Smith 4-8 6-6 14, Nethen 2-2 0-0 4, Gross 0-1 0-0 0, 24-48 12-15 63.

Halftime—Notre Dame 35, Marquette 28. Three-point goals—Notre Dame 2-7 (Fredrick 2-4, Robinson 0-3), Marquette 3-8 (Anglarv 3-4, Flory 0-4). Fouled out—Smith, Flory, Rebounds—Notre Dame 28 (Tower 8), Marquette 21 (Flory 5, Anglarv 5). Assists—Notre Dame 14 (Singleton 5), Marquette 16 (Smith 9). Total fouls—Notre Dame 15, Marquette 15. A.—14,402.

Minnesota rolls over Michigan St.

From Chicago Tribune wires

MINNEAPOLIS—Within moments, Minnesota had forgotten about Wednesday's 77-61 victory over Michigan State and started thinking ahead to Saturday's critical game at Ohio State.

The way the Gophers figure it, a victory at Columbus, Ohio, would guarantee them their first NCAA Tournament bid since 1982.

"How can we not go to the NCAAs if we finish fifth in the Big 10? I wouldn't understand that," said Willie Burton, who scored 7 of his 22 points during a 17-4 spurt that put Minnesota (16-11, 8-9) in command Wednesday. "We're one

game away from a dream. We're playing for the NCAAs now."

Coach Clem Haskins said he thinks that even a loss Saturday wouldn't eliminate his team from NCAA consideration. "It would be tough. We would be on the bubble," he said. "I think we'd have a lock with a win."

Michigan State (14-13, 5-12) may have lost its shot at a National Invitation Tournament bid. "An outside chance. Not a good chance," said coach Jud Heathcote, who got his first technical of the season during Minnesota's decisive run.

"I guess it wasn't in the cards to go through the entire year without a

technical," he said. "I thought there were some atrocious calls, but nothing new in the Big 10. We just don't have good officials."

Steve Smith had 20 points for MSU.

MICHIGAN STATE (61)—Redfield 2-5 0-0 4, Hickman 0-1 3-4 3, Steigenga 4-7 2-2 10, Smith 8-13 1-1 20, Montgomery 0-1 0-0 0, Miano 7-13 0-0 17, Wells 1-2 0-0 2, Caster 1-2 0-0 2, Hall 0-0 0-0 0, Sekal 1-2 0-0 3, Mueller 0-1 0-0 0, Sarkino 0-0 0-0 0, 24-47 6-61.

MINNESOTA (77)—Burton 8-10 6-8 22, Bond 3-3 2-2 8, Shikolenjanski 4-7 3-4 11, Newsum 7-13 3-4 17, Gaffney 6-13 2-2 15, Lynch 1-6 0-0 2, Martin 0-0 2-2 2, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Metcalf 0-1 0-0 0, Lewis 0-0 0-0 0, Green 0-0 0-0 0, 29-52 18-22 77.

Big 10 standings

Team	Conference				All games			
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
Indiana	14	2	.875	24	6	.800		
Illinois	13	4	.765	26	4	.867		
Michigan	11	5	.688	23	6	.793		
Iowa	9	8	.529	21	9	.700		
Wisconsin	8	8	.500	17	9	.654		
Minnesota	9	9	.471	16	11	.593		
Ohio State	6	10	.375	17	12	.586		
Purdue	6	10	.375	13	16	.448		
Michigan State	5	12	.294	14	13	.519		
Northwestern	2	14	.125	9	17	.346		

Wednesday's results
Illinois 118, Iowa 94
Minnesota 77, Michigan State 61

Thursday's games
Michigan at Northwestern
Wisconsin at Indiana
Ohio State at Purdue

Saturday's games
Illinois at Michigan
Northwestern at Purdue
Indiana at Iowa
Wisconsin at Michigan State
Minnesota at Ohio State
(Regular season ends)

Edwards, Rice unanimous AP All-Big 10 selections

Jay Edwards of Indiana and two-time scoring champion Glen Rice of Michigan head the Associated Press All-Big 10 team.

Edwards, a sophomore from Marion, Ind., and Rice, a senior from Flint, Mich., were unanimous choices of a group of 19 sportswriters and sportscasters.

They also were the only ones to get votes for Big 10 Player of the Year, Edwards edging Rice 10-9.

Iowa's Ed Horton missed being a unanimous pick by one point. Rounding out the first team were Illinois' Nick Anderson and Ohio State's Jay Burson. Players received two points for a first-team vote and one point for a second-team vote.

The selection of Indiana's Eric Anderson as Freshman of the Year was all but unanimous. He received

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18 votes to one for Ray Thompson of Iowa. Anderson played at St. Francis de Sales, Thompson at Argo. Edwards was the winner last year, giving Indiana the freshman award for two consecutive years.

Iowa's B.J. Armstrong topped the second team, where he placed for the second consecutive year. Joining him were Illinois' Kenny Battle, Minnesota's Willie Burton and Wisconsin's Danny Jones and Trent Jackson.

Indiana's Joe Hillman was the top vote-getter among those failing to make the second team. Others receiving strong support included Michigan's Rumeal Robinson and Loy Vaught and Iowa's Roy Marble.

Tournaments

From Chicago Tribune wires

Big West—Kevin Stevenson scored 20 points and Jervis Cole had 19 as Fresno State beat San Jose State 64-60 Wednesday in Long Beach, Calif. Fresno is 15-13. San Jose State, seeded 10th, closed the year at 5-23. The Spartans went 0-12 after 10 scholarship players left the team in January, accusing coach Bill Berry of verbal abuse and mental cruelty. Dwain Daniels scored 19 points to lead San Jose State.

Ohio Valley—Donald Tivis scored 20 points and Keith Rawls added 16 as Austin Peay beat Murray State 74-65 in Nashville. The Governors are 18-11. Jeff Martin had 16 points for the Racers (19-10).

Trans America—Carl Brown scored 13 points, including both ends of a 1-and-1 with 16 seconds left, to give Arkansas-Little Rock a 60-59 victory over Stetson in Little Rock. James Scott had 15 points for UALR (22-7). Gehrke had 16 points for the Hatters (17-2). Larry Robinson scored 18 as Centenary (16-13) rallied to beat Houston Baptist 76-69. Alvaro Teheran led Houston Baptist (10-19) with 20 points.

Southland—Anthony Pullard scored 15 of his 24 points in the second half as McNeese State clinched its first NCAA Tournament bid with an 85-68 victory over North Texas in Denton, Tex. Tournament

MVP Michael Cutright added 23 points for MPE (16-13), which finished second to the Eagles in the regular-season race.

Ricky Robertson led North Texas (14-15) with 15 points. Deon Hunter, the Southland Conference player of the year, was held to 8 points.

The Eagles cut a 14-point halftime deficit to nine points on four occasions in the second half, but the Cowboys responded to quiet a partisan North Texas crowd every time.

Western Athletic—Josh Grant scored 19 points, including two three-pointers to spark a second-half rally, as Utah (16-16) defeated San Diego State 70-57 in Salt Lake City. State (12-17) closed to within 51-49 when Shawn Bell scored 7:06 left, but Utah outscored San Diego State 19-8 the rest of the way. Tony Ross had 14 points for the Aztecs.

NAIA District 20—Jeff Prather scored 27 points to lead Olivet Nazarene to an 84-67 victory St. Francis for the title in Kankakee. The Tigers (22-8) will play in the NAIA Tournament in Kansas City, Mo., beginning Tuesday. It's their first appearance in the tournament in the school's 23-year basketball history. Keith Langston had 23 points for the Saints (16-15).

NIU gives Rosborough, staff the bad news: They're fired

Northern Illinois is looking for a new basketball coach.

Athletic Director Gerald O'Dell informed Jim Rosborough and his staff Wednesday that their contracts will not be renewed for next year. Rosborough had a 28-56 record in three years at NIU.

"I have a great deal of respect for Jim and his staff," O'Dell said. "My major concern is with the long-term growth and stability of the basketball program."

Rosborough's fate might have been different if forward Kenny Battle hadn't transferred to Illinois after the 1985-86 season. Without Battle, Rosborough's

first team at Northern went 9-19 in 1986-87, followed by 8-20 in 1987-88. The Huskies, with a sophomore-dominated squad, improved to 11-17 this season. But that record wasn't good enough to enable Rosborough to keep his job.

"We were on the verge of being a fine Division I program, and a lot of people would concur with that," Rosborough said.

O'Dell said he'd launch a nationwide search to find Rosborough's replacement. The contracts of assistant coaches Robert Collins, Jon Mackey, Bill Harris and Mike Schallow also were not renewed.

Before Mims could respond, Assis-