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

UIC comes up short in title showdown

By Neil Milbert Chicago Tribune

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-Continent 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

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,

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 from 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

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 inbounding 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, Dildy 2-5 0-0 6, Freeman 1-8 2-2 4, Hill 3-8 0-0 9, Guest 6-12 4-6 16, Beague 0-1 0-0 0, Murphy 0-0 0-0 0, Sysum 0-0 0-0 0, J.Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, Wade 0-0 0-0 0. 27-60 8-12

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE (73)-Hender-son 9-14 6-12 27, Stange 1-2 0-0 2, Stuckey 6-9 6-6 18, Lewis 3-6 1-2 8, K.Jackson 1-4 0-0 3, Campbell 2-4 3-3 7, Brown 0-0 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, Dildy 2-2, Hunt 0-1, Freeman 0-2), SW Missouri St. 5-9 (Henderson 3-3, Lewis 1-2, K.Jackson 1-3, Stange 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.

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-

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.

Marguette 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.

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"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 manto-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.

partisan crowd of 7,611.

Guest scored six straight points to

three-point shots. He also grabbed

Focus of trial still Harmon's eligibility

By John Gorman and Ed Sherman

Questions about the eligibility of former Iowa running back Ronnie Harmon remained a focal point Wednesday in the federal trial of sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom.

Bloom, 29, and Walters, 58, are on trial before District Judge George Marovich and a jury on charges of defrauding universities by convincing players to sign representation agreements, in violation of eligibility rules, and concealing the existence of the agreements.

Under cross-examination by Dan Webb, attorney for Bloom, Iowa Associate Athletic Director Fred Mims testified that in Harmon's first three years he took only one course in his major, computer science.

Webb noted that NCAA eligibility requirements mandate that a student-athlete make progress toward a degree and questioned whether taking only one course in a major field of study in three years demonstrated such progress.

Mims asserted that Harmon was declared eligible by the school to play. However, a Big 10 lawyer and another lowa official differed over what Harmon's cumulative grade-point average actually was. Mims said that under university rules, a player needs a 1.85 average to be eligible. Under Big 10 rules, a player must maintain a 2.0 average. Contacted outside the courtroom, Byron Gregory, a Big 10 attorney who also said he was a spokesman for lowa, said that when Harmon completed his junior year he had a 1.91 grade-point average. And Mims said that at the beginning of the 1985 season-Harmon's final year-Harmon was on academic probation.

tant U.S. Atty. Howard Pearl objected. After a brief and private conference among the attorneys and Marovich, Webb turned to other subjects.

He asked Mims about a report by Harmon's academic adviser stating that Harmon was "still not working toward [a] degree."

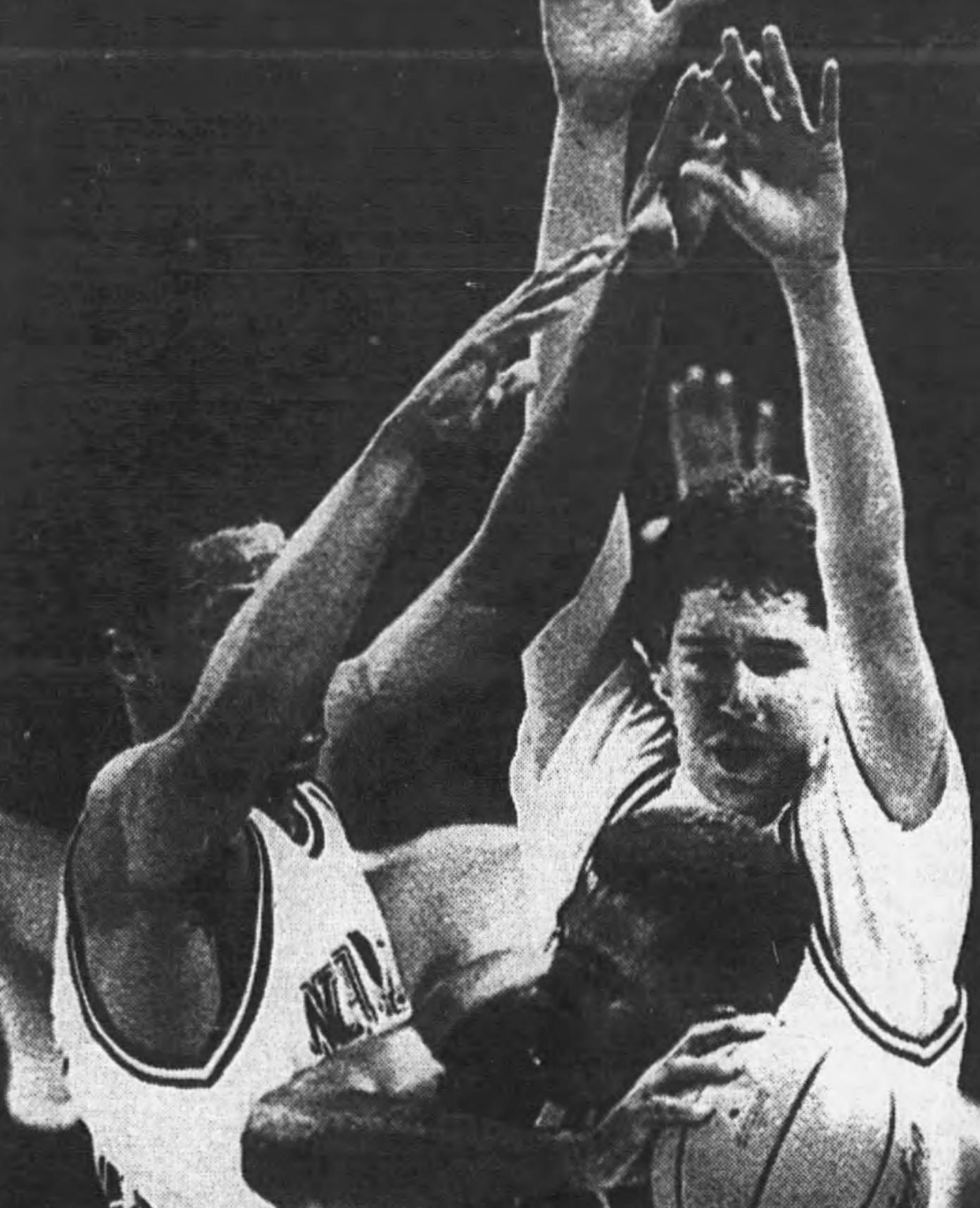
"So these words don't mean what they say?" Webb asked.

"In this particular case-no," Mims said.

Mims also said that Harmon had received an "A" in intercollegiate football for playing in each of his nine semesters. "Credit is given for extracurriculars," he said.

A student-athlete also needs to make sufficient progress toward a degree to be eligible. Rhodes said it wasn't out of the ordinary for a student to take so few courses in his major going into his senior year. Harmon's major of computer science is in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Iowa.

"It's common that students finish their general education requirements before taking courses in their major," Rhodes said. "If he's taking legitimate courses that were fulfilling requirements in the College of Liberal Arts, that complies with making progress towards a degree."



"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

Notre Dame junior guard Joe Fredrick kept the Warriors' secondhalf 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 secondhalf run. Most of those baskets were against Ellis' replacement, 6foot-11-inch freshman Keith l'ower.



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

But Phelps blamed Powell's in- 67. side success on his club's fear of Marquette's outside shooting, especially guard Mark Anglavar, who's seventh in the nation in three-point accuracy.

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

MARQUETTE (63)—Baldwin 4-9 1-2 9, Flory 3-9 0-0 6, Powell 8-15 3-5 19, Anglavar 3-4 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 (Anglavar 3-4, Flory 0-4). Fouled out-Smith, Flory. Rebounds-Notre Dame 28 (Tower 8), Marquette 21 (Flory 5, Anglavar 5). Assists-Notre Dame 14 (Singleton 5), Marquette 16 (Smith 9). Total fouls-Notre Dame 15, Marguette 15. A-14,402.

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| urdue | 6 | 10 | .375 | 13 | 16 | .448 |
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| lorthwestern | 2 | 14 | .125 | 9 | 17 | .346 |

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But Ann Rhodes, assistant vicepresident for finance and university services at Iowa, said, "He was eligible at all times."

"His culmulative grade-point average was still okay," she added. "It was above 2.0."

Rhodes was surprised to hear that Harmon thought he was academically ineligible. "We concede that he was on academic probation. However, he may have misunderstood that being on academic probation doesn't mean you're academically ineligible."

And university officials maintained that Harmon was eligible within NCAA, Big 10 and university guide-

Webb questioned Mims about the NCAA requirement that a studentathlete must be in good academic standing in order to participate in sports.

"Was he [Harmon] in good academic standing [at the beginning of his senior year]?" Webb asked. "He was on academic probation," Mims replied.

Rhodes, who also is an attorney, objected to the defense lawyers' tactics of alleging wrongdoings by the university.

"It sounds to me like the University of Iowa is on trial," Rhodes said. "I'm not surprised that they are using these methods, but I think it's reprehensible."

In other testimony Wednesday, Devon Mitchell, a defensive back and former lowa teammate of Harmon's, said he accepted \$2,000 from sports agents Bloom and Walters several months before his final college season in 1985.

In addition, Mitchell said that Walters and Bloom agreed to send him \$200 a month in return for signing an agreement authorizing the agents and their firm, World Sports & Entertainment Inc., to represent

Mitchell, now with the Detroit Lions, said he first heard from Bloom after Harmon set him up with a telephone interview with the agent in June, 1985.

Mitchell said Bloom sent him an airline ticket and he flew to New York, where he met with Walters and Bloom. Mitchell said they met initially at the agents' office in Manhattan but also met at Mitchell's family home in Brooklyn.

Under questioning by Pearl, Mitchell detailed how Walters spread out \$2,000 across the living room table and promised the agents would keep the contract secret. Mitchell said he, his father and a family friend left the room, conferred and when they returned Mitchell signed a contract postdated to Jan. 4, 1986, the day Mitchell's eligibility expired.

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.

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 Invi-

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, Manns 7-13 0-0 17, Wolfe 1-2 0-0 2, Casler 1-2 0-0 2, Hall 0-0 0-0 0, Sekal 1-2 0-0 3, Mueller 0-1 0-0 0, Sarkine 0-0 0-0 0. 24-47 6-7 61.

MINNESOTA (77)—Burton 8-10 6-8 22, Bond 3-3 2-2 8, Shikenjanski 4-7 3-4 11, Newbern 7-11 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. Halftime—Minnesota 35, Michigan St. 27. Three-point goals—Michigan St. 7-15 (Smith 3-5, Manns 3-8, Sekal 1-2), Minnesota 1-7 (Gaffney 1-3, Lynch 0-2, Metcalf 0-1, Burton 0-1). Fouled out—Redfield, Lynch. Rebounds— Michigan St. 24 (Hickman 5, Steigenga 5), Minnesota 2 (Burton 7). Assists-Michigan St. 18 (Montgomery Minnesota 18 (Bond 5). Total fouls-Michigan St. 19, Minnesota 15. Technical foul-Michigan St. coach Heathcote, A-11,654.

"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

tation 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

Edwards, Rice unanimous **AP All-Big 10 selections**

Jay Edwards of Indiana and twotime 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.

lowa's Ed Horton missed being a unanimous pick by one point. Rounding out the first team were Ilinois' 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 A 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.

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.

vote-getter among those failing to make the second team. Others receiving strong support included Michigan's Rumcal Robinson and Loy Vaught and Iowa's Roy Marble.

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)

"Was he in good academic standing?" Webb persisted.

Before Mims could respond, Assis-

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.

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Iowa's B.J. Armstrong topped the

Indians's Joe Hillman was the top

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 State (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 tourney in the school's 23-year basketball history. Keith Langston had 23 points for the Saints (16-15).