

Villanova Tops Niagara, 72-45; Duquesne, Penn, Iowa Also Win

White and McMonagle Pace Wildcats With 17 Points Each at Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26 (UPI) — Villanova's unbeaten basketball team won its ninth straight game tonight as it ended the first round of the Quaker City tournament with a 72-45 victory over Niagara.

In other first-round games, undefeated Duquesne scored its seventh straight triumph with a 64-47 victory over Wyoming; Iowa, with Don Nelson starring, beat Penn State, 67-48, and Penn defeated Holy Cross, 73-64.

Villanova, which beat Niagara, 64-55, earlier this season, never lost the lead as Hubie White and Jim McMonagle set the scoring pace with 17 points apiece. Wally Jones tallied 14 and Jim O'Brien 12.

The Wildcat took an 11-3 lead in the first seven minutes. After Niagara had trimmed it to 12-9, Villanova rallied again for a 22-11 edge. The Wildcats maintained the pace and held a 35-25 half-time lead.

Niagara had a second-half flurry that cut the Villanova lead to 38-33 with five minutes played. But the Wildcats outscored their opponents, 14-4, in the next six minutes.

Ed Ladley and Bill Kennedy led Niagara with 12 points each.

A crowd of 6,398 for the evening double-header lifted the total for the day to 8,647

AFTERNOON GAMES

DUQUESNE (64)				WYOMING (47)					
	G.	F.	P.F.	P.		G.	F.	P.F.	P.
Benec	2	0	1	4	Gish	1	1	4	3
Cegalis	1	3	4	5	Rochlitz	1	5	4	7
Arnold	7	4	4	18	Eastland	3	3	1	9
Rice	5	3	0	13	Jimerson	4	4	0	12
Somerset	5	1	4	11	Long	2	1	2	5
Malloy	4	1	4	9	Hanson	2	0	4	4
Kudelko	1	0	0	2	Kaul	1	0	0	2
Cuff	1	0	0	2	Bowers	2	1	1	5
Malady	0	0	0	0					
Total	26	12	17	64	Total	16	15	16	47

Half-time score—Duquesne 35, Wyoming 26.
Free throws missed—Benec, Cegalis 2, Rice 4, Somerset, Gish 2, Jimerson, Kaul, Bowers 2.

IOWA (67)				PENN STATE (48)					
	G.	F.	P.F.	P.		G.	F.	P.F.	P.
Roach	1	2	2	4	Hoffman	1	1	0	3
Mehlhaus	2	1	2	5	Phillips	3	3	4	9
Nelson	9	11	1	29	Harris	6	6	4	18
Szykowny	0	0	5	0	Staub	1	2	5	4
Hankins	5	1	4	11	Mitchell	2	3	3	7
Messick	1	0	1	2	Hutchinson	0	2	5	2
Reddington	2	2	1	6	Greskovich	0	1	1	1
Novak	1	1	1	3	Noe	1	2	0	4
Shaw	1	0	1	2	Seratin	0	0	2	0
Purcell	0	2	0	2					
Lorenz	1	1	0	3	Total	14	20	24	48
Skee	0	0	0	0					
Total	23	21	18	67					

Half-time score—Iowa 27, Penn State 26.
Free throws missed—Nelson 4, Messick, Novak, Shaw, Lorenz, Phillips 3, Harris, Staub.

Attendance—2,249.

NIGHT GAMES

PENN (73)				HOLY CROSS (64)					
	G.	F.	P.F.	P.		G.	F.	P.F.	P.
Wideman	10	1	3	21	J. Foley	3	6	0	12
Graham	5	3	0	13	Slattery	2	0	2	4
Robinson	5	4	3	14	R. Foley	3	0	1	6
Purdy	3	1	2	7	Kelly	8	1	1	17
Carazo	4	4	3	12	O'Connor	8	1	5	17
Vogelsang	2	0	1	4	Gallagher	2	0	1	4
Strum	1	0	0	2	McClory	1	2	1	4
Amira	0	0	0	0	Canavan	0	0	0	0
Biborosch	0	0	0	0					
Total	30	13	12	73	Total	27	10	11	64

Half-time score—Penn 34, Holy Cross 28.
Free throws missed—Kelly, O'Connor 2.

VILLANOVA (72)				NIAGARA (45)					
	G.	F.	P.F.	P.		G.	F.	P.F.	P.
McMonagle	8	1	1	17	O'Connell	2	0	2	4
O'Brien	5	2	1	12	Ladley	4	4	2	12
White	7	3	3	17	Glenn	4	0	4	8
Jones	7	0	1	14	Kuryak	2	0	1	4
Leftwich	0	1	1	1	Brennan	1	0	0	2
Walsh	3	2	1	8	Kennedy	6	0	4	12
McGill	0	3	0	3	Kerner	1	1	2	3
Stefanick	0	0	0	0					
Total	30	12	8	72	Total	20	5	15	45

Half-time score—Villanova 35, Niagara 25.
Free throws missed—McMonagle 2, O'Brien, White 3, Leftwich, McGill, Kuryak.
Attendance—6,398.