

Louisville Wins, 75-69, Clinches N.C.A.A. Spot

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 25 (AP)—Third-ranked Louisville clinched a tie for the Missouri Valley Conference basketball title and gained a berth in the National Collegiate tournament by defeating West Texas State tonight, 75-69.

The Cardinals have a 22-2 won-lost record, 11-2 in the conference with one game left.

They had to hold off a late West Texas rally to win. The Cardinals led, 67-52, with 5 minutes 54 seconds remaining and were held scoreless the next three minutes. Meanwhile, West Texas, with Maurice Cheeks hitting four straight baskets, cut the deficit to 4 points. But they could never get closer.

Junior Bridgeman led Louisville with 16 points.

Fordham Is Routed

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 25 (UPI)—Adrian Dantley, who was ejected from the game with 18:13 left in the second half, scored 23 points tonight to lead Notre Dame to a 98-61 victory over Fordham.

Dantley, a 6-foot-5-inch sophomore, and Fordham's Darryl Brown, a 6-foot-7-inch senior, were whistled for double flagrant fouls in a collision under the Notre Dame basket with the Irish leading, 59-27. A flagrant foul is accompanied by immediate ejection from the game.

St. John's Tops Holy Cross

WORCHESTER, Mass., Feb. 25 (AP)—Mel Utley scored

26 points and paced St. John's to a 72-65 triumph over Holy Cross tonight.

The Redmen shot to a 31-13 margin midway through the first half, then held off several Holy Cross threats. In the second half, Holy Cross cut the deficit to 6 twice, but never could get closer.

It was the Redmen's 17th victory against seven defeats. Holy Cross is 17-6.

Kings Point Wins

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KINGS POINT, L.I., Feb. 25 —Dan Rogers, a 5-foot-8-inch guard, scored 27 points tonight to lead the Merchant Marine Academy to an uphill 65-64 victory over Union College. The Mariners overcame a 20-point deficit. Rogers scored the 1,000th point of his career in the first half, becoming the third player in Kings Point history to do so.

Providence Victor

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25 (AP)—Joe Hassett missed his first eight shots, then scored 16 points to help Providence gain an 84-67 triumph over Villanova tonight at the Palestra.

The Friars (15-8), struggled to a 38-35 half-time lead, but pulled away to 60-44 with 11:51 left and coasted in.

In the second game of the double-header Ron Haigler's basket with 39 seconds left enabled 14th-ranked Penn to edge Temple, 57-55. Haigler led his team with 20 points.

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