

Kansas State Conquers Penn, Syracuse Is Overtime Winner

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—The basketball season is over for both Philadelphia representatives in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament.

At Palestra tonight before 9,233 rabid fans, Kansas State, runner-up in the Big Eight Conference, eliminated Penn's Ivy League champions, 69-62, in the opener of a first-round double-header. Penn was making its sixth straight N.C.A.A. appearance.

Then Syracuse finished off the other local team, La Salle, with an 87-83 overtime triumph.

From 81-81, (the ninth tie since the middle of the second half) Syracuse went ahead for good when Kevin King hit a layup on a neat pass from Rudy Hackett with 35 seconds left in the overtime. The Orange added its final 4 points from the free-throw line on shots by Jim Lee and Ross Kindel.

Roy Danforth, coach of Syracuse, said: "La Salle played good defense against us, but we kept ur motion. We won because we got the ball inside."

Paul Wtsthead, La Salle coach, was almost at a loss to explain the defeat. "We outshot them [47 per cent to 45] and we outrebounded them [42 to 38]," he said.

Syracuse's season-leading scorer, Rudy Hackett, got 30 points and 12 rebounds. Jim Lee, one of the finest guards in the East scored 20 and grabbed eight rebounds.

Joe Bryant led the Explorers with 25 points and had 14 rebounds before he fouled out in the closing minute.

Penn was routed by Kansas State, although it fought back at the end. The Quakers shot a poor 32 per cent in the opening half and went off trailing by 12 points.

Chuckie Williams, State's versatile guard, scored 20 points, as did Carl Gerlach, a 6-10 center, who also contributed 16 rebounds.

State shut off Penn's inside game almost completely as Gerlach, Bobby Noland and Dan Droge took command around the basket.

The Westerners led by as much as 17 points before Penn rallied to close the gap to 67-62. But State retained its poise in closing out the victory, in which it dominated every phase of the game—defense, shooting and re-

Jack Hartman, State's coach, said* "We have to consider the outcome of an upset, especially beating a nationally ranked team on its own court. We established control early."

Chuck Daly, the Penn coach summed up: "We dug a deep hole early, and it was too much to climb out of. They [State] are a solid club, but I really think it wasn't so much their defense as it was our lack of offense."

Haigler, Penn's all-East and all-Ivy selection, got 17 points, hitting on 8 of 17 shots, but it wasn't one of his better games. In fact it wasn't one of Penn's better games.

Kansas State next plays Boston College and Syracuse meets North Carolina on Thursday at Providence, R. I.

KANSAS STATE (69)—Snider 2 1-2 5; Droge 3 3-4 9; Gerlach 8 4-5 20; Williams 10 0-1 20; Evans 4 5-5 13; Noland 1 0-0 2; Molinari 0 0-0 0. Totals—28 13-17.

PENN (62)—Haigler 8 1-3 17; Bigelow 7 1-2 15; Johnson 5 2-3 12; Lonetto 7 0-0 14; Beecroft 1 0-0 2; Jones 0 0-0 0; Stefanski 1 0-0 2. Totals—29 4-8.

Half-time score—Kansas State 40, Penn 28.

SYRACUSE (87)—Hackett 11 8-10 30; Sease 8 2-3 18; Seibert 1 0-0 2; Lee 7 6-7 20; Williams 3 0-0 6; Kindel 0 3-4 3; King 4 0-0 8; Byrnes 0 0-0 0; Shaw 0 0-0 0. Totals—44 19-24.

LA SALLE (83)—Bryant 11 3-6 25; Taylor 9 2-4 20; Wilber 3 0-0 6; Wise 6 2-2 14; Collier 8 0-0 16; Brodzinski 0 0-0 0; Metzinger 1 0-0 2; Cutler 0 0-0 0. Totals—38 7-12.

Half-time score—Syracuse 36, La Salle 33. Regulation time—Syracuse 71, La Salle 71. Attendance—9,233.

Ariz. State Gains, 97-94

TEMPE, Ariz., March 15

(AP)—Arizona State's guards, Lionel Hollins and Rudy White, led a harassing defense and scored 17 points apiece today in pacing the Sun Devils to a 97-94 victory in a first-round N.C.A.A. West Regional tournament game.

Nevada-Las Vegas, relying on a potent fast break, broke open a close game and defeated San Diego State, 90-80, in the second game of the double-header.

Nevada-Las Vegas and Arizona State will meet in a West Regional semifinal

Thursday night in Portland, Ore.

In the first half, the Sun Devils, using a full-court press and tight man-to-man defense, stole seven passes and Alabama was guilty of 14 turnovers. Hollins and White had two steals each to help the Western Athletic Conference champions build a 22-point lead before half-time.

Leon Douglass, the Crimson Tide's second-team all-American, scored 29 points and had 21 rebounds. But his performance was marred by nine consecutive misses at the free-throw line, including five in the second half when Alabama missed many free-throw chances.

After Hollins fouled out, he received a standing ovation from the partisan crowd of 14,733, a record turnout in the new Arizona State Arena where the Sun Devils have never lost in 14 games.

In the second game, Ricky Sobers scored 13 of his 21 points in the second half as he directed the Nevada-Las Vegas fast break that made the difference.

The Rebels, champion of the West Coast Athletic Conference, led, 48-43, at the end of a first half in which the lead changed hands 10 times in the final five minutes. But after its fast break began clicking, Vegas pulled ahead by 20 points late in the game.

Eddie Owens also scored 21 points for the winners and Lewis Brown had 18. The game's high scorer was San Diego's center, Will Connelly, who had 26 points.

ALABAMA (94)—Dunn 9 3-5 21, Russell 5 0-0 10, Douglass 12 5-14 29, Cleveland 8 2-2 18, Murray 2 4-5 8, Brown 3 0-1 6, Dill 1 0-2 2. Totals 40 14-29.

ARIZONA STATE (97)—Moon 5 0-0 10, Schrader 5 3-3 13, Lloyd 8 2-3 18, Hollins 6 5-6 17, White 5 7-9 17, Jackson 4 2-2 10, Holliman 4 0-2 8, Drayton 1 0-0 2, Wright 1 0-0 2, White 0 0-0 0, Taylor 0 0-0 0. Totals 39 19-25.

Half-time score—Arizona State 55, Alabama 36. Fouled out—Cleveland, Hollins, Lloyd. Total fouls—Alabama 25, Arizona State 31. A—14,733.

SAN DIEGO STATE (80)—Copp 5 6-11 16; Kovach 5 0-2 10; Connelly 12 1-4 25; Bunling 2 0-0 4; Leary 5 0-0 10; Delsman 2 2-5 6; Green 3 1-2 7; Earle 0 0-0 0; Contreras 1 0-0 2; Welshans 0 0-1 0. Totals—35 10-25.

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS (90)—Robinson 4 1-3 9; Gondrezick 4 0-0 8; Brown 9 0-1 18; Owens 10 1-4 21; Sobers 7 7-8 21; Batts 2 2-3 6; Smith 3 1-2 7; Mike 0 0-0 0; Porter 0 0-1 0; Freeman 0 0-0 0. Totals—39 12-22.

Half-time score—Nevada 48, San Diego State 43. Fouled out—Leary, Gondrezick, Batts. Total fouls—San Diego 24, Nevada 24.