

Rutgers Five Wins 7th Straight, 95-62

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PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20—Rutgers' basketball coach, Tom Young, was disturbed at half-time tonight after some careless shooting by his Scarlet Knights against Temple, but he got over it quickly in the second half and his team ran away to a 95-62 victory over the Owls. It was unbeaten Rutgers' seventh victory.

St. Joseph's, which has not won a Philadelphia Big Five title since 1968, defeated Pennsylvania, 77-71, in the second game. It was the first Big Five game for both teams this season.

"In that first half the shooting selection was horrible," Young said, "I was very, very upset with some of those shots and there were some things to be said at half-time."

Whatever he said, it worked because his players came out and executed what has become typical of Rutgers—a second-half spurt that overwhelmed Temple. A 10-point drive midway in the second half took Rutgers from a shaky 52-45 lead to the safety of a 62-45 margin.

Eight of those 10 straight points that opened the last half were the result of Temple turnovers and three of those were on two steals by Ed Jordan and one by Mike Dabney. Young then sat back and enjoyed the game as the fast Knights coasted before a crowd of 7,058 in the Palestra.

Shooting Trouble

Young's early concern was because his usually consistent scorers were shooting wildly over the Temple zone defense. "They were shooting outside too quickly. They'd bring it up, pass once or twice without even trying to get inside and then shoot. That's wrong."

Dabney, who has been hitting on 44 percent of his shots this season, scored on only one of six in the first half. Jordan and Bailey, who hit on 48 and 56 percent, respectively, were good with only two of seven in the first half and Phil Sellers, a 48 percent shooter, had three of seven.

Jordan, the spark of that second-half break, hit on seven of 13 shots in the second half for a total of 23 points. Sellers connected on three of four in the second half and finished with 18. Dabney ended with 15, and Hollis Copeland, the one starter with good first-half shooting, had three for four in the first 20 minutes and seven of 11 in the game for 15.

Actually, Rutgers' players were shooting from a considerable distance in the sec-

ond half also. But most of these long shots were on fast breaks when they got up the court alone and hit from 15 or 20 feet before the Temple zone set against them.

Young was the only one who seemed to let the first half bother him. After all, with all the wild shooting, Rutgers led at half-time, 33-28. And this race-horse team, one of the fastest in the nation, still had 20 minutes to go.

Asked if he was getting to the point where he just expected and, therefore, waited for the inevitable game breaking spurt, Young said, "Yes, it's sort of like waiting for it now. I'm not worried the break won't happen if it's needed."

Temple, with a 2-3, won-lost record, is always a zone team, no matter who the opponent is. However, the speedy Rutgers team, ranked among the nation's top 15, can expect zone defenses most of the time even from teams that play man to man.

Young said that in seven games so far (380 minutes of action) Rutgers had played against zone defenses for 250 minutes and man-to-man about 30 minutes.

"We may not even see 30 more minutes of man-defense again this season," Young said.

Pennsylvania, the Ivy League champion, has taken the Big Five title in five of the last six years. However, Norman Black led St. Joseph's with 21 points tonight as the Hawks shifted defenses constantly during the late stages. Penn could not solve the problem. The Quakers took one of their rare leads in the close game at 60-58 when Ed Enoch hit from the floor.

But then the Quakers went 9 minutes 14 seconds without scoring a field goal while St. Joseph's got back in front and pulled ahead. Penn, which starts Ivy League play Jan. 3 at Princeton, has won only one game this season and has lost three. St. Joseph's has a 4-2 record.

RUTGERS (95)

Sellers 6 6-6 18, Copeland 7 1-2 15, Bailey 3 2-4 8, Jordan 10 3-4 23, Dabney 7 1-1 15, Anderson 4 2-3 10, Conlin 1 0-0 2, Kleinbaum 1 0-0 2, Hefele 0 2-3 2. Totals 39 17-23.

TEMPLE (62)

Burnett 1 0-0 2, Stahurski 4 5-6 13, Blount 1 0-1 2, Claxton 9 1-4 19, Reynolds 0 0-0 0, Montford 5 3-5 13, Brown 0 2-2 2, Calzonetti 1 1-2 3, Canelli 4 0-0 8. Totals 25 12-22.

Halftime: Rutgers 33, Temple 28. Total fouls: Rutgers 21, Temple 21. Technical: Sellers. A: 7,058

ST. JOSEPH'S (77)

Black 9 3-7 21, Thomas 4 1-1 9, Valderas 4 0-0 8, Haggerty 1 2-2 4, Taylor 6 4-6 16, Major 5 3-4 13, Benson 0 0-0 0, Vassalotti 2 2-2 6, Takert 0 0-0 0. Totals 31 15-22.

PENN (71)

Lonetto 6 2-3 14, McDonald 5 5-6 15, Jones 1 0-0 2, Enoch 5 2-2 12, Crowley 0 0-0 0, Engles 7 6-6 20, Greene 4 0-0 8, Stefanski 0 0-0 0. Totals 28 15-17.

Halftime: St. Joseph's 43, Penn 39. Fouled out: Lonetto. Total fouls: St. Joseph's 16, Temple 16. A: 7,058.

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