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Randy Melville of Princeton casually lifting ball from Penn's Avery Rawlings

Princeton Topples Penn

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PRINCETON, N.J., Feb. 26 — Dave Blatt sank eight of eight foul shots in the five-minute overtime and led Princeton to a 78-69 victory over Penn in Ivy League basketball tonight.

The victory put the Tigers in a tie with Penn for the Ivy lead, both with 10-2 won-lost marks. If they are still tied after this weekend, a playoff will be held at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., next Tuesday night to decide the title and the automatic berth in the National Collegiate tournament.

Penn scored the last 10 points in regulation play to knot the score at 58-58. Ken Hall's follow of Jim Salters' jumper provided the tying points. Salters, Penn's leading scorer with 14 points, missed a shot at the buzzer.

Princeton, led by Rich Simkus, the game's high scorer with 20 points, moved in front, 29-20, with two minutes left in the opening half. Penn's Paul Little hit two consecutive jumpers to make it 29-24 at intermission.

Penn, the league's best shooting

team, connected for only 36 percent in the first half. But the Quakers came out hot in the second half, scoring 8 of the first 10 points to go ahead, 32-31. The lead went to 38-35, then Princeton went on an 11-0 run for a 46-38 advantage.

Rutgers 76, St. Bonaventure 74

PISCATAWAY, Feb. 26 (UPI) — A Rutgers freshman center, Roy Hinson, blocked a shot by St. Bonaventure's Earl Belcher with one second left to preserve a 76-74 victory in a first-round contest of the Eastern Eight tournament tonight at the Rutgers Athletic Center.

Belcher, the game's high scorer with 28 points, led a second-half comeback by St. Bonaventure that nearly overcame a 13-point halftime deficit.

Rutgers (14-13) was led by its captain, Daryl Strickland. In his last game before his home crowd, he scored 13 of his team-high 22 points in the first half and helped the Knights to a 47-34 advantage.

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Kevin Black of Rutgers knocking ball away from Earl Belcher of St. Bonaventure

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