

## • Wolverines collect critical road victory

### Big Ten standings

|              | Conference All |    |      |
|--------------|----------------|----|------|
|              | W              | L  | Pct. |
| Michigan     | 8              | 2  | .800 |
| Indiana      | 7              | 3  | .700 |
| Iowa         | 6              | 3  | .666 |
| Mich St.     | 6              | 4  | .600 |
| Purdue       | 5              | 5  | .500 |
| Illinois     | 5              | 5  | .500 |
| Ohio State   | 5              | 5  | .500 |
| Minnesota    | 4              | 5  | .444 |
| Wisconsin    | 2              | 8  | .200 |
| Northwestern | 1              | 9  | .100 |
|              | 20             | 2  | .909 |
|              | 16             | 6  | .727 |
|              | 15             | 5  | .750 |
|              | 14             | 7  | .666 |
|              | 11             | 9  | .550 |
|              | 14             | 8  | .636 |
|              | 10             | 10 | .500 |
|              | 7              | 13 | .350 |

By SCOTT HORNER

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (UPI) In the last two minutes, Michigan had the right people at the right place — the free throw line.

The eighth-ranked Wolverines sent five players to the free throw line with less than two minutes left, but came away with only five points.

And even though Wolverines had trouble hitting their free shots, they pulled out an 80-79 victory over Purdue behind a 65 percent shooting performance from the field.

The victory kept Michigan atop the Big Ten standings at 20-2 overall, 8-2 in the conference. Purdue slid to 16-7 overall and 5-5 in league play.

Michigan coach Bill Frieder said his team's maturity

was the key to the victory.

"Our kids are seniors. When they were freshmen, they were 1-8 on the road," Frieder said. "In the last two years, they have learned what it takes to win on the road."

But some Michigan players said they were not completely satisfied with the win.

"We were all missing one-and-ones," said reserve guard Garde Thompson, who scored 14 points. "Tomorrow I know what we're going to practice for a good hour."

"They pressed a lot and it got to us," said guard Gary Grant. "We weren't patient enough. But coach recognized who was messing up and got them out in time."

"I'm proud of my boys for how hard they played," Frieder said. "I'm a little disappointed with getting out-re-

bounded, but I think that's because we shot so well. This is about as good as we can play."

The Boilermakers fell behind for good at the 8:25 mark, when a three-point play by Grant made the score 64-61. Purdue trailed by as many as eight points in the last eight minutes, but fought back, narrowing the lead to one on two occasions.

Purdue has now lost four straight games for the first time in more than four years. The loss also snapped a 15-game home winning streak.

"We just have to regroup and go from here," said Purdue coach Gene Keady. "Right before the end of the first

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## Pistons twice turn loss into victory

LANDOVER, Md. (UPI) — The Washington Bullets accomplished a feat rarely seen in the NBA — they actually lost the same game twice.

Washington blew a nine-point lead late in regulation against the Detroit Pistons, built a quick six-point lead in overtime and blew that in dropping a painful 111-109 decision Thursday night for their fifth straight loss.

"It was almost as if they said, 'You win the game,'" said the Pistons' Kelly Tripucka, who joined Joe Dumars with 19 points each to lead the Pistons. "With all the opportunities we gave them, they should have won."

The Bullets, 23-26, missed 9-of-18 free throws and turned the ball over four times in the final 3 1/2 minutes of regulation.

The Bullets led 96-87 with 3:19 left in regulation and 109-103 halfway through the five-minute overtime period but allowed the Pistons to win their third straight.

"They didn't give the game away — we are a good team," said Pistons coach Chuck Daly.

Tripucka pointed to airballs in the final minutes of regulation by Bullets' Dudley Bradley and Leon Wood as culprits in Washington's downfall. "When you shoot an airball in that situation, you almost don't deserve (to win)," Tripucka said.

"I really thought we had it won, but the mistakes down the stretch killed us," said Bullets coach Gene

Shue.

Detroit, 26-24, staged a dramatic fourth quarter comeback capped by a three-point shot by Dumars with 14 seconds left in regulation that tied the score 103-103.

The Bullets quickly scored the first six points in overtime, to lead 109-103 with 2:35 left, but Detroit scored the next eight points while shutting out the Bullets the rest of the way.

Jeff Malone had a game-high 33 points for the Bullets, but was sorely missed after fouling out with 2:34 left in regulation. Cliff Robinson added 25 points, and Darren Daye came off the bench to score 15, all in the second half.

Elsewhere, The Los Angeles Lakers spanked the Houston Rockets 117-95, Atlanta dumped Indiana 100-85, Philadelphia defeated Cleveland 111-103, Milwaukee routed Chicago 117-97, Utah ripped New York 119-101, Phoenix bested the Clippers 116-104, Sacramento downed Seattle 115-105 and Dallas beat Portland 115-111.

At Houston, the Lakers won for the 14th straight time on the road against the Rockets as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar got a season high 46 points.

At Indianapolis, Dominique Wilkins scored 32 points to help the Hawks extinguish Indiana's four-game winning streak. Randy Wittman had 18 points for Atlanta while Herb Williams led the Pacers with 25.

## Petoskey matman earns 100th victory

GRAYLING—Petoskey tuned up for Saturday's Michigan-Huron Shores Conference wrestling meet with a 50-25 decision over host Grayling.



Richie

Adam Richie, wrestling at 167 pounds, notched his 100th career victory last night with a pin at 1:09. Richie has been a regular for three years.

The quickest pin came from Rick Main (155) in 33 seconds while other pin winners were Chris Howse (119) Dave Hoffman (138) and John

Parker (heavyweight).

Petoskey's last dual match is scheduled for at home Wednesday, Feb. 12, against Gaylord starting at 6 p.m. at the Senior High gym.

Following are last night's results:

98: Bill Northover (P) won by forfeit.

105: Robert Johnson (G) pinned Marvin VanLiew (P), 2:56.

112: Chris Glezman (P) tied Buck Monforton (G), 2:2.

119: Chris Howse (P) pinned Tim Cook (G), 3:50.

126: Tim Colling (G) decisioned Kevin Graves (P), 12-0.

132: Fred Fisher (G) pinned Jamie Kresnak (P), 2:45.

138: Dave Hoffman (P) pinned John Gay (G), 4:25.

145: Ward Jones (G) pinned Eric Whinnery (P), 5:03.

155: Rick Main (P) pinned Rusty Argue (G), 33 seconds.

167: Adam Rieke (P) pinned Shawn Right (G), 1:09.

185: Joe Haggerty (P) won by forfeit.

198: Paul DeRue (P) won by forfeit.

Hwy: John Parker (P) pinned Dave Nelson (G), 1:56.

## M-HSC wrestling meet at Gaylord

GAYLORD—Eight teams will be vying for the Michigan-Huron Shores Conference wrestling title Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Grayling High School gym.

Petoskey, three-time defending champ, is again the favorite while

other entrants are St. Ignace, Charlevoix, Grayling, Gaylord, Rogers City, Onaway and Sault Ste. Marie.

Wrestling starts at 11 a.m. leading to the finals in late afternoon. The Northmen have won six of the last seven league titles.

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## Speedskaters hosting meet

Speedskating conditions appear favorable for this weekend's Petoskey Open at Winter Sports Park as temperatures continue to drop.

The Petoskey Speedskating Club will host several teams from Michigan and Ontario starting at 1 p.m. Saturday. Racing in several age divisions will last through Sunday, when races begin at noon.

Petoskey coach Bill Steffel is optimistic that the event will be a success if the park's skating rink holds up.

The Recreation Department (of the City of Petoskey) has been beating their heads against the wall," Steffel said of the preparation involved. "I know Dave Burley (director) has been real helpful."

It will mark only the second meet of the year for the Petoskey skaters, who have faced cancellations due to the downstate thaw. Some competing clubs have the advantage of skating in indoor rinks, he said.

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this weekend.

"Hopefully, we can pull something out of our hats," he said.

The Petoskey team includes two state speedskating champions: Tammy Tuncap, who won the outdoor crown in Bay City two weekends ago, and Heidi Wills, who won the title in Petoskey in 1984.

The roster for Petoskey is virtually the same as a year ago, although Steffel notes he lost five skaters when two families moved from the area. But Steffel has some novices in mind for the future.

"It takes two or three years to where they can handle their skates," Steffel said.

The speedskating divisions include (for both male and female): Pee Wee (7 and under), Pony (8-9), Midget (10-11), Juvenile (12-13), Junior (14-15), Intermediate (16-17) and Senior (18 and over).

The meet is sanctioned by the Michigan Speedskating Association.

## MSU keeps hopes alive

By JOHN YAEGER

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (UPI) — Michigan State stayed in the race for the Big Ten title with an 84-80 victory Thursday night over Illinois, which fell behind the conference leaders.

Scott Skiles scored 25 points to lead three other teammates in double figures as the Spartans improved to 6-4 in the Big Ten and 15-5 overall. Michigan State, only the second team to beat Illinois at home in 36 games, led the Illini by as many as 10 points midway through the first half.

"We're still trying to take it one game at a time. I don't think we can play this well every night, especially on the road," MSU Coach Jud Heathcote said.

Michigan State travels next to Purdue, which lost 80-79 to conference leader Michigan Thursday.

"It's always frustrating to lose a game like that," Illinois' Lou Henson said. "We really played well ... Can you believe that we only had five turnovers?"

Darryl Johnson, who tied the game at 78 with 2:20 to play, scored 20 points and Vernon Carr, who gave MSU the lead, 80-78, finished with 14 points. Larry Polec, who scored four free throws in the final 16 seconds, had 17 points.

Illinois' Ken Norman led all scorers with 34 points on 14-of-18 shooting. He also grabbed 10 rebounds for Illinois, 14-5 and 5-5.

The Michigan State defense held in the final minute as Efrem Winters, who had 13 points, missed a jumper and Tony Wysinger's shot was blocked. Polec gave MSU an 82-78 lead on the free throw.

"We had a lot of players play well, but of course, Scott (Skiles) ran the show. Skiles had another clutch performance," Heathcote said.

Illinois allowed Michigan State to score points off six offensive rebounds in the first half, which Henson labeled "sickening and disgraceful."

Illinois, trailing 39-29 with seven minutes to play in the first half, led 78-76 when Anthony Welch, who had 10 points, scored on a layup.

Norman was called for traveling when he rebounded Polec's missed shot and Johnson tied the game on a jumper. After Wysinger missed a jumper, Carr scored from 10 feet for the lead.

Illinois led 4-0 before Skiles, Johnson and Polec each scored field goals and Polec sank a free throw for a 7-4 lead.

Skiles had a classic matchup against Illinois guard Bruce Douglas. They both had something to prove.

After MSU defeated Illinois 58-51 earlier, Skiles said something to the effect that: "If Douglas thinks he's the best guard in the conference then I must be the best in the world."

Last night's match was a near standoff as Douglas finished with 22 points.

"The key to defending him (Skiles) is staying on your feet," Douglas said. "He likes to fake a defender in the air and draw a foul."

In other action, Indiana stayed one game behind the Wolverines in the race for the title by beating Wisconsin 78-69, but the victory was not an easy one.

The game had 15 ties and eight lead changes as the scrappy Badgers led 34-31 at halftime and had a 40-36 advantage with 16:30 to play. Early in the second half, Indiana, 15-5 overall, went on a 14-4 spurt to take a 60-52 lead and never trailed again.

"I thought we had a chance leading the game most of the way," Yoder said. "You need a big play, a three-point play, and we don't have players who can do that. Once we got behind, I knew it would be difficult."

"Wisconsin honestly deserved better," Indiana coach Bob Knight said. "They got into some foul problems and wore down somewhat. We won the game not on the basis of what we did. It was more a game of attrition."

Steve Alford led Indiana with 23 points.

Gregg Steinhaus had 14 points to lead Wisconsin, 2-8 in the conference and 10-10 overall.

In Columbus, Ohio, Brad Sellers' scored 26 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead Ohio State to an 83-60 Big Ten victory over Northwestern. It was the first game for Ohio State, 5-5 in the conference and 11-9 overall, since it was announced Buckeye Coach Eldon Miller would be leaving at the end of the current season.

Northwestern, which fell to 7-13 overall and 1-8 in the conference, was led in scoring by Shon Morris with 16 points.

