

Methodist Quintet Takes First Place in Church Basketball League

Defeats Salem by 32 to 20 Margin in Game Monday

Baptist Team Downs St. Anne in Overtime Tilt by 22 to 19 Score

Methodist climbed into undisputed first place in the local church basketball league by decisively defeating Salem, 32 to 20, Monday night. It was the Methodist's fifth victory in six starts while Salem dropped to second place in the standing with five wins and two losses.

The above outcome set the stage for a possible three-way tie for first place when the league schedule ends a week from Monday—depending of course on a lot of "ifs". Should Salem defeat St. Anne on the final night and St. Paul beat Baptist next Monday and upset Methodist the following week, a three-way tie for the championship would result between Salem, St. Paul and Methodist, each with a record of six wins and two defeats. This would make necessary a play-off for the title. Methodist, however, can nullify all this by winning its last two games with St. Anne and St. Paul and take the title with seven victories and one loss. Incidentally St. Paul handed Methodist its only defeat of the season on Jan. 10, by a score of 39 to 22.

Outplay Opponents
Vic Klopstein paced Methodist to victory over Salem, scoring five baskets and two free throws. H. Bricker contributed ten points to the winner's total. Methodist took an early lead and outplayed Salem all the way for the win.

Baptist and St. Anne needed an overtime to decide the first game Monday. Baptist triumphing 22 to 19. The score was tied 9 all at the half and 19 all at game time. In the extra period Wallace made a free throw and Williams a field goal to give Baptist the victory.

Games scheduled for Monday, Feb. 7 are:

7:45 p. m.—St. Paul vs. Baptist.

8:45 p. m.—Methodist vs. St. Anne.

Baptist, 22 —

Williams, f. 3 3 6

Bloch, f. 0 0 0

Wallace, c. 2 2 3

Brandt, g. 1 0 2

Kohout, g. 1 0 2

Kinsaid, g. 0 1 4

Totals 8 6 10

St. Anne, 19 —

Tichy, f. 2 1 1

Capelli, f. 5 2 1

La Pointe, c. 0 0 2

Quay, g. 0 0 4

Gallagher, g. 0 0 1

Totals 8 3 9

Missed free throws: Baptist, 2; St. Anne, 8.

Methodist, 32 —

Conn. f. 0 0 0

Eiters, f. 0 0 0

Sutor, f. 1 1 0

Latta, c. 2 0 1

Bricker, g. 5 0 1

Hutchings, g. 0 0 1

Johnson, g. 0 0 0

Workman, g. 1 1 2

V. Klopstein, g. 5 2 1

Totals 14 4 6

Salem, 20 —

X. Grabenkort, f. 2 4 1

Overheu, f. 2 1 0

Anderson, c. 2 0 1

R. Grabenkort, g. 1 1 1

Boerman, g. 0 0 0

Meiners, g. 0 0 0

Totals 7 6 7

Missed free throws: Methodist, 4; Salem, 1.

Team Standing:

Methodist 5 1 1 833

Salem 5 2 2 714

St. Paul 4 2 2 467

Baptist 3 5 256

St. Anne 0 6 000

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up to give the spectators present a show.

The Alumni, captained by Norris Grabenkort, got off to a good start and held a 25 to 13 lead at the half-way mark. The Bronchos took more shots than the Alumni but failed to hit and as a result came out on the short end of a 28 to 22 score.

Because of the lack of substitutes, Elsner and Gaare were allowed to remain in the game all though they were charged with six and four fouls apiece. Grabenkort led the Alumni scorers with 11 points while Rice accounted for three field goals to lead the Bronchos.

The Ponies swamped the Fresh-Soph in the first game, 30 to 16, with Roy Eiters scoring 15 points to lead the teams for individual scoring.

Niles Friday

The Bronchos are preparing to meet the Niles Center cagers who already have the claim of a victory over the locals this season on the local floor Friday night. The Niles quintet has lost two conference games this season but showed their strength by defeating Libertyville, 42 to 31, last Friday.

The lightweight game is scheduled to start at 7:30.

Saturday's lineups:

Bronchos, 22— FG FT PF

Rice, f. 3 0 3

Herren, f. 0 0 2

Thacker, f. 1 0 0

Collins, f. 1 0 0

Cling, f. 1 0 0

Grabenkort, c. 2 1 2

Castle, g. 0 0 1

Johnson, g. 0 0 0

Saul, g. 0 0 2

Shepard, g. 1 1 0

Church, g. 1 1 0

Totals 9 4 11

Alumni, 38 —

Klopstein, f. 5 3 3

Overheu, f. 3 2 3

Gaare, c. 5 0 4

Totals 13 5 10

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N. Grabenkort, g. 4 3 1

Elsner, g. 0 0 6

Totals 16 6 15

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