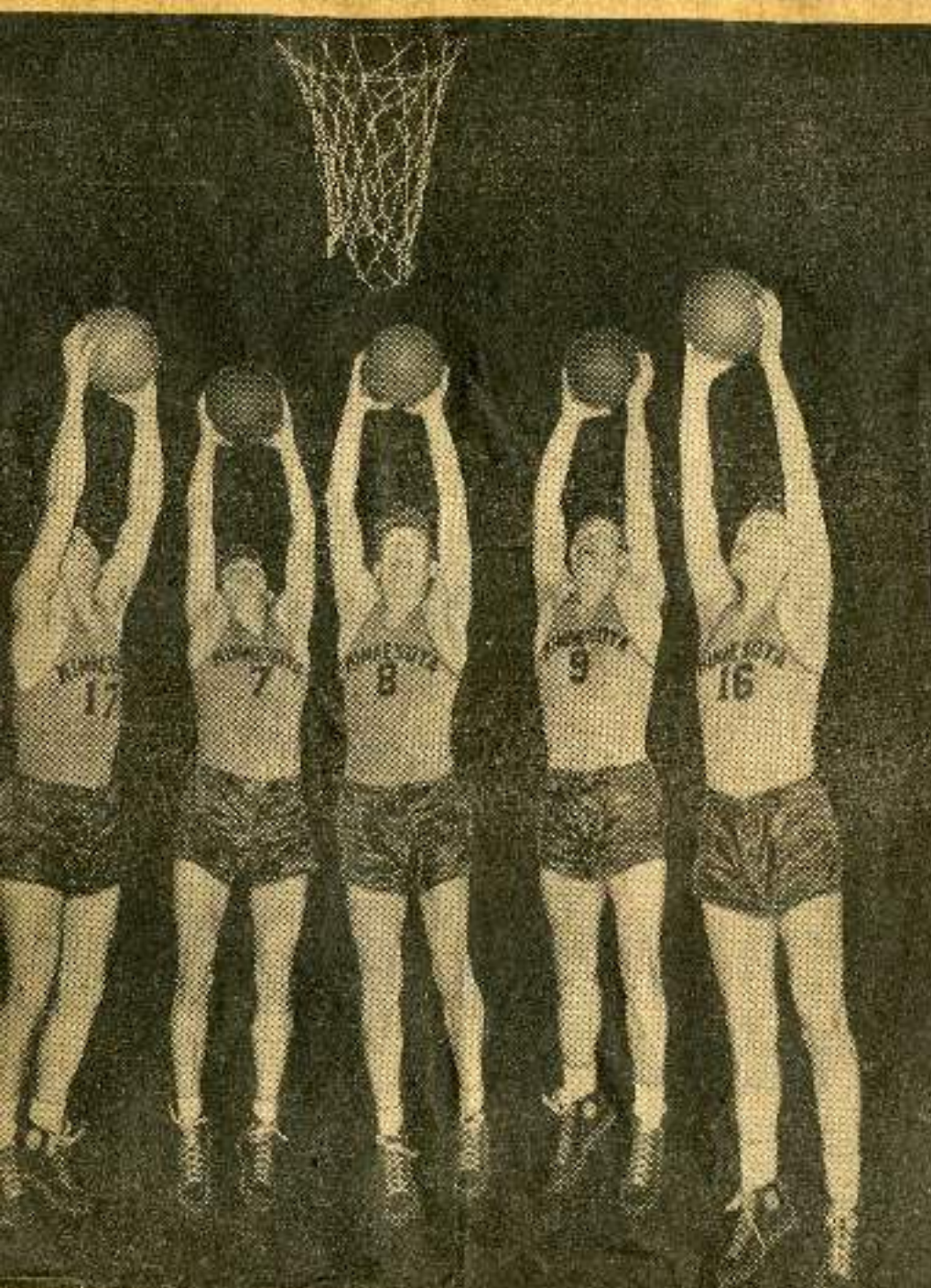




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N. Y. U. Trips Minnesota's Quintet, 54-51

17,501 See Violet Extend String to Six in Row in Last-Minute Spurt

Fordham Five Sets Kansas Back, 53-42

Engleman's Shots Wasted as Ram Routs Jayhawk in Opener at Garden

By Everett B. Morris

New York University's unbeaten basketball team shined Minnesota, 54 to 51, and Fordham drubbed Kansas, 53 to 42, in the season's fourth intercollegiate double-header on the Madison Square Garden court last night before 17,501 spectators.

Those untroubled facts do not begin to suggest the drama, the speed, the excitement, the breath-taking plays which were crammed into the Violet's conquest of the aggressive, hard-driving but luckless Gophers. Neither do they so much as hint at the turbulence of an up-and-down, back-and-forth struggle which left the crowd as exhausted emotionally as the athletes were physically.

The score was tied eight times, the last at 50-all, before the Bronx Bombers negotiated the coup de grace a minute from the sound of the timer's horn which signaled their sixth straight triumph of the winter and their first in three Garden battles with the Big Ten representative.

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N. Y. U. FIVE DOWNS MINNESOTA, 54 TO 51, FOR SIXTH STRAIGHT

Score Deadlocked Eight Times as Violets Remain Unbeaten Before 17,501 in Garden

FORDHAM SUBDUES KANSAS

Loeffler Paces Rams in Upset 53-42 Victory—Engelman of Losers Gets 21 Points

By LOUIS LEEFAT

In a super-thriller that was perhaps one of the most exciting basketball games ever played at Madison Square Garden, New York University conquered Minnesota, 54-51, last night. A crowd of 17,501 persons saw the Violets notch their sixth straight success and remain unbeaten after Fordham achieved a 53-42 upset victory over Kansas University in the opener.

It was a gala night for the court addicts who were on hand to marvel at the all-around proficiency of their favorites. Fordham, in running over the celebrated "Phog" Allen's Jayhawks, set the stage for as successful a night for New York City teams as could possibly be hoped for.

But it also was Fordham's misfortune to see its notable performance overshadowed by the great encounter that followed, for not even the most caustic critic could deny that the N. Y. U.-Minnesota fray was top-notch basketball. Each team traveled at a terrific pace.

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MINNESOTA PLAYERS BEFORE DRILL AT GARDEN YESTERDAY

Max Mohr, Ken Exel, Harold Thune, John Carlson and Don Smith, who are slated to face N. Y. U. one game of a double-bill tomorrow. In the other contest Kansas will meet the Fordham five.

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Rams Break Garden "Jinx"

A film director, producing a script written by a wild-eyed Hollywood scenario hack in the middle of a night, could not have produced a better climax to a program which began with the underrated Rams from Rose Hill blasting the tense, stage-struck Kansans right into the wings. Fordham has been waiting five years for a victory in the Garden, and it achieved this with an ease which shocked the cognoscenti and hit the gamblers a terrific blow in the pocketbook.

Fordham, paced by two sophomores who did a number of things exceedingly well—Max Loeffler and Bob Croke—at one time led the willing but fumbling Jayhawks by twenty points. Only a twelve-point rally late in the game saved the Big Six visitors from a rout of awesome proportions. Obviously, they were miles off their game. They couldn't shoot, pass or defend, and the more they tried the worse they looked. They had one great ball player, though, in Howard Engleman, a gifted offensive operative who poured twenty-one points through the strings and thereby earned the plaudits of a crowd which openly admired the Kansas attempt to come back after being so far out of the running.

Violet Scores in Pinch

But the throng did not have to lavish sympathy on Minnesota, a tough, rugged, well drilled array of lads who never stopped boring in after the ball and never once showed a disposition to crack, no matter how adverse the situation. If the ball had been rolling for the Gophers, or if their shooting had been keener in the heart-stopping last quarter, there might well have been a different story to tell.

N. Y. U. earned its victory by cashing in its opportunities in the clutches, and it never will have to work harder for a game than it did last night. The opportunistic shooting of Mort Lazar, the play-making of Bald Benny Auerbach and the incredible shots which Red Stevens hooked into the strings in the second half always kept the pressure on Minnesota.

The game opened at a sizzling pace which was kept up until both teams rushed replacements in for the tired starters five minutes before the intermission arrived. The score had been tied six times before N. Y. U. broke away for seven points in a row and its widest lead

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Violets Lead at Half

Half time saw the Gophers trailing by only two points, 30-28, after an uphill struggle, and upon the resumption of play the visitors, with Don Carlson, Hal Thune and Bill Lind performing spectacularly, assumed the upper hand, first by 33-30 and later by 34-33. A few minutes later the Violets held a 46-41 advantage, but that did not last long.

Subsequently Thune converted a pass from Carlson into a field goal and the count was tied at 50—all, seven minutes from the finish. Nearly four minutes went by with neither able to break through, but a fancy exhibition of floor work kept the spectators on edge.

Then little Morty Lazar, who led the scorers with 16 points and was a great player throughout the game, took Ben Auerbach's pass, and got off a shot that put N. Y. U. ahead, 52-50. A free throw by Lind cut the deficit in half, but with a minute and two seconds left Auerbach dribbled his way underneath and curled in the goal that allowed the Violets somewhat of a breathing margin.

In the waning seconds the Gophers attempted desperately to gain possession of the ball, but twice were ruled guilty of fouling. Each time, however, N. Y. U. declined the free toss and took the ball outside, content to protect the margin it had acquired. When the game-ending buzzer echoed a mighty roar came from the crowd. It was a prolonged cheer for a brilliant victor and a gallant loser.

That the Gophers should finish so close to N. Y. U. was proof of the drive and spirit of a group that trailed by 8 points late in the first half and by 5 points in the next

Garden Line-Ups

the gridiron and in the pool. He was a regular Minnesota end, but now he's a star of the swimming team.

YANKEE

The Yankee Doodle II, driven by Roy McCullough, owner and designer of the craft which set a new world record for its class, skips across the water at 56.339 miles an hour.

Dec. 22, 1940

Roaring down the court, their eyes on Big Ten glory, are University of Minnesota basketballers (from left) Willie Warhol, guard; Don Smith, forward; Bill Lind, center; Don Carlson, forward; Harold Thune, guard.

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Roy Shipstad of St. Paul and his wife, Bess Ehrhardt, swirl across New York's Madison Square Garden in the 1941 Ice Follies. They're doing a tango.

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Northwestern was tall, but Thune got over Vance, left, to Smith for basket; Thune pops one in close himself, right.



—World-Herald Photo by John Van Hoozer.

corner as Gophers Harold Thune (No. 9), Max Mehr (mouth open) close in to form the ring-around-the-rosey. Beiser just behind No. 8. In left background No. 15

EARLY PACE.

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fighting uphill in all three games, ut pulling up with rally after rally. te a bit in their two eastern games, rk "U" was the best seen in Madison and our Washington correspondent team to play in the capital this year. ut the fact that there is quite a bit

McMillan coming through with his usual after-game com- ment, said, "The team again played good ball and showed fight in overcoming a five-point first half deficit and coming back several times after George Washington had taken leads of several points in the second half. The floor was short and slippery and that didn't help our game any. Neither did several opposing baskets from the middle of the floor especially that one in the last half minute. It was a tough one to lose because the boys played well enough to win."

This'n That

THE GOPHERS ARE NOT DOWN-HEARTED ABOUT THE three straight defeats and they should not be. They have company among their Big Ten rivals. Michigan and Ohio State took it on the chin from Princeton and Pittsburgh and finished up the round robin with only one victory in the four games. And Michigan had to go overtime to take that from Pitt....Indiana's win over Kentucky, the lone one in four played by conference teams last night, was only the Big Ten's second in the nine played over the week-end....We will be happy when all this bowl busi- ness is over. The long buildup has got us down....Still we'll be tuning in on bowls tomorrow afternoon reading from east to west....At last! A Morning Tribune sports writer who can break 80. Yep, we've got one. Mel Larson, youngest of the golfing Lar- sons goes to work for us tonight....meanwhile only a few hours remain to think about a flock of New Year's resolutions which we probably will forget to make.

Ram, NYU Fives Win

By David Eisenberg

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back and Turner dropped in a one-hander. Stevens converted another pass from Auerbach, and N. Y. U. held a 39-34 edge. Lind and Carlson scored for Minne- sota, but Lazar's long set and Stevens' foul put the Violets four ahead, 42-38. Then Warhol made a goal and foul for Minnesota.

Davis and Stevens scored for N. Y. U. Thune made two straight goals for the Gophers. This was a tremendous game. Stevens layed one in for N. Y. U., but D. Smith kept Minnesota going with a goal. Davis sank a one-hander, but D. Smith's foul and Thune's one- hander tied the count at 80-80 with six minutes to go.

Special to the Star Journal

NEW YORK—The moral of the jug taking too many trips to the well held true for Minnesota's basketball team Saturday night.

Never beaten in a New York game and seeking its fourth straight victory over a metropol- itan rival, the Galloping Gophers suffered a 54-51 setback at the hands of unbeaten New York uni- versity in a game which were out both teams and 17,501 spectators in Madison Square Garden.

New York university won be- cause it put through one more field goal and converted one more suc- cessful foul try than Minnesota and that was all.

There was no appreciable difference between the two clubs and if the NYU's were the better shooters, Minnesota made up for it by its ball-steal- ing tactics off the backboard.

The score was tied five times in the first half and three times in the second and only on two oc- casions did five points or more sepa- rate the two teams. This was in the late stages of the first half when the Violets spurted out into a 23-22 lead and midway in the second when the New Yorkers moved out to a 46 to 41 advantage.

OTHERWISE THE LEAD SWITCHED EVERY TIME THE BALL WENT THRU THE RIM—OR SO IT SEEM- ED.

Mort Lazar, an NYU freshman when the Gophers visited here last and came away with a victory over the Violet, has grown up, much to the distress of Minnesota.

He was in the Gophers' hair all night, setting up plays or collabo- rating with Ben Auerbach, the Vio- let's stellar guard, on formations which put the ball through the hoop with neatness and dispatch.

LAZAR ACCOUNTED FOR 16 POINTS, AND AUERBACH FOR 11. RED STEVENS, THE VIOLET CAPTAIN, COL-

For Minnesota, Big Bill Lind, the center, and Harold Thune, the guard, were outstanding with 12 points each. Don Carlson, the Gophers' leading scorer in the Big Ten last season, was a point be- hind with a four field goals, three foul goals performance.

Minnesota led twice in the game, and strangely enough at the start of each half. Lind made the game's

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N. Y. U. Victor Over Minnesota By 54-51 in Garden Basketball

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desire to continue playing in the Garden.

Fordham's triumph over the highly favored Kansas aggregation was achieved in a manner that left little doubt. Employing the quick break that was supposed to be a chief Jayhawk weapon, the Rams savorted all over the court, thundered past the opposition on offense and embarrassed the hosts on defense.

With a trio of sophomores, Max Loeffler, Bob Crooks and George Ebbels, bounding up with bangerable interceptions, the Maroon was in complete command all the way, leading 14-0 at the end of the third quarter.

In the second period Forham soared to a 20-point advantage. Although the Jayhawks managed to cut Sato that lead their's was definitely a losing battle, for while the Rams seldom erred the Hawks were guilty of repeated mistakes, wildness and general inaccuracy underneath the basket.

Long Time Broken

It had been years since Fordhapp had been able to gain a victory on the Garden floor, but last night the young Rams deserved all their success. Loeffler, who was credited with 16 points, contributed enough smart plays to stamp him among the city's better basketball players. His all-around go-around certainly played an important role in the triumph.

Fordham could point with justifiable pride also to the work of Copley, whose feeding and defensive

The Line-Up

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Student	H	C
Davis, C.	9	8
Schiffman	7	6
Kennedy, Jr.	8	7
Turner	9	8
Abernethy, Jr.	7	6
Total	28	25

assignments paved the way for many points. This was definitely a team accomplishment, however, and raised Fordham's rating by a considerable margin.

Excess turned in a disappointing showing, but Fordham was responsible for that. The Jawhakes failed to live up to their advance billing and appeared to be illary throughout the encounter. Only Howard Engleman, a Tux shooter, was a Hansen threat, a fact emphasized by his total of 21 points, a near identical high for the current Gals and their team.

N. Y. U. Quintet And Fordham Win at Garden

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of the game—eight points. Then the Gophers regained control, attacked with six straight shots and the final score was N. Y. U., 30; Minnesota, 28.

Within forty-five seconds after the second half opened, Bill Lind and Don Carlson had whizzed one-handed into the basket to put the Gophers ahead for the first time since the opening play of the game. After that the action roared up and down the court until it seemed that human bodies could not possibly stand such punishment. Every time N. Y. U. threatened to pull away, the Redskins, clinging like leeches, would come up with the ball and shoot their way back into the game.

When Harold Thorne combined with Carlson on a spectacular passing play for the good which made the score at 30-28, there was still seven minutes to go. Then the tempo slackened. It seemed as if both sides played cat-and-mouse with the ball, out and in on cautious passes. Finally Minnesota went in for a shot and missed. N. Y. U. broke quickly. Anderson had a perfect pass to Egan, and the shot was true and sweet. A minute later Egan cut and rolled off the left flank with a fine drive.

N. Y. U. from the left attempted a scramble after it failed and eventually succeeded in knocking it out of bounds. There was a minute and two seconds left. Egan with a jump shot took it on the run for the basket and did the ball like the hoop for what proved to be the winner. Minnesota had one more shot after that but Lind's effort ended up on the ring, and the game was over.

It was a perfect back-and-forth game. N. Y. U. had the power and shooting power. Minnesota had drive to burn and a great competitive spirit. No one who saw it played in it will ever forget it.

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