

Sullivan wins men's pool

Clinches during junior prom with Utah's win over North Carolina

Shaun Sullivan was on the dance floor at his junior prom Saturday night, dancing with his date, Michelle Montgomery. But his mind—part of it anyway—was elsewhere. Sullivan was desperate to know the outcome of the Utah/North Carolina game in the NCAA men's Final Four, a showdown which would determine whether or not he would win *The Living Room Times's* moneyless NCAA men's basketball pool.

Kentucky's win earlier in the evening had eliminated Jason Rose, making the second Final Four game a one-on-one showdown for pool victory. If Utah were to win, Sullivan would win the pool. If North Carolina were to win, defending champion

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Liz Acey would win for the second consecutive year.

But it was prom night, and a television was nowhere in sight.

Nowhere, that is, except in the hands of Dennis Chow, who had brought a tiny portable TV with him to check in on the game now and then. He was providing occasional updates to people on the dance floor.

At sometime around 11:00 Saturday, Chow spoke two words to pool administrator Brendan Loy: "Utah won."

Having heard that news, Loy immediately sought to find Sullivan to inform him of his victory. Loy found him, and walking up to Sullivan and Montgomery, extended his hand to Sullivan and stated simply, "Congratulations on winning the pool."

"YES!!!" Sullivan exulted, raising his arms into the air in celebration.

Sullivan, one of only two contestants out of 40 in the pool to predict that Utah would reach the title game, reaped the rewards of his bold pick with his first ever *Times* pool win. Sullivan is the third winner in the history of *Times* men's pools, along with 1996 champion Lou Ruggiero and 1997 champ Liz Acey, who came within 6 Kentucky points of repeating this year.

No matter what happens in today's national championship game, the pool standings will remain exactly as they are now, because not a single contestant in the 40-person field picked either Utah or Kentucky to win the national title.

1997 winners finish second in both of this year's pools

Two defending champions came close to repeating as winners in the 1998 *Living Room Times* moneyless NCAA pools, but both fell just short, winding up in second place in both the men's and women's contests.

Brendan Loy, the pool administrator and the winner of his 1997 women's pool, made a late surge to contend for glory in the '98 women's pool. But because of the similarity of his picks to those of Claudio Gualtieri, Loy was unable to rise beyond second place when his correct prediction that Louisiana Tech would make it to the championship game lifted him above much of the rest of the field. Gualtieri, who also picked Louisiana Tech to reach the title game, won the pool. Defending champion Loy had to settle for second.

On the men's side, Kentucky's Final Four win gave 1997 champ Liz Acey had a real shot to win the 1998 pool—in fact, she was just one game away from victory. She only needed top-ranked North Carolina to win their Final Four showdown with Utah, and she would be the first person in *Times* pool history to win in consecutive years. But Utah pulled the colossal upset, and Shaun Sullivan rocketed into the lead for good, clinching his first pool win.

Defending champion Acey, like Loy in the women's pool, was forced to settle for second place.

But Acey vowed to fight on. Promising to enter the pool again in 1999, she proclaimed, "UNC's going all the way next year!"

Perfection for national champ Tennessee



KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) -- Tennessee capped the perfect season by playing the nearly perfect game.

In a masterful, dominating display of running, shooting, passing and rebounding, Tennessee overwhelmed Louisiana Tech 93-75 Sunday night to win a record third straight NCAA title.

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MEN'S POOL STANDINGS

These will be the **final standings** because tonight's championship game will have no effect on the pool, since no one picked either Kentucky or Utah to win it all.

1.	Shaun Sullivan	308
2.	Liz Acey	299
3.	Jason Rose	292
4.	Brenden Roche	283
5.	Allyson Perlini	282
6.	Mrs. Norby	281
7.	Claudio Gualtieri	279
8.	Ms. Perkins	270
9.	Jeff Cultrera	265
10.	Ryan McBride	260
11.	Tim Sheridan	255
12.	Akash Patel	252
13.	Tim Stevens	250
	Mark Jordon	250
15.	Bill Kenny	248
16.	Justin Gerace	243
17.	Mr. Ruggiero	240
18.	Nick Reginio	238
	Travis Meyer	238
20.	Jenn Castelhana	236
21.	Dennis Chow	235
	Bindee Chokshi	235
23.	Joe Ploszay	231
24.	Matt Thomsen	228
	Idalina Estanislau	228
26.	Beth Milewski	223
	Jeff Santos	223
	Jamie Schultz	223
29.	Brendan Loy	221
30.	Kevin Hauschulz	216
	Lisa Williams	216
	Joey Serfass	216
	Bryan Rudolph	216
34.	Matt Kagan	213
35.	Evelyn Ni	211
	David Downes	211
37.	Brian Newbold	206
38.	Cory LaChance	194
39.	Josh Rubin	164
40.	Heather Weinberg	144

Total possible number of points so far: 452

FINAL WOMEN'S POOL STANDINGS

1.	Claudio Gualtieri	347
2.	Brendan Loy	330
3.	Jenn Castelhana	322
4.	Kevin Hauschulz	314
5.	Mr. Pouliot	311
6.	Dennis Chow	306
7.	Josh Rubin	304
8.	Brian Newbold	291
9.	Bill Kenny	273
10.	Mrs. Norby	272
11.	Evelyn Ni	267
12.	Ms. Perkins	263
13.	Shaun Sullivan	241
14.	Bindee Chokshi	239
15.	Tim Sheridan	198
16.	Kelly Valencia	177
17.	Cory LaChance	152

Total possible number of points: 477

Tennessee (39-0) wins third consecutive title

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The Lady Vols' 45th straight victory dating back to last season produced their sixth title, all in the last 12 years, and they finished 39-0 — the most victories ever for a women's team in NCAA play.

The dominating performance added further backing to the claim that this Tennessee team might be the best of all time -- and there's not likely to be any letup next season. Coach Pat Summitt's team has only one senior.

Louisiana Tech (31-4) also brought a rich tradition to the championship game, as well as a quick, talented starting five that looked to be good enough to challenge the Lady Vols.

Not on this night, though, not on a night when Tennessee was at the top of its game.

Chamique Holdsclaw pulled up for jump shots, drove to the basket, passed off to teammates for easy buckets when she was double teamed and did pretty much what she wanted in scoring 25 points.

Freshmen Tamika Catchings and Semeka Randall keyed the Lady Vols' smothering defense that forced the shorter Lady Techsters to take tough shots and rarely gave them a second try.

Catchings scored 27 points, mostly by slashing to the basket or getting offensive rebounds. Randall flew down the court time and time again on Tennessee's devastating fastbreak and finished with 10 points.

And when Louisiana Tech was completely occupied with the three "Meeks," Kellie Jolly would hit a wide open 3-pointer. Jolly scored 20, including four 3-pointers.

Tennessee ended up with championship game records for points and points in a half (55).