

The Living Room Times

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UConn overcomes early scare; defeats Rider **Huskies win 64 to 46 after first half challenge**

Associated Press- UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) -- Donyell Marshall scored nine of his 19 points as Connecticut started the second half with a 23-6 run and rolled to a 64-46 victory over Rider Thursday in the first round of the NCAA East Regional.

Marshall, who averaged 25.8 points this season, was held under 20 for only the third time in 32 games. He missed his first four shots and was 2-for-7 while scoring only six points in the first half.

But the Huskies, ranked fourth nationally and the second seed in the East, forced 15th-seeded Rider to miss 13 of its first 15 shots in the second half. Connecticut took advantage of the drought to turn a 29-29 halftime tie into a 52-35 lead with 6:34 left.

Freshman Charles Smith, Rider's leading scorer with a 17-point average, scored 14 and Deon Hames finished with 12 for the Broncs (21-9).

Donny Marshall scored 14 points and freshmen Doron Sheffer and Ray Allen 12 each for Connecticut (28-4).

UConn, averaging 86.7 points and shooting 50.2 percent from the field this season, struggled offensively most of the game, In fact, the Huskies' best weapon was the offensive rebound, accounting for seven of their first 15 baskets.

The smaller Broncs, behind a 3-point goal by Mark Wilcox and a three-point play by Tim Pennix, used a 10-2 run to lead 12-6 with 13:53 left in the first half.

Allen then hit a jumper and 3-pointer during a 9-0 run by Connecticut before Rider scored the next six points for an 18-15 advantage.

The Huskies appeared to gain momentum on Allen's rebound basket after a missed free throw, a Rider turnover on the inbounds play and Donny Marshall's layup, all in a span of eight seconds.

That gave UConn a 28-24 lead, but a three-point play by Al Flowers gave Rider a 29-28 edge, the 10th lead change of the first half, before Allen's free throw with 5.7 seconds left tied it 29-29 at halftime.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL: Wake Forest 68, Charleston 58-Marc Blucas and Charlie Harrison each hit two 3-pointers during a late 16-6 run that carried Wake Forest to a 68-58 victory over College of Charleston Thursday in the first round of the NCAA Southeast Regional.

Fifth-seeded Wake Forest (21-11) also got a lift from the strong inside play of freshman center Tim Duncan, who finished with 16 points and 13 rebounds and blocked eight shots.

Charleston (24-4), making its first appearance in the NCAA tournament and holding the nation's longest winning streak at 16 games, led 50-46 on Stacy Harris' layup with 6:17 remaining.

Harrison then made a 3-pointer from the corner. After Charleston's Thad Delaney hit a layup, Harrison sank another 3-pointer from the top of the key to pull Wake Forest even at 52 with 4:19 left.

Charleston's Marion Busby, who finished with 21 points, then made two free throws before Blucas hit a long-range shot to give Wake Forest a one-point lead.

Harris made a 17-footer to give 12th-seeded Charleston a 56-55 lead, but Blucas then hit a 3-pointer to put Wake in front. After Duncan blocked a shot, Wake Forest's Trelonnie Harris sank a short jumper and Duncan hit two free throws to give Wake a six-point lead with 1:22 remaining.

Randolph Childress, who picked up his fourth foul with 11:23 to go, stayed in the game and finished with 14 points. Harrison also scored 14 for Wake Forest.

Charleston scored the first nine points of the game, and increased the margin to 16-4 on Busby's 3-pointer with 13:03 left in the half.

Childress later scored six points during a 10-0 run that gave Wake Forest a 25-22 lead, and the Demon Deacons held a 29-28 lead at halftime.

MIDWEST REGIONAL: Maryland 74, St. Louis 66-Freshman Joe Smith had 29 points and 15 rebounds as Maryland defeated Saint Louis 74-66 Thursday in the first round of the NCAA Midwest Regional.

Saint Louis, making its first tournament appearance since 1957, looked confused on offense and had no one to match up with Smith, only the fourth freshman to make the All-ACC team in 47 years.

Maryland (17-11), the 10th seed, led by 15 points in the first half and by 11 with 7:53 left in the game. But seventh-seeded Saint Louis rallied and closed to 64-61 with about four minutes remaining.

The Billikens, who started their season with a 14-game winning streak, lost three of their last four games and finished 23-6.

Saint Louis shot just 37 percent in the first half and fell behind 23-13

following a 10-2 run by the Terrapins.

Maryland, making its first NCAA appearance since 1988, took a 30-15 lead with 4:12 left in the half before H Waldman pulled the Billikens to within 35-30 at intermission.

Maryland regained control at the start of the second half and led 62-51 on a basket by Smith, who had 15 points in the first half.

OTHER NCAA ACTION: The remaining 13 Thursday NCAA games will take place after the writing of this Living Room Times edition. The remaining scores from Thursday NCAA basketball will be included in tonight's 11:30 PM edition of The Living Room Times, along with articles about games which are important to Adollya.

Martin Kellogg celebrates UConn win

Room 203, Martin Kellogg Middle School—The UConn Huskies seemed to be getting attention everywhere today: on TV, on the radio, at work, at St. Patrick's Day celebrations, across Adollya, and even at school.

Students and teachers at Martin Kellogg Middle School tried their best this afternoon to learn and teach while also trying their best to get the latest UConn score.

"What's the score?" "Who's ahead?" "How much time left?" were the most commonly heard cries across the school. And those lucky students who smuggles walkmans in through school doors were all too happy to answer.

But it took until the beginning of flex, 2:00 PM, before the scores started to be what most of the students wanted to hear. Up until midway through the second half, the game was neck-and-neck, often with the Huskies losing by several points to the fifteenth seeded Rider Broncs.

Finally, though, after about thirty minutes of basketball had been played, UConn started to pull away, leaving the less talented, but just as determined team, Rider, far behind.

By the time students interrupted their normal flex schedules to gather around Mrs. Weber's television in room 203, the game was all but over. Final score: UConn 64, Rider 46.

Here were some quotes from students and teachers throughout the day:

"Brendan Loy, Top o' the morning to ya"--**Mr. Laporte**

"I'll say... UConn 98... Rider... 69."--**Brendan Loy**

"They'll win by twenty-five points,"--**Russell Dailey**

"Yeah, I have a psycic power over [UConn]. They're gonna lose."

--**Kieth Druckenmiller**

"Any teachers in the building who have a few minutes, we have a basketball meeting in the media center, a basketball meeting in the media center."--**Mr. Liebler over the school intercom**

"Connecticut's giving Rider 18½... Rider's not very good... I think [UConn's] gonna win by ten."--**Mrs. Siano**

"I'm gonna go 87 UConn, 72 Rider."--**Mrs. Pelletier**

"UConn's gonna lose. They'd better lose. They're gonna lose."--**Kieth Druckenmiller**

"Let's see, UConn is second, Rider is the worst in their... bracket... second worst... so, what do you think?"--**Sean Vivier, when asked who would win**

"UCONN!!!"--**Chris Whitaker**

"Kick %^&*..."--**Bryan Rudolph, when asked how he thought the Huskies would do in their game against Rider**

"I think they're gonna kick butt!"--**Todd Kean**

"It's kinda groovy."--**Billy Gray, when asked how he feels about Husky Mania**

"There are thirty minutes until the UConn Huskies will play Rider."--**Brendan Loy, to his tape recorder, at 12:00 PM**

"UConn's winning!"--**Greg O'Donnell at lunch**

"If these guys don't stop mentioning basketball and UConn, I'm going to kill them!"--**Cathy Towle**

"It's 12-10 Rider at 12:47 PM."--**Brendan Loy**

"Go UConn!!!"--**UNKNOWN**

"UConn better win, cause they're gonna kick Rider's butts."--**UNKNOWN, possibly Kim Pina**

"At halftime, the game is tied, 29 to 29; the women's game was also tied at halftime."--**Brendan Loy**

"UConn's up by two."--**Kevin Hauschultz, with the score 31 to 29**

"UConn has three turnovers in the half, still no shots, although it seems like when Ollie's got the ball he's trying to, like, push it to the hole. That time, he gets called for the charge as he tried to lay the ball in."--**Live Play-by-play radio coverage of the game from Kevin Hauschultz's walkman**

"U C O N N !!!"--**Cheerleader Tom Greca**

"It's 33 to 31 UConn!"--**Brendan Loy**

"UConn is not doing so good, but they are still going to kick %^&*. Mark my words. UConn will kick %^&*."--**Bryan Rudolph, with the score 33 to 33**

"First aid..."--**Mr. Spitzer, during a spelling test**

"UConn needs first aid."--**Mr. DesRosier, supplying an example sentence for the spelling test**

"Hi. I'd just like to say, I hope UConn beats those Rider's butts."--**Amy Parks**

"You realize every team of the sixty-four who are playing in the playoffs are very good....even a college like Rider, which nobody is expecting anything from, UConn is not having nice, happy dance, here, they're working hard..."--**Mr. Spitzer**

"At the latest report, UConn is up by ten!!!"--**Brendan Loy, with the score 43 to 33 and UConn on a ten to nothing run**

"Wilcox fouled out. Their best three point shooter; Rider's best three point shooter."--**Brian Newbold**

"Watch out, NCAA teams. UConn's on the prowl."--**Chris Whitaker**

"There are less than three minutes left in the game; it appears that UConn is finally pulling away with it. It is 58 to 41 UConn with two minutes and thirty seconds, thirty-eight seconds left in the game."--**Brendan Loy**

--**Brendan Loy**

"Go UConn!"--**Tina Lentini**

"It is now UConn 60, Rider 46 with one minute and thirty-three seconds left in the game; it is 2:15 PM....a slam dunk by Ray Allen of UConn....UConn is finally pulling away with this game....It was as easy as it was expected to be; the number two seed against the number

fifteen seed; it was expected to be an easy blowout, as it turned out the score may be not too close, but it was not as easy as it was expected to be for UConn. It was a tie game and Rider was ahead many times, but UConn finally did win. 50 seconds left. 62 to 46."--**Brendan Loy**

"Well, the Huskies had seventeen turnovers, the last two of those by Ollie, as they have spread the court, and I think they want to, maybe, work on that a little bit, maybe they'll need it in a tighter game down the road....Here's Hames, goes to the right side, to the baseline, throws it up, it's outside..."--**Live Play-by-play radio coverage of the game from Kevin Hauschultz's walkman in the last ten seconds of the game**

"And, it's official, UConn has won. UConn will advance to the second round to play the winner of UAB and George Washington. 64 to 46, the University of Connecticut defeats Rider in the first round, east region game."--**Brendan Loy immediately after the end of the game**

"They did alright. They could've played better."--**Chris Whitaker, when asked how he thought UConn did**

"They could've been better....They should've came on strong earlier in the game. They shouldn't have to wait 'till halftime."--**Brian Newbold**

"They played really good, but they could've done a little bit better."--**Chris Whitaker**

Dollies celebrate St. Patrick's Day, UConn win

Living Room Stadium, Living Room-Dollies in Adollya had more than one reason to celebrate yesterday, for not only was it St. Patrick's Day, a day to celebrate Irish heritage, Irish music, and Irishness in general, but it was also the day that the Connecticut Huskies beat Rider and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

The official Adollyan St. Patrick's Day parade was scheduled so that it would sometime around noon at Living Room Stadium. Dollies who had tickets went right into the stadium to watch UConn play. And although some dollies went home, all had the option of going to a special Irish/Basketball celebration, "The Luck O' The Huskies," to eat Irish food and watch UConn play.

Aside from Husky celebrations, the Adollyan holiday was celebrated by the wearing o' the green, as dollies throughout the country, Irish or not, wore green to celebrate the special day.

11:30 PM EDITION

UMass overcomes SW Texas St.

Associated Press- WICHITA, Kan. (AP) -- Lou Roe scored 21 points and Mike Williams had 20 as Massachusetts took charge early and cruised to a 78-60 victory over Southwest Texas State on Thursday in the first round of the NCAA Midwest Regional.

The Minutemen (28-6) led by as many as 18 early in the second half and were ahead 56-40 after Dana Dingle's put-back with 10:02 to go. But then Dameon Sansom converted a three-point play and stole a pass from Williams and drove in for a layup. A moment later, Lynwood Wade's basket made it 56-47, the closest the Bobcats had been since late in the first half.

But 6-foot-11 freshman Marcus Camby banked home a 5-footer one minute later, Roe added a 10-footer, and the Bobcats (25-7) never got closer than 11.

The heavily favored Minutemen, whose 27 wins tied Connecticut and North Carolina this season for the most in Division I, took immediate control.

Southwest Texas State had an 8-0 run to cut a 16-point deficit to eight near the end of the half, but Williams' two 3-pointers gave the Minutemen a 39-25 halftime lead.

Wade had 19 points for Southwest Texas State, which was making its first NCAA appearance since joining Division I 10 years ago.

Wisconsin-Green Bay, Penn advance in first round upsets

NCAA Tournament Center, Dining Room-The NCAA Tournament Center has been officially established in Dining Room, to help Adollya keep track of all the scores of the games in the NCAA Tournament.

Direct from the center, here are today's final scores:

EAST:

#2 UConn 64, #15 Rider 46
#10 George Washington 51, #7 Alabama-Birmingham 46
#11 Pennsylvania 90, #6 Nebraska 80
#3 Florida 64, #14 James Madison 62

SOUTHEAST:

#5 Wake Forest 68, #12 Charleston 58
#4 Kansas 102, #13 Tennessee-Chattanooga 73
#1 Purdue 98, #16 Cental Florida 67
#9 Alabama 76, #8 Providence 70

MIDWEST:

#10 Maryland 74, #7 Saint Louis 66
#2 UMass 78, #15 Southwest Texas State 60
#3 Michigan 78, #14 Pepperdine 74 (OT)
#6 Texas 91, #11 Western Kentucky 77

WEST:

#4 Syracuse 92, #13 Hawaii 78
#12 Wisconsin-Green Bay 61, #5 California 57
#1 Missouri 76, #16 Navy 53
#9 Wisconsin 80, #8 Cincinnati 72