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MARCH MADNESS



Rinaldi dominates; UMass rolls

Rinaldi (46) way too much for North Carolina to handle

Carmine 'Chief' Rinaldi put in the best performance of the entire tournament Friday, leading UMass to a 60-38 win.

Rinaldi scored 46 points in the game, and although that isn't the most anyone has scored in the tournament (Rinaldi's teammate, Russell Dailey, scored 51 against Michigan State; and Rinaldi scored 48 in that Michigan State game), it was against a very good North Carolina team that was expected to challenge UMass.

In fact, Carolina did challenge UMass for most of the game. With 7 minutes and 30 seconds left in the twenty-five minute game, the score was all tied at 25-25.

But Rinaldi went to the free throw line and hit two foul shots, to make it 27-25. He added a two-point field goal, followed by a three-pointer by sub Chris Gemmill, making the score 32-25. And then, Rinaldi blew the game open by scoring nine unanswered points all by himself, and making it a 41-25 game with 4:15 left.

"Well, we just ran up against a team—one player in particular—who knew the game really well; kept himself under control when the lead was up, and, you know, it was tough," said North Carolina's

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For OSU, playing UMass will be a huge challenge

Today's championship game of the Kellogg 'March Madness' tournament will be just another case of David vs. Goliath.

Playing the role of David, for the second time in this tournament, will be Mr. Pilz and his Oklahoma State Cowboys.

This time, Carmine Rinaldi and the UMass Minutemen will be the Goliath that Pilz will have to face.

Oklahoma State played this role once before, just a week and a half ago. In the South Regional Final, they played against Houston (Matt Kennedy, Brian Kilmartin, and sub Anand Desai). They were expected to lose—perhaps even to be blown away—by the talented Houston team.

Instead, Bryan Rudolph scored 24 points and Pilz added 21 as Oklahoma State routed heavily-favored Houston, 49-33.

But today's game against UMass may be more than

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Can Pilz pull off another miracle?

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even Pilz and his supporting cast of Bryan Rudolph and Kristyn Fontanella can handle.

At first glance, UMass looks a lot like Houston. They're a one-man team. Control that one man, and you can win the game.

Oklahoma State did that against Houston. They controlled Matt Kennedy, and they won.

But here's the problem: To beat UMass, Oklahoma State would have to control Carmine Rinaldi. And Rinaldi, arguably the best basketball player at Kellogg, is very, very hard to control.

He scored 24 points against Michigan State, 48 points against Arizona State, 32 points against Syracuse, and 46 points against North Carolina, a team that was supposed to be a contender for the championship.

Rinaldi is averaging one point every thirty-two seconds. He proved on Friday that he can play just as well, or better, without teammate Russell Dailey (who has an out-of-school suspension). He also proved how explosive he is, scoring thirteen points in two minutes and twenty-five seconds to single-handedly turn his team's game with North Carolina into a lopsided blowout.

But can Oklahoma State do it? Can they stop UMass and win the Kellogg championship?

"Do you think you can try to stop Carmine?" Brendan asked Pilz.

"No," Pilz responded honestly.

"Do you think you can win?"

"No."

"I've played one-on-one with Carmine and done quite well against him, when there's no refs," Pilz added, "cause them I'd beat the daylights out of him in terms of being physical. But, with Mr. Cashman reffing, he'll eat me up."

"So you think you're gonna lose by a lot?"

"It doesn't really matter. I can guarantee one thing: We're gonna have fun."

Rinaldi scores 46 points; UMass one game away

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Mr. Vallera, referring to Rinaldi. "If we stayed on him, he dribbled around us, and if we gave him some leeway, like Mr. Pilz said, he'd just, uh, he'll shoot you out. So, it was tough. All our other opponents didn't have as much skill as him. So, it was hard for us to adjust to that."

It would have been hard for anyone to adjust to the way Rinaldi played. He was 16 of 24 from the floor, including 3 of 6 from three-point range. And he was 11 of 12 from the free-throw line.

And as if that weren't enough, he added 14 rebounds, 5 assists, and 2 blocks.

For UMass, Chris Gemmill (subbing for Tim Hazelton) added 9 points—3 of 7 from the floor including 2 of 3 three-point attempts, and 1 of 2 free-throw shooting—4 rebounds, 4 assists, and 2 blocks; and Charley Fort (subbing for Russell Dailey) had 5 points—2 of 4 from the floor, and 1 of 2 free-throw shooting—5 rebounds and 1 assist.

For North Carolina, Brian Newbold was the bright spot, hitting on 4 of 5 three-point attempts. His only missed three-pointer was an airball with under a minute to go. He added 1 of 2 two-point field goal attempts and 2 of 3 free throw attempts for a total of 16 points. He also had 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 blocks, and 1 steal.

"You were 4 for 5 from three-point land; you hit your first four," Brendan Loy said to Newbold after the game. "Do you think North Carolina should have given you the ball a little bit more, and you could have kept hitting threes?"

"Uh, no," Newbold responded.

"We can't always rely on three-pointers," Vallera explained, "because, a lot of times, unless someone's in the back to get [the rebounds from] those three-pointers, we're gonna lose the possession."

Brian Zapatka was 4 of 11 from the floor—1 of 2 from three-point land—and 4 of 9 from the free-throw line, for 13 points. Mr. Vallera was 3 of 14 from the floor—0 for 4 from three-point land—and 3 of 6 from the free-throw line, for 9 points.

"All in all, I was happy with our performance," Vallera commented. "It was just, we came up against a better team."

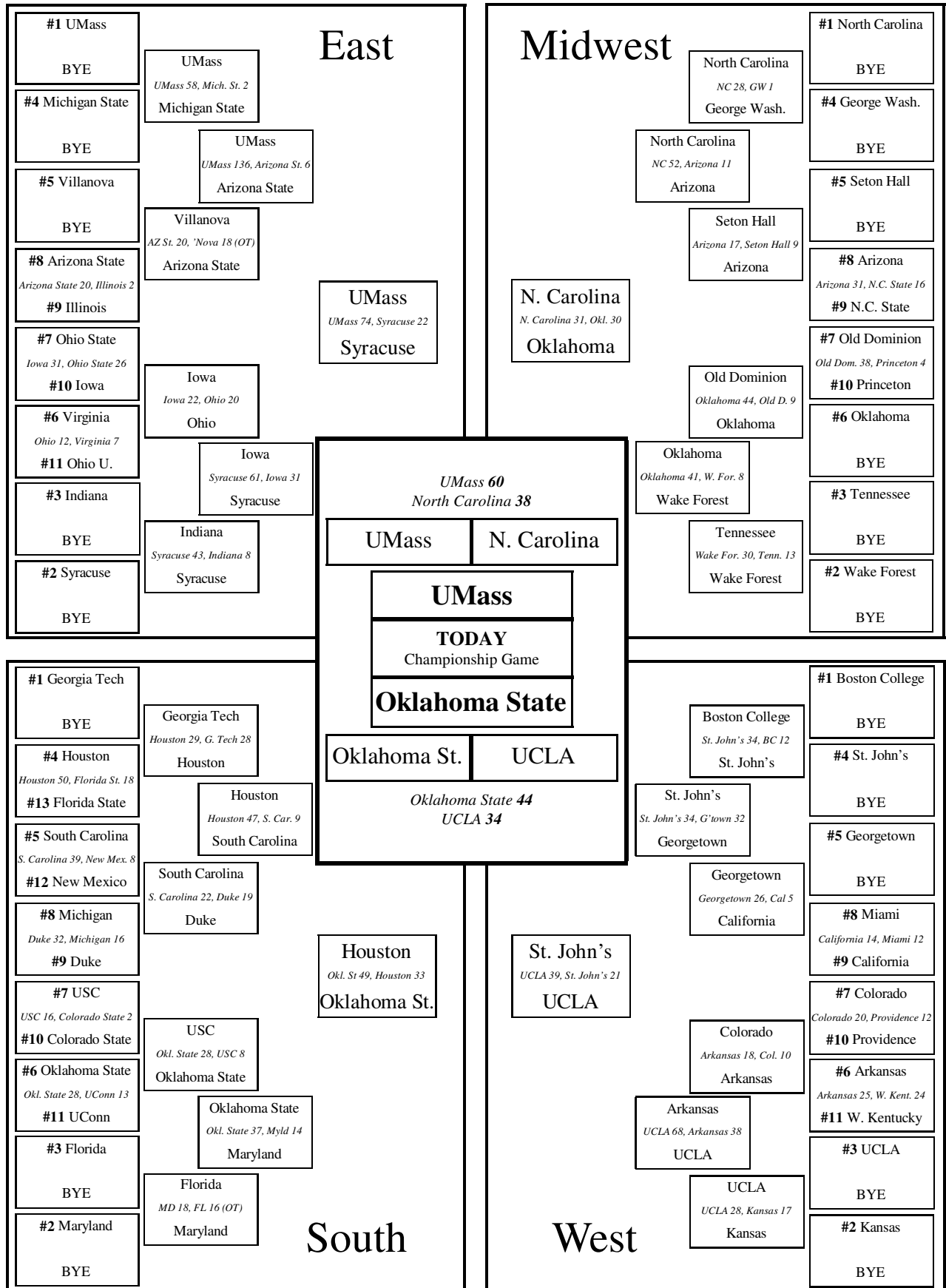
UMass, having had their fourth impressive win, will go on to the championship game, trying to get just one more. They will be competing against Oklahoma State, with Mr. Pilz and South Regional MVP Bryan Rudolph, for the Kellogg championship.

"Do you think you're going to have any trouble with Pilz's team in the championship?" Brendan asked Rinaldi.

"Well, Tim's coming back, so I don't think we will have a problem," responded Rinaldi, referring to Tim Hazelton. He added that he thinks UMass will win by "twenty or over."

When asked if he thinks he can control Carmine, and if Oklahoma State can win, Pilz answered, "No."

KELLOGG 'MARCH MADNESS' TOURNAMENT



Controversy in sixth grade— April Fools’ Day was on Saturday, but sixth graders were apparently celebrating on Friday. And it was creating some controversy.

“There’s this kid, Steve, he wrote ‘Happy April Fools,’” explained Michelle Vivier, a sixth grader. Michelle is the younger sister of eighth grader Sean Vivier. “He wrote ‘Happy April Fools’ on the chalkboard, and he sprayed it with hair spray. So, that makes it so it won’t come off unless you put it in water. And, um, so now everybody who even knew about it is getting in trouble. Mr. Mariotti says I was an accomplice, because I knew about it. And I was planning on telling! But then they [other students] said that Mr. Mariotti said it was okay....And then, I went up to Mr. Mariotti, and I said ‘You said it was okay?’ and he said ‘I never said anything of the sort.’ And then, I explained that to Mrs. Stabba....I said ‘Well, I didn’t have time, and I didn’t even know where you were by the time I knew that...’ you know, all that stuff. And then she says, ‘Well, I guess the point is, is that you always should make time for telling that’.

“So now what’s going to happen to you?” Brendan asked.

“Well, I don’t—I’m just, teachers are just mad at me. I didn’t get anything. But she got an office referral—” Michelle pointed to another sixth grader nearby—“for giving somebody a piece of plastic, because they kept the door unlocked by putting a piece of plastic in the door, so it wouldn’t lock.”



Mrs. Agnew blunders; Mr. Turner introduces ‘Taco’s Special’— In miscellaneous news at Kellogg on Friday...

At the science fair awards assembly, Mrs. Agnew mispronounced several students’ names, and entirely misread one name. She pronounced Hauschulz (which should be pronounced HOWZ-shults) as HA-schuls; pronounced Gaivoto (guh-VOT-oh) as GUY-vote-oh; Vasil (VAH-sil) as VASE-il; and Stacey Karalus (kur-ALL-us) as CARE-less. And, she read “Tina Amaral” as “Teresa Amaral.”



Also, in Mr. Turner’s 12:30 foreign language class, Mr. Turner—known to his students as “El Taco”—wrote a new rule of discipline on his chalkboard. But it was the way he wrote it that got his students laughing. He wrote:

TACO’S SPECIAL

**One Airplane =
One Detention**

KELLOGG QUOTES

“Tim and Brian have nowhere to sit. Sit on the risers, you flaming idiots.” —**Brendan Loy**, during the science fair awards assembly

“Mr. Mont is sitting on the risers, and he’s still as tall as Jaimie.” —**Dan Seremet**

“Be quiet. Amzie is speaking.” —**Brendan Loy**
“Nobody cares.” —**David Downes**

“Let’s stay in here for a long, long time because we like history.” —**Dan Seremet**, in V’s class
“Yeah, and we don’t like algebra.” —**Brendan Loy**

“Be quiet!” —**Jaimie Kwassman**
“I haven’t said a word. I’m singing.” —**Tim Stevens**

Science Fair Awards— Here were the winners of science fair awards in seventh and eighth grade:

First place:

Billy Gray
Lauren Correll
Tara Boisvert
Jeffrey Blum
Sara Hamilton
Jen Persaud
Claudio Gualtieri
Kristyn Fontanella
Jessica Olson
Kate Harbeson
Keith Druckenmiller
Nick Casioppo
Michael Fahr
Bryan Rudolph
Eric Faraday
Chris Manzione
Jeffrey Bloomfield
Kim Pina
Hilari Butler
Jenn May
Margaret Majewski

Second Place:

Cathy Simineau
Kristen Vasil
Jaimie Kwassman
Alex Budney
Ian Drayton
Elicia Jones
Alison Pelkey
Kevin Hauschulz
Tina Lentini

Second place (continued):

Stacey Karalus
Travis Derr
Brian Newbold
Amy Parks
Third place:
Shannon Duplin
Tina Amaral
Kristen Fisher
Liz Joseph
Jason Baptista
Joey Guerrera
Pat Ripley
Nino DiBiase
Tim Stevens
Chris Simcik
Christina Mozzicato

Science Teachers’ Award:

Beth Milewski
Brynna Johnson
Phoenix Young
Sara Rzeszutek
Adam Thomson
David Ladeau
Liz Acey
Carrie Angyel

Living Room Times Award:

Beth Milewski
Brynna Johnson
Liz Acey
Carrie Angyel
Jessika Gaskell



Huskies win national title

Beat Tennessee; finish 35-0

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -- With its final victory in a magical season, Connecticut achieved something rare in NCAA women's basketball -- perfection.

Top-ranked Connecticut capped an unbeaten season by defeating No. 3 Tennessee 70-64 Sunday to win the national championship. The Huskies (35-0) pulled it off despite the foul problems of their top three players and despite trailing by nine points early in the second half.

Only one other team has gotten through a season without losing in the 14 years of NCAA women's basketball. Texas won the 1986 title with a 34-0 record.

Defense also was critical to the Huskies, who held Tennessee (34-3) without a field goal after Tiffani Johnson's three-point play put the Lady Vols ahead 61-59 with 4:09 left.

Jamelle Elliott hit a double-pump layup to tie the score at 61 with 2:20 to play and Jennifer Rizzotti's layup with 1:53 to play put Connecticut ahead 63-61. The Huskies then wrapped up their first national title at the free throw line, with player of the year Rebecca Lobo making four and Rizzotti and Carla Berube sinking two apiece.

For the longest time, it appeared that Tennessee would fulfill the promise of a season that began with the Lady Vols ranked No. 1, a position they held until losing to UConn 77-66 in mid-January.

Lobo, 6-foot-7 Kara Wolters and Rizzotti all got into foul

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UCLA, Arkansas will play in final

UCLA ends OSU's run

SEATTLE (AP) -- UCLA's history and mystique meant nothing to Oklahoma State.

For all their storied past and vaunted speed, the big-city Bruins struggled mightily before scoring the last 12 points of the game to beat the Cowboys from little Stillwater, Okla., 74-61 Saturday and reach the NCAA championship game.

UCLA won 10 national titles from 1964 to 1975 during the coaching reign of John Wooden, but that seemed to mean precious little to Oklahoma State, playing in its first Final Four since 1951.

With 7-footer Bryant "Big Country" Reeves

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Hogs survive Carolina run

SEATTLE (AP) -- Another close finish, and Arkansas has a chance at another national championship.

The Razorbacks, who had won their first four games in the NCAA tournament by a total of 15 points, beat North Carolina 75-68 Saturday and will have a chance to repeat only after surviving a last-minute scare that saw their lead cut to one point.

UCLA is the only team that could prevent Arkansas from joining Duke as the only repeat champions in the last 22 years. The Bruins, a team that made repeating an art form with seven straight ending in 1973, beat Oklahoma State 74-61 to

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Arkansas back in NCAA final

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advance to Monday night's final.

Arkansas got back in the title game behind a great second half by Corliss Williamson, some great defense that held North Carolina to one field goal in the last 15:10 and a buzzer-beating 55-foot heave at halftime by Dwight Stewart.

Williamson, the MVP of last year's Final Four when the Razorbacks won their first title, was 9-for-12 from the field in the second half when he scored all but two of his 21 points.

North Carolina was 6-for-34 from the field in the second half and went 12:38 without a field goal at one stretch as the Razorbacks opened a 69-58 lead with 3:35 left. The Tar Heels weren't done.

Donald Williams, the Final Four MVP two years ago when North Carolina won it all, hit a 3-pointer to break the long dry spell and bring the Tar Heels within 69-63. Stewart had trouble connecting from closer in, missing consecutive front ends of 1-and-1s and North Carolina was able to close within 69-68 with 47 seconds left on three free throws and a dunk by Jerry Stackhouse.

Arkansas, which survived wild finishes in its first three tournament games, including two overtimes, got two free throws from Clint McDaniel with 27 seconds left. Williams missed a 3-pointer with nine seconds to play and McDaniel's two free throws with 7.5 seconds left and Williamson's layup at the buzzer accounted for the final margin.



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scoring 25 points and hauling down nine rebounds, the Cowboys threatened to win this game until UCLA went on its closing run.

UCLA, led by Tyus Edney's 21 points, Charles O'Bannon's 19 and Ed O'Bannon's 15, led only 64-61 when Oklahoma State's Randy Rutherford threw up an airball on a 3-point attempt with 1:53 left.

The Bruins, who had trailed by three points early in the second half and had seen an eight-point lead virtually vanish after that, finally had the breathing room they needed. They scored the next 10 points on free throws to produce the final score.

If UCLA didn't control Reeves it at least contained him, limiting his damage to just seven points and four rebounds in the second half.

Reeves, a 292-pounder who shattered a backboard in practice Friday, threw his weight around underneath the boards against UCLA as he scored 18 points and grabbed six rebounds in the 37-37 first half.

Reeves scored the Cowboys' last six points of the half and was perfect from the free-throw line in eight attempts. His rebounding led Oklahomas State to a 19-8 advantage on the boards in the half.

UCLA sought to run from the start and succeeded in setting the tempo early, building a 20-11 lead in the first 6 1/2 minutes after an 11-0 run. That burst featured two high-arching 3-pointers by Ed O'Bannon, a three-point play by him, and a steal he made that led to a spinning, backward layup by Edney. b

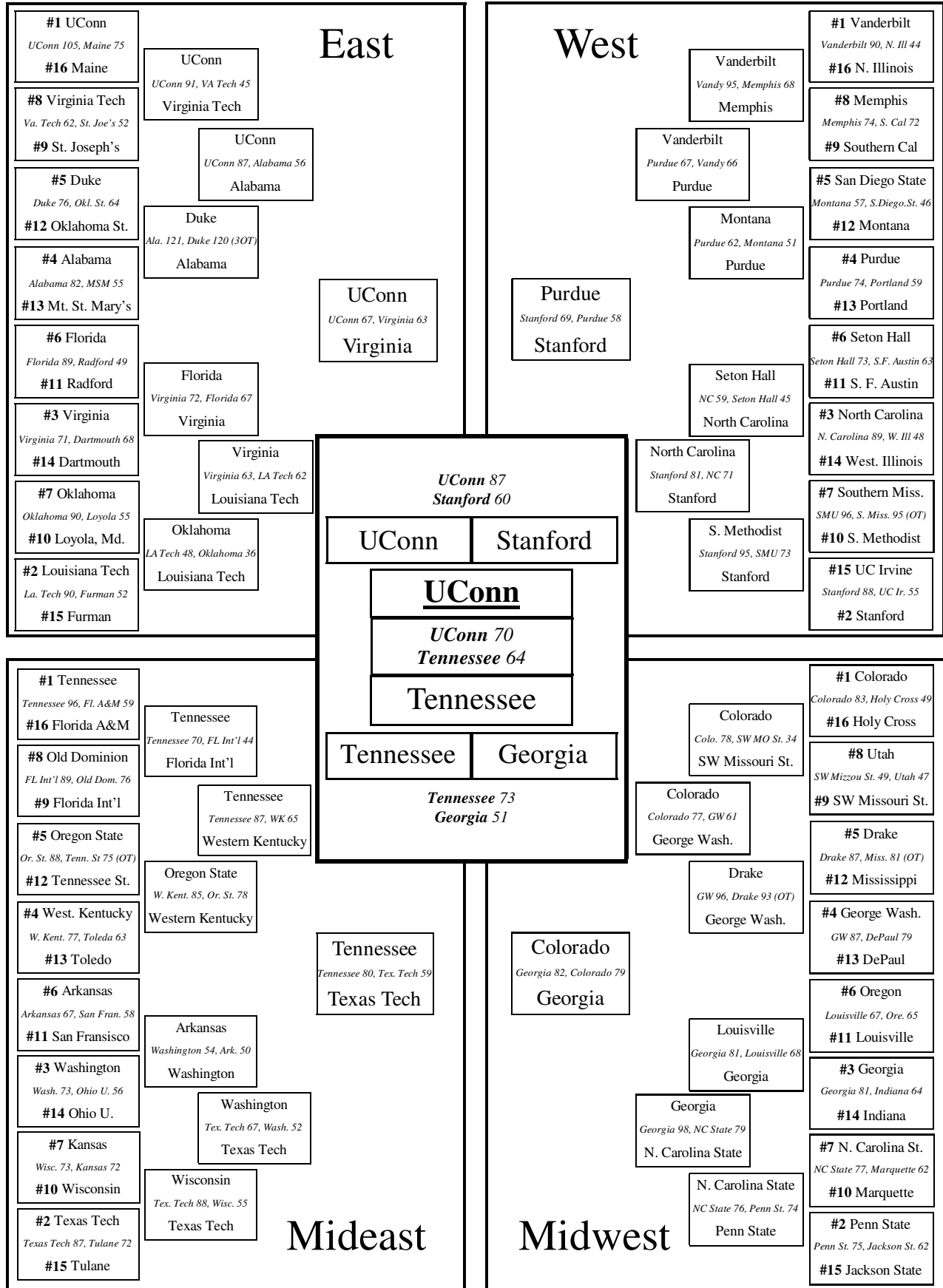
Ed O'Bannon wound up leading UCLA in the half with 11 points and four steals, while Edney scored 10 and handed out five assists.

Yet just as the Bruins seemed in control, Oklahoma State methodically worked its way back, not so much slowing the ball down as working it inside repeatedly to Reeves. The Bruins bounced off "Big Country," and he pumped in short jumpers and free throws to cut UCLA's lead to 24-23.

The Bruins, who had seven steals in the first half and scored 16 points after turnovers, then went on another quick 7-0 tear for a 31-23 lead. But a pair of 3-pointers by Andre Owens and Terry Collins, plus the muscle of Reeves, sent the Cowboys into the second half with a tie and a real sense they could beat the No. 1 team.



NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT



How bout dem national champion undefeated UConn Huskies?

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trouble in the first half and spent long stretches on the bench. But Connecticut played through its problems and sent Tennessee, a three-time national champion, back home as a frustrated loser.

After Berube made the first of her two free throws with 9.9 seconds left, Tennessee coach Pat Summitt slammed her hand down on the scorer's table and groaned, "I really hate this."

Moments later, the Connecticut players were hugging each other and crying at midcourt and Tennessee was walking dejectedly to its dressing room.

Lobo led all scorers with 17 points after playing only eight minutes in the first half and was named the Final Four's outstanding player. Rizzotti scored 15 points, Elliott 13 and Wolters 10.

Latina Davis was Tennessee's only double-figure scorer with 11 points. Dana Johnson had nine and All-American Nikki McCray scored only seven.

Tennessee led 38-32 at halftime and quickly went up 41-32 on Michelle Marciniak's 3-pointer 13 seconds into the second half. But Connecticut would see to it that Tennessee never got comfortable.

An 8-0 run capped by Elliott's two baskets inside drew UConn to 43-42 with 15:36 left. Tennessee got the lead back up to six, but Connecticut came back again, this time behind Lobo. Lobo, who went 24:30 during the middle part of the game without scoring, got four baskets during a four-minute stretch to help Connecticut

pull ahead.

Rizzotti's layup after she stole the ball from McCray cut the lead to 58-57 and Elliott's two free throws put Connecticut up 59-58 with 5:44 left -- the Huskies' first lead since midway through the first half.

Johnson then converted her three-point play to give Tennessee its last lead.

A key was Tennessee being unable to take control in the first half when Connecticut got into foul problems.

Lobo sat out the final 11:58 of the half after getting her third foul, Wolters spent 3:50 on the bench after getting her second and Rizzotti spent the final 4:51 on the sidelines with three fouls. But the Lady Vols never got up by more than six.

Down by seven points early, Tennessee got its first lead of the game after Lobo left, going up 21-20 on Marciniak's backdoor layup with 9:51 left. Davis hit a 3-pointer from the right corner to put the Lady Vols up 26-23 and they led 36-30 after Abby Conklin's 3-pointer with a minute to play.

After Wolters scored on an offensive rebound, reserve Laurie Mulligan answered for Tennessee with a leaning jump shot just before the buzzer to restore the six-point lead.

Connecticut was called for 11 fouls in the first half. The Huskies had been charged with only 13 the entire game in their 87-60 semifinal victory over Stanford on Saturday.