

NCAA UPDATE

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Valparaiso: How Sweet It Is

#13-seeded Crusaders reach Sweet 16 — and they won't have to play #1-seed Kansas

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI) -- Bryce Drew scored six of his 22 points in overtime Sunday as 13th-seeded Valparaiso continued its stunning run in the NCAA Tournament with an 83-77 victory over 12th-seeded Florida State in the second round of the Midwest Region.



#13 Valparaiso Crusaders

vs.

#8 Rhode Island Rams

Midwest Regional Semifinal, Friday



Antanas Vilcinskas made two key plays in the final minute for the Crusaders (23-9), who won their opening-round game over Mississippi thanks to a three-point shot at the buzzer by Drew.

Valparaiso became the first 13th seed to reach the regional semifinals since Richmond accomplished the feat in 1988.

Randell Jackson and Kerry Thompson scored 16 points apiece for Florida State (18-14), which could not hold a three-point lead in the final minute of regulation. The Seminoles were missed all seven of their shots from the field in overtime.

The teams traded empty possessions in overtime before Drew curled around a screen going from right to left and sliced into the lane for an eight-footer to make it 77-75 with 3:18 to play.



Above: Players from Valparaiso celebrate after winning in overtime on Sunday and advancing to the Sweet Sixteen.

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#1 Stanford women stunned by #16 seed Harvard win makes NCAA history

STANFORD, Calif. (AP)-- Harvard hit the books -- the record books.

The Crimson became the first 16th-seeded team to win an NCAA Tournament game, men's or women's, by defeating top-seeded Stanford 71-67 Saturday night.

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Gualtieri leads moneyless *Times* NCAA men's pool

Claudio Gualtieri	204
Liz Acey	199
Allyson Perlini	197
Akash Patel	192
Jason Rose	192
Mr. Ruggiero	190

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Results of the women's pool have not yet been calculated. Hopefully I will have time to do that later today.

Times “moneyless” pool standings

Maximum possible number of points so far: 272

1.	Claudio Gualtieri	204
2.	Liz Acey	199
3.	Allyson Perlini	197
4.	Akash Patel	192
	Jason Rose	192
6.	Mr. Ruggiero	190
7.	Bindee Chokshi	185
	Mark Jordon	185
	Jeff Cultrera	185
	Tim Stevens	185
11.	Bill Kenny	183
	Nick Reginio	183
13.	Mrs. Perkins	180
14.	Travis Meyer	178
	Jamie Schultz	178
	Jeff Santos	178
17.	Ryan McBride	175
18.	Idalina Estanislau	173
	Beth Milewski	173
	Shaun Sullivan	173
	Justin Gerace	173
	Matt Thomsen	173
23.	Jenn Castelhana	171
	Mrs. Norby	171
25.	Tim Sheridan	170
	Dennis Chow	170
27.	Matt Kagan	168
	Brenden Roche	168
29.	Brian Newbold	166
	Joey Serfass	166
	Brendan Loy	166
	Lisa Williams	166
	Joe Ploszay	166
	David Downes	166
35.	Evelyn Ni	161
36.	Cory LaChance	154
37.	Kevin Hauschulz	151
38.	Josh Rubin	134
39.	Heather Weinberg	134

For more information and updated results of the pool throughout the weekend, look up the *LRT Online* website:

www.biogate.com/LRT

and follow the link to the NCAA pool page.

#16-seed Harvard makes history

Defeats top seed Stanford women in biggest first-round upset in NCAA tournament history

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"I guess this means my name is going to go into some book now," said Harvard coach Kathy Delaney-Smith.

The Ivy League champions won their first NCAA tournament game in three tries and in the process snapped Stanford's 59-game winning streak at Maples Pavilion.

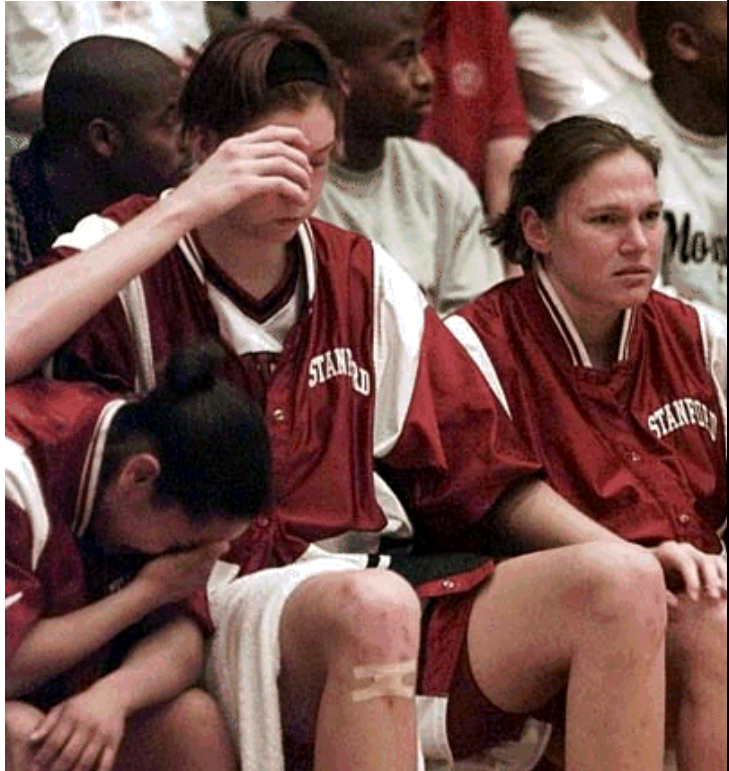
Asked if she ever had a bigger day, Delaney-Smith said: "My wedding day, maybe. I'm not even sure if that measures up."

Harvard (23-4), led by Allison Feaster's 35 points and 13 rebounds, advanced to a second-round game Monday night against Arkansas, which defeated Hawaii 76-70 earlier Saturday in the West Regional.

"We still can't believe that we did it," Feaster said. "I finally realized we were going to beat them with 18 seconds left when we were up by five but I also thought, 'How many times have you seen a last-second shot win a game?'"

But the improbable became reality and Harvard's players and coaches spilled onto the floor as the buzzer sounded, hugging and

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Above: Dejected Stanford players react to their loss to #16-seed Harvard.

Valparaiso advances to Sweet 16

#13-seed Crusaders will play #8-seed Rhode Island

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After Corey Louis missed a dunk on a follow, Drew, an 80 percent free-throw shooter, bounced two off the rim with 2:30 left. Thompson missed, but freshman Karim Shabazz was fouled as he grabbed the rebound. Shabazz, a 46 percent foul shooter, sank both to forge a 77-77 tie.

Drew then missed a three-pointer, but Bill Jenkins was there for the easy follow. Vilcinkas next blocked Jackson as he tried to go baseline, forcing a held ball that gave possession back to Valparaiso with 58 seconds remaining.

Drew milked the clock down before firing a three-pointer. The ball was tipped once off the glass before the seven-foot Vilcinkas grabbed it and scored to make it 81-77 with 25.3 seconds to play.

After a timeout, Terrell Baker missed a three-pointer, and Drew stripped Jackson of the rebound. Drew was fouled with 8.3 seconds to play and made both free throws.

A basket by Thompson gave Florida State a 75-72 lead with 56 seconds left in regulation. Zoran Viskovic countered with two free throws for the Crusaders with 34.5 seconds left. Thompson was immediately fouled, but missed the front end of the 1-and-1.

Bill Jenkins was fouled getting the rebound and missed the first free throw. But he made the second to tie the game with 30.5 seconds to go. The Seminoles called timeout to set up a final play, but Drew got a hand on the ball as Thompson tried to go up for a 17-foot jumper.

Top seed Stanford stunned in first round

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dancing in celebration.

"Maybe the chemistry wasn't there tonight," Stanford's Olympia Scott said. "Obviously, we weren't the same."

Regan Freuen's 19 points led injury-depleted Stanford (21-6), which played without Vanessa Nygaard and Kristin Folkl, both out with knee injuries.

Prior to Harvard's victory, top seeds were 75-0 against 16th seeds in the women's and men's tournaments.

"Well, this isn't what we planned," Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer said.

"Harvard had excellent play from Allison Feaster. You have to give them a lot of credit. We were tight. They doubled, tripled and quadrupled Olympia (Scott) in the middle and we didn't shoot well enough from the outside to counteract that."

Women's top seeds were 19-0 against No. 16 seeds since the tournament expanded to 64 schools in 1994. Top-seeded men's squads are 56-0 against No. 16 seeds since that tournament went to 64 teams in 1985.

From the start, Stanford struggled offensively while playing without Nygaard, its top outside shooter, and Folkl, its leading scorer and rebounder. Nygaard tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee in the season finale at Oregon State a week ago and Folkl

sustained a similar injury in practice Tuesday.

Stanford couldn't replace the lost production and couldn't handle Feaster, the nation's leading scorer.

Trailing 48-38 after a putback by Feaster, Stanford put together a 17-5 run to move in front 55-53 on a pair of free throws by Heather Owen with 9:26 remaining.

But Harvard would not be denied.

With 5:19 left, Alison Seanor's driving layup put Harvard up 60-59 and Feaster added another basket. The Cardinal scored the next six points, pulling in front 65-62 on a pair of free throws by Scott with 2:57 left, but that proved to be Stanford's last lead.

Feaster had another layup and Harvard went in front to stay on Suzie Miller's 15-foot jumper with 1:33 remaining. Miller added a 3-pointer seconds later to secure the victory.

With Stanford hitting just 31 percent of its shots from the field, Harvard took a 43-34 halftime lead, closing out the opening period with a 10-0 burst that included successive 3-pointers by Miller and Sarah Russell.

Harvard opened leads of 16-6 and 23-11 behind the shooting of Feaster, who had 16 first-half points.

Stanford came back with a 23-11 run, moving in front 34-33 on Freuen's 3-pointer with 2:42 left in the first half, but the Cardinal failed to score again before the break.