

The Living Room Times

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6:00 PM EDITION

UConn vs. Rider

Men's NCAA Tournament set to get underway

Living Room Stadium, Living Room-After a week of hype and anticipation, dollies in Adollya and humans across the country are finally ready to watch the real thing.

The men's NCAA basketball tournament will start tomorrow. The first game of the tournament will be the one most important to the human state of Connecticut, as east #2 seed UConn will play #15 Rider at 12:30 PM tomorrow afternoon.

Here's how UConn, a heavy favorite to win, and Rider, a distinct underdog, match up: (reports courtesy of The Hartford Courant)

#2 Connecticut (Huskies)

Record: 27-4, 16-2 Big East

NCAA Berth: At-large

Coach: Jim Calhoun (160-90)

Top players: Donyell Marshall, Forward, 25.8 ppg

Ray Allen, Guard, 12.9 ppg

Doron Sheffer, 11.7 ppg

Donny Marshall, Forward, 12.4 ppg

Fast facts: Won regular season Big East championship, but upset in second round of tournament by eventual champion Providence....Marshall has gradually become one of the best players in the nation....back-court duo of Sheffer and Kevin Ollie solid....Lack inside strength

To advance to the Final Four: Road goes through North Carolina

#15 Rider (Broncs)

Record: 21-8, 14-4 Northeast Conference

NCAA berth: Won conference tournament

Coach: Kevin Bannon (80-66)

Top players: Charles Smith, Forward, 17.0 ppg

Mark Wilcox, Guard, 13.7 ppg

Deon Hames, Guard, 14.6 ppg

Tim Pennix, Forward, 10.5 ppg

Fast facts: The Broncs can't catch a break. Last year, it was Kentucky in the first round....Winners of 11 of last 12 games

To advance to the Final Four: Huh?

Adollya, Connecticut, and the whole country waits.

#2 Duke predicted in southeast Kellogg students, teachers vote in NCAA poll

Martin Kellogg Middle School-Polls involving three of the four main NCAA tournament brackets have been voted on this week, with only the west remaining.

Today's poll featured the southeast bracket, and seven of the sixteen teams recieved at least one vote. #2 Duke came out on top easily with eight votes, followed by #4 Kansas with three, #1 Purdue, #3 Kentucky, and #5 Wake Forest all with two, and #7 Michigan State and #9 Alabama with one vote each.

UConn and Arkansas were winners in the east and midwest brackets.

In addition to the bracket poll today, there was a poll on who would be most likely to win the four games between #8 seeds and #9 seeds.

The votes were:

#8 Providence 10, #9 Alabama 2

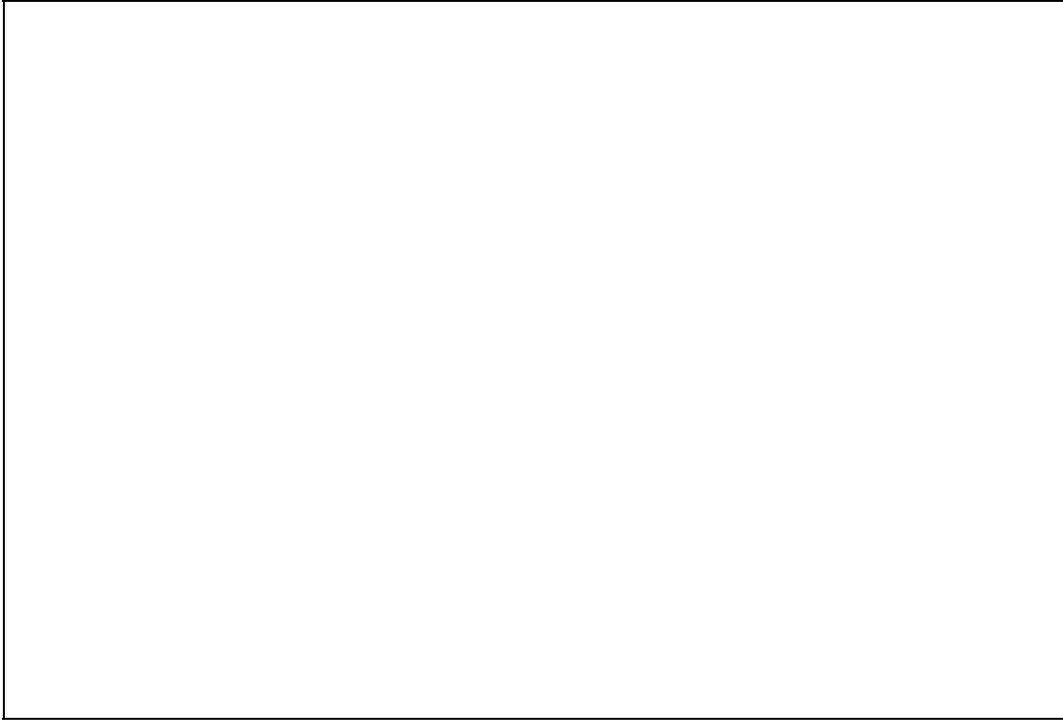
#8 Cincinnati 9, #9 Wisconsin 2

#9 Boston College 10, #8 Washington State 2

#9 Georgetown 8, #8 Illinois 4

Tomorrow's poll will be the west bracket, including #1 Missouri and #2 Arizona.

There will also be a poll on the UConn Huskies vs. Rider Broncs game with predictions for the score.



9:30 PM EDITION

Lady Huskies win, 79-60

Recover to trounce Brown after first half scare

Gampel Pavillion, Storrs-The UConn women's basketball team, seeded #1 in the east bracket, recovered from a major scare this evening to blow out sixteenth seeded Brown.

The Lady Huskies, heavy favorites to win, allowed Brown to stay in the game throughout the first half. The Ivy League champions capitalized, staying within range of UConn until, at last, they tied the game. It was 35 to 35 at the half.

The UConn women seemed lost. The attitude they had played with all year long, the attitude that earned them a 27-2 record, was just not there. In the early second half, Brown actually lead by as many as three points.

As it turned out, however, UConn's three-point shooting did in the Brown Bears, who started slipping further and further behind. The final score was 79 to 60.

The Lady Huskies advance to the second round of the women's tourney.

Their next opponent will be Auburn.