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## Huskies can't overcome Florida Gators UConn men sent packing in NCAA Sweet 16

**Associated Press-** MIAMI (AP) -- Florida stifled Connecticut's high-powered offense and benefitted from two crucial misses at the free-throw line.

All-American Donyell Marshall missed two free throws with 3.4 seconds left in regulation with the score tied, and the Gators capitalized for a 69-60 overtime victory Friday in the NCAA East Regional semifinals.

Third-seeded Florida (28-7) earned its first berth in a regional final. The Gators' opponent Sunday will be No. 9 seed Boston College, which beat Indiana 77-68 in Friday's first game.

The biggest basket for Florida was Craig Brown's 3-pointer with 1:17 left in overtime for a 62-58 lead. Dan Cross made one free throw, Dametri Hill hit two and Cross hit two more to help clinch the win.

Florida held the Huskies (29-5) without a field goal for 9 1/2 minutes and held Connecticut to its lowest point total of the season -- even with the

extra five minutes of play.

The Huskies missed five consecutive shots in overtime, but their most crucial misses came from the free throw line at the end of regulation. Marshall, a 76-percent free-throw shooter, squandered a chance to win the game by bouncing both shots off the rim.

Overtime began in a sloppy fashion with three missed shots and two turnovers. UConn took a 58-57 lead when Marshall hit the second of two free throws with 3:18 left.

Jason Anderson made a pair of free throws -- his only points of the night -- to give Florida a 59-58 lead with 2:40 left. Brown's 3-pointer made it 62-58, and UConn was soon finished.

Brown and Cross each scored 17 points for Florida.

Marshall had 16 points -- nine below his average -- and 13 rebounds. Doron Sheffer added 18 points for the Huskies.

# Lady Huskies ousted by North Carolina, 81-69 UConn women denied a trip to Final Four

**Associated Press**-PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) -- North Carolina is going to the Final Four, except this time it's the women's team.

Tonya Sampson scored 30 points and No. 4 North Carolina advanced to the Final Four for the first time by rallying in the second half to defeat No. 3 Connecticut 81-69 in the East Regional final Saturday.

North Carolina will play the winner of the West Regional title game between Purdue and Stanford in the national semifinal next Saturday at Richmond, Va.

"This a real big win for us," senior center Sylvia Crawley said. "This proves we can play with and beat the best teams. The next two games are just going to be a matter of who wants it more."

The victory was the 12th straight for the third-seeded Tar Heels (31-2) and it snapped a school-record 21-game winning streak for top-seeded Connecticut (30-3).

It also ended a horrible 24-hour period for Huskies' fans. Their men's team was knocked out in the East Regional semifinal late Friday night and the women saw their hopes for a second Final Four appearance in four years brought to a screeching halt by the Tar Heels' physical play and defense.

North Carolina, which just three years ago posted a third straight last-place finish in the ACC, forced 13 of Connecticut's East Regional-record 30 turnovers in the final 17 minutes after the Huskies opened a 49-42 lead.

"I said going in we'd have to play our best game and have some luck at the same time," Connecticut coach Geno Auremma said. "I don't think either of those two things happened, but North Carolina may have had something to do with that."

So did Sampson, Crawley and Charlotte Smith, who was returning to the

lineup after sitting out a one-game suspension for punching an Old Dominion player last weekend in a second-round game.

Sampson, who scored 53 points in two early-round games at Rutgers Athletic Center, got the Tar Heels going by hitting a 3-point basket and a layup to ignite a 14-2 run.

That got North Carolina within two, 49-47, and Crawley then added a little extra incentive during a television time out with 15:17 to play.

"I grabbed Sampson's jersey and said: 'Do you want this to be the last time that you wear this jersey?'" Crawley said. "She looked me right in the eye and said: 'No.' Just the look on her face, I knew we were going to win this game."

Jamelle Elliott put in a rebound for Connecticut when play resumed but Smith followed with a driving layup.

Sampson, a rugged senior point guard, hit a layup after a steal to tie the game at 51 with 14:44 to go. Smith then hit a 10-foot jumper to put the Tar Heels ahead for good and Sampson nailed a 3-pointer to make it 56-51.

"When I am playing my game I don't think I can be stopped by anyone in the country," said Sampson, whose biggest problem has been inconsistency this season. "That's just the type of player I am and the type of basketball I play. Most of the girls never play against guys the way I have."

Connecticut twice drew within a point, the last time at 58-57 on a basket inside by center Recebba Lobo, who was limited to 11 points, eight below her average. She also had a season-high 11 turnovers and nine rebounds.

Sampson banked in a 10-footer and Crawley scored inside for a 62-57 lead and the Huskies never got closer than four points the rest of the way.

"She had a lot of effect," Connecticut guard Jennifer Rizzotti said referring to Sampson. "She is a great player, a big-time player. She stepped up and made some big shots. I was working hard trying to defend her, but she's a great player and carried their team for a stretch."

Smith added 17 for North Carolina, Crawley had 13 and Marion Jones 12. Kara Wolters had 23 points for Connecticut, which shot 54.3 percent from the field.

# **Husky-mania comes to an abrupt end... twice**

## **Adollian fans react to UConn losses in NCAA Tournaments**

*Living Room Stadium, Living Room*-Husky-mania is over.

Oh, it'll undoubtedly be back in force next year, as will, hopefully, the Huskies.

But until December, there will be no more hooting, hollering, yelling, screaming, cheering, or rooting for either the UConn men's or women's basketball Huskies.

A very unfriendly fourteen hours for Husky fans everywhere ended this morning. But it didn't end until both Husky teams and all Husky hopes had been eliminated.

Both UConn Huskies teams had had visions of the Final Four, even the championship trophy.

Both UConn Huskies teams were given a very good chance of advancing to their Final Fours, in Charlotte and Richmond.

Both UConn Huskies teams lost.

The number two seeded men were eliminated in their Sweet 16, losing to the #3 Florida Gators, 69 to 60 in overtime.

The number one seeded women were eliminated in their Elite 8, losing to the #3 North Carolina Tar Heels, 81 to 69.

Living Room Stadium was packed for the men's game Friday night. But beyond that, dollies were stationed near windows and on roofs of buildings throughout Living Room, all hoping to get a good view of the action on Living Room's big screen.

For much of the game, the action was sloppy and ugly, and at the conclusion of the game, it was not what most of the fans had wanted.

"I was really disappointed," said Diana just after the game. "It was not a well-played second half, but I think Florida deserved to win. I wish UConn had won, though."

"I really think that neither team played very well," said Brendan. "Florida probably was a little better, but I wasn't impressed by either team's performance. There were too many unforced turnovers and missed foul shots."

"Neither team played like a two or three seed," Brendan added.

Donyell Marshall, UConn's star player was, in effect, their undoing at the end of regulation. With the score tied and three second to go, Donyell missed two free throws which would have given UConn the lead and the win, if he had made either one of them.

He didn't.

"It's sad," said President Sealy. "Donyell got them this far. I don't want to hear anyone saying that he is the goat, that he made them lose. Without him, they never, ever would have gotten this far. He deserves to be commended for his great season, not jumped on for his subpar performance in the tournament. We [Husky fans] can only hope he stays with UConn [rather than skipping his senior year to go to the NBA]."

The Lady Huskies played earlier this morning, favorites against the third-seeded North Carolina Tar Heels.

Living Room Stadium was again packed, although roofs and windows across the rest of the state were not nearly as packed as with the men's game.

Despite the lesser attendance, the enthusiasm was just as much as in the men's game, perhaps even more. Dollies from near and far cheered their hearts out, hoping that they would not have to deal with two consecutive losses.

But although the enthusiasm was just as great, the disappointment was still there in force by the time the game was over.

"I was surprised," said Pengy. "I was disappointed when the men lost, but I didn't really expect them to win it all. I really thought the women were going to go all the way and win the championship."

The Elite Eight of the men's tournament consists of Purdue and Duke from the southeast, Arizona and Missouri from the west, Arkansas and

Michigan from the midwest, and Florida and Boston College from the east.

The only decided women's Final Four spot so far is North Carolina from the east. From the west, the winner of Stanford vs. Purdue will advance. From the midwest, the winner of Penn State vs. Alabama, and from the mideast, the winner of Louisiana Tech and USC will move on the Final Four in Richmond.

As for the Huskies, there's always next year.

**Yesterday's scores:**

MEN'S SWEET 16:

Midwest:

#1 Arkansas 103, #12 Tulsa 87  
#3 Michigan 78, #10 Maryland 71

East:

#3 Florida 69, #2 Connecticut 60 OT  
#9 Boston College 77, #5 Indiana 68

# Sealy wins easily; Kitty blows away field; Potsy makes good showing in Kitchen primary

***Election Headquarters, Kitchen***-Today's Kitchen primary was somewhat overshadowed by the UConn losses and general NCAA March Madness. In fact, said one moderator, "The polls were filled with glum Husky fans all day."

The primary, however, did happen.

The three headlines that came out of the voting: Incumbant President Sealy gains back lost momentum in Republidolly race; Dollycrat Kitty victorious in her home state by a margin as big as, and bigger than, expected; H. Ross Potsy nearly defeats environmentalist Blue Bear in United We Sit contest.

The votes (with dollygates in parenthesis) from today's primaries:

**Dollycratic:** Kitty 257 (23), Birdy-Bird 49 (4), Eeyore 38 (3)

**Republidolly:** Sealy 182 (18), Ariel 120 (12)

**United We Sit:** Blue Bear 336 (16), H. Ross Potsy 310 (14)

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11:00 PM EDITION

# Duke, Arizona advance to Final Four

**Reuter News-KNOXVILLE, Tennessee, March 26 (Reuter)** - Duke and Arizona became the first schools into the Final Four of the NCAA men's basketball tournament as the two second seeds knocked out a pair of top seeds in regional finals on Saturday.

Antonio Lang and Jeff Capel scored 19 points each and Duke held superstar Glenn Robinson to a season-low 13 points as the Blue Devils beat Purdue 69-60 in the Southeast Regional to reach the Final Four for the seventh time in nine years.

In the West final at Los Angeles, the backcourt of Damon Stoudamire and Khalid Reeves combined for 53 points to lead Arizona to a 92-72 thrashing of top-seeded Missouri.

Duke will meet the winner of Sunday's East Regional final between Boston College and Florida in the NCAA semifinals next weekend in Charlotte. Arizona, in only its second Final Four, will face either Arkansas or Michigan, who will contest the Midwest final on Sunday.

The Southeast final was billed as a dream matchup between Purdue's Robinson, the nation's leading scorer, and Duke's Grant Hill.

But Robinson was held to five points in the second half by a fierce Duke defence and hit just 6-of-22 shots for the game. Hill was hampered by foul trouble in the second half and finished with 11 points.

Duke scored the first seven points of the second half and later went on a 16-7 run over a seven-minute span to open a 62-50 advantage they never relinquished.

Duke, winner of the national championship in 1991 and 1992, was not expected to reach the Final Four this year.

"I'm so filled with pride," said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski.

"I don't think anybody expected that from these kids and I didn't, but they just keep proving me wrong. They're not a great team but they're a good team with heart."

In the West final, Stoudamire scored 18 of his 27 points in the first half as Arizona built a 14-point lead on the way to their resounding 20-point victory.

Reeves, the other half of Arizona's outstanding backcourt, had 26 points and Stoudamire also grabbed 10 rebounds.

Missouri was bidding for its first-ever trip to the Final Four, while Arizona made it for the first time since 1988.

Jevon Crudup, who fouled out with 7:25 left in the game, and Melvin Booker led Missouri with 14 points each.

Arizona's Wildcats scored the final six points of the first half to take a 48-34 lead at the break.

A basket by Crudup with 12:46 left pulled Missouri within 58-50, but Arizona followed with a 13-4 run that blew open the game. The Wildcats led by as many as 27 points, 88-61, with 2:59 remaining.