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OSU stuns Houston Oklahoma State goes on to Final Four with 49-33 upset

When the seedings and brackets were first announced, it looked like the winner of the South Regional First Round game between Houston (Matt Kennedy, Julio Colon, Brian Kilmartin) and Georgia Tech (Mike DelGaudio, Jason Roy, Mike Pfund) would almost certainly be the South's representative in the Final Four. Unless, as Brendan Loy put it at the time, "Pilz can pull off a miracle."

Pilz, and his teammates, pulled off a miracle Friday.

They knocked off heavily-favored Houston, and advanced to the Final Four of Kellogg's 'March Madness' tournament.

"Congratulations! You're going to the Final Four!" said

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Today: Liebler vs. V St. John's, UCLA to battle head-to-head in West Final

Even though they are seeded #3 and #4 in the West, they are the two teams which everyone expected would be playing in the West Regional Final.

Everyone's been waiting for it, talking about it, for nearly three weeks. And now it's going to happen: UCLA's Mr. V against St. John's Mr. Liebler.

"I gotta bet it's gonna be won at the buzzer," said V of the St. John's game. "Very close game."

"What's the key to winning that game?" Brendan Loy asked.

"Um, we have to pass, and play deliberate ball. We have to cut off Mr. Liebler....We have our work cut out for us next game."

"I dunno," said Mr. Liebler. "The V-Dog will be tough."

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UMass goes to Final Four

SOUTH REG. FINAL
Oklahoma St. 49, Houston 33
OSU goes to Final Four

WEST REG. SEMIS
UCLA 68, Arkansas 36
St. John's 33, G'Town 32

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UCLA ends UConn run Husky men lose

Oakland, Calif. (UPI) — Point guard Tyus Edney spun, wove and left the University of Connecticut in the dust Saturday, leading the UCLA Bruins to a 102-96 triumph over the Huskies in the finals of the NCAA Regional.

The victory sent UCLA, 29-2, to its first Final Four

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Lady Huskies in Final Four

Unbeaten Connecticut rallied from a nine-point deficit behind Kara Wolters Saturday and then held off a Virginia comeback down the stretch to post a 67-63 victory that put the Huskies into the Final Four of the NCAA Women's Tournament.

Connecticut, an overwhelming favorite to win the national title, was shocked when Virginia jumped to the

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LR Times featured in Newington Town Crier

"...a newspaper called The Living Room Times has become a phenomenon within the walls of Martin Kellogg Middle School."
—*The Newington Town Crier*

The Living Room Times got some townwide exposure Friday as the *Newington Town Crier* featured the *Times* in an article in its "In the News" section.

The article followed an interview with *Times* chief editor Brendan Loy last Monday by *Crier* reporter Janet S. Lopes. "Presently, the *Times* is a four to five-page paper filled with schoolwide happenings, student quotes, teacher interviews, and sports events," wrote Lopes in the article.

A picture of Brendan holding up last Monday's *LR Times* edition is also included in the *Town Crier*.

To read the complete article, buy a copy of Friday's *Newington Town Crier* and turn to page 3.

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MARCH MADNESS



Houston stunned by Oklahoma State

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Brendan Loy to OSU's Kristyn Fontanella after the game. "Do you have any comments?"

"We kicked their butt," Fontanella responded.

"Oh yeah!" Bryan Rudolph said enthusiastically, when Brendan said "You're going to the Final Four."

"Congratulations," Brendan said to Mr. Pilz after the game.

"Thanks. My teammates played a great game," Pilz responded.

For Oklahoma State, Bryan Rudolph scored 24 points, including a three-pointer, as well as 4 rebounds and 2 assists. Mr. Pilz scored 21, including a three-pointer, and 5 rebounds and 3 assists. Kristyn Fontanella had 4 points, 2 rebounds, and 2 assists. There were three fouls called against OSU, all on Pilz.

For Houston, Anand Desai (subbing for Julio Colon) put in a terrific performance, hitting 4 three-pointers and scoring 16 points. Matt Kennedy and Brian Kilmartin, though, played nothing like they did in previous games—where Kilmartin scored 26, and Kennedy scored 23 and 32. Kennedy had only 11 points, including one three-pointer, in this game, and 2 rebounds. Kilmartin had only 6 points and three rebounds. Houston had five team fouls.

"If we beat Houston [in the second round], we would have killed that team," said Georgia Tech's Mike Pfund. Georgia Tech lost to Houston in a second-round thriller. "If we beat Houston, we would have kicked Oklahoma State's butt."

"We're goin' to the championship game!" said Joey DiNardi of UCLA. If UCLA beats St. John's today, the winner will face Oklahoma State on Friday, and the winner of *that* game will play in the title game. "Yeah, we'll beat him. We're goin' to the championship game."

"V over Pilz?" Brendan asked, referring to one of UCLA's players, Mr. V.

"Yup," DiNardi responded. "We're gonna kick Pilz's a--."

UCLA, St. John's: Roche vs. Cocolla?

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Even before the tournament began, V and Liebler were talking about this potential Regional Final matchup.

"We will be decisive underdogs when we play them," said V on February 28, referring to St. John's.

"He's the one man that I'm afraid of, Mr. V. He encompasses a lot of space on the floor, and he's a hard guy to roll around," said Mr. Liebler on February 28.

But if the first two games for both of these teams are any indication, the real deciding factors in this game may be two players other than V and Liebler.

UCLA needs a strong performance from Brenden Roche. St. John's needs the same from Myke Cocolla.

Roche scored 12 points in UCLA's 28-17 win over Kansas in the first round, and he scored at least 33 points—possibly as many as 40—in their 68-38 blowout win over Arkansas.

Cocolla scored 24 for St. John's when they beat Boston College 34-12, and added another 16 points when they escaped a scare from Georgetown, winning 33-32.

There is plenty of incentive for both teams. The winner of today's game will advance to the Final Four to play Oklahoma State on Friday.

UMass rolls on; advances to Final 4

In their first three games, UMass has outscored their opponents 268 to 14.

UMass is scoring a point every 12.5 seconds. Their opponents are only managing one point every 2 minutes.

Carmine Rinaldi is averaging 34.7 points a game. Russell Dailey is averaging 34. Tim Hazelton is averaging 20.7.

Are they unstoppable? They blew away Michigan State 58-2, romped Arizona State 136-6, and routed Syracuse on Friday, 74-22.

Based on UMass's previous two victories, the 74-22 loss by Syracuse was actually a very good showing. Carmine Rinaldi led UMass with 32 points. Russell Dailey had 29, and Tim Hazelton had 13. Rinaldi added 10 assists and 20 rebounds; Dailey had 4 assists, 1 block, and 21 rebounds; Hazelton had 2 assists, 1 block, and 5 rebounds.

For Syracuse, Pat Zapatka had 11 points, 2 assists, 2 blocks, and 5 rebounds. Nick Tardif had 9 points, 2 blocks, and 10 rebounds. Chris Gemmill had 2 points, 5 assists, and 6 rebounds.

UMass's next opponent will be the Midwest Regional Champion—either North Carolina or Oklahoma—in the Final Four.

St. John's survives; UCLA wins easily

St. John's survived a colossal scare from Georgetown on Thursday, while UCLA rolled on with a 68-38 blowout over Georgetown.

In the St. John's/Georgetown game, Mr. Liebler of St. John's hit a two-pointer with 3 seconds left to put St. John's up 34-32. Todd Kean had a good look at a buzzer shot to tie it up and send it to overtime, but it bounced off the rim and rolled out.

For heavily-favored St. John's, which actually had trailed for much of the game, Myke Cocolla led the way with 16 points, including 2 three-pointers. Mr. Liebler scored 11, and Mark Almeida had 7.

For Georgetown, Todd Kean (subbing for Jason Saccette) actually led all scorers with 17 points, including 2 three-pointers. David Downes (subbing for Scott 'Barth' Mercer) scored 10 points, and Sean Waterman scored 5, including 1 three-pointer.

It was the second game in which Todd Kean led all scorers, on either team, but in a losing effort. He led the way for Kansas in a 28-17 loss to UCLA. Kansas was Kean's original team. He was only a sub in this game.

"A huge scare! Did you expect this game would be this close?" Brendan asked Mr. Liebler.

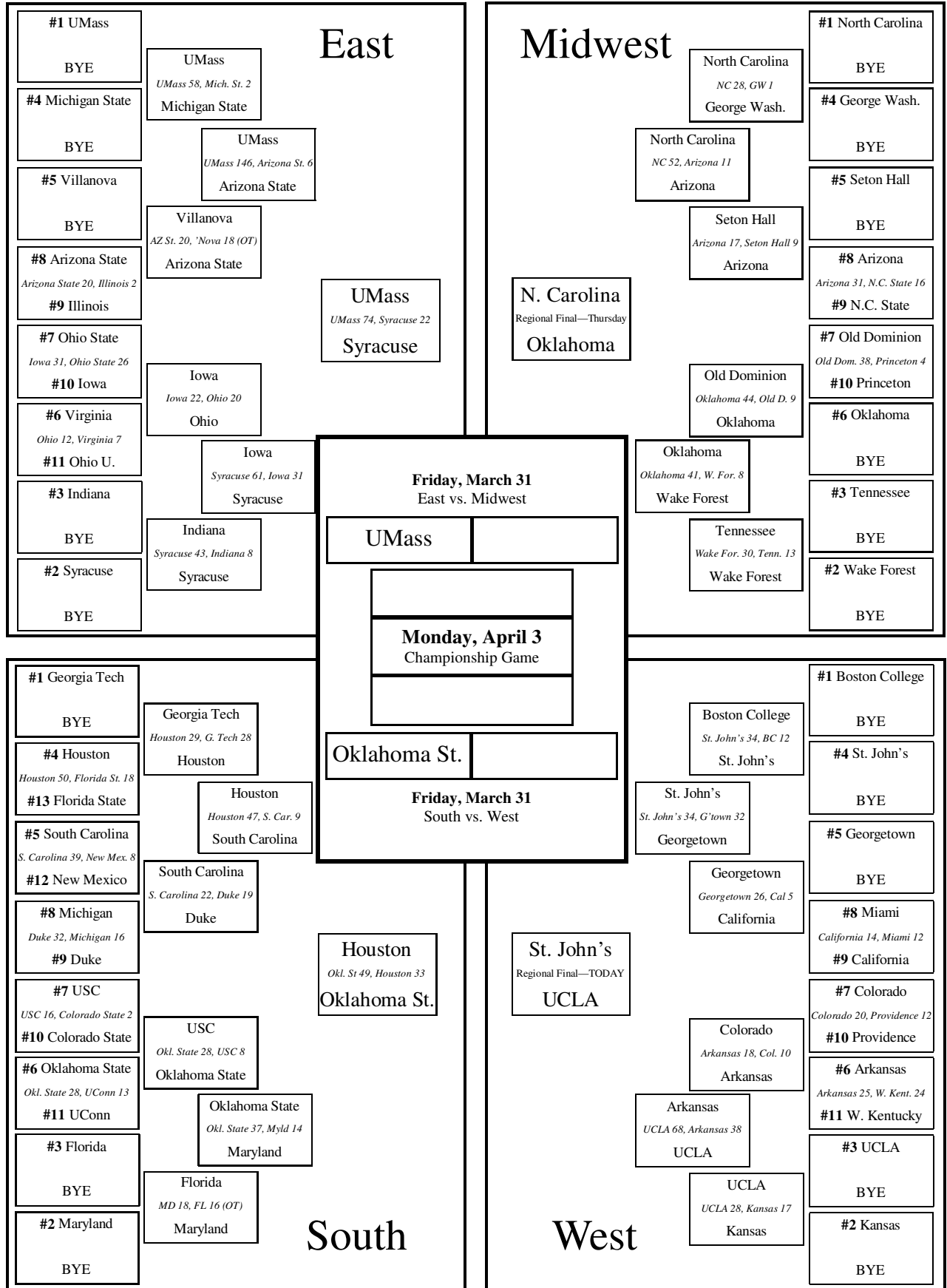
"No!" Liebler responded. "No, they fooled me by bringing in a couple ringers."

When asked if he thought his team would do as well as they did, Sean Waterman said "No, not really."

In Thursday's other game, UCLA beat Arkansas 68-38, eliminating the last non-eighth grade team.

"We slaughtered 'em," said UCLA's V. "Those guys played a great game, but we're just too big for them."

KELLOGG 'MARCH MADNESS' TOURNAMENT



Most points by a player in one game

No individual stats for Arizona State/Illinois, Ohio State/Iowa, Arkansas/Western Kentucky, Villanova/Arizona State, Oklahoma State/USC, or Colorado/Arkansas

NOTE: First-round and second-round games were 15 minutes long, while third-round and fourth-round games were 20 minutes long.

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Sean Waterman, <i>Georgetown</i>, 18 (vs. California) 25. <i>Nine players tied at 16</i> |
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Immigrant Mashesh Persaud speaks with V's history class— V's 'SuperHawks' History class got to hear about immigration Friday from someone who has first-hand knowledge of what it is like.

Mashesh Persaud, father of eighth-grader Jen Persaud, told the class about his immigration from the South American country of Guyana.

Guyana, as shown by a map and information which Mr. Persaud put on the overhead projected, has a population of 750,000 and a land area of 83,000 square miles.

The first time he made the trip, 24 years ago, from Guayana to the United States, he hitchhiked all the way from Guyana to Mexico. That time, the trip was just for adventure, and he did not stay in U.S. permanently.

He and his friends making the trip went from Guyana into Brazil, and took a boat on the Amazon toward Central America. They sailed in the daytime, and hunted at night. They also traded with the natives for fish and meat.

After getting out of Brazil, they went to Laticia in Columbia, and went to an airport. There, they waited five days for a plane to the Columbian capital of Bogotah.

In Columbia, they met a captain on San Andreas Island who gave them a boat ride to Nicaragua. Mr. Persaud and his friends then went from their landing point to the Nicaraguan capital of Managua, on to the Honduras border. There, they found that their passport papers were not in order, and they had to go back to Managua to get police clearance to go into Honduras.

They got police clearance, and went through Honduras, Guatamala, and Mexico, and into the United States in Southern Texas.

There, in a small town in Texas, they got a ride from a family who took them all the way to Washington, DC.

Later, Mr. Persaud went back to Guyana. But they would eventually return to America.

When asked by Bryan Rudolph why he came, Mr. Persaud said "My first trip, I come as an adventurer. But my second time, actually to stay in America, was for political reasons."

His second time, after finishing high school, was a more conventional way of traveling—by plane.

In addition to talking about his trip, Mr. Persaud also told the class about some of the differences between the U.S. and Guyana.

One was the school system. In Guyana, they have Kindergarten, followed by Little ABC, Big ABC, First Standard, Second Standard, Third Standard, Fourth Standard, Fifth Standard, Sixth Standard, Form One, Form Two, Form Three, Form Four, and Form Five, which is an extra year of high school with lots of exams.

Schools in Guyana have a strict dress code—shirt, tie, and black shoes and socks.

Mr. Persaud also said, "Teachers had domination over class. Whatever he say goes....The teacher is law. Whatever he say goes."

Another difference is the currency: 1 U.S. dollar is equal to about 140 Guyanan dollars.

Mr. Persaud said he is now a Quality Engineer, making truck engines for Ford and Chrysler.

KELLOGG QUOTES

"You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can and will be used against you in the *Kellogg Quotes*." —**Brendan Loy**

"That was easy. Too easy. Way too easy."
—**Tim Stevens**, in algebra

"I'm beginning to scare myself. I've gotten two 100's in a row [in algebra]. I think Mrs. DuFault is getting to me." —**Brendan Loy**

"Get out of our homeroom." —**Tom Greca**

"I'm in your homeroom." —**Todd Kean**

"Get out of here anyway." —**Tom Greca**

"Look! It's Claudio! Yay!" —**David Downes**

"David wants you to sit on his lap." —**Tim Stevens**

"Run for your lives! It's Tim Hazelton's hair!"
—**Brendan Loy**

"You're takin' a class. Let's say algebra."
—**Mr. Persaud**

"Let's not." —**Brendan Loy**

"I got every single—*every single*—homework problem right, and then I got two out four wrong on the test!" —**Brendan Loy**

"Welcome to my world." —**Dan Seremet**

"That's all we did. We webbed. We didn't do any writing in here." —**Mrs. Toback**

"I wrote one word." —**Travis Derr**

"Why are those people in the hallway at 12:46?"
—**Brendan Loy**

"Because they killed all the teachers."
—**David Downes**

"Oh." —**Brendan Loy**

"I wouldn't take a picture of you if my life depended on it." —**Jeff Blum**, to Brendan Loy



V doesn't know his algebra—V made a V-mistake Friday, as he wrote "VARIABLE" on the board. As Mrs. DuFault and all her algebra students know, "variable" is spelled with one r, not two r's.

Later in the same 'SuperHawks' history class, a discussion came up of how high a 500% inflation rate would raise the price of a \$1 item. V said it would cost \$5. Dan Seremet and some others said it would cost \$6.

Is history becoming algebra?

UConn women survive scare from Virginia

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early lead on the Huskies home floor in Storrs, Conn.

The Cavaliers led the East Regional final at halftime, 44-37, but with Wolters scoring 18 and Jennifer Rizzotti adding 13, the Huskies came back to take command.

Virginia then rushed back from a seven-point deficit in the final three minutes and had a chance to tie the game when it tried to inbound the ball, trailing by three points, with 19 seconds to play.

Connecticut's defense, however, forced a five-second call -- preventing Virginia from getting that chance to tie. Jamelle Elliott was then fouled and she made one of two free throws with 18.1 seconds to play to account for the final margin.

The Huskies will take a 33-0 record into the national semifinals next Saturday in Minneapolis, where they will meet the winner of the late night West Regional final matchup between Stanford and Purdue.

"I really believe this team belongs in Minneapolis," said

Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma. "If there was ever a group of kids who deserve to go, it's this group."

The Huskies, who trailed at the half for the first time this season, won their 37th straight home game and in the Final Four for the first time since 1991, when they lost in the semifinals to Virginia, 61-55.

"Virginia made us look into ourselves and we saw some really neat stuff," said Auriemma. "They played the best 10 minutes of basketball against us that I've ever seen a team play."

The other two regional finals Saturday night will send Texas Tech against Tennessee in the Mideast and Colorado against Georgia in the Midwest.

Connecticut's close call was made even more surprising by the fact the Huskies had averaged 35 points per victory this season and their smallest margin had been 10 points.

Virginia (27-5) was led by Wendy Palmer with 20 and Amy Lofstedt with 14.

Final Four for Husky men? Maybe next year...

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in 15 years. Two more wins would bring the Bruins their first national title since the dynasty of coach John Wooden came to an end 20 seasons ago.

Although standing just 5-10, Edney proved to be a giant against the Huskies, playing all 40 minutes of the contest. He masterfully ran the UCLA offense, penetrating into the Connecticut defense and then dishing off to J.R. Henderson, Toby Bailey, Charles O'Bannon and Ed O'Bannon for easy baskets.

Edney finished with 22 points and 10 assists.

In the first half, UCLA scored 28 of its 48 points on layups and the trend continue in the second stanza. The Huskies simply did not have anyone quick enough to contain Edney.

While Edney was working his magic on the offensive end, the O'Bannon brothers shut down Connecticut's Donny Marshall, who finished with a quiet 15 points.

With Marshall shut down, Ray Allen attempted to carry the Huskies on his shoulders. The gifted sophomore nearly achieved that feat, scoring 36 points. Guard Doron Sheffer added 24.

Trailing 48-41 at the half, the Huskies pulled within 56-53 early in the second half, but then fell victim to a 7-2 run. Connecticut never made another run at the lead.

The Bruins benefitted from the play of its freshmen -- Bailey and Henderson. Bailey finished with 26 points and Henderson added 18.

Sluggish at the outset, the Bruins uptempo attack grabbed the lead for good in the first half on fastbreak baskets by Bailey and Ed O'Bannon at the 14-minute mark. And despite foul trouble, momentum seemed to stay in their pocket until Allen launched a three-pointer with 3.6 seconds left to cut the UCLA advantage to 45-41.

But as he had in the Bruins' amazing second-round triumph over Missouri, Edney raced upcourt after an ensuing time out and beat the clock, canning a three-pointer.

The Bruins run-and-gun show led to UCLA making 15 of its 16 baskets in the first half from inside the paint. Connecticut relied much more on its outside shooting, hitting on four of nine three-point attempts.