

# The Living Room Times

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## MARCH MADNESS



### It's Rat's Day Kilmartin scores 26 as Houston wins in a rout

"The game going on down here will be Houston vs. Florida State," Kevin Hauschulz began his play-by-play commentary Tuesday. "With Matt Kennedy, Julio Colon, and 'Rat' Kilmartin, against Florida State with John Trifone, Johnson James, and Scott Hogan....Should be an easy matchup for Houston. Looks like Houston will probably pretty much blow out [Florida State]."

The score speaks for itself. Houston 58, Florida State 18.

Houston took the lead early, 2-0. Florida State tied it 2-2. That was the closest they would get.

Houston scored ten points in 1:10, and then added eight more—altogether, an 18-0 run—before Florida State scored again.

Houston went on an 8-0 run to get their 20-4 lead up to 28-4.

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### Not even close New Mexico falls to South Carolina, 39-8

"My prediction is that Sean will score all of the four points that New Mexico will get," joked David Downes during lunch Tuesday afternoon.

He wasn't that far off.

New Mexico scored eight points—that's where David was slightly wrong—but Sean Vivier *did* score all eight of them.

"We're gonna win," Claudio Gualtieri predicted. "Shutout."

"I just learned today that Dan [Seremet] and Claudio [Gualtieri] do not know how to shoot, so—we're gonna die!" Vivier commented.

It wasn't a win.

It wasn't a shutout.

But neither Seremet nor Gualtieri scored—so maybe what Vivier said was right.

What can be said, with certainty, was that South Carolina (Phil Gleason, Ricky Spring, Scott DiBattisto) defeated the New Mexico 'Fighting Blue Hens'. It was the first loss for an eighth-

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#### TODAY'S GAMES

##### South Regional

#6 Oklahoma State (Fontanella, Rudolph, Pilz) vs. #11 UConn (Cook, Morgan, Robison)  
#7 USC (Torda, Fairclough, Barnicle) vs. #10 Colorado State (Harper, Godder, Duchèsneav)  
#8 Michigan (Fagan, Siedsma, Horak) vs. #9 Duke (Faraday, Drayton, Pina)

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## Houston wins by 40; Kilmartin scores 26

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Florida State answered with 4-0 run, but another 8-0 run by Houston put the game way beyond any hope of a comeback at 36-8.

Brian 'Rat' Kilmartin surpassed Greg Hamilton for the most points scored by one player in any game so far, as he scored 26. Matt Kennedy and Julio Colon weren't far behind, as they scored 16 points each.

"Rat!" Brendan said as he saw Kilmartin leaving. "You scored 26 points in this game. Do you have any comments?"

"Uh, I'm the big rat," Kilmartin responded.

John Trifone and Johnson James scored eight points each for Florida State. Scott Hogan scored 2.

Houston, the fourth-seeded team in the South Regional, will play #1-seed Georgia Tech (Mike DelGaudio, Jason Roy, Mike Pfund) on Wednesday, March 15, in what should be a very exciting game.

## Montgomery, Faraday, others speak in interviews

*Living Room Times* chief editor Brendan Loy spoke with various players in the 'March Madness' tournament afterschool Tuesday.

"Are you still hanging tough on that prediction that you're going to win the national championship?" Brendan asked Mr. Montgomery of Western Kentucky, the #11-seed in the West.

"Number one in the nation!"

"Well, you know, you're playing on Friday. And, I'm not gonna be there cause I have chorus, but I'm gonna have a reporter there, and if you lose, I'm gonna send him after you to give a tough interview."

"We're number one. That's what we've been saying all week. We're number one."

Brendan then talked to Eric Faraday of South #9-seed Duke (Faraday, Kim Pina, Ian Drayton), which plays today against #8 Michigan.

"You play tomorrow against Michigan, which is Jay Fagan, Mike Horak, and Steve Seidsma. What do you think your chances are?"

"I don't know," Faraday responded.

"Do you think you'll win?"

"Maybe."

John Marczak, who is not in the tournament, also commented, saying that "BC is the best team."

Brendan then spoke with Peter Pellegrini of George

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## New Mexico 'Fighting Blue Hens' go down

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grade team in the tournament.

And it wasn't even close.

"I pretty much guarantee the win of South Carolina," said Kevin Hauschulz before the game.

Kevin was certainly right. After the game was over, Tim, who had been keeping track of the game's stats, counted up the points.

"32... 37... 39... to 8."

"Aaaaaahhhhhhhhh!!!" Vivier yelled when he heard the final score.

"It was fun!" Gualtieri contended.

"Fun? You stunk!" someone yelled.

"It would have been nice if we'd won. But, together, those three [South Carolina players] are better than us three [New Mexico players]," said Vivier in a postgame interview.

"When Claudio shot it, it ended up in another zip code. And when Dan tried to pass it, it ended up in orbit."

"Even though we lost, it was a pretty fun game," Vivier added. "Frustrating, but fun."

For South Carolina, Ricky Spring scored 14 points, as did Phil Gleason. Scott DiBattisto scored 11.

South Carolina will play the winner of tomorrow's Michigan/Duke game on Wednesday, March 15.

## Two more eighth-grade teams will play today

There will be three more first-round games in the South Region today, and two of them will feature eighth-grade teams.

#6 Colorado State, with Kristyn Fontanella (Schnuckle), Bryan Rudolph (one of the "Rooks"), and Mr. Pilz ("and... freeze!"), will play against #11 UConn, with Dustin Cook, Darnell Morgan, and Anthony Robison.

#9 Duke, with Eric Faraday, Ian Drayton, and Kim Pina, will also play, against #8 Michigan, with Jay Fagan, Steve Seidsma, and Mike Horak.

The other game will be between #7 USC (Mike Torda, Ben Fairclough, Tom Barnicle) and #10 Colorado State (Sean Harper, Robert Godder, and Brandan Ducèsneav).

Eighth-grade teams are 2-1 against non-eighth grade teams in the first round so far. There will be, in addition to today's games, one more first-round game (Colorado vs. Providence) featuring an eighth-grade team.

## **LR Times interviews Pellegrini, Rouse, Siano**

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Washington (Pellegrini, Greg O'Donnell, Tim Jorel).

"Your first game will be....March 14 against North Carolina—Nick Todoroff, Brian Zapatka and the *other* Mr. V. How do you think you'll do?"

"Well," Pellegrini responded, "It ought to be a pretty good game. But, whatever happens happens."

Next to talk was Amber Rouse of #10 Providence (Rouse, Veronique Fort, Mrs. Siano).

"You're playing Justin Rich, Dan Cocolla, and Derick Messenger of Colorado on Thursday. How do you think you'll do?"

"Fine! I think, if we play our hardest, and we go at the team, I think we'll place great!"

"Okay. And, who do you think is the star player of your team?"

"Mrs. Siano."

Brendan then spoke with—you guessed it—Mrs. Siano.

"What do you think Providence's chances are against Colorado?" he asked Mrs. Siano.

"Oh, very good, very good."

## **Pilz: Avoid blowouts by using strategy**

'March Madness' promises to be an exciting tournament as the second and third rounds approach, but so far it has been anything but close.

In fact, of the seven games played so far, five have been won by more than 10 points, and three by more than 30 points.

But why are these blowouts happening?

"You know, the reason there's so many blowouts is because, the team that scores gets the ball back," Brendan Loy suggested. "That's why there's such lopsided games. Because, if one team is better, then, you know."

"Not necessarily," responded Mr. Pilz. "If you use strategy, you can—I did that on purpose to *aid* a team that's playing a real good team. For instance, if I was playing UMass, what I would do is, I wouldn't want alternating possessions, because if I score, they get it back! I want to keep the ball out of their hands. So I'm patient, patient, patient, patient....score, then I get it back again! I got the lead, I got the ball! A delay game. You gotta run a delay game."

"But when the teams don't use strategy, it ends up that the better team blows out..."

"Absolutely."

## **For the *real* Old Dominion Monarchs, it's on to the NCAA's**

The college team for which Tim Stevens, Brian Newbold, and David Downes's team is named got an important win of their own Monday, as they advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

Here's the AP article about the game:

**RICHMOND, Va. (AP) --** Petey Sessoms scored 20 of his 25 points in the second half, and Old Dominion didn't allow James Madison a shot from the field in the final 2:43 Monday as the Monarchs beat the Dukes 80-75 for the Colonial Athletic Association tournament championship.

The Monarchs (20-11) trailed 70-68 with 3:02 left after Kent Culuko hit a pair of free throws. E.J. Sherod put Old Dominion on top for good, 71-70, with a 3-pointer with 2:43 left.

Old Dominion then made two straight steals, and Sessoms hit a 3-pointer with 1:10 remaining to make it 74-70.

Louis Rowe cut Old Dominion's lead to 74-72 with two free throws, but the Monarchs were 6-for-6 from the free-throw line down the stretch to clinch the victory.

Mario Mullen had 17 points for Old Dominion before fouling out with 4:28 left, and Mike Jones added 15.

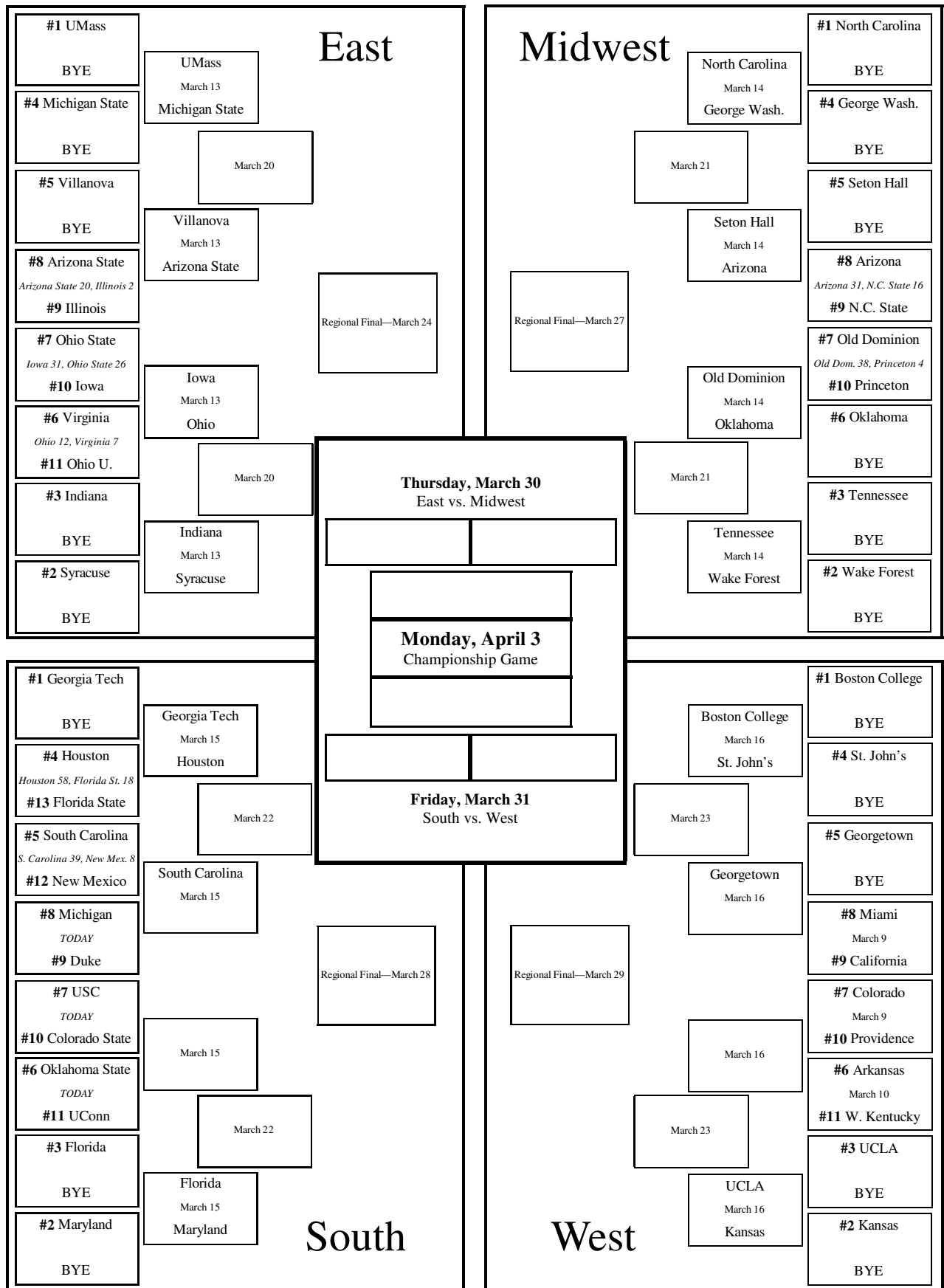
Darren McLinton led the Dukes (16-13) with 24 points, while Rowe had 20.

The Monarchs led 52-45 with 12:09 left after Sessoms hit a 3-pointer. James Madison then went on an 11-4 run to tie the score at 56 on a three-point play by McLinton with 7:37 left. Five ties and two lead changes followed, the last on Culuko's free throws to give the Dukes their last lead.

Sessoms was 12 of 13 from the free-throw line, including two with 4.9 seconds left for the final score.

## **Mr. Hawkins speaks**

When Brendan mentioned to Mr. Hawkins that students would probably be cheering for Kansas by chanting "J-Hawks" next Friday, Mr. Hawkins said, "I hope I don't hear it."



**V-Mistakes**— Mr. V’s latest history test was filled with V-mistakes and V-humor.

Surprise, surprise.

**His mistakes:**

On #8, V typed “John came to America for a better live.”

He meant to type “better life.”

On #9, he typed “...because the quote for immigrants from Egypt was used up...”

He meant quota, not quote.

On #13: “...she lost her job, got kick-out of her apartment...”

It should have been “kicked out” not “kick-out.”

On #24, V’s funniest mistake of this test, he referred to “shopping mauls.” It should have been “malls” not “mauls.”

On #25, V typed “I am tried of going to these movies...”

He meant to type “tired” not “tried”

And the end of the test, V typed “Select the essay which you thing you did best on...”

He meant to type “which you think”

**His humor:**

On #22, he referred to an imaginary Chinese history teacher named “Ti Ti Vong.” The ‘Ti Ti’ was a reference to how V often says ‘Dee tee tee tee’ (which has been changed by V’s students to ‘V tee tee tee’).

And on #19, V wrote “Mr. V is crazy enough to think he could play basketball. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ must be rolling over in his grave.”

Mark Almeida, whose St. John’s team in the ‘March Madness’ tournament is in the same region as V’s UCLA team, took the opportunity to make fun of V’s basketball ability, going up to V and saying that he liked #19.

## ALGEBRA QUOTES

“Another shortened algebra class. I love assemblies.” —**Brendan Loy**, after realizing that an assembly would shorten algebra

“This looks easy.” —**Tina Lentini**  
“If it looks easy, it’s hard. Rule of algebra.” —**Brendan Loy**

“Quiet, Carrot. You belong in a kitchen.”  
—**Beth Milewski**, to **Brendan Loy**

“Think with your mind, not with your mouth.” —**Billy Gray**  
“Speak with your mind, not with your mouth.” —**Jaimie Kwassman**

“Mrs. DuFault, I think you made a mistake.” —**Jaimie Kwassman**  
“That would be impossible.”  
—**Brendan Loy**

“Mrs. DuFault doesn’t make mistakes.” —**Dan Seremet**

# How 'bout dem Big East Champion, undefeated, 29-0, #1 in the country, Lady Huskies?

**SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (AP)** -- No. 1 Connecticut became only the sixth Division I women's team to go through a regular season undefeated as it captured a record fourth Big East title with an 85-49 victory over Seton Hall on Monday night.

Kara Wolters scored 32 points as the Huskies (29-0) won their second straight league title and earned their seventh straight NCAA Tournament berth.

In the Huskies' 39th straight win over a Big East opponent, point guard Jennifer Rizzotti sustained an injury to the bicep tendon in her right elbow in a scramble for a loose ball with 14:56 to play. She did not return and her status for the NCAA tournament is unknown.

Connecticut crushed third-seeded Seton Hall (23-8) for the third time this season. The 36-point margin of victory was a Big East Tournament record, breaking the 26-point margin the Huskies set last year in another win over the Lady Pirates.

Texlin Quinney had 20 points for Seton Hall, which will likely get an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

In less than seven minutes, Connecticut hit nine of its first 14 shots and limited Seton Hall to 1-for-14 in taking an 18-2 lead. Eight of the baskets came from within 5 feet of the hoop, with the 6-foot-7 Wolters scoring six of her 19 first-half points.

The Huskies led by as many as 29 points in the half in which they hit 21 of 33 from the floor for 63.6 percent. The Lady Pirates made nine field goals and shot 24.3 percent in falling behind 46-21.

Connecticut, which won Big East titles in 1989, 1991 and 1994, led by as many as 46 points.

The only other Division I women's teams to go undefeated in the regular season -- the NCAA counts conference tournaments as part of a regular season -- are Oral Roberts (1983), Texas (1986), Louisiana Tech (1990) and Vermont (1992 and '93). Texas was the only one to win the national championship. Vermont lost in the first round twice, Louisiana Tech made it to the Final Four, while Oral Roberts lost in the NAIA tournament.